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From The President

Steve Anderson



THANK YOU

As I started to think about writing my last article as president, I kept coming up with these 2 words. Thank you for giving me this unique opportunity to lead your organization for the past 2 years.

Thanks to the members for their dedication to serving their community; thanks to the departments for your hospitality and great food when I was able to visit; thanks to the IVFA Board for the extra hours of work that you experienced each quarter to continue the traditions of our organization; thanks to the Executive Committee to consider some different ideas when I started to think "outside the box"; thanks to the many current and former state officers that I was able to learn from in my years as the District 15 Chairman; thanks to my own fire department for picking up my slack when I was away working on state level issues; and special thanks to my friends and family for my absence from activities when I had to be out of town.

I am happy to say that by the end of the year, we will have hosted our 6th IVFA Day of Training and have plans to continue these into 2017. Although the numbers have not grown to the level that I was hoping for, we have been able to increase training opportunities in different areas across the state. If you have a

topic that you would like to see included in future training events, be sure to contact your PR Rep. or your District Chairman.

In May's issue, I asked for your help by (1) completing a survey on the current state of the fire service in the state, and (2) volunteering to serve on workgroups to help prepare for our next legislative session. Then in the August issue, I announced the members of these workgroups. I am happy to say that overall the participation of the IN Fire Service was outstanding. Over 50% of the departments from across the state returned completed surveys

to the institute coordinator. Thank you to those that responded. The Survey workgroup will be ready to go to work once the results of the survey are released.

I am also happy to update you that the Cancer workgroup is continuing to research other state cancer laws and expects to have a proposal drafted for the upcoming legislative session. In the near future we will be meeting with legislators that have shown an interest in serving as authors of the legislation. And the Recruitment & Retention workgroup is in the process of developing a plan that should lead us to a grant submission specifically

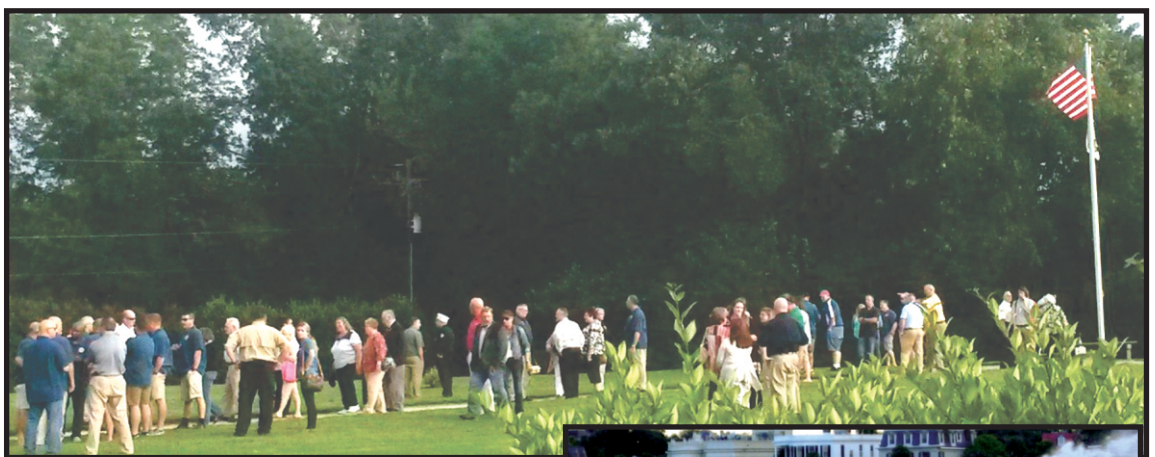
for the recruitment of new firefighters and the retention of our current force.

In closing I leave you with a challenge....I challenge every department to send at least 1 member (preferably under the age of 30) to the next district meeting in their area. We must look to the future and getting our younger members more familiar with the organization is a step in that direction.

Thanks again.

S. Anderson

IVFA officials attend the National Benefits Summit in South Carolina



Top photo : USS Yorktown in Charleston Harbor

Middle photo : Memorial Site of the "Charleston 9"

Bottom photo : North Charleston Fireboat Demonstration

(photos contributed by Steve Anderson)



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Your Association sponsors legislation on your behalf, to promote the volunteers and to defend against legislation that would be harmful to the volunteer firefighters throughout all the state.

Each session of the legislature we ask our members to submit their items and requests for bills to be submitted. Then we support those bills through our lobbyist and ask for support at district meetings.

Each district chairman or public relations director will pass information along to the members via e-mail, regular mail and at each district meeting.

The Association also is an Indiana Fire Caucus member. We assist in informing and advising legislators of fire-related legislation.



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The Least Respected, Yet Most Needed

by Larry Polas, IFAMA President



these problems were vehicle or business related. For instance, if a file cabinet in an office did not open or close properly, or wheels fell off an office chair, or countless other mechanical problems occurred on the premises - all of these problems were usually directed to the shop for the mechanics to make the necessary repairs.

Also, if someone's personal vehicle did not start or had a flat tire, all that was needed was a quick call to the shop and that problem would be handled by the mechanics, no problem. At many businesses, this also holds true for any building maintenance issues as well as: electrical, plumbing, heating, etc. And because we live here in the Snow Belt, you could also have the mechanics plowing snow and shoveling sidewalks, spring maintenance such as pot hole patching, etc. Again, just one call to the shop and presto, problem solved!

Now keeping all of that in mind, is it any wonder that there is a terrific shortfall of young people entering the ranks of mechanics or technicians (as they rightfully deserve to be called) today? What would be the overwhelming reason for anyone to become a vehicle mechanic / technician in a profession that has about as much professional status as flipping burgers at a fast food venue?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, by the year 2012, the automotive and truck repair industry expects a shortfall of 107,000 technicians. Besides the obvious reason previously stated,

this is due in part to the aging workforce of mechanics / technicians retiring with fewer younger people coming up to take their place. Almost any existing mechanic / technician would try to dissuade his own child from a life of being a mechanic / technician and herein lies the real shame.

It is my belief that companies and businesses have created a stigma onto the field of vehicle repair by imposing such menial tasks on TECHNICIANS other than what they were hired to do. No other skilled profession comes to mind where businesses would have office personnel, drivers, or other employees asked to do what TECHNICIANS are called on to do every day. Here in America, the people who pull wrenches and keep the wheels of progress moving are some of the most needed yet least respected employees. That my friends, is a fact!

When you have mechanics / technicians spending upwards of \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 at schools like Universal Technical Institute and Wyoming Tech, coupled with the purchase of tools and tool boxes in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00-plus, only to have some unprofessional and unthinking business treat them like second class citizens doing mundane unrelated tasks, is it any wonder we are having this mechanic / technician shortfall? I think not!

As with any other issue, these problems start at the top. I am not saying to treat your mechanics / technicians like royalty, but to give them the due respect they deserve. It

would behoove businesses that employ this particular brand of professional worker, to review the tasks these individuals are regularly required to perform. If you find areas where you could hire unskilled personnel to fill in the areas where you have your highly skilled occupied, it would be to your benefit both financially and ethically. It would also send a message to your

skilled Technicians that you respect their chosen profession. In the long run, this philosophy will retain the existing workforce and quite possibly lure younger workers into what I consider is a very respectable profession.

Larry J. Polas
IFAMA President

Some time ago, I wrote an article for a transportation magazine that I would like to share with all of you. I have edited where possible, anything directly related to the trucking industry. This article appeared in the *American Fleet Managers Buyers Guide* dated May-June 2008.

At this writing, it is late March and we have just enjoyed another snowfall here in the Midwest. The temperature is still below freezing at night with teasingly warmer temperatures during the day. To say that we have had an unusually brutal winter is putting it mildly.

Being a hardy lot, we Midwesterners seem to be able to struggle on regardless of the obstacles put in our path. As tough as we are though, it is hard to overcome the toll the weather takes on our equipment and the people who keep it all operational.

Ever since I started in this industry, I immediately recognized that the maintenance shop/garage of any organization was the place where most mechanical problems were sent, regardless of whether

Junior Firefighter Award

It is that time of year to be thinking who in your Junior Firefighter Program is deserving of the Junior Firefighter of the Year Award. Look at the qualifications below and mail your nomination to the IVFA Office, PO Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724. Nominations are due by February 1, 2017.

- Qualifications for the IVFA Junior Firefighter Award
- Actively Involved In An Organized Junior Firefighter Program or Cadet Program.
 - Department Must Be a Paid Department of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.
 - Must Be Between The Ages of 14 & 21 Years Of Age.
 - Must Be a High School Graduate, Attending High School or Attending a School of Higher Learning, or received a GED.
 - Letters Of Recommendation Must Be Received In The Office Of The IVFA By February 1.
 - Award Will Be Presented At The IVFA Convention Held In June.
 - The Award Will Be Judged By The Awards Committee And Will Be Overseen By Jack Kerney For The First Three Years.
 - Award Will Be Donated And Presented By Jack & Barbara Kerney.
 - The Award Will Be A Large Gold Speaking Trumpet With A Green Cord Mounted On A Walnut Base.

- Selection Criteria for the IVFA Junior Firefighter Award
- Level of training the participant has achieved.
 - Number of years in Junior Firefighter program.

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Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association



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Emergency Responder 2017 Training Schedule

Jan. 3	Das Essenhaus	240 US 20	Middlebury, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 4	Swan Lake Resort	5203 Plymouth Laporte Tr	Plymouth, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 5	Blue Chip Casino/Stardust Event Ctr	777 Blue Chip Dr	Michigan City, IN	12:00PM
Jan. 9	Avalon Manor	3550 East US Route 30	Merrillville, IN	12:00PM
Jan. 10	The Trails	325 Burnetts Road	West Lafayette, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 11	Kokomo Event & Conference Center	1500 North Reed Road	Kokomo, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 12	Honeywell Center	275 West Market Street	Wabash, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 16	Ceruti's	6601 Innovation Blvd	Fort Wayne, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 17	Idle Creek Banquet Center	5353 Eldridge Road	Terre Haute, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 18	Beef House	16501 North State Road 63	Covington, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 19	Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds	1900 East Main Street	Danville, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 23	Fort Harrison State Park Conf Center	6002 North Post Road	Indianapolis, IN	12:00PM
Jan. 24	Huber's Winery	19816 Huber Road	Starlight, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 25	Batesville Knights of Columbus	624 Delaware Road	Batesville, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 26	Wayne County Fairgrounds	861 Salisbury Road	Richmond, IN	5:30PM
Jan. 30	Delaware County Fairgrounds	1210 North Wheeling Ave	Muncie, IN	5:30PM
	Heartland Hall			
Jan. 31	Huntingburg Event Center	200 East 14th Street	Huntingburg, IN	6:30PM
Feb. 1	Bloomington Event Center	302 South College Ave	Bloomington, IN	5:30PM
Feb. 2	Gasthof Amish Village	6659 E Gasthof Village Road	Montgomery, IN	5:30PM
Feb. 6	Vanderburgh 4-H Center	201 E Booneville - New Harmony Rd	Evansville, IN	5:30PM

Please save the date for your local 2017 pipeline safety training! Registration opens in December. Please see www.inpaa.org for more details.

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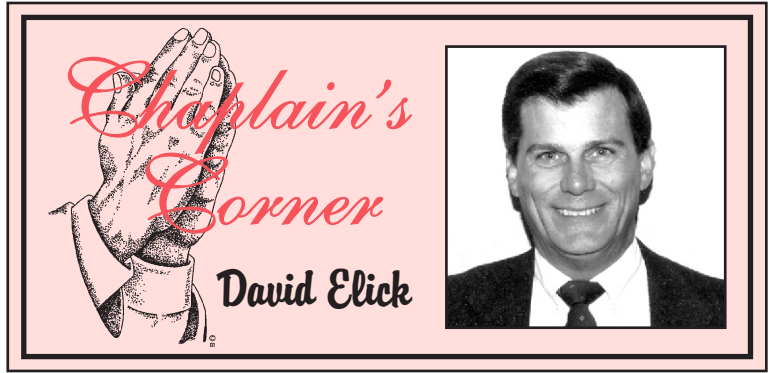
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Greetings all.

Summer is over, Fall is in full swing, and before long the holidays and winter will be here before we know it. As we approach the holiday season, let's not forget the true meaning these celebrations are for.

Thanksgiving. A time to give thanks for all we have and who we are. Christmas. The celebrations of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, another opportunity to give thanks. Sometimes it's really easy to lose sight of the true meaning of these holidays. There are all of the activities, parties, and celebrations that can distract and take away or tend to diminish what is truly important.

Take a little time this year to slow down and "smell the roses" as they say. Savor the smells of the holiday dinner cooking, wafting through the house. Enjoy the company of family and friends as we gather together, and never lose sight of God's many blessings which are all around us.

Along with the associate chaplains, I would like to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Merry Christmas, and a safe, prosperous start to the new year.

Stay safe,
Dave Elick



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Junior Firefighter . . .

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Prayers for the family of Timothy White, Captain 56 of South West Fire District. He will be greatly missed by his family, Fire Service and the community, for he has touched the hearts of many.

Fire Prevention Week was October 9-15.

Don't Wait CHECK the Date is this year's theme for fire safety.

Only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.

To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

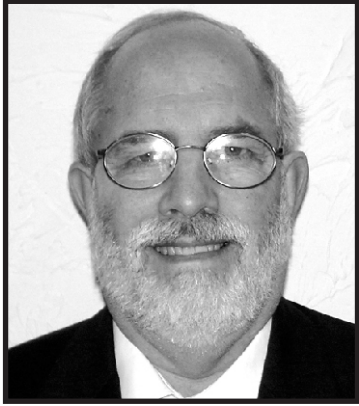
Cooking, heating, holiday decorations and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. Please be safe this heating season.

This session I attended the following district meeting at Denver F.D., Gaston F.D., Ossian F.D., Salem Center F.D., New Carlisle F.D., Monterey F.D. I also attended four days of meetings at National Volunteer Fire Council in Charleston, South Carolina.

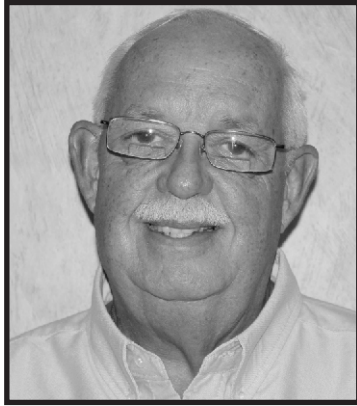
I am looking forward to meeting you at your District Meetings and working with you. If you need any assistance please contact me, your Public Relations Representative or your District Chairman.

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Cancer Warning

Cancer is rising to be the number one cause of firefighter death. Please protect yourself and keep your turnout gear clean at all times. Wash it after each contamination, this includes your hood and gloves.

Studies have shown higher rates of multiple types of cancers in firefighters compared to the general population including:

- Testicular cancer (2.02 times greater risk)
- Multiple myeloma (1.53 times greater risk)
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (1.51 times greater risk)
- Skin cancer (1.39 times greater risk)
- Brain cancer (1.32 times greater risk)

- Malignant melanoma (1.31 times greater risk)
- Prostate cancer (1.28 times greater risk)
- Colon cancer (1.21 times greater risk)
- Leukemia (1.14 times greater risk)

PLEASE HEED THIS WARNING, IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE.

Remember that nominations for Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, Junior Firefighter of the Year, Angel Award and the Lois Boaz Award are all due by February 1. You can follow the instructions and details on our web site at www.ivfa.org. All awards are to be mailed to the IVFA Office, PO Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724.

The IVFA Bridgeport Scholarship program gives three \$1,500.00 Scholarships away each year at the annual meeting and convention. The application is due in the IVFA Office by March 1 and the application is available on the IVFA web site at www.ivfa.org or from the IVFA Office, PO Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724.

This will be my last article as IVFA Public Relations South West. I would like to thank everyone that has supported me over the numerous years I have served in this capacity. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and may God Bless each and every one of you.

Jack Kerney
PR/SW

- Duties the participant has been assigned to and participated in.
- Number of hours the participant has accumulated in training, fire prevention, fund raiser, etc. (list all that apply with number of hours)
- Letters of reference (church, school, other organizations)
- Outside activities (church, school, other organizations)
- Family and school background.
- Career field the participant would like to follow.
- Any other pertinent information that would be useful.
- In your own words state why you feel you should be selected as the Junior Firefighter of the Year.

Past Winners:
2014 - Justin Baker, Bloomfield VFD
2015 - Noah Wilson, Wright Twp. VFD

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(All registration fees are non-refundable)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Fire Department/Company: _____

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____

Number of children attending (under 12): _____

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Total amount Enclosed \$ _____ Make checks payable to IVFA Convention 2017

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I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
July 14, 2016
Argos Fire Department,
Argos IN

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: District 5 Miss Flame Mickayla Shumaker.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1931 hrs. The pledge to the flag followed. There were 19 firefighters representing 6 departments in attendance. The minutes from May's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

The 2016 convention and special dance at convention went very well. Next year it is at the Crown Plaza in Indianapolis.

Chairman Grolich discussed the Teeks Class in South Bend.

He advised that the fire officer class is progressing well.

John remarked that the uniform bereavement program with Lighthouse Uniform Company has NO charge except the overnight shipping charge.

Penn F.D. sponsoring a firefighter RIT train the trainer class Sept. 16.

We discussed retaining volunteer firefighters and what could be done to help out the cause.

Chairman Grolich discussed the cancer presumptive law again. It is a MUST to document exposures. IF IT IS NOT DOCUMENTED, it didn't happen.

He remarked about the dues need to be turned in by July 31. Benefits are lost for 3 years if not.

Saturday, July 16 a memorial for the only Culver firefighter killed in action @ 9:30 with Lake Fest parade to follow. Water ball at 1:30.

North Manchester, Pancake and Sausage Breakfast August 6, 7-11 A.M.

Bourbon Summerfest August 12-14. Parade on Saturday morning.

This fall L.E.P.C. will be having a table top exercise on Anhydrous Ammonia and LP Gas release from a train derailment.

ELECTIONS:

Chairman: John Grolich

Secretary: Paul Martin

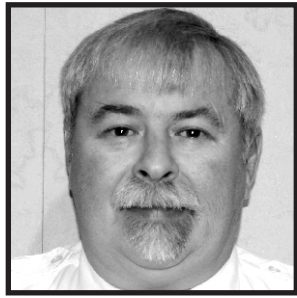
Meeting was adjourned at 2057 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Martin

District 5 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,
Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast it is starting to feel like Fall is upon us. Need to thank Chief Garman and the Salem Center VFD for hosting our meeting in September. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Ken Kunze from 800 Board Up for supplying our meal for the meeting.

At our next meeting in November we will be having our District 6 Miss Flame contest. We welcome any and all young ladies (between the ages of 15-18) to the meeting to be a part of and vie for the District 6 Miss Flame. To everyone in District 6 and all departments in the state, hope all have a Happy Thanksgiving and A Very Merry Christmas! Remember, please be safe out there!

It would be great to see better attendance at our District 6 meetings. Come on guys and gals. It is only one night every other month! There may be a few departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your department's email address to spalawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held at the New Haven Adams Twp. VFD on Lincolnway in downtown New Haven. All District 6 departments should have received a flyer on the meetings. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on November 29th.

Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
July 18, 2016
Nottingham Twp. Vol. Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:39 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 21

members representing 7 departments.

May minutes were tabled read next month.

Chairman Bisel – Departments, please get survey done and sent back into the state.

Legislative talk points were presented including the IVFA is forming 3 workgroups. These include workers comp. bill, Fire/EMS Survey and Grant Opportunities.

The convention was held at Belterra Casino. There were voting 129 delegates present. District 7 had 9 delegates. Good job guys! But let's try to beat that next year!

A new president and vice president were elected. And several state awards came back to District 7. Take a look at the website and read the paper for all of the details.

There was one death in the district since last month, Marvin Langstrom of Bippus.

Have the Global Award, it is scheduled to be presented soon.

Election of District Officers

Nominations for District Chairman – Sam Bisel. M/S to close nominations. Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman.

Nominations for District Secretary – Richard Sorg. M/S to close nominations. Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary.

Chairman Bisel announced that Randal Konger from Berne is going to help with getting awards presented and getting the pictures into the paper.

The IVFA Convention is in Columbus for 2017 and in Indianapolis pending further negotiations in 2018. Chairman Bisel would like to move forward with forming a committee for District 7 to pursue hosting a convention, possibly in 2019.

Armed Forces Benevolent Association is offering a free life insurance policy to volunteer firefighters in Indiana. Contact Bryan Weiss, (317) 479-2062, for an appointment to have him explain the free benefits available to our members. He must have an invitation to come speak to your members, so please just give him a call!

Next meeting will be at Ossian September 19. Next year may look at moving the July meeting around to better accommodate local county fairs.

Second roll call answered by 21 members representing 7 departments.

Berne – Breakfast July 30,
Geneva – Summer Festival Aug. 13,
Liberty Center – Golf Outing Aug. 27,
Poe – Fireman's Festival Aug. 26 & 27,
Preble – Tractor Pull July 22 & 23 and Demolition Derby Aug. 27.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association
District 7
September 19, 2016
Ossian Volunteer Fire Department

Indiana Operation Lifesaver presentation presented by Edwin Rahn preceded meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 26 members representing 10 departments.

July Minutes R/A.

Guests: Paul Holcomb – IVFA

Vice President, Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations North East, Cindy Vangordon – Donley Safety, Edwin Rahn – Indiana Operation Lifesaver.

Chairman Bisel introduced Cindy VanGordon – Donley Safety. Cindy presented products and product lines that are available from them. Thank you for the time and opportunity to be present at the meeting.

Chairman Bisel announced one death in the district since last meeting. It was John Tyner from Mount Etna.

Four departments in the district were late paying their state dues this year. Three are caught up and the 4th is working on getting it taken care of.

To date the IVFA has 13,300 members.

2,300 license plates have been sold so far, this is what is usually sold annually.

Any department in the district having a Miss Flame contestant needs to let Chairman Bisel know by the end of October so that judges can be arranged.

Keep an eye out on your fellow firefighters, responder suicide is on the rise.

Jean Smith, PRNE – Legislation is working on Presumptive Cancer Law that would cover volunteer firefighters. 35 states have presumptive cancer laws currently and only 10 of them cover volunteer firefighters.

Handouts available to be posted at your station giving hints on cancer prevention.

The NVFC is working on a volunteer firefighter registry to track national trends of cancer in volunteer firefighters

Thank you for getting department surveys done and sent in.

Chairman Bisel – Reminder to invite Armed Services Benevolent into your department to get signed up for free life insurance.

Accepting nominations for the Global Award. Would like to have one nomination from every department this year.

Make sure to fill out your attendance card. The last quarterly drawing sent awards to the 7th and 18th districts.

In August presented 50 year Gold Card to Ron Hamm of Poe.

Paul Holcomb – IVFA Vice-President – Trying to get up from New Albany to visit the various districts.

The state is working on rebuilding the website. It is to include a mobile friendly version. Also promoting the IVFA on social media.

The new website will have the ability for online nominations for awards.

It will also have an e-commerce page for apparel and other items.

As Vice-President he is responsible for the state awards. He would like to challenge the membership to make his job much more difficult by making more nominations for awards.

Make sure that your department information is correct on the district section of the website.

The Fire Marshal's Office has an app out, Indiana Exposure, for firefighters to accurately track personal exposures.

Please contact with any questions or suggestions for your IVFA.

A question on the floor if the IVFA is endorsing a candidate for governor. Vice-President Holcomb stated that the IVFA welcomed both candidates to the meeting for presentations but that as an organization the IVFA is not making any official endorsement.

Next district meeting will be at Poe November 21. It will be the district Miss Flame contest. Please let

Chairman Bisel know if your department is going to have a contestant.

Second roll call answered by 27 members representing 10 departments.

Berne soup and sandwich Oct. 15.

Bluffton Street Fair this week and Pancake breakfast Oct. 15.

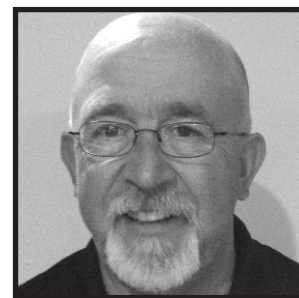
Geneva Gun raffle, Halloween Parade and Chili supper Oct. 29.

Hoagland Aux. is having Longaberger Basket Bingo Oct. 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from 8A.

Cooler weather is finally upon us and yes, we are in one of my favorite times of the year, FALL. I love the changing colors of the leaves. Along with FALL comes fall festivals across central Indiana that I love to tag along with the wife for damage control purposes and festival food.

I want to thank Chief Ron Taylor and members of the Wayne Twp. Fire Department in Hamilton County for hosting the District 8A meeting in September. Also, I want to thank Larry Curl for being in attendance that night and talking about upcoming legislative items the Association is working on at the state level. We are very fortunate to have Larry as our IVFA Lobbyist. Larry works hard for our Association both at the state and federal levels.

We as an Association will be facing an uphill battle as the Association tries to add volunteer firefighters to the existing Indiana Presumptive Cancer Law during the 2017 Legislative session.

The Association has a 10 member workgroup working on this important piece of legislation. The workgroup will be asked to put together an educational component for our members along with suggestions on language to be placed in the Bill.

The State of Indiana is one of 36 states that has a current presumptive cancer law. But it covers only career firefighters in the state and only certain types of cancers. This is a benefit that most, if not all, of our brother and sister career firefighters in Indiana have, and deservedly so. However, volunteer firefighters respond on the same type of incidents and face the same identical exposures, and FIRE and CANCER do not discriminate whether you are Career or Volunteer.

Therefore, Indiana's nearly 16,000 volunteer firefighters need occupational presumptive cancer coverage in today's fire service, where "every fire must be considered a hazmat incident or exposure event, and we must begin to document our fires as exposures and place those documents in firefighters' personnel files". It is your responsibility to document any

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runs where you have made a "hot zone entry". The State Fire Marshal's Office has released a Field App that will work on your smart phones and can be used to document runs. If your department is interested contact the Marshal's Office for information.

CANCER. You know that simple six-letter word that strikes fear into everyone who has been diagnosed with the dreaded disease. By now if you have read my past newspaper articles you should know CANCER is on the rise in the fire service. Statistical information show public safety personnel are frequently exposed to smoke, toxins and other cancer-causing agents while in the line of duty and, consequently, are being diagnosed with CANCERS at much higher rates than the general population.

In the meantime, departments can take steps to protect their members from harmful exposures on incidents. Let's face the facts, the days of damaged or dirty gear is not a "BADGE OF HONOR" anymore and should not be tolerated in any department. If you have members who believe it is a "BADGE OF HONOR" needs to read those thousands and thousands of articles out there on the internet and in the national publications. Gear and equipment needs to be taken care of by the firefighter. Report any damages or defects in the gear or equipment to a chief officer. If everything I have said falls on deaf ears, please remember this important piece of information, contaminated dirty gear and equipment needs to be cleaned after each "hot zone entry". If your department does not have the means to properly clean the gear or equipment after a run, rinse the gear and equipment off with a fire hose at the station. Officers, if conditions warrant on the scene, get your members out of dirty gear and equipment when loading hose or doing general clean-up. Recently, I read an article where a single increase of 5 degrees in skin temperature increases the absorption rate of the skin by over 400 percent. One last thing, NEVER store dirty gear in your personal vehicle. Family members can be exposed if dirty gear is not properly stored in personal vehicles.

Fire gear is designed to protect you but if not properly cleaned and maintained it can kill you, too.

In November I will be sending out an e-mail to departments asking for Global Award nominations from the district to be voted on at the January meeting. The Global Award is sponsored by Global Emergency Products. Some of the "old-timers", myself included, may remember it as the Midwest Award. The award is for an individual on the department or an organization in your area that has gone beyond the call of duty for the department. Last year's recipient Rex Maynard of the Jonesboro Fire Department in Grant County took it upon himself to approach businesses and churches in his community to raise funds for Storz connections on fire hydrants. Last year I received 4 nominations for the award. Let's see if we can double or triple those nominations this year.

There are several awards available for members and can be found on the IVFA website under

Awards on the left side of the website page. If you have someone on your department or know of someone on a neighboring department who qualifies for one of the awards, please nominate them. All it takes is a little of your time and a letter to the State Awards Committee. Deadline for written submittals is February 1, 2017. Check out the website at ivfa.org for more information.

The Association's website is being re-tooled and re-built. The new version will be compatible with new smart phone and tablet technology and should be available by the first of the year.

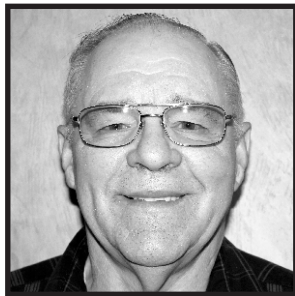
The next District 8A meeting will be held at White River Twp. FD on November 30.

Stay Safe.

Jerry L. Liston

District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B traveled to Farmland Volunteer Department for their district meeting on July 13 at 7:30 P.M. Chairman Wright led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 22 members from 9 different departments. There were two guests Kristen Clairday, District 8B 2016 Miss Flame, and Don Cushman, PR Director for 8B. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old business: Miss Flame Raffle. 2017 Miss Flame contest will be held at the November 9th meeting at the Hamilton Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. See Lloyd about an application.

New business: Election of officers. The new officers are as follows: District chairman Lloyd Wright, assistant district chairman Eddie Smith, secretary and treasurer Ren'ee Blumenhorst.

Chairman Wright told the group about the convention and about the awards that are given out at the convention. Encouraged them to turn in some names for the awards for next year's convention to be held in June.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were a total of 61 fires and 164 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held September 14 at 7:30 P.M. at the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Wright thanked the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Meeting was adjourned and pizza was served.

Lloyd E. Wright,

District 8B chairman

District 8B held their meeting on September 13 at 7:30 P.M. at the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 6 members in attendance. There were 4 guests in attendance: Don Cushman, Paul

Holcomb and Jean and EJ Smith. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Reports: Jean Smith talked to the groups on some things that could help prevent cancer in the fire service. Paul Holcomb reported on the web site being changed. EJ Smith told the group that our Miss Flame Kristen Clairday won the essay contest for convention last year.

Chairman Wright told the group about Eddie Smith, his assistant, who had a stroke earlier in the month. Everyone signed a card to be sent to him and all wished him well.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were 43 fires and 176 EMS runs.

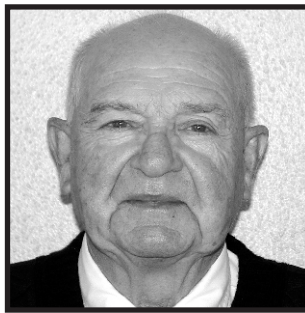
The next meeting will be held at the Hamilton Twp. Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. on November 9th. The Miss Flame contest will be held.

Thanked the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Meeting was adjourned and pizza was served to all.

Lloyd E. Wright

District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

Our August meeting was held at German Township Fire Dept. in Taylorsville, IN.

Steve Larue was presented a 25 year pin, and Jeremy Goodnight was presented a 10 year pin. The annual election of officers was held. Thank you for your support and vote to serve as your District Chairman; along with Jim Davis as Secretary for the 2016-17 year.

A Training Program was presented by Dr. Schneider, head of CRH emergency medicine, who spoke about "heat related illness" for firefighters.

Milroy and the Anderson Township Fire Dept. was the place to be in September for a delicious meal of fish and tenderloin. The upcoming year on the legislative scene was discussed with the main topic of "workmen's comp" for Volunteers. Recruitment and Retention was discussed but no sound solution was determined. The Training for the evening was Anderson Twp's. new Quint. Members of the Department demonstrated and displayed their new engine with great pride and excitement!

The October 19 meeting will be held at Clarksburg Community Vol. Fire Dept.

Future District meetings and locations are: **November**, Hope VFD; **NO** meeting in December; **January 2017** meeting will be held at Manilla VFD; **February** to be announced; **March**, Marietta; **April**, Clay Twp. (Bartholomew County); and in **May**, Greensburg.

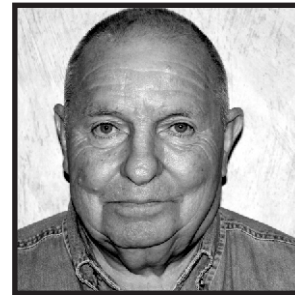
The fall season is upon us, so please be careful, be alert, and stay safe. Be watchful of farm equipment and semis moving about on the county roads; and be especially aware of deer, who are on the move, with the corn and soybeans being

harvested.

John M. Ray

District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A, Fall is just around the corner.

District 11A had a joint meeting with 11B on September 11, 2016. We had a combined picnic. Good food, good people, lots of fun. We had a good attendance, around 70 people.

Thank everyone who has invited us to their department as we like to travel around to all area departments in District 11A. Thank everyone who filled out the survey in District 11A.

I have been passing out pins and awards in my district. I am all caught up on 10 year and 25 year pins. I presented a clock at Poland Community Fire Department for their new station. We wish congratulations to them.

Please attend the district meeting to keep informed on happenings in the IVFA.

Our next district meeting will be November 20, 2016 in Sheperdsville at 1:00 p.m.

Check out the web page and Facebook for legislation to see all the bills coming up on the next session.

Until next time,
Stay safe.

District Chairman 11A

Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings from District 14.

We have had a lot of stuff happening this quarter - we have been busy.

Had a lot of funerals. I can thank my district Chaplain Tom Sellmer for helping me out a lot this quarter with the funerals.

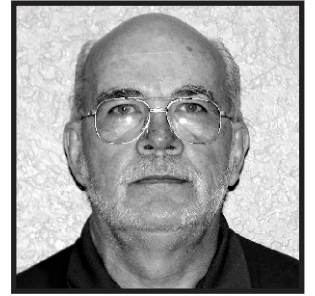
Been busy handing out 10 year and 25 year pins, so if I haven't gotten to your department, please call or email me so we can set a time to be there.

Also if you have any upcoming events, let me know and please put it on our Website.

And last, we will be getting ready for a new Miss Flame in January, so if you have a girl that is able to run per the guidelines I need all paperwork that you can print off the Website under Miss Flame sent to me by December 9, 2016 so I can make sure everything is good for them to run and see if we need judges for a run-off in January at our meeting.

Thanks,
Rick

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Greetings from 17A,

At this time we are looking for 2017 Miss Flames to represent District 17A. Applications can be found on-line or contact me.

July 7th I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

July 13th I visited Petersburg VFD and presented pins.

July 18th I visited Patoka Twp. VFD and presented Ed Schuessler with the 17A 2016 Award from Global. Many thanks for all your years of service.

July 19th I visited Bloomfield VFD and presented pins.

July 20th District 17A meeting was hosted by Loogootee VFD. Pins were presented and Martin Co. C.D. Fire & Rescue Department members in attendance.

I also gave Loogootee VFD member Gerald Huebner his Proclamation for his 50 years of service.

Elections were held. All officers were re-elected for another year.

An informative talk was given by SW Hazmat Specialist Stan Capobiano on his duties and he would be glad to speak to those who he could help.

Many thanks to Loogootee for hosting the meeting and food provided.

July 21st I visited Washington Twp. VFD and presented pins.

July 23rd I went to Plainville VFD for rose delivery.

August 1st I visited Winslow VFD and presented pins.

August 4th I attended Taylor VFD at Scotland.

August 4th I visited Worthington VFD for rose delivery.

August 5, 6, 7th I attended state officer's meeting in Columbus.

August 8th I visited Plainville VFD and presented pins.

August 27th I attended Madison Twp. VFD fundraiser. Great crowd.

August 28th I attended Greene County Firefighters Assoc. and presented a 25 year pin to Chief Jeremy Inman.

August 31st a Memorial Service was held for Petersburg fireman Philip Taylor, a 61 year IVFA member. Condolences to all.

September 1st, I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

September 12th I attended Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Bloomfield VFD.

September 21st District 17A meeting was hosted by Edwardsport VFD. Guests in attendance were District 17B chairman Bobby Brown and Steve Nolan, who will be PRSW starting January.

The next District 17A meeting will be hosted by Bloomfield VFD November 16th.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery

District 17A chairman

Happy
Holidays!

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DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Bobby Brown - Chairman

I would like to start out by saying thanks to all of you for your support in the past as Vice Chairman of 17B and for electing me into a new position as District Chairman of 17B. I look forward to serving you.

First, would like to say congrats to Steve Nolan on new position with IVFA as the new Public Relations Officer of Southwest, and allowing me to be part of his team with District 17B, and to all new IVFA officers for 2017. I hope that I can do as good a job as my predecessors. I would like to take this time to say thanks to them - Steve Nolan, Luke Kluender, Jimmy & Jack Zeeks, Tim Deckard and Pete Lockhart.

At our last District meeting on July 27 at Franklin Township VFD in Freedom, Indiana we had some great food. First, would like to thank Franklin Township for their support and hosting meeting. At the meeting we had special guests Jack Kerney, David Israel from the IVFA, and Lona Huffman from The Ezell Group. We had discussion on the surveys that the state has asked all fire departments in State of Indiana to fill out. We handed out 10 year pins along with 25 year IVFA pins. Steve Sallee from Rural District II of Orange County was presented with his Global Award. Lona discussed insurance issues for the fire service, along with her local volunteer department large animal rescue team and training classes in the future.

We are still in the search of a young lady to serve as 17B Miss Flame for this year. Young lady has

to be within the ages 15-18. Please look at the rules for Miss Flame on the IVFA web site. If anyone is interested in serving as Miss Flame, you can get into touch with Dawn Hillenburg, who serves as IVFAA District Chair for 17B.

Serving you for 2017 will be Robert (Bobby) Brown, District Chairman; Vice Chair is Heather McGlocklin from Van Buren VFD in Monroe County. The Secretary/Treasurer election will be held at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be at Hamlin Township on October 12, 2016. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Brown County.

The last meeting of the year will be held at Perry Clear Creek VFD at 9094 S. Strain Ridge RD, Bloomington.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you.

Bobby Brown

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18. The 21 July meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the Celestine VFD.

Roll call was answered by 46 members representing 16 departments, and 1 Individual member. A total of 262 were reported answered.

Guests included Carl Deel from the Fire Marshal's office, and Katherine District 18 Miss Flame.

Among the other business presented, the election of district officers was held. As a result, all incumbent officers were re-elected, with the exception of Secretary/Treasurer. After serving

in the office for the past 6 years, Jeannie Daunhauer sought not to be re-elected to the office. Stan Seifert was elected to the position. Jeannie has been a great asset to myself and the District 18. I shall always be grateful to her for her service.

The meeting of 15 September was hosted by the New Boston VFD. 45 members representing 19 departments, and 1 Individual member reported a total of 235 runs.

Our guests included Jack Kerney PRSW, Barb Kerney - IVFA Central Office, Steve Nolan - PRSW-elect, Larry Curl - IVFA State Lobbyist, Carol Curl - IVFAA State President, and Garry Davis, Indiana Sales Manager, Global Emergency Products.

William R. Garrett of the Luce Fire Territory and Marvin E. Howell of the Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Department were presented with copies of House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution 64 honoring their 50 years of service and membership in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. The 2016 District 18 Global Award was presented to Perry County Emergency Management Director Steven J. Hauser.

At the time of this writing, National Fire Prevention Week is in the next few days. I hope that everyone made the most of the opportunity to get out and serve our communities in what is our "First Duty"! To educate the public on fire prevention and safety.

Clean your gear, stay alert, stay safe, and until the next time, "keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John "Bull" Smith,
Chairman District 18



DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Greetings all from District 19. Hope this finds all of you in good health.

District 19 held its last district meeting at Drewersburg Fire Mt. Carmel Station. We presented 10, 25 and a 50 year Gold card.

Clinton McNally was presented his 50 year Gold card for his years of service. Senator Raatz was in attendance to present the proclamation from the House and Senate.

Congratulations to Clinton on this milestone and to the other recipients.

If you have members that need

these awards and are having a special event to honor them, contact me and I can be there to give them their awards.

We have several awards that you can nominate firefighters -- Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Jr. Firefighter, Angel Award -- all are listed on the IVFA website. These awards need to be turned in by February 1, 2017.

The next meeting will be held on November 17 at St. Leon Fire at 7 p.m. If your department has a young lady between 15 and 19 that would like to run for Miss Flame, contact Tonya Marsee at tmarsee8@hotmail.com or vicepresident@ivfaa.org

Elections were held in July: chairman Stephen Macke, vice chairman Mark Marsee, secretary Donna Macke, chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky.

Stephen Macke
Chairman District 19
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2017 Convention info . . .

THE IVFA 2017 CONVENTION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU BACK TO COLUMBUS INDIANA. A LOT HAS CHANGED AROUND THE COLUMBUS AREA SINCE THE 2005 CONVENTION.

THE GOLF OUTING WILL BE AT THE HARRISON COUNTRY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017 - THE SAME PLACE AS IN 2005.

TEAM SIGN UP WILL BE IN THE FEBRUARY 2017 IVFA PAPER AND ON THE IVFA WEB SITE UNDER THE CONVENTION TAB.

WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING WATER BALL BACK IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST OUT THERE ON JUNE 17, 2017 OR WE COULD MAYBE DO IT FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

LET US KNOW BY APRIL 2017 IF YOU HAVE A TEAM INTERESTED IN PLAYING AT disrael@ivfa.org WE NEED AT LEAST 5 TEAMS TO BE SIGNED UP TO HAVE IT.

LET'S ALL BE ON THE SCENE IN 2017.

2017 Convention Headquarters Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
2480 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, IN 47201



A chat from Carol . . .

IVFAA President Carol Curl



Greetings my fellow IVFAA members. Well, we got the first quarterly meeting completed without blood shed or tears so I guess we are off and running.

I want to thank everyone who provided input, suggestions, and opportunities as well as attended the first quarterly meeting under the new leadership of 2016.

I have traveled to many of the District meetings during this last quarter and met with some very nice ladies and men who belong to our Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary. Thanks for all the friendship and fellowship that I have received during my visits.

I have gotten to a few Auxiliary meetings, especially those who host their auxiliary meetings on the same night as the men's district meetings which is very convenient.

We have added to the IVFA website calendar an opportunity to add IVFAA events. They will be posted in purple. I encourage each of our IVFAA chairmen to add your meeting dates, time, and locations to the calendar by sending your information to Heather Holcomb, our chairperson of our Technology Committee - Mrs. Heather Holcomb by email address ivfaadistrict16@ivfaa.org. That would allow others who might wish to attend, the information needed.

We were able to present to Joann Hays the plaque and throw from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary; proudly and lovingly bestowing upon her as our retiring State Chaplain for all her many years of service, the title of "CHAPLAIN EMERITUS", at the District 11A - 11B joint picnic on Sun., September 11th with an audience of nearly 60 people all congratulating and celebrating her for her many services to our Auxiliary, our members, and the families of our members. Her kindness and generousities over the years has brought comfort, peace, and tranquility to our membership during their times of spiritual needs. Thanks Joann from the entire state.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
Clarion Hotel and Conference
Center
Columbus, IN
August 6 & 7, 2016

President Anderson called meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

President Anderson called on Vice President Holcomb to lead the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held followed by the invocation given by Chaplain Dave Elick.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Anderson introduced the guests Elton Schafer - District 4 Vice Chairman, Ski Gerdowsky, Ed Smith, Marlene and Carol Thrawley.

President Anderson called for the reading of the minutes of the last

meeting. District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner made motion to accept minutes as printed. District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed by voice vote, 1 nay.

President Anderson called for the Treasurer's report: Treasurer Kluender - Gaming account needs to be taken care of with the 2016 Convention committee. Vouchers are due for District Secretary. Budget proposal, look it over and we will vote in November. Insurance came in a little over budget. District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese made motion to accept Treasurer's report. District 17A Chairman Sam Emery made the second. Motion carried by voice vote, 1 nay.

November quarterly meeting is 11, 12 and 13, 2016.

President Anderson asked who needed new beneficiary forms from Provident for new District Officers.

Incoming President Holcomb is looking at other sites and dates, will try to keep them first full weekend to serve on different committees let me know, or committees you don't want to serve on, please let me know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office: Jack Kerney - We are entering dues. We have new membership cards, we will see if they hold up any better. We purchased a new copier - printer. We emailed out not paid list, deceased list. We did not email 10, 25 year list. Since we have so many that have not been entered, the list would be useless. We printed new by-laws and SOG's. License plates are 2,328 through July. Please check your deceased reports for any

mistakes.

Executive Committee Report: President Anderson - American Income Life - we had 3 complaints, computer upgrade working on it. In the dues packets that we mailed out we included the letter for National Volunteer Fire Council. As of last Friday we had 116 members join the National Volunteer Council thus far. The whole department must join for that price. Work groups - we will have to have 1 or 2 face to face meetings and do conference calls in between, we will try to schedule meetings that don't require overnight stays, we will be asking tomorrow for mileage for these work group members.

Vice President Holcomb - Will be inviting a vendor to the November meeting to talk to us. They would offer discounted pricing for our members, they sale medical supplies, 511 pants, etc. They would put a link on our website.

Awards Committee: Chairman Paul Holcomb - Pass

Angel Award: Diane Harrison - Pass.

Jr. Firefighter Award: Jack Kerney - Pass.

Mr. IVFA: Pass.

Bridgeport Scholarship Committee: Chairman Richard Glant - Pass.

Budget Committee: Treasurer Kluender - Pass.

By-laws and SOG's Committee: Chairman Larry Bartlow - Passed out new By-laws and SOG's. The back pages list the changes.

Clothing Committee: Chairman Lloyd Wright - Pass.

Convention Committee: Chairman David Israel -

2017 Convention: Chairman David Israel - We have registration

forms here. We will be asking for the start up money tomorrow.

2018 Convention: State Convention Committee - Sherry will be here tomorrow to offer us a new rate for the rooms, if you remember at convention Crowne Plaza got voted down because of the room rate.

EMS Taskforce: Co-Chairman Jerry Liston and Mike DZuba - Talked about narkan, Mass casualty Incident, In service for PI, legislation coming through EMS commission I've been hearing they are going to start wanting better background checks. Next meeting will be August 25, 2016 - 3p.m. - 5p.m.

Insurance: Luke Kluender - Insurance increased, we will adjust it in next year's budget.

LODD: Pass.

Logo: Chairman John Smith - passed. Treasurer Kluender reported we have the opportunity to file for an incostability for our logo.

Membership: Leighanne Ellis - passed out the thumb drives and showed us how to use them.

Lobbyist Larry Curl - Indiana Fire and EMS Survey deadline extended to 8-31-2016. This survey is critically important to us. We currently have 162 responses. We would like to be at 400 - 500 surveys returned.

Newspaper Committee: Chairman Buz Koehler - Thanked John Grollich for picking up the papers for us. We have 1 outstanding bill from May. We have 18 advertisings in this issue. November meeting we will have a committee meeting.

Public Relations: Chairman Jack Zeeks - We have a booth at IERC this month. The frames on banners are getting weak. Carol will be getting us prices on new ones.

Speaker's Bureau: Chairman Jack Kerney - Pass.

Social Media: Chairman Leighanne Ellis - I put an update about the survey, and the new membership cards and have gotten a couple of replies back.

Website: Chairman Paul Holcomb - Discussed the proposal for rebuilding our website. The average life span of a website is 10 years and we are at 7 years. Currently we pay \$300.00 a year for the hosting of our website with the hourly rate for them to maintain our website for us of \$1,500.00 - \$1,800.00 per year. As per the quote there will be little to none of that in the future because we will be able to self maintain. We will be going to a word press website for \$5,411.25. Will last 5 to 10 years.

Special Projects Committee: Co-Chairmen Steve Nolan and Sam Bisel - Pass.

Training Taskforce Committee: Chairman John Smith - We are looking at a proposal for moving meetings across the state again, not all of them of course. Proposed working copy of Proposed Board rule changes there are a lot of them:

1) Working on the wording - Any volunteer firefighter shall complete mandatory training before performing the emergency response duties of a volunteer firefighter.

2) Splitting of instructor 2 -3 certifications.

3) Clarified what test can have open book.

4) Oral testing may be allowed with Board approval.

Young Member Task Force: Chairman Jerry Sprague - 10 year pins program is in place and waiting on getting the names in paper. No new ideas at this point.

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Quarterly meeting ...

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Fire Alliance: Larry Curl and Buz Koehler – Very committed to the survey. The Lieutenant Governor candidate from Republican ticket came in and talked to us. John Gregg will be coming to the September member.

Heroes Competition: Carol Thrawley – Pass.

In – Time: Jack Zeeks – I missed the last meeting. Next meeting August 24, at IREC.

National Volunteer Fire Council – Jack Kerney – NVFC has redone their website and their logo. Roll call was answered by 62 board members representing 40 states. I attended membership and awards committee. We have 16,520 members in 26 states. Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr – IAFC President gave an update on several IAFC initiatives. Keith Padgett – Columbia State University – Keith gave a presentation, emerging health and safety issues in the volunteer fire service. Keith stated that volunteer firefighters have declined by 12% since 1984. He advised that 33 states have presumptuous cancer laws with 8 covering volunteers. Toxics do not care if you are paid or not. Used to be DIRTY GEAR AND DIRTY HELMET – REALLY COOL – NOW REALLY STUPID.

Recruitment & Retention Committee – Make Me A Firefighter campaign officially launched on December 1, 2015. A press conference was held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC and was streamed online. Six new courses focusing on recruitment, retention, leadership and diversity have been added to the NVFC's

Virtual Classrooms. These courses are currently free.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jean Smith – Hazardous Materials Response meeting discussed NFPA 472, 473, 475 and 1072.

Cancer – do yearly blood work on firefighters so you will have a base line.

PSOB – Since 2003 almost 1,100 claims have been filed. Of those, about 547 were approved and 301 were denied. Others were withdrawn or abandoned. With the Dale Long Act, which addresses heart attack and rupture cases, new guidance was established in August 2015. Since then these cases no longer have to go to medical review. As a result, since August 2015 through present, 151 cases were submitted and 136 were approved, with just 15 not approved.

Meeting reconvened Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Dave Elick gave the minute message.

American Income Life: Tammy – paid out through 2015 - \$383,453.42 accident lost and if they bought policies. If there is an issue please let me or Michelle know so that we can get the issue taken care of.

Barb Kerney – Presented President Anderson with his past president pin.

Jack Zeeks - September 23, 2016, 11 a.m. Firefighter's memorial in Indianapolis.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Anderson – 2 Fire alliance meetings, Hoosier Burn camp, State TPEW, IFSAC review, 2 county chief's meetings, District 21 meeting.

Vice President Holcomb – Attended 5 district meetings, 2 fundraisers.

Chaplain Dave Elick – I need everyone's help in making sure that all deceased lists are correct, spelling, no one left out. If it's your district make sure it is right when

you fill out the funeral voucher; Jack sends out the deceased list, please check everything again. If you receive a call of a department and family that want a memorial service I need to know even if an Associate Chaplain performs the service I still need to know.

Secretary Diane Harrison – Pass.

Treasurer Luke Kluender – Pass.

Sergeant At Arms Brent Bush – Absent.

Chairman of the Board David Israel – Attended 2 convention meetings, 6 districts meetings and 2 county meetings.

PRNW Leighanne Ellis – Attended 1 district meeting, convention, starting on another project but it will be on a 5 year plan.

PRNE Jean Smith – Attended 5 district meetings, 1 open house and 1 fundraiser.

PRWC Larry Bartlow – Attended 7 district meetings and 1 department meeting. We had a tanker roll over; firefighter is going to be in a neck brace for quite a while. He swerved to miss a deer, and we lost another firefighter in an accident.

PREC Don Cushman – Absent.

PRSW Jack Kerney – Attended Convention, NVFC meeting, 4 district meetings.

PRSW Steve Nolan – Attended a couple of county meetings.

PRSE Ed Scheele – Absent.

Historian John Davies – Absent.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Past President Jim Parker – Absent.

Past President Mitch Parish – Be sure to submit good pictures for the newspaper.

Past President Richard Glant – Pass.

Past President Jack Zeeks – Pass.

Past President Buz Koehler – Attended 2 Fire Alliance meetings, 1 station dedication.

Past President Jack Kerney – Pass.

Past President Larry Ketchem – Pass.

Past President Tim Deckard – Absent.

Past President David Israel – Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Marshall Neece – Attended 2 IVFA meetings, 3 funerals, I am looking for an old ambulance rig.

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland – Absent.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy – Resigned as of July 31, 2016.

District 4 Vice Chairman Elton Schafer – meeting cancelled. 10 year pins about done.

District 5 Chairman John Grolich – Attended 1 district meeting, convention, 2 retirement parties, 1 funeral and 1 open house, Washington DC trip.

District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague – 38 – 10 year pins, 12 – 25 year pins and 1 Gold card, 2 memorial services, several fundraisers. The split has been tabled till May next year.

District 7 Chairman Sam Bisel – Attended 1 district meeting, presented a 50 year Gold card, 10 year pins ¾ done.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston – Attended 1 district, 15 department meetings, presented 2 resolutions, 4 department functions, 4 deaths, 1 mutual aid meeting and a Chief's meeting.

District 8B Lloyd Wright – Attended district meeting, passed out pins.

District 9A Chairman Jeremy Reef – Attended 2 district, 6 department meetings, 1 chief's meeting and convention.

District 9B Chairman Randy Denton – Absent.

District 10 Chairman John Ray – Attended district meetings, 2 county meetings, 1 convention meeting.

District 11A Chairman Pete Taylor – Attended 7 department meetings, Clay County Chief's meeting. Got a department back in that hasn't been a member for 6 years, I have 6 - 10 year pins to pass out on 16th then they are all done.

District 11B Chairman John Morphy – Attended 2 district meetings, 16 department meetings, 4 Chief's meetings 2/3 - 10 year pins passed out.

District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner – Attended 2 district meetings, convention, 2 department meetings an award presentation and 1 death.

District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba – Attended 2 district meetings, 4 department meetings, 3 fundraisers, presented 1 Gold card and 4 – 25 year pins.

District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl – 2 department visits, 2 fundraisers, gave out 1 Bible and grave marker presentation.

District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon – We have had several funerals. Fair Play has their 175th anniversary on September 17, 2016 and working on PR training March 17, 2017.

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery – Trying to get attendance up and Owensville back in the Association. I am still working on my pins. Created District 15 facebook page.

District 16 Chairman Josh Reiser – Attended 4 departments, got 1 department back in, presented a clock and had 1 death.

District 17A Chairman Sam Emery – 10 department visits, presented a 50 year resolution and the Global award. Thanked everyone who submitted letters for me for Mr. IVFA.

District 17B Chairman Bobby Brown – Attended 2 district meetings, 3 county meetings, presented Global Award and 2/3 done with 10 year pins.

District 18 Chairman John Smith – Parade Oct 16th Ferdinand, October 2 Dale district memorial, 1 death, all pins are done.

District 19 Chairman Steve Macke – Attended 2 district meetings, passed out 20 - 10 year pins, 2 – 25 year pins.

District 21 Chairman Don Fultz – Attended Hoosier Burn Camp, fundraisers, passed out 10 and 25 year pins, 1 death.

State Miss Flame was removed and 1st runner up was crowned State Miss Flame, Kelsey Walton, District 12. There was discussion held.

2018 Convention Sharon from Crowne Plaza - Rate \$110.00. Past President Jack Kerney made motion to accept the room rate. Chaplain Dave Elick made the second, motion carried by voice vote.

Lobbyist Larry Curl played video for us from John Gregg.

Vice President Holcomb asked how everyone felt about hotel; he will be making a decision for next year's meetings.

Station Supply Cleaning kit - District 18 Ireland Fire Department Stan Seifert.

Ezzel Group and California Casualty sponsors of gas card – District 7 Poe Fire Department EJ Smith.

Convention Raffle - Don Fultz.

District 4 Chairman Elton Schafer made motion to adjourn. District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba made second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison - Secretary

Notes from the Flames . . .

Work has already begun on the 2017 Miss Flame program. Some of you are getting geared up for holding your district contest. It is important that all departments in your district are notified of when you will be holding your contest and that all young ladies wanting to participate will have a chance to do so. Again this year, March 10th will be the deadline for submitting your application, pictures and entry fee.

There will be a few changes made and we will be forwarding to you as it is finalized. We are proud that this program has been a contributing arm of the IVFA and the IVFAA. It has been very gratifying to know we have, thru this program, been able to give the participants an opportunity to enhance their lives by incorporating life skills that will help them as they continue thru life's journey. From year to year we have tried to update our program to meet needs of the participants. Support from our parents, families and our organizations have enabled us to continue to offer this great program.

We are grateful for all those who have given of their time and talents to keeping this program as an important part of our annual convention. Many good things have come from this great program.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish for each of you peace, love and blessings.

Barb Kerney
2017 Miss Flame Chairman

Happy Holidays!

From The IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney

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Remember that your IVFA Dues are **due by July 31**. Please have them postmarked and mailed to the IVFA Office. Don't let your membership lose their Bridgeport Benefits by paying late.

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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Leona Uryga



I.V.F.A.A. State Officers Meeting August 7, 2016 Clarion Hotel Columbus, Ind.

A poem by Chaplain Beth Caudill (Chicken Soup of the Soul) with a prayer following opened the meeting.

The pledge to the flag was conducted by Sgt. of Arms, Susie Lewis.

Roll call was answered by 26 officers and 13 I.V.F.A.A. members.

The minutes were read and a motion was made by Lou Bartlow and seconded Joyce Nevil to accept the minutes with a correction that there were 199 Ind., not 119 in the membership report.

A throw will be presented to Joann Hays at the November meeting along with a plaque for being Chaplain of the I.V.F.A.A. for many years.

President Carol Curl proposed a new committee called Communications and Technology. This is to update the I.V.F.A.A. page on the web site. Carol explained that there will be a cost to do this.

Chaplain David Elick spoke to us about the mishap of not putting Barbara Parker's name in the memorial book. He stated that he was not told about it in time. He brought old newspaper articles and asked everyone to look through them and take them.

The Treasurer's report was given. The full financial report 2015-2016 was passed out. The financial statement of Aug. 4, 2016 has a balance on hand of \$43,292.01. Dorothy reported that she has \$112.00 from the cook books and asked if she should just put it in the Mary Mackin Fund. It was the Miss Flame cookbooks. It was decided that she would put the money into that account. A motion was made by Sharon Wright and seconded by Janet Woodfill to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Tammy Williams from the California Ins. Co. visited us.

There were two correspondence notes. One from Mary Hahn and one from Martha Thomas and Lu Ann Thomas.

President Carol Curl passed out the committee assignments.

Recording Sec. June Cahill reported that there are 35 departments. 121 Ind., 438 pd. by depts., 26 life. Totaling 585 members

as of Aug. 7, 2016.

Paul Holcomb spoke about the I.V.F.A. internet web site. The cost will be around \$300.00 a year for the auxiliary. If there are any problems with the site then David Israel or Paul Holcomb should be informed.

Barbara Kerney is to check on if we can have more than one raffle at the convention.

The SOG committee is to meet at 1:00 on Nov. 12.

The next meeting is Nov. 12-13 in Indianapolis.

The next convention is June 14-17 at Columbus, IN.

Martha Thomas made a motion and seconded by Janet Woodfill to pay Barbara Kerney \$137.17 for her expenses for the Miss Flames. Motion carried.

To raise the Miss Flame expenses from \$400.00 to \$600.00 it has to go to the budget committee.

Chaplain Beth Caudill gave a report of 3 members passing since the convention.

A discussion on changing the size of the Bible was tabled until the Nov. meeting.

Barbara Kerney informed us that a member of the men will be on the Miss Flame Committee for information to take back to the men.

A report of \$1758.00 was made from the Chinese Auction.

E.J. Smith reported that \$713.61 was made from the Miss Flame posters. It will go to the Mary Mackin Fund. She also stated that all types of money can be given and not just pennies.

A motion was made by Diane Stapleton and seconded by Tammy

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*Mtgs. will follow By-Laws & Roberts
Rules of Order

VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

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Marlene Thrawley
Tammy Smith

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Carol Koehler - Co-chairman
Jean Parish
Sue Glant
Phyllis Vargo

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Phyllis Vargo
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Dawn Harris
Marlene Thrawley
Janet Woodfill
Jean Parish

MEMORIAL THROW

Carol Curl

CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT'S COMMITTEE

Northwest - Phyllis Vargo
Northeast - Joyce Nevill
Central - Janet Matthews
Southwest - Kathy Smith
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

COMMUNICATION

Heather Holcomb
Tatjana Marsee

I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District minutes ...

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Smith to spend the \$300.00 to update the I.V.F.A.A. website. Motion carried. Heather Holcomb is the person to go to for any information for the website.

Janet Woodfill has made up different membership forms. She will improve them and send them to June Cahill.

The Lois Boaz names are due by February 1, 2017.

SOG's for the Miss Flames were announced. Christina Reef made a motion and seconded by Diane Stapleton to accept the additions to the SOG Rules. Motion carried.

I.V.F.A.A. dues are due by Sept.

Chaplain Beth Caudill recited a closing prayer.

A motion was made by Diane Stapleton and seconded by Martha Thomas to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Corr. Sec. Leona Uryga

not pay ahead. Dues must be paid by September or you are delinquent. District dues are \$5 per person. Please send to Phyllis first. We have lost a major auxiliary from District 2 due to State raising dues to \$10 per person.

New Business – Phyllis talked about the upcoming convention. Memorial Service will be on Thursday instead of Friday. We are doing the mystery box again for the Chinese auction at convention. If you didn't bring your gift cards tonight, please get them to Marge by June 10th.

Phyllis talked about District meetings. Since our District is not generating funds to cover meetings, Phyllis asked the group what was their wishes, since the District can't afford to reimburse the departments for hosting district meetings. Motion was made by Becky O'Boyle and 2nd by Jackie Rench to leave it up to the hosting department to make the discussion if they will be serving a meal or just coffee and cake. Motion passed.

Phyllis talked about district meetings for the rest of 2016:

September – Crown Point

November - Griffith

Department announcements were given.

Motion to adjourn by Becky O'Boyle, seconded by Martha Thomas. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

Minutes of the September 1, 2016 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge was recited.

Prayer was said.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Marge Baumgardner with 24 members and 1 guest in attendance representing 8 departments and 2 individuals.

Phyllis introduced our guest Marshall Neese, District #1 Chairman of the I.V.F.A.A.

Minutes were read by Marge Baumgardner, passed as read with no corrections.

Correspondence – none.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report of \$585.61 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis asked to keep Paul Watland in our prayers. She asked the departments to send Paul cards to his home. Paul's address is in the I.V.F.A.A., also Ike from Lowell Fire asked for prayers for Charlie Scott from his department.

Old Business – Phyllis had Kylee talk about the Miss Flame contest at convention this year.

Phyllis asked Kylee about the Penny games, Kylee liked it, mom not so much. Phyllis talked about the Memorial Service. Seems like it took longer because they had to set everything up after the General meeting. We have a new President and Vice-President this year. All other officers stayed the same. They combined some of the committee. Phyllis talked about the Chaplain. They have made Associate Chaplains for the auxiliary. Phyllis is for northern part of the state.

Phyllis asked all departments to go back to their department to make sure all addresses are good. They are sending out correspondence only to

have it returned for wrong address. This is a waste of money.

Marshall Neese will check at the next state officer's meeting to see if they can send out the I.V.F.A.A. paper to members of the I.V.F.A.A. where the husband has passed away or I.V.F.A.A. members who don't have a family member in the I.V.F.A.A. so that I.V.F.A.A. members can keep up with information in the paper.

Phyllis talked about dues: State dues are \$10 per person if you did not pay ahead. Dues must be paid by September or you are delinquent. District dues are \$5 per person. Please send to Phyllis first. Phyllis advised the group that there were 109 members in District 1 & 2. If each auxiliary would pay their District dues we would have enough funds to support the Miss Flame contest. Donna Szafranski made a motion seconded by Becky O'Boyle to have Phyllis contact the departments that have not paid their district dues. Motion passed.

The group also talked about having 50/50 at our meeting again. We will start at the next meeting.

Since we have lost L.O.F.S. auxiliary for District #2, 3 of their members have decided to join as individuals.

New Business – Tonite is election for officers. Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Rachel Suggs to elect Phyllis Vargo for District 1 & 2 Chairman. Motion passed. Motion was made Becky O'Boyle, 2nd by Donna Szafranski to elect Marge Baumgardner as Secretary for District 1 & 2. Motion passed.

We will be having a Miss Flame contest at the November 3rd meeting. Kaylee Hans will be running for District 1. We are looking for a Miss Flame for District #2, please go back to your department to see if you have anyone interested.

District meeting will be November 3rd at Griffith Fire Department.

Phyllis presented the rose and program from the Memorial Service for Rose Nickich from Ainsworth-Deep River to granddaughter Pam Abraham and Dee Kennedy from Lake Dale to Rachel Suggs. Phyllis also presented Julie Patrick's 50 year Gold card to Lake Station Auxiliary.

No Department announcements.

Phyllis drew names for 2 auxiliary members for auxiliary bags received from convention. Winners were Theresa Parker from Lowell and Jacque Lambert from Crown Point.

Motion by Becky O'Boyle, 2nd by Louise Patenaude to hold a Silent Auction at the November meeting. Marge will email departments to let them know to bring 3 items for the auction.

Martha Thomas thanked everyone who sent cards, prayers from the loss of her grandson who lost his life trying to save a drowning victim in Lake Michigan.

Motion to adjourn by Linda Abraham, seconded by Becky O'Boyle. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

Season's Greetings!

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Fall is here and that means it is time for our Miss Flame judging. If your department has a girl between the ages of 15-18 who would like to represent District 6 at Convention, please contact me for information at 260-413-3040 or Jerry Sprague.

The Miss Flame judging will be held at our November meeting. That meeting will be held at New Haven Adams Township Fire Department on 420 Broadway in New Haven on the 29th.

The District has decided NOT TO SPLIT at this time. We will be trying some new things to boost attendance, including using social media.

Please check out our Facebook page: IVFA District 6 for meeting notices and events within the district. Please post any events that your department is hosting on the Facebook page.

E.J. Smith
District #6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

The District 7 meeting at Ossian Sept. 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Joyce Nevil with Pledge to the Flag. Roll call was taken.

Minutes were read from May meeting and approved. No minutes from July 2016 because no meeting, 4-H and vacations. Treasurer's report read and approved.

Joyce read minutes from August officer's meeting and were discussed.

Approved of having a representative on the Miss Flame committee, one from the IVFA and one from the Convention committee.

Carol Curl . . .

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We began at the last quarterly meeting the process of review, revise, and bringing our BY-LAWS and SOGS current as well as taking a look at our committees, their purpose, function, and operation. This will not be a small task, but hopefully a meaningful and important task that every organization must go through occasionally, I guess it is just our time.

Once we have some progress made I will attempt to include the suggestions, changes, or thought of changes in our paper and on the website for everyone to review.

If you have any special function, meeting or events, please contact me as I would enjoy attending and being a part of as many Auxiliaries as possible. At each meeting I attend I attempt to address those present about the reasons why others should join their local auxiliary and I am attempting to assist in starting auxiliaries in locations / Districts that currently have none. Your help and assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

Remember, we have some awards and Miss Flame deadlines rapidly approaching and it would be great to have as many nominees as possible, causing our committees to have a great deal of review, and decision making to do as possible, so please get those names in for both the awards and the

Talked about changing SOG like members' husband, it should be spouse.

District 7 had an auxiliary member to pass away Paul Rogers, Jr., Joyce Nevil's son-in-law.

Next meeting at Poe. It will be our Miss Flame contest, and our Christmas exchange \$5.00.

Diana made a motion to adjourn, seconded by E.J.

Meeting adjourned.

District 7 Chairman
Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A,

Well, fall is in the air! I'm sad summer is leaving but happy for upcoming holidays!

We had our district meeting on September 11, 2015 at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. It was a joint picnic with 11B. Lots and lots of good food and fellowship with a lot of good folks. About 70 attended including some state officers. Great day, lots of fun. We had Bar-B-Q pork chops and hot dogs prepared by Jeff Van Lannon of Shapersville.

Joann Hays was honored with an award for 30 years of service as chaplain. She was presented with a throw blanket made by Carol Curl and a plaque in her honor. Thanks, Joann for a job well done. You deserve all recognition.

I have attended several fundraisers and meetings with Pete as he has passed out pins and awards. Congratulations to all for their service.

Our Miss Flame dance is November 19, 2016 at Engineers Building on So. 41. There is no admission fee. There will be a DJ and finger food. Come and support the girls that are running from District 11A.

Our next district meeting be at Shepersville on November 20th at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see a good crowd there.

Till next time,
Stay safe.

District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

- submitted by Padrick Schmitt, Probationary Firefighter 2794, South Haven Fire Rescue



South Haven Firefighter Padrick Schmitt and District 1 Miss Flame Kaylee Hans in the 2016 Lake Station's 4th of July Parade.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

10 year members



Six members of Cedar Lake VFD received their 10 year IVFA membership pins presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman and Todd Wilkening, Chief of CLVFD.



Members of Kouts VFD received their 10 year IVFA pins presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Ten members of St. John VFD received their 10 year IVFA membership pins presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Eight members of Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Force VFD received their 10 year IVFA membership pins presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

Global Award winner

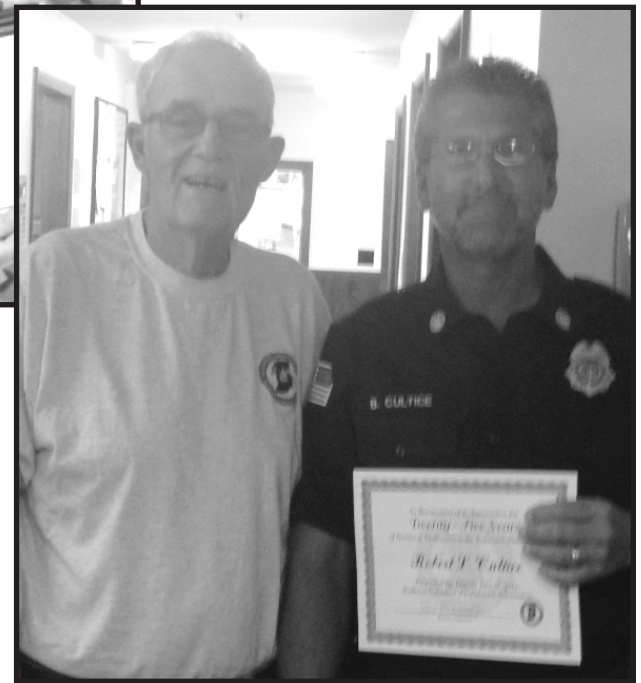
IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT - Don Sutter, retired chief of Kouts VFD, was presented with the District 2 2016 Global Award presented by Larry Polas and Jason Gephardt of Global Emergency Products .

25 year members



District 2 Chairman Paul Watland presented his son Erik Watland with his 25 year IVFA membership pin and certificate.

Robert L. Cultice, of Kouts VFD, received his 25 year IVFA membership pin and certificate presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



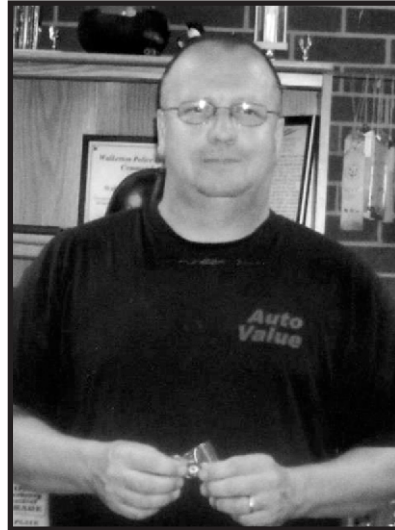
NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman

Ten year pins



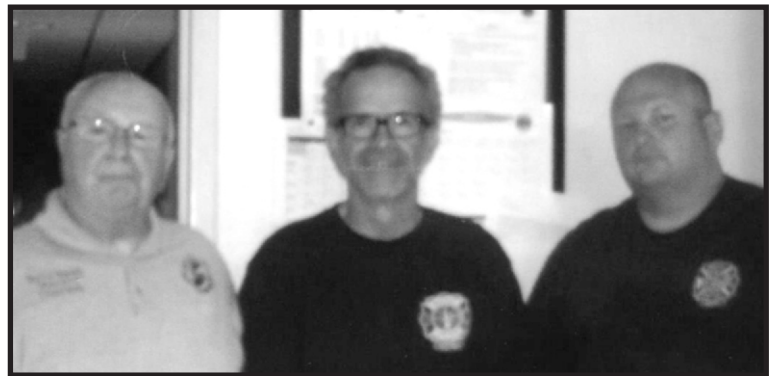
Firefighters from Concord Township Fire Department. (Left to right): David Miller, Kenneth Davis, Kevin Doyle, Chairman Terry Smith, Bryan Jaenichen, David Menges.



John Paschen of Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department



Jefferson Township Fire Department members. Front row : (Left to right) – Earl Otto, Frederick Welker, Shelley Trimmer, Eric Schneider, Chairman Terry Smith, Brent Chupp. Back row : Martin Simmons, Norm Gersitz, Martin Lowe, Rodd Lehman, Gregory Swank.



Bristol Fire Department members – Pictured (left to right) Chairman Terry Smith, James Overhulser, Frederick Welker.



Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department – pictured (left to right) – Brian Hester, chairman Terry Smith, Mark Mammon, David Celmer.



Foraker Community Volunteer Fire Department – Front row (pictured left to right) - Curtis Martin, Jake Crist, Olen Martin, Chairman Terry Smith, Kraig Brubaker. Back row - Sheldon Ramer, Scott Jacobson, Todd Ropp, Doug Hochstedler.



Elkhart Township Volunteer Fire Department – Pictured (left to right) : Chairman Terry Smith, Lyndal Rohn, James Mast, Michael Pennington.

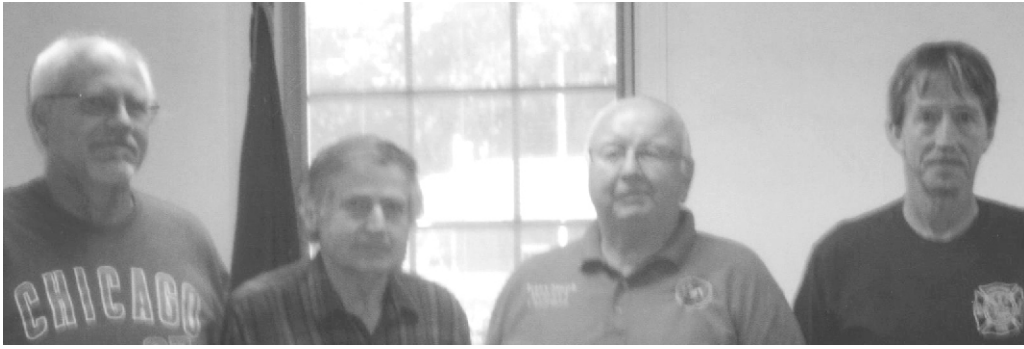
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman

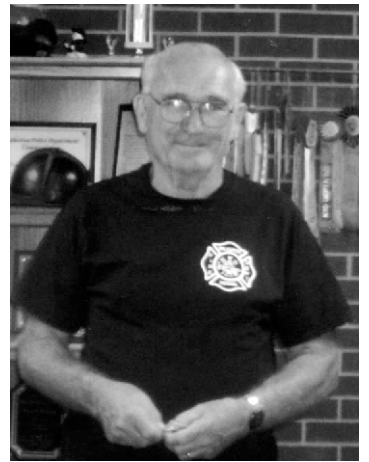
Twenty-five year pins



Concord Township Fire Department – Pictured (left to right) - Jerry Adkins, Nathan King, Chairman Terry Smith, Dennis Lienhart.



Jefferson Township Fire Department – Pictured (left to right) Dennis Swartz and chairman Terry Smith.



John McGovern of Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department



Cleveland Township Fire Department – Pictured (left to right) : Chairman Terry Smith, John Hardy.

Charles Wozny of Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department was surprised when he received the District 4 Global Award. Pictured (left to right) – Chief George Schafer, IVFA District 4 secretary Elton Schafer, Charles Wozny, chairman Terry Smith, and assistant chief Jason Casad.

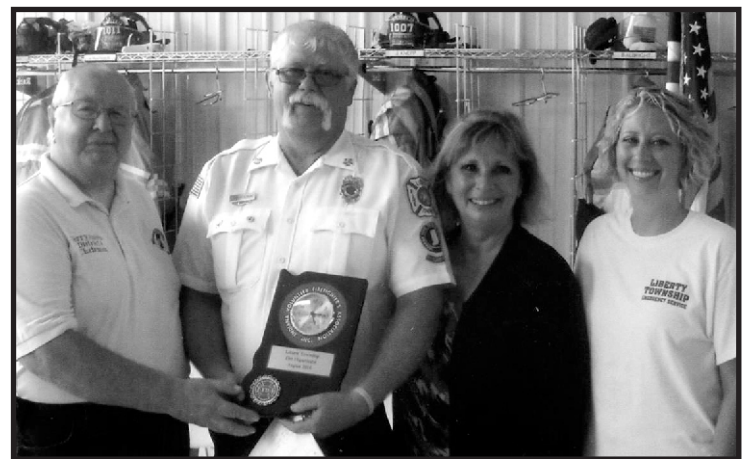
Global Award



Liberty Township Fire Department new station



New fire station



Liberty Township Fire Department received the IVFA clock from district chairman Terry Smith for their new fire station. Pictured (left to right) – District chairman Terry Smith, chief Bryan Albright, Liberty Township trustee Sue Ditman, Director of EMS Amy Allsop.



Ribbon cutting

February
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Deadline :
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Teaching future firefighters how to use the hose at the open house. The department celebrated their new fire station and their 101st anniversary.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Jerry Sprague, District Chairman

New station dedication held



Chief Bender and several Topeka Volunteers uncouple the hose at the Topeka VFD new station dedication.



Chief Stewart Bender receiving a station clock from Chairman Jerry Sprague at the Topeka VFD new station dedication.

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Lois Boaz
nominating
letters*

e-mail news
and ads to
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Letters are to be sent to all Lois Boaz committee members. They must be a personal letter stating why their lady should be chosen on community, church, fire service or anything she is involved in.

Letters are to be handwritten or typed and sent in by February 1, 2017.

Make it worth the committees to choose.

Martha Thomas
2016 Chairman

Carol Curl . . .

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Miss Flames.

I have made some new and some reappointed committee members / leaders appointments. I continue to believe a strong Auxiliary will only be as strong as our committees and those who lead and work them.

I continue to think of goals that I hope will help guide us as we move forward as a State or District Auxiliary.

As I shared with you in the last newspaper, my top priority is our membership for which I hope to see an auxiliary in each of the IVFA districts, with the support, help, and guidance I think we will make a difference.

Remember winter (oh, what a cold thought) will be upon us quickly and we all need to be prepared should our service be needed to provide for our firefighters on a long, bitterly cold night as we often see them out in.

Until next time, your support and guidance has been heartwarming.

Your President, faithfully
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Submitted by Jerry Sprague, District Chairman

Ten year pins



10 year pins from the Howe Volunteer Fire Department



Caryn Williamson and Cory Garman of Salem Center VFD receive 10 year pins.

Fifteen and twenty-five year pins awarded



IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT – Congratulations to the 2016 IVFA District 6 Global Award winner, Tyler Terry. Tyler is the fire chief at Stroh VFD and was recognized for his dedication to the fire service. He was presented the award by District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague and PRNE Jean Smith.

Submitted by Kimberly Smith, District 6 IVFAA Secretary/Treasurer.

Global Award



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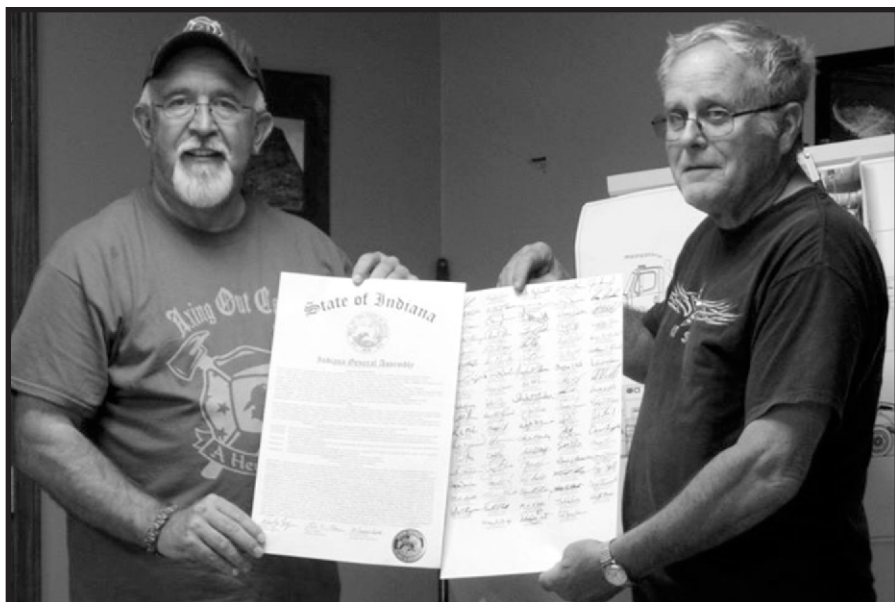
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

Submitted by Jerry Liston, District Chairman

Fifty years of service



District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston presenting Summitville FD Assistant Chief Keith Baldwin with Indiana Legislative signed resolution honoring his 50 years in the fire service. — Photo provided by Summitville FD.

Annual breakfast held



Chief Kevin Warnock and members of the Converse FD manning the grills during the department's annual breakfast in August.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Five year award

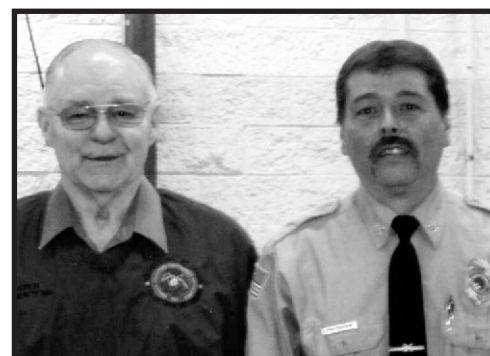


On September 17th the Dunkirk Fire Department held their annual awards banquet. Presenting Foster Cody with his 5 year service award is John Willoughby.

Portland FD awards banquet



On April 7th, the following members of the Portland Fire Department were honored at their annual awards banquet. Pictured from left to right are: Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman, Brandon Clifton - 5 years, Derek Mills - 5 years, Travis Theurer - 5 years, Donald Corn - 10 years and Gary Johnston - 30 years. Congratulations to all of you.



TWENTY FIVE YEAR PIN – Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Ron Somers with his 25 year pin. Congratulations, Ron.

Season's Greetings to everyone in District 8B



TEN YEAR PINS – The following members received their 10 year pins. Pictured from left to right are Lloyd E. Wright - district chairman, Jason White, Chad Aker, Mitch Southworth, Kevin Pugh, David Jellison, Donald Corn, and Chris Bemis. Not present were Chuck Denney, Tyler Reidt and Jason Thobe.

Dunkirk FD awards banquet



TEN YEAR PINS – On September 17th at Dunkirk Fire Department's annual awards banquet, the following people received their 10 year pins. Pictured from left to right - front row: Chairman Wright, Brian Mahorney, Jack McDonald, Devon Messersmith, Jim Millikan, Megan Sollers. Back row: Tom Dornberger, Farrel Wells, Dave Mumbower. Congratulations.



TWENTY FIVE YEAR PIN – Chairman Wright presented Dave Mumbower with his 25 year pin. Pictured from left to right are chairman Wright, Dave Mumbower and John Willoughby.

10 year pins



On August 4 chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented Modoc Volunteer Fire Department with their 10 year pins. Pictured are Tina Michaels and Scott Sharp. Not present was Steven Sharp.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Parades held throughout the district

Pennville Fair



Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their parade during the Pennville Fair. Pictured are two of Pennville's trucks. Rich Imel is driving the old truck. Looks like the kids are having fun riding the firetruck.

Waterball



On June 25th the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held kid's waterball at the Pennville Fair. Looks like Randy Young, fire chief of the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, is trying to give the kids advice on how to play the game.



Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held waterball. Winning first place was the Dunkirk Fire Department. Winning second place was Eaton Volunteer Fire Department.

Bluebird Days Parade



On August 27th the Stoney Creek Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, Blountsville attended the Bluebird Days Parade in Selma.



Liberty Twp. Volunteer Fire Department going through the parade.

Portland July 4th Parade



The Portland Fire Department held their 4th of July waterball. Pictured shooting waterball is Pennville Volunteer Fire Department and Dunkirk Fire Department. Winning 1st place was Dunkirk Fire Department.



Rich Imel from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department driving their truck at the parade.



Randy Young, Fire Chief of the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department, driving one of their trucks in the parade.

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Thank you!!

**FEBRUARY 2017 DEADLINE:
JANUARY 5, 2017**

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

New tanker



On September 14th the Eaton/Union Township Volunteer Fire Department received their new tanker. It is a Rosenbauer Freightliner with a 3000 gallon 1250 gpm pump.

Jamboree Days



The Montplier Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade Jamboree Days. Shown are two of their trucks.

Fire training held



On April 9th the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department and the West Union Volunteer Fire Department had fire training on this house.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Fundraisers held throughout the district



Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Cowan, held a fish and chicken fry on September 9th at their station. Looks like the serving line is busy and the crowd is enjoying their food.

The Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department held their pulled pork dinner on April 16 and the Harris Chapel Church. Looks like the people are enjoying their meal and looks like people are in line to be served.



IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT – The Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast on September 10th. Shown is the serving line and it looks like the people are ready to eat.

From the State House to the Fire House

By Larry Curl, IVFA Member and Lobbyist

Greetings;
IT'S TIME... before we know it we will be back in session at the State House working the halls, talking with the members and addressing our legislative concerns and issues.

I have had the opportunity to meet with some of you during the summer at your district meetings and address some of the 2016/2017 IVFA legislative agenda but I would like to also share it via our newspaper so all can see what our priority items are.

Cancer is the leading cause of firefighter line-of-duty deaths in the United States; firefighting has been linked to an increased risk of multiple myeloma, Hodgkin lymphoma, and prostate, testicular, brain, colon, skin and lung cancers. Although we can't eliminate the risks of exposure, there are steps individuals and departments can take.

We must do our part if we expect others to do theirs, meaning we need to practice all the cautions such as:

- Proper wearing of our PPE.
- proper cleaning our PPE
- properly storing and transporting of our PPE
- proper use of our SCBA
- proper control of our station diesel exhaust
- shower immediately following a call
- be a smoke free facility
- become a non tobacco use member
- watch our diets
- exercise regularly
- use of alcohol in moderation if at all
- have an annual physical and screening

So the IVFA has taken this matter seriously and asks that every firefighter do the same. For a complete look at the causes, prevention, and protection, all one needs to do is a search on Cancer among U.S. Fire Fighters.

Last year we had a bill drafted that would address a presumptive Cancer benefit for our members but due to some defining issues had to withdraw it.

This year after a study of some 38 states - 10 of which include their Volunteers that currently have a Cancer law, by a committee of 10 IVFA members (and the committee work is still on going) we hope we are much better prepared to take up the issue once again.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9B

Submitted by Brookston Prairie Township Volunteer Fire Department



Pictured above are some members of the Brookston Prairie Township Volunteer Fire Department who received their 10 year or 25 year pins on 09/08/16 at the District 9B meeting. Pins were presented by District Chairman Randy Denton. Pictured (left to right) – 10 year Andrew Kesler, 25 year Dave Kent, 25 year Ron Martin, 25 year Michael Payne and front row: Randy Denton.

We are looking at a presumptive cancer / workers comp medical and disability benefit to assist our members if / when those who become injured or contract this deadly disease.

Our goal will include an education component, a prevention component, and a legislative component.

The education will be a learning of the cause(s), the Prevention will be how to help prevent, and the legislation will be to assist us should we be diagnosed.

This program will involve everyone and will require all of us to take action to learn, prevent, and use extreme caution. This is a very serious issue and we need to address it in a very serious manner. Just as serious as training is to becoming a firefighter or EMT, so is the training to protect ourselves from all causes that will harm, injury or kill us.

I will do my part; will you do yours?

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Twenty five year pins



11A chairman Pete Taylor presented (left to right) Keith Holbert, Derrick Scott and Charles Stramahan with 25 year pins from Sugar Creek on August 17, 2016.



IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT – Firefighters from Poland Community V.F.D. received their 25 year pins on September 16, 2016.

(Left to right) - Marvin Strauch, Ruth Schatter and Craig Neese. Holding his plaque, Craig Neese retired from fire service.



Jeffery Fulford received his 25 year pin on August 18, 2016 at Union Fire Territory from district chairman 11A Pete Taylor.

Check out heating units carefully for the winter season

The outside temperature is falling into the twenties, the teens, and lower. Inside our home's fires are built in wood stoves, thermostats are turned up to "take off the chill", or portable heating devices are used to supplement the structure's traditional heating appliance. Regardless of the heat plant used or how it is used, these devices can cause fires.

Heating fires applies to those fires that are caused by functioning or malfunctioning central heating units, fixed or portable local heating units, fireplaces, chimneys, and water heaters. Units use multiple types of fuels such as oil, gas, coal, wood, etc. The US Fire Administration (USFA) finds that an average of 51,000 residential heating fires are reported each year. It also reports the peak months for heating fires are January-February. Knowing that is the time for heating fires to occur, you need to examine some possible accidental ignition sources to look for while doing the investigation.

It is important to remember to document the area before any form of examination is conducted. The examination of the heat plant is conducted using the same systematic approach as the scene exam. This is exterior to interior and least to heaviest. Begin the exam on the heat

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Station clock presentation



District 11A chairman Pete Taylor presented a station clock to Chief Brian Perdue and Assistant Chief Jack Wollery for their new station in Poland Community on September 18, 2016.

Season's Greetings from District 11A & 13B

Heating units . . .

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plant's exterior. Check the flue pipe(s) and/or chimney for cracks and/or loose connections. Note the distance between the flue pipe/chimney and combustibles especially where there is a breach in structural components. Mentally ask yourself if this distance is sufficient to create pyrolysis effect of area combustibles. Check the unit's connections and controls. Is there any sign of a leaking fuel product? An example of this may be discoloration of the floor overlay or floorboard itself. Can you move connectors easily? Are there signs of tool marks? Observing these things should cause to inquire with the owner/occupant if there were any mechanical problems with the units. Note the positions of any of the controls. Make sure that controls are in an "on" position if you suspect the heat plant is the ignition source. The interior of the heat plant requires the same basic observations as the exterior. One additional item to consider when examining the interior is the general "housekeeping" of the unit. Does it appear that filters are clean and the unit has been maintained or are there signs of inadequate maintenance?

Fifty-one percent of heat plant fires are attributed to some form of mechanical failure. Twenty-seven percent is caused by improper maintenance, and eleven percent is caused by combustibles stored too close to the unit. Be careful on how much examination of the heat plant is done. If a mechanical failure is suspected, the insurance company will most likely want to have the unit examined for possible litigation. Tampering too much with the unit could raise spoilation issues. Use this to your advantage. If the insurance company hires an engineer to examine the unit, ask for a copy of the report when the engineer is finished. This reduces the change of spoilation, allows the "expert" to render the opinion about the heat plant, and provides documentation to support your conclusion.

So the next time you are digging out the fire scene in the winter and a heat plant is located in the area of origin, keep these suggestions in mind to help with your examination.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13-B

Submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

LP Gas School held in District 13B



A special thanks to the Centerville Fire Dept. and Chief Dennis Spears for hosting and LP Gas school and inviting all departments and making it a district wide training opportunity.



Chicken dinner fundraiser



Annual Glenwood Fire Department chicken dinner fund raiser held on October 2.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Madison 175 year celebration

A celebration was held on Saturday, September 17th for the 175th anniversary of Fair Play Fire Company #1 in Madison.



IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT – Rick Cannon is shown placing the medal around the neck of Carl Morgan, while being honored by the Fire Marshal’s office. Carl is the senior of the senior members at FPFC#1 with more than 62 years of service. – Photo taken by Brittney Snodgrass.



IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT – LeMoyné ‘Buz’ Koehler and district chairman Rick Cannon are shown presenting one of the certificates to the FPFC#1 President, Wil Goering.

Sellersburg Celebrates

Mock crash



Prosser Career Center mock crash at Sellersburg Celebrates



Prosser Career Center and instructors. Mock crash sponsored by Midnight Towing.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Articles and photos submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Fish fries in the district



Driftwood Fire fish fry



Crothersville Vernon fish fry

2016 Convention Minutes

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
BELTERRA CASINO AND RESORT
777 BELTERRA DRIVE
FLORENCE, INDIANA
9:00 A.M.

Mr. Anderson: Welcome, everybody. Good morning and welcome. I'd like to call the 70th annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order. Reminder to please put your pagers, cell phones, electronic devices, whatever you may have on silent, vibrate, turned off. Keep in mind that this is being recorded. We have Amy Benjamin, today's court reporter, that will be recording this. If you see her start waving, we've told her to go ahead and let us know. We have microphones stationed out at three various locations, so make sure you use those. Also, make sure you identify yourself and your district. Since I've been in this particular office, it has always been a tradition that before the Pledge that we hold a moment of silence for those that we've lost within our organization, so at this time would you please stand for a moment of silence. We'll follow that with the Pledge led by vice president Holcomb and the invocation by Chaplain Dave Elick.

(Moment of silence.)

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.
(Pledge of Allegiance.)

Chaplain Elick: Before I get started with our invocation this morning, Mr. President has told me that I have a guest to introduce, my mom, Marcie Elick is here with us today. Doesn't happen very often, but glad she's here. Let us pray.

(Invocation.)

Mr. Anderson: I understand that we have some visitors that are here to greet us this morning, so EJ, if you want to hobble your way in.

(Ladies enter the room.)

Ms. Smith: Good morning. This year we had 23 beautiful girls that you see. We have our winner for this year 2016 is Abby Smith from District 4. Our runner-up is Kelsey Walton from District 12. And this is the rest of the beautiful court. As the year goes on, we would like to have you guys invite these lovely ladies to any kind of functions that you guys have, whether it be parades, chili suppers, fish fries, whatever, keep these girls involved. And thank you very much.

Mr. Anderson: I think you guys have some special guest dancers tonight, specifically selected for you.

Mr. Anderson: Okay, very good. Anything else, EJ? Anybody need to talk from the group.

Ms. Smith: If Abby would like to--

Mr. Anderson: Abby, you want to talk? Kelsey, you want to talk?

Ms. Smith: So EJ just introduced me, my name is Abby Smith. I'm from District 4, right here. I just wanted to say if you guys have anything you need or want me to be at, you can always get ahold of me and I'll do my best to be at any event you have. So thank you.

Ms. Walton: Ditto.

Ms. Steward: Good morning everyone. My name is Tressa Steward. I'm your 2015 Miss Flame and I'm from District 11A and thank you so much.

Mr. Anderson: Chairmen, please distribute your delegate vouchers. Remember, this is one per department. Please complete your delegate roll call sheets, and three per department can register to vote. Anybody have four or more here from one department? The mileage committee is meeting in the back consisting of Luke Kluender, Bev Harker, Don Cushman, Leighanne Ellis, Richard Glant, Buz Koehler. The credentials committee is also meeting in the back, Diane Harrison, Larry Bartlow, Jack Kerney, Mitch Parish, Ed Scheele and Jean Smith. I can't stress enough to make sure that when you speak from the microphones out there, to identify yourself, district chairmen, this includes you.

Introduction of guests. Sam Emery, you in the building?

Mr. Emery: Yeah, right here.

Mr. Anderson: Right here, Mr. IVFA 2016, Sam, congratulations. We just had Ollie Sandberg Award in here, so EJ we will recognize you just a tad bit later than what we should have.

Let's see, Marshal Greeson, there he is. He was over here. So anybody else -- Chief Buckman, is that Brandon? Very good. So we'll hear from those guys later on -- anybody on a tight

schedule? I know, Marshal, you are a little bit. Brian Weiss is here today also. You want to come up and give a few words?

Mr. Weiss: Morning. Brian Weiss from the Armed Forces Benefit Association. Those of you who were here last year, this will be a little bit of a review. For those of you who weren't, the Armed Forces Benefit Association was created in 1947 by General Eisenhower to provide insurance for the military. After what happened on 9-11, they have now made those benefits available to your departments. What happened on 9-11 and thereafter was that a lot of families of the men and women that died on 9-11 were denied their life insurance benefits because of exclusions in their life insurance policies. Those exclusions were primarily act of war, act of terror, hazardous duty and line of duty. When the Armed Forces Benefit Association found out about that, they decided to take their military coverage they've been offered since 1947 and make it available to the first responders. And that's why we're here today, it is available to the members of your department. There's two parts to it. There's a free part, it's a \$5,000 no exclusion life insurance policy. It covers everyone ages 18 to 59, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on or off duty, so it's available to the members of your department which includes the Ladies' Auxiliary as well. Those of you who were here last year and signed up for it, I'm going to be sitting in the back here for the rest of this meeting. If you want to come back and set up a time to renew from last year, we can. For those of you who haven't signed up for it, I'm going to be walking through the audience here in a minute. I'll hand out these sheets. You can get ahold of me after today's meeting to schedule a time to come brief your department. The second part to that is there's military grade insurance coverage that's available to all the members of your department as well. And the key point is they have no exclusions. So any of the exclusions that affected those families on 9-11 do not exist in the military grade policy. And those are available to the members of your department as well. One last thing I want to mention, since I was here last year, you remember historically that VA was just for the military? This year we added a director to our Board of Directors who was the former fire commissioner from the New York Fire Department. He was on the fire department on 9-11 although he was not the commissioner at that time. He has now joined our Board of Directors. IVFA is trying to add more focus on the first responders, and so we're pleased to announce that he has now become a member of our Board of Directors. So I thank you all for your time today. I'll be in the back and I'll be handing these out here as we go on with the meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Anderson: Hey, Brian, confirm one thing for me.

Mr. Weiss: Yes, sir.

Mr. Anderson: You cannot go to a department without an invite, correct?

Mr. Weiss: Correct.

Mr. Anderson: Guys, hear that? He cannot just show up at your door. He needs an invite. His policy says that he has to have an invite for your district meeting, for your department to show up, so that's the trigger to get Brian.

Mr. Weiss: Thank you.

Mr. Anderson: Diane Harrison, reading of the minutes from last convention.

Mr. Howe: Mr. President, Bill Howe, District 1. I move we suspend the reading and accept as printed.

Mr. Anderson: Bill Howe has made a motion that we accept the minutes and suspend the reading. Thank you, Terry Smith.

Mr. Smith: Terry Smith, District 4. I second that.

Mr. Anderson: Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

(Aye responses given.)

Mr. Anderson: All opposed, no.

Unidentified Speaker: No.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you. Officer's reports, we'll start with the president. Two years ago at this meeting I set a goal of getting to all 25 district meetings. I'm a tad short. 8A, you're on the agenda for sometime later this year. District 4, you're on the calendar for is it August? There's three more that I need to and so I'll hopefully get those completed here before the end of the year. I will have some pictures and things like that to kind of reflect the last three or four years, some of you might have seen them last night during the hot dog bust and I think they'll be shown during the meal at the banquet. So with that I'll defer to Paul

Holcomb, vice president.

Mr. Holcomb: Well, as the vice president, I have had a very good last year and a half. As I stated when I was elected, I'd also try to do my best to travel the state. I have made it to District 4, however, I still haven't gotten to one and two, but I have pretty much covered the entire state within the last year and a half, hit most of the meetings, and I plan to continue to do so. I'd like to thank everyone for all the support in the last year and a half and the welcome I get when I walk in the meetings, I tell everybody I like to see their jaws drop; surprised that I am there. But thank you all.

Mr. Anderson: Secretary is going to pass. She's a little tied up with her business in hand. Treasurer is also going to pass. Chaplain Dave Elick.

Chaplain Elick: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: Dave, would you introduce any associate chaplains that are in the room?

Chaplain Elick: PR Northwest, I don't think any of those guys are here. Northeast, it's myself. West Central is George Buck, Pete Taylor, Charlie Baker, he's left the building. East Central, Carol Thrawley, Southeast, Ed Gerdowsky. Help me out fellows, did I miss anybody? Tom Sellmer, Southeast, he went home.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you guys.

Mr. Anderson: Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Bush.

Mr. Bush: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: Would somebody want to give an update on John Davies? Bill Bush for the record.

Mr. Bush: I was very fortunate about two weeks ago to have a meal with John Davies and his wife, Larry Curl and his wife. But John, if you would listen to him in the morning, you'd think he died. Give him five minutes and he'll run a race with you. But his wife has been in the hospital and she's out and she was with us. And John is doing very well, I think.

Mr. Anderson: For those of you who know John, he is a -- I won't say an avid e-mailer, but he uses e-mail, so feel free to shoot him an e-mail and communicate with him that way. Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Israel: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: PR Northwest Leighanne Ellis.

Ms. Ellis: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: PR Northeast Jean Smith.

Mr. Smith: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: PR West Central Larry Bartlow.

Mr. Bartlow: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: PR East Central Don Cushman.

Mr. Cushman: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: PR Southeast Jack Kerney.

Mr. Kerney: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: PR Southeast Ed Scheele.

Mr. Scheele: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: Alright. District reports, District 1 Marshall Neese.

Mr. Neese: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 2 Paul Watland.

Mr. Watland: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 3, substituting for Tim Sandy today we have Bob Uryga.

Mr. Uryga: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 4 Terry Smith.

Mr. Smith: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 5 John Grolich.

Mr. Grolich: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 6 Jerry Sprague.

Mr. Sprague: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 7 Sam Bisel.

Mr. Bisel: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 8A Jerry Liston.

Mr. Liston: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 8B Lloyd Wright.

Mr. Wright: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 9A Jeremy Reef.

Mr. Reef: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 9B for Randy Denton,

Mitch Parish.

Mr. Parish: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 10 John Ray.

Mr. Ray: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 11A Pete Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 11B, substituting for chairman Larry Southard is John Morphy.

Mr. Anderson: District 12 Larry Bruner.

Mr. Bruner: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: District 13A Mike Dzuba.

Mr. Dzuba: Pass.

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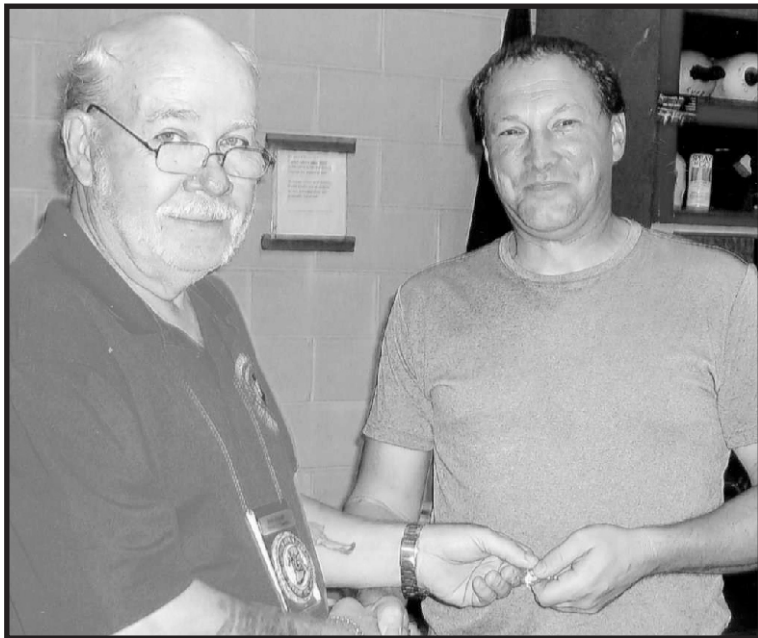
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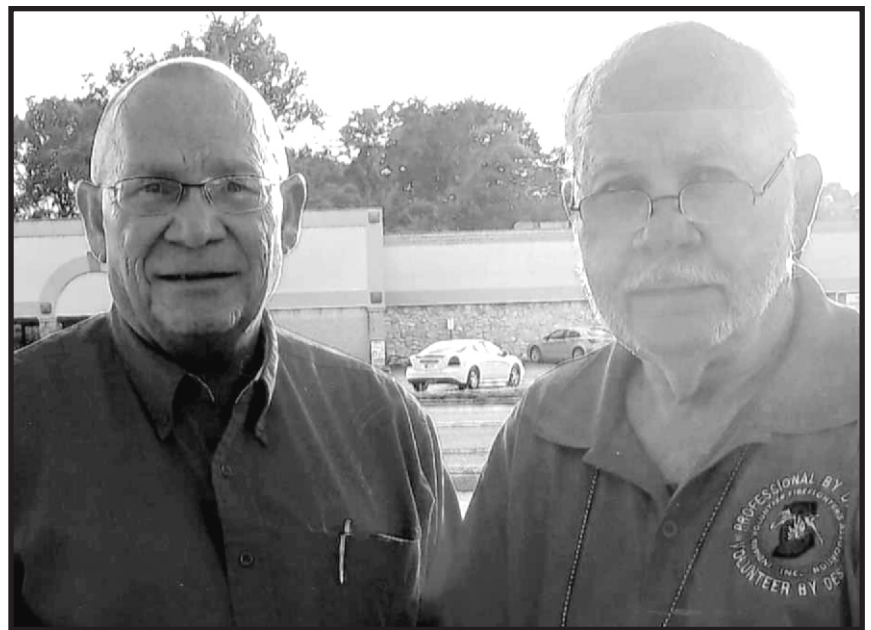
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Mr. Anderson: District 13B Jeff Biehl.
Mr. Biehl: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: District 14 Rick Cannon. I know he has something.
Mr. Cannon: District 14, just want to let everybody know on September the 17th starting at 4:00 in Madison is Fair Play Fire Department's 175th anniversary. They're inviting everybody down to celebrate with them. It's right across from the courthouse in Madison. So that will be from four to five and then they're going to have food and refreshments from five to ten. That's on September 17th.
Mr. Anderson: For those of you that were here during the Board of Firefighters and Standards Education, you heard the proclamation that was read and I did receive a copy of that before the meeting, so we do have that on file. We have a guest that has arrived, Lona Huffman. Anything from the Ezell Group that you would like to talk about now?
Ms. Huffman: No, not really.
Mr. Anderson: Okay. That will be a pass.
District 15, Ross Emery.
Mr. Emery: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Josh Reisert, District 16.
Mr. Riesert: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: District 17A, Sam Emery.
Mr. Emery: I would like to thank this organization for honoring me this year.
Mr. Anderson: District 17B, Steve Nolan.
Mr. Nolan: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: District 18, John Smith.
Mr. Smith: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: District 19, Steve Macke.
Mr. Macke: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: District 21, Don Fultz.
Mr. Fultz: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Great. Past president Mitch Parish.
Mr. Parish: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Richard Glant.
Mr. Glant: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Jack Zeeks.
Mr. Zeeks: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Jack Kerney.
Mr. Kerney: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Larry Ketchem.
Mr. Ketchem: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: And Tim Deckard is not here.
David Israel: Pass.
Mr. Anderson: Can you come up and give a report on Jim Parker, please?
Mr. Israel: Jim Parker, I talked with him the other day. Actually came down and seen me on June 4th. He always handles the Mr. IVFA Coat

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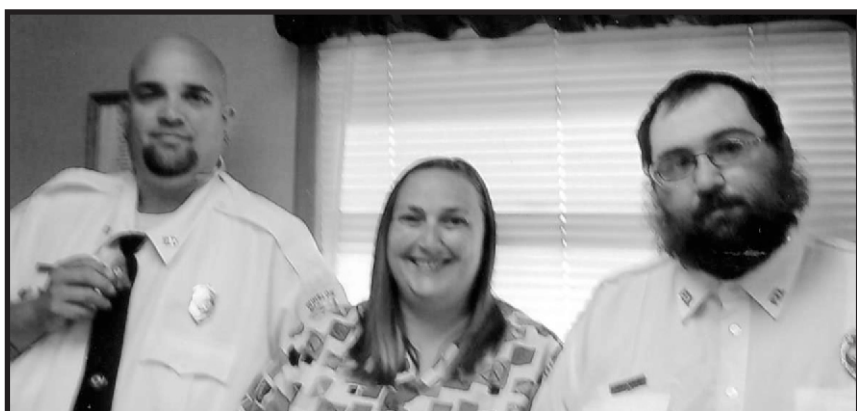
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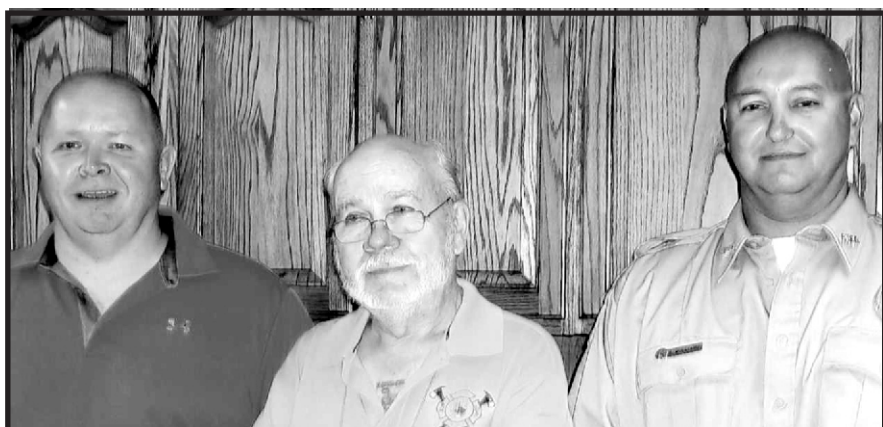
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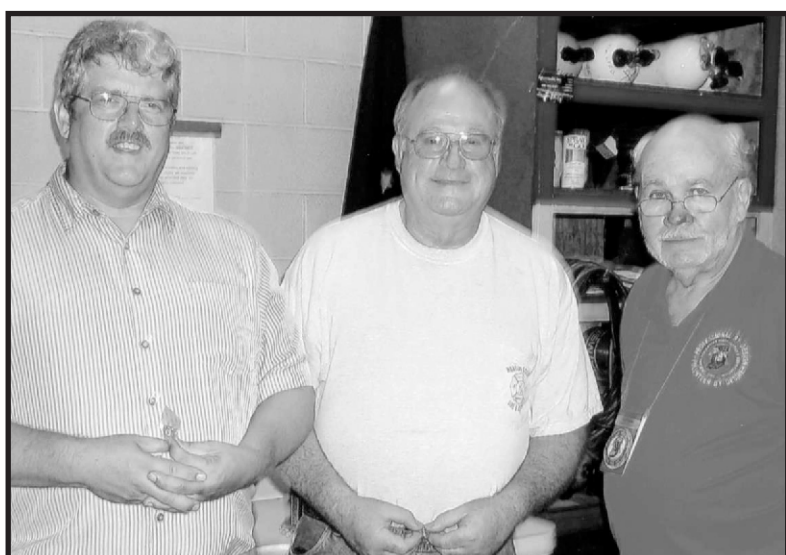


Bloomfield VFD member presented 10 year pin with Chief Lee Baker in attendance.



Plainville VFD members

25 year pins



Members of Martin Co. C.D. Fire & Rescue



Washington Twp. VFD member John Cavanaugh presented 25 year pin with Chief Tony Wichman in attendance.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-A

Articles and photos submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

25 year pins



Bloomfield VFD member Chris Stahl presented 25 year pin with Chief Lee Baker in attendance.



Winslow VFD Chief Jason Bottoms



Chief Jeremy Inman, Center Twp. VFD

Global Award winner



Loogootee VFD member Gerald Huebner is presented a Proclamation for his 50 years of service with son Morgan Huebner, chief Loogootee VFD in attendance.



Patoka Twp. VFD retired chief Ed Schuessler presented the Global Award.

Teaching fire safety

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Taylor Twp. VFD chief Randy Baker is shown teaching fire safety at Madison Twp. fund raiser.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Articles and photos submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

Huntington VFD hosts waterball competition during 2016 Herbstfest

During the weekend-long festivities held during the annual Huntingburg Herbstfest (22-25 Sept.), the Huntingburg VFD sponsored a Waterball competition hosting area fire departments. Third place was taken by the team from the Holland VFD. In a tightly contested battle during the championship round, Huntingburg VFD Team #2 was bettered by the first place team from the Ferdinand VFD.



First place - Ferdinand



Second place - Huntington



Third place - Holland

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

Articles and photos submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

Ten-year pins awarded



Members of Drewersberg Volunteer Fire Department receiving 10 year pins.



Gold Card recipient

Presented 50 year Gold card to Clinton McNally.

Pictured are: Larry Curl, Chief Todd Frondorf, Clinton McNally, Chairman Stephen Macke, Senator Jeffery Raatz.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

Submitted by Denise Routzahn



The above picture was taken by Denise Routzahn, wife of Troy Routzahn.

Troy is being honored with his 25 year pin by Don Fultz, District 21 Chairman for the IVFA (Indiana Volunteer Fire Association) on Wednesday, August third during the Tri-County Fire Association monthly meeting.

Troy proudly serves Attica Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter.

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The Least Expensive New Cars to Insure

Last year was a banner year for U.S. automobile sales. Some 17.5 million of us bought a new car or truck in 2015.

If you are in the market for a new vehicle, don't forget to factor in the cost of insurance when you are researching what to buy. The excitement of that new vehicle can quickly fade when you find out the cost to insure it.

Insure.com did some number crunching to determine which new cars will save you money on auto insurance premiums. They checked rates for over 1,500, 2015 vehicles and found the least expensive to insure was the Jeep Wrangler Sport 4WD, with an annual cost of \$1,134. The Jeep Patriot 2WD was second at \$1,136. Rounding out the top five were the Honda CR-V LX 4WD, Dodge Grand Caravan SE Plus and the Honda Odyssey LX, all under \$1,200 per year.

Now keep in mind, the actual average per state premiums varied widely, with the driver of the Jeep Wrangler paying as little as \$694 a year in Maine or as much as \$2,012 in Hawaii. Indiana drivers will average \$890.

The factors that determine the cost to insure a vehicle are a combination of its price, horsepower, and claims history. From an insurance perspective, the better value vehicles were those that retail for less, cost much less to repair and are less likely to be stolen or involved in a crash. It's no surprise that the most expensive vehicles to insure typically sell for more than \$100,000, reach speeds of 200 miles per hour and cost much more to repair.

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1. **Clean up your credit.** Many insurance companies look at your credit score, the better your credit the better rate you are likely to receive.
2. **Increase your deductibles.** The savings will add up, especially if you are incident free for a number of years. Just make sure you have an emergency fund to cover that higher deductible.
3. **Check for good driver/good student discounts.** Speaking of incident free, when's the last time you had an accident or a moving violation. Most insurance companies will give you a good driver discount, but make sure you tell them. The same goes for students with good grades.
4. **Cut your driving.** Ride a bike, take mass transit or move closer to where you work. How many miles you drive each year can affect your auto insurance rates; the less you drive, the greater the possible discount.
5. **Get a policy review.** Has your commute changed? Did you install a security device? Did you get married? All of these can lower the rate you pay for insurance. Talking with your insurance advisor at least once a year is the best way to make sure you get the discounts you're entitled to.
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and a couple other awards. He was doing fine. He seems in really good spirits. He just can't walk very far, so he's actually doing pretty good.

Mr. Anderson: Past president Buz Koehler.
 Mr. Koehler: Pass.
 Mr. Anderson: Jack Kerney, are you available to talk about the Central Office?
 Mr. Kerney: I can.
 Mr. Anderson: Central Office report from Jack Kerney.

Mr. Kerney: I'm not going to go through everything we went through at the other meeting, but I'll let you know we are on the new system. Found some more glitches running this report, so we have some more work to do, but we're confident enough that we quit using the old system. It was taking up too much time to enter in both programs, so we've discontinued using the old one, we're only using the new one now. Takes a lot longer to enter into the system, but I think in the long run we'll get more stuff out of this program. So what used to take us about 20 minutes, average department now takes us about 40 minutes. We'll place an order for our color printer when I get back Monday. We'll be on-line to start printing cards so hopefully before July the 10th or everybody that's paid their 2016 dues, will have their membership card. So right now we're not printing any cards until we get the printer that we need. So that's where we're at. Any questions? License plates seem to be doing good. Please continue to buy our plate. As you know, our Bridgeport depends on that plate. So you're helping us -- buying those plates helps us keep that fund solvent.

Mr. Anderson: Has anybody run into problems at the license branch this year with plates? We've heard of a couple, so I just want to see if there was anybody physically here that had a problem. Is California Casualty in the room? No? American Income Life in the room? No? Station Supply, you in the room? No? Lona, you have anything?

Ms. Huffman: You know, I really don't, Steve. There's not been a lot of changes in anything, no legal changes or anything this year.

Mr. Anderson: If you guys have any questions, you're in the vendor hall today, right? And she'll probably be here tonight as well, so talk to her any time if you have any questions. David, audit.

Mr. Israel: Every year, we, the Association, is audited by the Kemper CPA Group and the audit was completed in January. The audit committee consisted of myself, Larry Ketchem, Paul Watland, John Morphy, John Grolich and Josh Reisert. We reviewed the documents that were presented to us and would ask that this body approve the audit from the CPA. So I need a motion to approve the audit.

Mr. Smith: John Smith, chairman District 18, motion that we approve the audit.

Mr. Israel: Second?
 Mr. Sprague: District 6 Jerry Sprague, second.

Mr. Israel: All those in favor, aye.
 (Aye responses given).

Mr. Israel: All opposed?
 Unidentified Speaker: No.

Mr. Israel: Motion carries. Thank you.
 Mr. Anderson: Awards committee, Paul?
 Mr. Holcomb: Pass.
 Mr. Anderson: We need your letters. Fair statement?

Mr. Holcomb: Fair statement.
 Mr. Anderson: We need your letters. It would be great to have 25 letters or people nominated. That would be just one from each district and I know that there is more than one person in each district that qualifies and is deserving of those awards. But it takes a little bit of an effort to do that. And I think it's safe to say that we did not get 25 letters for any of the awards.

Mr. Holcomb: Extremely safe to say.
 Mr. Anderson: Bridgeport, Richard Glant.
 Mr. Glant: We chose three winners, two of which will be here tonight at the banquet. And just like he said for the awards, we had 14 applications and you can't tell me out of the state there's not more than 14 kids that need some help.

Mr. Anderson: From the mileage committee, last call for mileage. Budget committee, Luke.
 Mr. Kluender: Pass.
 Mr. Anderson: Bylaws and SOGs, Larry Bartlow.
 Mr. Bartlow: Pass.
 Mr. Anderson: Clothing claims, Lloyd Wright.
 Mr. Wright: Pass.

Mr. Anderson: Convention, David.
 Mr. Israel: On the convention, one thing I want to start out with is, if there's any district that would like to bid on the 2019 convention, we do need a letter of intent. I need a letter of intent by February 1st, 2017. So keep that in mind. Steve Macke, you have anything for this year's convention?

Mr. Macke: Just this afternoon after the meeting we'll get the table layouts and we'll get those figured out. It will be posted down in the Maple Room and then we move it to the banquet area later on in the day and we will open the doors at 5:00 instead of 5:30.

Mr. Israel: Thanks, Steve. For the 2017 convention, which District 10 is hosting, John Ray and I are going to tag team that we'll kick that off this afternoon with pre-registration. We have a real nice door prize for those people that would like to pre-register for next year. It's a complimentary overnight stay with a prime rib buffet. The room can be used during the convention. The prime rib buffet can only be used on Friday or Saturday night, and it also comes with two breakfasts. We'll be down where the vendors are this afternoon between 1:30 and 4:00. Saturday morning when you check out, we'll be set up across from where you will check out as you leave the hotel. We will be collecting the badge holders if you'd like to recycle those. Worked out pretty good this year. The registration fee for next year is \$65, same as it was this year. Room rate is \$85. If there are people out there that have eating disorders, if you could write that on the registration so that we get a heads-up early instead of the day of the meal, we can get the chef to have a meal prepared for that individual. Later on this morning we'll be bidding on 2018 when our representative shows up. Thank you.

Mr. Anderson: EMS task force, Jerry Liston.

Mr. Liston: The next meeting is June the 24th, which is a Friday. Fishers, 10:00 a.m. if anybody would like to show up. I will be there.

Mr. Anderson: Of the departments that are represented here today, if there is a department that does not respond on EMS calls would you stand up for a second? About two years ago we really didn't have a group that was focused on EMS; but as you can see, about 90 percent of the people in the room or more do fire and EMS. So this group was formed to help catch and focus on those EMS items. That's why that group was formed. Insurance, Luke.

Mr. Kluender: Pass.
 Mr. Anderson: Line-of-duty death, anybody? Unidentified speaker: Pass.
 Mr. Anderson: You want to talk about Supporting Heroes?

Mr. Zeeks: I guess my first question is, is there anybody in here that does not know what Supporting Heroes is? Supporting Heroes is an organization based in Louisville, Kentucky, and we respond on line-of-duty deaths, police, fire, EMS in Kentucky and Indiana. The only time we'll come in is when the family or the department asks us to come in. We don't automatically respond. Eric Johnson is the Executive Director, and when he gets a phone call he automatically goes. When he arrives on the scene, he will present the widow or widower a check for \$5,000, it was \$3,000 -- for her to use after losing her loved one. And we will check in with them once a month to make sure their bills are being paid or help them pay their bills until their insurance kicks in and takes over. This is all non-refundable, they do not have to pay any of it back. And if we are asked to respond, the community will not know that we are there. We're out of sight, out of mind. It's all about the hero that went down, it's not about us. So if you have anyone in your area that goes down in a possible LODD, call Supporting Heroes and tell them about it and Eric will answer the phone, and I'll guarantee you he'll be there. Anybody got any questions? They've got a Hero Down number. Let me get my cheat sheet out. Emergency notification number is 1-877-HERODOWN. It goes straight to our office in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Zeeks: We are now branched off into Missouri. But if you got any questions, I'll try to answer any questions you've got. This organization is near and dear to my heart, that's why I'm part of it now, part of the response team in Indiana along with Jack Kerney, Carol and Marlene Thrawley and Paul Holcomb.

Mr. Anderson: I need three volunteers. Mike Kasich, Richard Sorg and Charlie from District 14, I need you guys to all come right down front here. Minor little quiz here. Disregarding the number that Jack said, can you give me a potential or line-of-duty death? And you guys can kind of put your heads together and think about this for a second. While they're doing that, would Larry Curl, Marshal Greeson, John Buckman and Brandon Wood make their way to the stage, please? The Jeopardy theme song is over, do you guys have an answer?

Richard Sorg: Mr. President, we came up with the Central Office.

Mr. Anderson: The Central Office. Chief Buckman, I believe there is another number that can be used for other things. But we have some cards that were made up?

Mr. Buckman: We are going to have 4-by-6 cards printed up so that we can hand them out to fire chiefs, other influential or important people in each fire department. The fire marshal's office wants to assist you, not just in an LODD, but if you have a serious traumatic event where a firefighter is seriously injured, is going to spend multiple days in the hospital, we want to provide some moral support to you. We're not going to come in and take over, but if any of you have ever experienced that kind of event, you know that your brain doesn't function really well, and sometimes you need that person who's not emotionally involved to come in and say you have thought about this, have you thought about that, could we help you get this done. That's what the fire marshal staff wants to do. So it's just not for a line-of-duty death. If you have a firefighter or even a family member that has some serious traumatic event, we are offering assistance. The Marshal will send somebody quickly, probably within a couple hours after you call us we'll have somebody in your fire station to sit down and meet with you and determine how it is we can assist you. So that's what that process is about, and we will have cards printed up as soon as I get the okay.

Mr. Anderson: And through the Fire Alliance we've been working on a notification of all the Associations. So for us it will be the Central Office that will be notified. The other organizations will have certain numbers that will be notified. The other organizations will have certain numbers that they will call. Last night we mentioned that the survey is ready to go and will be released early in this week. From the Fire Alliance, we've got Marshal Greeson, John Buckman and Brandon Wood here, Larry Curl and myself and Buz Koehler. We had a major role serving as technical advisers for writing the questions. The survey's long, I'll be the first to admit. It's going to come out to the fire departments as a fire and EMS survey all combined. It is extremely important that we get these results back with good data, plain and simple. If we get junk data back, it doesn't do us any good. I feel comfortable that with Jamie Palmer's cooperation with the Fire Marshal and the Alliance that we will see results so that we can look at specific questions that were in there and use that for our benefit as we go. We've talked about doing an analysis kind of similar to what New York or Pennsylvania has done. This is one step in that direction. With that we have formed three work groups because we have three major topics that we need to address. Presumptive cancer, we respond to the same incidents as the career fire departments in the state and we're not covered and they are. That's got to be fixed. And we're going to address that with legislation. We started to last year and found out we weren't as prepared as we need to be. We've got to look into that. I'm going to announce those names here in just a second. The second work group is a work group to evaluate the results of the study. I believe it's safe to say that we have a couple of legislators that are on board that are ready to help us with that venture. Some of you may have heard that myself and David Israel went to snowy Oklahoma City, Oklahoma last year for the Benefit Summit. It's a national summit put on by VFIS, Provident Insurance and California Casualty. At that meeting we were able to have about two and a half days of general meeting plus all the social time after-hours to meet with about 22 different state

organizations. So what we found out was about 21 of the 22 states, put together a SAFER grant from the actual Association. We don't. Well, we've got a third work group that's going to work together and hopefully when next year's SAFER grant comes out we'll have a substantial grant written specifically looking at recruitment and retention efforts. So with that, if anybody's in the room on these committees, please stand. The Presumptive Cancer Committee is Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, Jerry Liston, Jean Smith, John Grolich, Lance Overhauser, Paul Campbell, Lewis Watson and Dawn Pence. For the names you don't recognize, Lance is from Cicero, Paul Campbell is a fire chief at Newburgh, Lewis Watson is Abby's dad and Dawn Pence, she has a group called Axing Out Cancer. In a little bit we're going to have some flyers that we're going to hand out. They're fighting some potential cancer cases in their department or a couple of departments around that area, done a lot of research and she has said, "I'm willing to help." The Survey Results Committee is John Morphy, Steve Macke, Jeff Duncan -- assistant chief at Swayzee, Dale Vanderburg from Edgewood and Brad Spear, who is chief at Clarksburg, Robert Brownell from Albion and then the grant work group, Tatijana Marsee, Luke Kluender, Tom Simpson from LaFontaine, Don Maucher from New Trenton, Steve Davis from Morristown and Brandon Truitt from Patoka Township in Arthur, Indiana. Not yet assigned to a committee but also will be assigned, Dennis Spears from Centerville, Ben Silverding from Versailles, Sean Owens from Francesville and Joe Dekepmer from Dubois. So these groups will be getting busy shortly and Larry's probably going to talk a little bit about this. These three topics are huge for us, especially going into the next legislative session. And without taking our district chairmen and our PR people away from their duties, we need some outside help. Larry, anything you want to add?

Mr. Curl: Thank you, Mr. President. I think each and every one of those topics is very critical to all our membership. Some more so than others. There's a lot of work to be done, a lot more work than I, as your lobbyist, can do on my own or the leadership of the IVFA. We will come together face-to-face at least one time, sometime in the very near future. We want to discuss the mission of these work groups, and we want to discuss the outcome of these work groups. We want to be focused when we leave there on what each and every one of us need to do to bring the data, the resource, the research, and the information together so that we can prepare, plan and execute an opportunity to go to the General Assembly, or wherever we need to go, to accomplish our tasks. Following the face-to-face meeting, we'll be doing several conference calls and we'll be doing a lot of e-mail work. So, it's not a group of pleasure, it's a group of dedication, it's a group of hard work, but I think and I hope and I pray that the end results will show this organization big benefits. I personally thank our President for allowing this to go forward, and I thank each and every one of you who has volunteered to be a part of it. So with that, Mr. President --

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