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New Haven Adams Twp. first Fire Muster

One of the American Flags displayed at the New Haven Fire Muster.

More photos can be found elsewhere in the paper.

(Submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE)

From The President

Paul Holcomb



With fall now upon us and winter close behind I hope you all have had a great summer!

Please take the time to visit our legislation page on the IVFA website and stay current on the issues that we are working on to better the fire service. Also if someone in your department is not receiving their quarterly paper, please have them contact their district chairman so that we can resolve any possible bad address issues.

Just as a reminder, if you would like to nominate someone for a state award or Bridgeport scholarship, please get your letters and/or applications into the Central Office before the deadlines. More information can be found on the IVFA website in the awards section.

I would like to thank you all! And as always if you should need anything, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Paul Holcomb
President, IVFA

Department helps with Hurricane Harvey relief effort



Supplies are being loaded in a semi for distribution to Hurricane Harvey in Houston. The items were collected during the Clifford Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry in September. – photo submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.



I.V.F.A. Benefits CLOTHING REPLACEMENT

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1. Damaged Clothing:

Funds shall be used for any damage to articles of clothing, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) maximum per claim, which are the personal property of the member providing, however, that such damage occurs only as a direct result of and during the actual performance of any emergency duty required of him as a fireman and member in good standing of this Association.

All damage claims under this Article shall be submitted as follows: The member filing the claim shall submit the damaged article and proof of value to its department chief. The department chief may approve the claim and must submit the damaged article and proof of value to the District Chairman within sixty (60) days of damage occurrence. The District Chairman must approve the claim prior to submitting the damaged article and completed claim to a member of the Clothing Claims committee within ten (10) days. (The Clothing Claims committee will be appointed by the President). This committee must approve, disapprove or adjust the claim, after examination of the damaged article, at their next meeting. In case of total loss, the article will remain the property of the Association. Claims will be paid according to the current "loss schedule" of the National Dry Cleaners Association.

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From the State House to the Fire House



Fellow Department, Officers, & Members

As we ramp up for the next session of the Indiana General Assembly, we have a couple of things to discuss. First, we are working on getting a bill drafted addressing our lack of coverage from an "occupational" cancer. Recently the IVFA had the opportunity to attend and be represented at the Fire Service Occupational "CANCER SYMPOSIUM". During the day and ½ conference we were learning about Cancer Support Networks, Exposure, Care, Prevention and Presumptive Legislation.

With several PHD's - Research is ever ongoing and there is a tremendous amount of work and studies being conducted but nothing will be as important as our members engaging with their elected officials if we get a bill introduced. I have shared with you many times that legislation has a much greater chance if we will ALL work toward a common goal and be in touch with our locally elected members of the General Assembly.

Once again a quick and easy way to locate or identify your legislator is to visit the IVFA website at www.IVFA.org and go to the legislative page and look for the tab that addresses locating your legislator. It is easy and simple and I encourage everyone to seek out your legislator.

As the session begins we will attempt to address funding for the Volunteer Fire Service and work out a way to offer a fair and equal funding for all of us, but we will need your help.

We also had a couple of officers that attended the National Benefits Summit this year to learn and share information regarding opportunities and ways other departments just like ours operate, retain and recruit members and share what benefits are being offered to other volunteers within the United States. We should hear more about their findings in the near future.

Speaking of our future, I am a strong believer that our future is in our youth so I hope we are all looking at some sort of Junior program in your department. As well I hope our State Association will embrace and assist in the opportunity to increase this opportunity. If your department currently has a Junior program in place I would like to hear from you, as I am interested in finding out how many and what type of programs we have in Indiana.

Also addressing the future, please look at our website for information on the 2018 State Convention. It will be held in Indianapolis in June 2018. We will be adding educational opportunities, competition, a great vendor display, and an opportunity to attend your annual meeting, the annual memorial service, and the banquet and in short enjoy a great couple of days while we train and learn. Sure hope to see you there.

My personal goal is to inform you during this year's General Assembly session, share with you information on our convention, and learn more about your youth programs.

As we approach the holiday season, I hope you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving, and Merry and Cheerful Christmas, and prepare to greet 2018 face-to-face and make it a GREAT year.

Should you have any questions, need assistance or just wish to speak with me, I am listed both on the website and in this newspaper so feel free to reach out to me.

Look forward to seeing you, talking with you, and assisting you in whatever and whenever I can.

Larry

From the Flames

As I write this article, I am grateful for all the firefighters, police and EMS for all their efforts and time away from their own loved ones and giving of themselves to help their fellowman. As we have storms, shootings and general chaos that we have been experiencing daily, we need to give thanks for all those who have given so generously to help others. I pray that we renew our faith in our country, our leaders and let's not forget what our country was founded on and what our flag stands for and that we will all stand firm in our beliefs.

Time flies and here we are in fire prevention season. Many of you have already begun to select your Miss Flame candidate for 2018. I hope that each chairman, whether it be men or ladies who conduct your contest, make sure that every department in your district is notified as to when your contest is and invite their young ladies to participate. If you have questions about qualifications or the contest in general, feel free to contact me.

We have appreciated all the support we have received thru the years for the Miss Flame program. I may be somewhat biased, but I feel that this program is an important part of our convention. The caliber of girls that have participated show us that the future of our organization is in good hands. Hopefully the program that we present each year is one that assists each girl to have a chance to learn skills that they need as they mature, and continue to fulfill their dreams.

Remember that March 10th is the deadline for applications. We would appreciate your help in this matter. Just a reminder: make sure your candidate will be able to participate the length of the convention and that she is available the dates of.

Jack and I would like to wish each of you a happy holiday season. We ask God's blessings for all and that each of you have a great New Year!

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman 2018

Holiday Greetings



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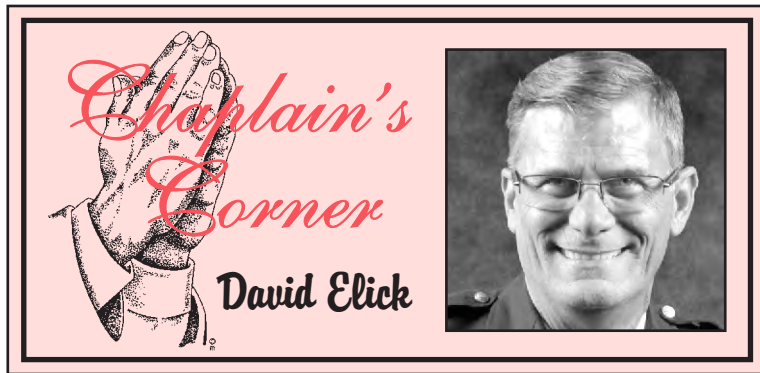
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Greetings all.

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 celebration 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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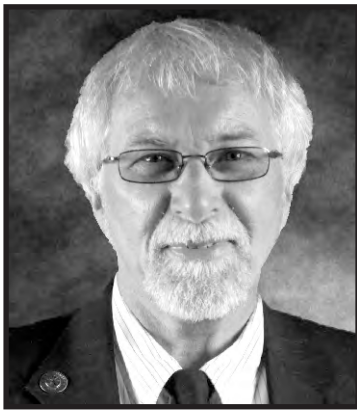
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From The Vice-President

David Israel



Do You Know What Time It Is?

It is that time of the year when we gather with friends and family to give thanks for the many opportunities and blessings we have received this past year.

I would like to thank everyone for your support and hospitality this past year as I traveled thru the state and your communities. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

We have asked many times what you would like to see us put on the Legislative Agenda? We have not heard from too many of you. But we have an agenda and if you think of something or see a bill that you think we need to watch, let us know. It is hard to keep up with all the bills going thru the Legislative session.

Our overall membership is up a little from 2016. Thank You.

Feel free to call myself or Paul if you have questions or concerns about anything.

We have new Armed Forces Benefit representatives and they have the \$5000.00 Accidental Death Benefit that covers you 24-7 free

coverage. They will be attending upcoming district meetings and your district chairman should have their contact info so your department can get signed up.

On the same note if you filled out the card for American Income Life and mailed it in you will be receiving a phone call from them. DO NOT MAIL THE CARD IN IF YOU DO NOT WANT A PHONE CALL FROM THEM. They have the free \$3500.00 Accidental Death Benefit that covers you 24-7 - free coverage. If you receive a call and you tell them NO that you do not want a visit and they persist, get their name and phone number and get it to myself or president Paul and we will take care of it.

Remember that 2018 Convention has limited seating for the banquet so get your reservations in NOW if you don't want to be eating in the room next door. Larry is offering a lot of TRAINING so please take advantage of it. YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IT.

Next year is election year for Township Trustees and Advisory Boards along with several other offices. To run for an office all you have to do is go to your local Clerk's Office at the Courthouse and file by February 10th. We really need to get the Township/Fire Dept. issues resolved before they write a bill to fix the problem.

Peggy and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, a safe and Happy New Year in 2018.

Be safe, see you at the next district meeting in your area.

David I.



PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



Captain Eric J. Balliet passed September 27th, during a training session with the Fort Wayne Fire Department.

I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Eric served with Washington Township Fire Department before he got on the Fort Wayne Fire Department where he served 19 years. He was also a paramedic with Three Rivers Ambulance Authority, a Deputy Coroner, Captain of Traffic Division for Allen County Reserves and Dean of Campers at Great Lake Burn Camp. He will be greatly missed by all.

I attended New Haven Adams Township First Fire Muster. A great event on a beautiful day! The first ever New Haven Fire Muster and Expo was a big success. Over 100 fire trucks from 6 states participated in the parade and the kids were entertained by MC Axe and the Fire Crew on the 1-800-BoardUp Stage. A great opportunity to meet and greet with fellow firefighters that I haven't seen in awhile.

I was invited to attend the 2017 Kosciusko County Firemen's fish fry. Attendees of this event include all fifteen departments within Kosciusko County, including neighboring departments who provide mutual aid. This special event also awards outstanding firefighters from the Association.

District 5 Chairman John Grolich and PRNE Jean Smith presented ten (10) year service pins and five (25) year service pins. Attending were many vendors that displayed the latest fire gear, equipment and trucks at this event.

Over 200 firefighters, township trustees/advisory board members, city/town council members and guests attended the event. This group knows how to put on a fish fry, you won't go home hungry.

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 8th-14th. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out". This is a reminder to prepare the community along with our school children the proper techniques of fire safety.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

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Public Relations Director Southwest

Steve Nolan



Greetings All,
I hope everyone had a blessed summer and are now preparing for the fall and the winter season.

The PRSW day of training is Saturday, October 28th at Bedford North Lawrence High School in Bedford, IN. I hope to see a lot there.

Since the last newsletter I have been to district meetings, county meetings, fundraisers and have visited several departments. I have also been to Petersburg station dedication and Lewis Township 50 year celebration.

I have also witnessed where some departments are having problems with their township trustees and boards and hope that these problems get resolved in a peaceful manner.

I also have seen that some departments are having internal conflicts and from what I'm hearing these conflicts can be resolved through communication by talking to each other. If we have a problem with someone, we need to be able to sit down with that individual or individuals and have an open conversation with them, not talking to others about them, as this only leads to bigger conflicts and hard feelings. Communication, Communication.

Thank You,
Steve Nolan, PRSW

Happy Holidays!

From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



Public Relations Director West Central

Larry Bartlow



As I write this, fall is in the air with a lot of dust. We all need rain in the worst way as brush fires are sure to happen. Use caution when fighting them as the heat and exertion can take a toll very quick.

November district meetings will be taking place about the time this issue of newspaper comes out. As attendance has been slipping a little this summer now is a good time to make plans to attend your district meetings this winter.

We, the officers, need your input as to what we need to do. I would like to see at least 10 departments at each district meeting this winter. It only takes one person from each department to make a difference. For your information the dates for the PRWC AREA are:

- District 11-A: Nov. 19, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.
- District 11-B: Nov. 12, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.
- District 12: Nov. 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
- District 21: Nov. 27, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Be safe and watch out for deer and wet leaves on roads.

Larry Bartlow
PRWC

Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I hope everyone had a great summer.

I would like to thank everyone for the past 5 years for the privilege to serve as your Secretary. I made a lot of friendships that will last forever, and learned a lot along the way. I would like to thank those that were always there to help when I needed it.

We will still continue to do the Hoosier Burn Camp auction. I can't thank everyone enough for your donations of items and bidding and purchasing items at the auction. It seems to get

bigger every year!! I know that Mark Koopman and the Camp Counselors and kids greatly appreciate your generosity!!

I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Stay safe,
Diane Harrison

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LOOK FOR OUR AD IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

DISTRICT MEETINGS

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Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman

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LaCrosse Fire Dept.
July 20, 2017

Before the meeting was called to order, Tim Grant of Genesis Systems put on an Extrication Demonstration giving anyone in attendance in gear an opportunity to use the tools. He spoke about extrication practices, solutions, general scene size up, purchase points and methods of patient access.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chairman Uryga.

LaCrosse Chief Aaron Rust led the pledge to the flag and Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary Bradford called the roll. There were 17 members present representing 5 departments.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler (past president) and contact for newsletter, Larry Curl (I.V.F.A. Legislative rep.), Carol Curl (I.V.F.A.A. president) and Chloe Perkins (District 3 Miss Flame).

Minutes of May meeting were read and approved and treasurer's report was made.

Guest Chloe Perkins spoke about her experiences as Miss Flame representative and thanked everyone for their support.

Guest Larry Curl spoke about 2017 Legislative Session. 18 bills were introduced that affected the fire service. Five were signed into law. Beginning in August we need to look to next year's legislative agenda, make a note of any issues that would benefit or improve the fire service and contact Larry.

Guest Carol Curl reminded members that by joining IVFAA, the insurance death benefit would be an additional \$3500.00.

Guest Buz Koehler has 2017 Convention coins for sale and donated 2 coins for our 50/50 raffle.

Chairman Uryga advised that District 3 will host the convention in 2019 and that he has been contacting "Blue Chip" in Michigan City as a host hotel. The convention 2019 will be a joint effort of the IVFA and IVFAA. He will call bi-monthly meetings. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Guest Larry Curl spoke about convention 2018. It will be June 20-23 in Wayne Township, Indianapolis. Larry will be the convention coordinator. He stated that the convention will only be successful if everyone participates. He listed reasons to attend, including classroom and live burn training, EMS training, waterball challenge and other activities.

Chairman Bob Uryga then spoke about a product to help with firefighters exposure to carcinogens-"Rescue Wipes". He handed out 2 packages of "Rescue Wipes" to each department in attendance.

Chairman Uryga then spoke about IVFA members who have passed and presented a rose to Les Jensen in memory of Roger Prybel, 50 year member of Bass Lake Fire Dept. who passed in November

2016.

Past President Buz Koehler then presided over the elections. He opened the floor for nomination for Chairman. Dave Robb nominated Bob Uryga and a second by Arron Rust. No other nominations being made, secretary Bradford cast one unanimous vote for Bob Uryga.

Nominations then opened for Secretary/Treasurer. Leona Uryga nominated Rick Bradford and seconded by Dave Robb. No other nominations being made, Chairman Bob Uryga cast one unanimous vote for Bradford.

No other business or announcements coming to the floor, Arron Rust made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Leona Uryga.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Sept. 21 at Kankakee VFD.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
District 3 Secretary

I.V.F.A. Dist. 3 Minutes
Sept. 21, 2017

Kankakee Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bob Uryga.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford opened the meeting with a prayer and asked for a moment of silence for Paul Depoy, a 50 year member of Kankakee Fire Dept., who had recently passed.

Chief Don Stoner led the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Bradford called the roll. There were 18 members present representing 7 departments.

Guests present were: John Boyd - LaPorte County Sheriff, Mike Kellems - Captain - LaPorte County Sheriff Dept., Jeremy Reed - IVFA PR Northwest and Jack Runion - Sales Rep. for Spencer Eqmt.

Minutes of July meeting were read and approved and treasurer's report was made.

Chairman Uryga then presented the "Global" Award to LaPorte County Sheriff Dept. Captain Mike Kellems for his service and assistance to the fire service.

A 50 year State Certificate was presented to Paul Depoy (posthumously). 50 year State Certificates were given to Robert Wideman of Kankakee Dept., Thomas Wheatbrook of Kankakee Dept. and Glen Wallace of Hanna Twp. Dept.

A 25 year pin was presented to Jeff Barkow of Coolspring Twp. VFD.

A rose in memory of William Corbin of Kankakee Twp. VFD was presented to Chief Don Stoner. A rose was also presented to Railroad Twp. Chief Andy Tilleraas in memory of Elbert Eckert.

Chairman Bob Uryga then spoke about the 2019 convention and passed around a sign-up sheet. Next convention meeting is October 19 at 7:00 at Blue Chip meeting room.

Chairman Uryga presented an invoice for framing of awards. Cost was \$100.00 and asked for a motion to pay. Andy Tilleraas, Railroad Twp. Chief offered to personally pay for the framing.

A discussion followed to look for ways to increase our treasury. Ideas such as bake sales or raffles were discussed. Anyone with ideas are asked to bring them to the November meeting.

With no other business on the floor, Steve Vogel made a motion

with a second by Mike Kellems.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

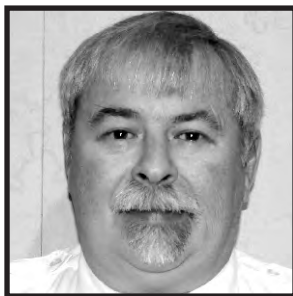
Announcements: Coolspring Twp. - Fall Raffle - Sept. 30. Michiana Shores - Pancake Breakfast - Oct. 8.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Chip Winters who donated it back.

Next meeting is November 16 at Lincoln Twp.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bradford
District 3 Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings to all. Up here in the northeast the leaves are starting to fall.

Would like to thank the Ligonier Fire Department for hosting our meeting in July. Also a thank you to the Steuben Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in September. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Kenn Kunze and 800 Board Up for supplying our meals for the meetings.

I also want to thank our District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley, for representing our district at the many fundraisers she is attending. Great job, Bailey! She had a great time at the convention in Columbus and is looking forward to running for the district Miss Flame again this year.

The next meeting as of this publication will be on November 14th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held in Thorncreek Twp. VFD in Whitley County. District 6 will be having our Miss Flame judging at this meeting. If any department has a young lady between the ages of 15 -18 that is interested, please let me know.

Again, 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 flyers. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spiralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting as of this printing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. 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 September 26th.

Please visit the IVFA website 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
District 7
July 17, 2017
Uniondale Volunteer
Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:36 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 17 members representing 7 departments. May Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE, Olivia Lockwood, District 7 Miss Flame.

Chairman Bisel - No deaths in the district.

Andy Lockwood donated back the cleaning kit. It will be raffled off after the 50/50 drawing.

Convention this year had 133 eligible delegates. District 7 had 10 of them. 2018 convention will be at Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis and 2019 Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. Mr. IVFA went to Lloyd Wright, District 8B, Lois Boaz was Diana Grey, District 7 and Angel Award was Suzie Lewis, District 7. Check out the newspaper or website for the rest of the awards!

Brief highlights of IVFA benefits were read and members are also able to join the IVFAA and receive their benefits.

Chairman Bisel is putting together a District 7 website.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Copies of legislation that passed was presented.

NVFC contacted Indiana's representatives to inform them that Representative Jim Banks was contacted by State Fire Marshal Greeson to assist in moving 8% of the AFG grant funds to the Fire Protection and Safety Grant. This would take about \$27 million from the AFG grant.

IDHS had a shake-up that aired on Indianapolis news concerning sexual harassment. Also changes in the fire investigators and a new director of IDHS.

Chairman Bisel - Quarterly meetings will be back in Indianapolis.

Jean Smith, PRNE, opened the floor for District 7 election of officers.

For Chairman, Sam Bisel nominated, no further nominations Sam Bisel, Chairman.

For Vice-Chair, Len Smith nominated, no further nominations Len Smith, Vice-Chairman.

For Secretary, Richard Sorg nominated, no further nominations, Richard Sorg, Secretary.

Next district meeting will be at Warren Sept. 18 and Andrews Nov. 20.

Second roll call answered by 17 members representing 7 departments. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer
Firefighter's Association
District 7
September 18, 2017
Warren Volunteer Fire
Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 27 members representing 9 departments.

July minutes R/A.

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, Brandon Taylor - Taylor Equipment.

Chairman Bisel - Two deaths in the district since the last meeting - Marvin Stoppenhagen of Poe and Max Myers of Berne.

Make sure that everyone fills out your attendance cards. At the last quarterly meeting the attendance prizes went to District 6 and 11A.

As of quarterly meeting IVFA membership stands at 13,010.

Reminder that awards nominations can be sent in. Check out the website or contact your chairman for awards, qualifications and nominations.

Reviewed members benefits and offered that handbooks are available up front.

IVFA license plates are available right at the license branch. Currently there are 2,716 IVFA license plates on the road. Remember that a portion of the license plate sales goes to fund the Bridgeport Fund. This fund provides for a line of duty death benefit and also Bridgeport Scholarships that are awarded at the annual convention. The scholarship application is being updated and will be available online.

Having issues with the newspaper, bad addresses were very high with the last mailing.

Next meeting of Board of Firefighter Standards and Education is at Wayne Twp., Indianapolis Oct. 2 and Nov. 27 at Monroe Twp. Fire Territory Bloomington.

2018 Convention at the Crown Plaza in Indianapolis and 2019 Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Received an email accepting donations from fire departments of gear and equipment to help out departments in Texas that lost everything due to Hurricane Harvey.

NVFC - Federal cancer bill is still in the works.

Indiana Law went into effect July 1 restricting "drone" usage that interferes with emergency responders.

Indiana looking at changing presumptive cancer law to include volunteers, looking at ways to fund it.

Take a look at the IVFA website for information and upcoming events.

Chairman Bisel invited Larry Curl and Jean Smith up front. Chairman Bisel presented Dewayne Boxell of Warren VFD his 50 year Gold card. Larry Curl read and presented a Resolution from the State House honoring our 50 year members of the IVFA.

Larry Curl, IVFA Lobbyist - Getting ready to go back to the Statehouse.

IVFA has I AM RESPONDING account to help keep members updated during legislation and when the IVFA needs your help contacting your elected officials.

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Presumptive cancer law currently only covers career firefighters. Want it to be rewritten and include volunteer firefighters. Trying to figure out how this could be funded.

Funding volunteer fire departments – Increase of training required by departments and increased costs of equipment and apparatus plus increased fund raising efforts equals burn out of more volunteers. Going to have a meeting with Rep. Tom Saunders to discuss how to better fund volunteer fire departments

The Indiana driver's manual states that drivers must yield to blue lights. This is incorrect and would like to see changes in the law.

2018 IVFA Convention will be in Indianapolis at the Crowne Plaza Airport. As convention chairman, Larry would like to know what it would take to draw you to convention. Going to try to increase training opportunities for fire and EMS so members can "get something" out of convention. Going to offer daycare for children so parents can attend training and meetings. Looking at a "Vendor Treasure Hunt" to encourage members to visit vendor displays.

Walt Reiter – past District 7 chairman – Need to encourage departments to get representatives to district meetings and convention to get information back to the home departments.

Brandon Taylor – Roanoke VFD – Would like to challenge host departments to offer something to "sell their department" or share a recent "lesson learned" experience.

Warren Asst. Chief Jimmy Asher explained the "doll house" training prop that one of the members recently built. He encouraged questions and discussion on its operation.

Next district meeting will be at Andrews Nov. 20. It will be district Miss Flame competition. If your department has a candidate, please let Chairman Bisel know by the 1st of November.

Second roll call answered by 27 members representing 7 departments.

Oct. 15 Hoagland Aux. will have a Longaberger Basket Bingo. Geneva has a gun raffle and chili supper Oct. 28. It will soon be Poe peanut brittle time.

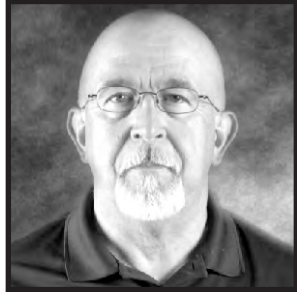
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

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DISTRICT 8A REPORT



Jerry Liston - Chairman

Greetings from District 8A,

As I sit here writing this article I hope all is well across the district and everyone enjoyed the summer months. Speaking of summer, where did it go? I swear the older I get the faster time flies by. I have mentioned in the past how fall is my favorite time of the year. I enjoy the cooler weather, family time around campfires and the changing colors of the leaves. Another like is the fall festivals around central Indiana. It is always a good time with family.

I want to thank Chief Rob Columbus and the Center Twp. Fire Department for hosting the district's July meeting. Also, in August the department held an open house celebrating 60 years as a department. Congratulations to the department on this milestone achievement.

I want to welcome Kempton Fire and Rescue to District 8A. Kempton was previously in District 21. The department is led by Chief Stan Jones and is located in northwest Tipton County.

The district has started a Facebook page for which meetings and other pertinent information from across the district will be posted and shared. This is an attempt to reach the younger generation that rely on modern technology methods for communicating. I urge you to share this at your department's business meetings and to encourage your members to find the District 8A Facebook page and "Like" it. Secretary Maynard and myself will use the page to post information and events across the district. Both of us encourage departments and members across the district to utilize the page to post and share events, photos and information from their departments.

In an effort to increase attendance at district meetings the district will return to sending out meeting notices by U.S. mail. In the past, e-mails were used to notify departments across the district. When you receive the meeting notice please take the time to post the meeting notice in your department. E-mails will still be used as a secondary means of notification to district departments.

The Association is in the process of finalizing its legislative agenda for 2018. At the forefront of the agenda will be adding volunteers to the existing presumptive cancer law in Indiana. In November at the quarterly officer's meeting the Legislative Committee will finalize the agenda. It will then be up to the district chairmen to get the word out across the state if we as an Association are going to be successful in promoting the agenda

for our members.

Speaking of cancer, are you keeping your individual turnout gear and equipment clean? If not, you should be taking steps to do so. By now you should be aware that cancer rates among firefighters are 3 to 5 times higher than the general population. The wearing of dirty gear is not a badge of honor these days. Please keep your gear and equipment clean. Another step that can be done for members is to put wipes in all apparatus and encourage members to use the wipes to clean all exposed skin areas on the body after each "hot zone" entry.

Does your department require members to track exposures if exposed to hazardous items on an incident? If not, you should be. Departments should be providing paperwork or electronic media (Apps) information to their members. All filled out paperwork needs to be placed in the member's personnel file.

I have received the District 10 and 25 service pin lists from the Central Office. I will be contacting the departments across the district and making arrangements to present those service pins to those deserving members across the district.

Did you know the Association is required to have an annual meeting? The 2018 annual meeting, a.k.a. the state convention, will be held in Indianapolis in June at the Airport Crowne Plaza. The date will be June 20-23. Attendees are encouraged to register early as room and banquet space is limited at the hotel.

In closing, secretary Maynard and myself would like to thank all emergency service personnel in District 8A and across the state for your hard work and dedication. As many volunteer departments struggle to maintain or increase membership, it's men and women like you making the needed commitment at your departments in the district and across the state that are keeping many firehouses alive. Please stay safe!

Jerry L. Liston
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their July meeting at the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department on July 12, 2017.

Meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 25 members present from 11 departments. There were 6 guests in attendance. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Chairman Wright told the group about this year's convention and what a good time everyone had. He reminded them that next year's convention will be held in Indianapolis and would like to see them there. Told them about all the

that are given out at the convention, and he urged them to send in letters nominating someone for these awards. Told them about the Miss Flame contest coming up at the district meeting in November.

Larry Curl told the group about what was going on in legislation and what bills they would like to see. Also Cindy VanGorden from Donley Safety brought a fire truck for everyone to see.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were a total of 40 fires and 172 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in Cowan at 7:30 P.M.

Thank you to the Modoc Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the district meeting. Meeting was adjourned and pizza was served.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman

On September 10, 2017 the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in Cowan hosted the District 8B meeting. The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 6 in attendance and two guests. Jerry Liston, District 8A Chairman and Cindy Van Gordon from Donley Safety.

Told them about the convention coming up next June and that they needed to get their registration in. Also that he needed the letters for the awards by February 1st.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fires and EMS runs. There were a total of 23 fires and 174 EMS runs.

Next district meeting will be held on November 8th at the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. The Miss Flame contest will be held.

Thank you Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the district meeting. Meeting was adjourned and pizza and breadsticks were served.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 9A REPORT

Pascal Moon - Chairman

Greetings From 9A,

My name is Pascal Moon from the Twelve Mile Fire Department in northern Cass County.

I have been busy handing out 25 and 10 year pins and if I have not gotten to your department, I will as soon as I can make it. I wish to thank all the departments I have went to since taking over as your 9A chairman.

I did have the pleasure of giving Gary Michaels his 50 year Gold Card in September and I wish to thank him for all the years of dedication. Clinton Township (Clymers) really kept the secret well from him.

I have been to quite a few fundraisers and had some darn good food at each one. Nice to see the department's equipment that they have been working hard for and to see how proud they are when they receive the new equipment.

I want to thank Jeremy for all the help and making the switch for me as easy as possible.

The September meeting was at Galveston Fire Department and our next one will be at Georgetown Fire

Department, November 30 @ 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Thanks, and remember when call is over we all go home! Safe!

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10!

The August meeting was held at Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept. with the election of district officers. John Ray was elected to another term as district chairman for 2017-18 and Jim Davies was elected district secretary for 2017-18. Jim and I both would like to thank the members of District 10 for placing your trust in us to lead during the upcoming year. At the meeting also, 10 & 25 year pins were awarded to members of the host department.

The program for the evening was Grain Bin Rescue and presented by a member of the Bargersville Fire Dept.

Edinburgh Vol. Fire Dept. hosted the September meeting where Chief Alan Smith presented numerous awards to members of the Edinburgh Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Alan Smith was also recognized by his department for 30 years as Chief at Edinburgh. The program for the evening was presented by Brandon Rouitier of the Shelbyville Fire Dept. water rescue team. They talked about low head dam rescue and told how dangerous they are. He showed a DVD on the dangers of them.

October 18th meeting is at Moral Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.

November 15th meeting is at Nineveh Volunteer Fire Dept. with the Miss Flame contest to be held.

As you all are aware, we are in the middle of harvest with extremely dry conditions. Everyone, be vigilant and be safe!

May Jim and I be the first to wish you and your families Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Thank you for your dedication and commitment as we strive to keep our communities safe!

John M. Ray,
District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello from District 11A

On July 16, 2017 we had a district meeting at Thunderbird Fire Protection. We had 9 departments and 26 members present.

We had a 50 year Gold Card presentation to Kenneth Miller from Thunderbird. Bruce Borders, State Representative presented him with his Resolution.

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We had election of officers. Everyone kept the same office.

On Sept. 10th we had a joint picnic at Montezuma with District 11B.

It was a beautiful day and lots of good food. By Laws and SOG changes brought up and voted on.

Our Miss Flame dance will be Nov. 18th, 2017 at Operations and Engineers building on South Highway 41. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Next meeting is Nov. 19th at Jasonville Fire Dept. If anyone has any fundraisers, let me know. I will attend if at all possible.

Until next time, Stay Safe.

District 11A Chairman
Pete Taylor

DISTRICT 12 REPORT

Anthony W. McClure - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

We held our September meeting at the AMO Fire Department and had 6 departments in attendance.

I would also like to thank President Holcomb for attending our meeting and sharing information to our members.

It was business as usual. The district voted in favor for the proposed bylaw change and the vote passed unanimously.

Our next meeting is at the Brown Township Fire Department, November 20th at 1900.

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Welcome from District 14

Just wanted to let everyone know if you have any upcoming events, let me know.

Trying to get out with 10 year and 25 year pins.

Let me know if any Christmas parties are coming up; that is a good time for the pins.

Also check out the IVFA Website and Facebook to see what's going on in the IVFA.

Thanks, Rick Cannon

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Josh Reisert - Chairman

It was a fast year.

There are still some departments I haven't gotten to talk to yet or visit.

I have the new 25 and 10 year list and will be getting ahold of your departments about it.

If you have any fundraisers or events, please let me know to pass it

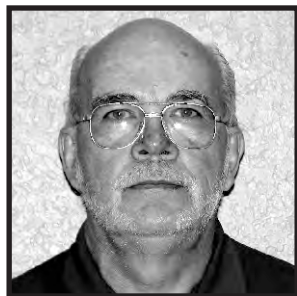
along to other departments.

I would also like to congratulate our new District Chaplain Matt Winkler.

Any questions about anything, please feel free to contact me at district16@ivfa.org

Cell 502-643-2114.

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

July 6th I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

July 19th District 17A meeting was hosted by the Loogootee VFD. Elections were held and all officers were re-elected. I presented 17A Global Awards to Kristi Hartzburg and Randy Baker of Taylor VFD. I would like to thank Larry Polas, Global rep. for being there. I also presented Eric Rasico his 25 year pin (Loogootee VFD). Thanks for your years of service. Guests on hand were Larry Curl, Jack Kerney and Steve Nolan and spoke to those in attendance.

July 26th I made a rose and program delivery to Petersburg.

August 3rd I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

August 7th I went to Johnson Twp. VFD and presented 10 and 25 year pins. Congratulations to all.

August 8th pins were (10 & 25) to Harrington Twp. FD and Southeast Daviess Fire District. Congratulations to all.

August 11, 12 & 13th I attended state officer's meeting.

August 14th I attended Greene Cty FFA at Bloomfield VFD.

August 27th I attended OCFFA ice cream social at Wright Twp. VFD with games for all the kids present.

September 3rd I attended the Petersburg Fire Department open house and dedication ceremony at Fire Station #4. A large crowd was in attendance. I had the honor of presenting a clock from the IVFA for their station. A great looking station which I am sure it will serve them well.

September 7th I attended Taylor VFD meeting in Scotland.

September 16th I attended the Scotland Festival and we had our gun give-away tickets.

September 16th I attended Madison Twp. fundraiser and helped hand out fire prevention to the children. A great crowd on hand.

September 20th District 17A meeting at Center Twp. VFD. Remarks were made by Jack Kerney, Steve Nolan and Larry Curl.

September 21st I made a rose delivery to Newberry VFD.

September 23rd I attended a surprise appreciation day for George, Richland Twp. Fire and Rescue. I presented him with a certificate for his 39 years in the Fire and EMS Service.

Oct. 6, 7 & 8th Taylor Twp. VFD will be having its gun give-away at the Apple Festival in Bloomfield.

Our next District 17A meeting will be November 15th at Steen Twp. VFD (Wheatland). Hope to see you there.

Also January 20, 2018 District 17A will have a meeting at the annual Vincennes sausage supper at the Highland Woods Community on Hart Street.

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Robert "Bobby" Brown - Chairman

Thanks for allowing me to serve you this past year as district chairman, it has been a privilege to serve 17B.

We had elections for 17B in August; they were held a Shawswick Station 11. Elections were run by Jack Zeeks and new officers are Chairman Bobby Brown of Shawswick VFD. Heather McGlocklin was elected to Vice Chairman of Van Buren Fire Department of Bloomington.

Tammy Wright was elected to Secretary/Treasurer of Pleasant Run VFD. Jason Bell was elected Chaplain of Van Buren Fire Department of Bloomington.

We had two meetings last quarter where several issues were discussed. Our second meeting was at Indian Creek of Monroe County. We discussed problems that several of fire departments in 17B are having such as contract issues with trustee. We discussed different options that fire departments have.

Dawn Hillenburg discussed Miss Flame and would like to see more gift baskets from more fire departments for auction at next year's convention. She also talked about IVFAA membership. She can be reached at dhm8809@gmail.com

JD Ramsay with District 8 training council talked about different trainings that were going on in District 8 Mod A class and Instructor I, and the IVFA PRSW Training day October 28, 2017 was going to be held in Lawrence County.

Rod Pressel with Hoosier Fire was on hand as special guest; we talked about NFPA regulations on turn-out gear and 10 year NFPA standard.

Mike Cornman stated that they bought an inexpensive decon kit for a truck so they can do decon on scene. Talked about Nomex hood is the most absorbent area; very important area to keep clean; some fire departments are buying a second Nomex hood for their firefighters. Would like to thank Rod with Hoosier Fire for the giveaways.

Our next meeting will be at Brown County VFD on November 8, 2017. December meeting will be on December 13, 2017. January meeting at Northern Monroe Territory (Bloomington Township) on January 10, 2018.

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DISTRICT 18 REPORT

Joe DeKemper - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

As your new chairman, I've been busy attending fire department functions and meetings. I've attended the Birdseye VFD annual barbecue, Celestine VFD's annual tractor pull, Petersburg VFD's dedication to their new firehouse, as well as presenting years of service pins to our dedicated firefighters. There has been one firefighter that passed away and a Bible and grave marker were presented to his family.

On July 20th, District 18 held their meeting at Birdseye hosted by the Birdseye VFD. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present. Chaplain Jay Henkel gave the opening prayer and remembrance of Richard P. Dooly of the Cannelton VFD and Walter E. Weisman of the Haysville VFD.

Roll call was taken with 79 members representing 20 departments. A total of 402 calls were reported answered.

Guests attending were Rusty Holme of Global Emergency Products, Steve Nolan, PRSW, Carl Deels, State Fire Marshal's office and Madelyn Peter, Miss Flame District 18. Rusty Holme, Global Emergency Products and John C. Smith, District 18 chairman presented the Global Awards to David Kissling, Huntingburg VFD and Steve Eckert, St. Henry VFD. Congratulations to both recipients.

Madelyn Peter, Miss Flame, District 18, reported on the State Convention and the Miss Flame contest held in Columbus. I would like to thank Madelyn for representing District 18. She's represented our district and community very well.

Election of officers for the 2017-2018 was held, election results were as follows: District 18 Chairman – Joe DeKemper, District 18 Vice-Chairman – Chris Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer – Stan Seifert, Chaplain – Jaydon Henkel and Sergeant-At-Arms – Brad Haas.

The next quarterly meeting was held September 21st at Central Perry VFD. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Brother Benjamin Brown, St. Meinrad VFD led the opening prayer and remembrance of Ronald Neukam, Haysville VFD. Roll call was taken with 54 members representing 15 departments.

Guests attending were past IVFA President Jack Kerney, past IVFAA President Barb Kerney, Madelyn Peter, Miss Flame District 18, Sheriff Malone, Perry County and Lynn Krodell, DNR.

Old business: This year's parade will be hosted by the Celestine VFD on Sunday, October 8th.

New business: Voting on proposed change to by-laws and SOG's was passed by members present. A 25 year pin was presented to Charles

Goffinet, Central Perry VFD. The 18th District Fire Prevention Parade for 2018 will be hosted by the Birdseye VFD.

The next meeting will be held November 16th at Anderson Township, Bristow Station.

The 2018 State Fire Convention will be held June 20 – June 23 at Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis Airport, Indianapolis. Please make your reservations to attend convention.

Fall will be here by the time this comes out. National Fire Prevention Week will have passed. I hope your department was able to get out and educate your community on fire safety. We all know how important this is.

Have a safe holiday season.

Joe DeKemper,
District 18 Chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Hope this is finding everyone in good health.

The summer activities have ended and the holidays are fast approaching.

The next meeting for the district will be November 16th at Miller York Volunteer Fire at 7 p.m. with Miss Flame judging.

Convention 2018 is in Indianapolis at the Crowne Plaza by the airport; get your reservation in early as seating is limited. The committee is hoping to have some great training available during the convention; watch the IVFA website for more details.

November the 6th I will be having right knee replacement. If anything is needed you can contact me and I will get Ed Scheele or Ben Sieveding while I get back on my feet.

Hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season.

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**From The IVFA Office
Jack & Barbara Kerney**

IVFA Dues

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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From The Secretary

Diane Harrison



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
CROWNE PLAZA
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
AUGUST 12, 2017

President Holcomb called our meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

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

Roll call was taken by Secretary Harrison.

President Holcomb introduced new District Chairman 9A Pascal Moon, District 12 Anthony McClure, and District 18 Joe De Kemper. Other guests include Rick Stewart, Larry Bruner, Ed Smith, Randal Conger, John Smith and Jeremy Reef.

President Holcomb called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PREC Don Cushman made motion to accept minutes as printed. District 11B Chairman John Morphy made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Holcomb called on Treasurer Luke Kluender. I passed out our quarterly statement as well as checks written from January to June 30. Please submit your district secretary vouchers at this meeting with correct addresses. District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague made motion to accept treasurer's report as given. District Chairman 9A Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chief Rick Stewart: I attended the training committee today. Great group of guys. I got a lot of information from them today. What I'm trying to do for the volunteers is trying to do something with the training; I'm trying to go backwards. I like 24 hour in-house training. With work schedules of instructors and firefighters, it's hard to get them together. I understand there is a district working on an on-line training for mandatory.

Steve Anderson: We know and understand this, we know there are problems out there, but we now have a face to put with it.

California Casualty contract was reviewed by the executive committee. There were no changes to the contract. It was signed last night and will be returned to California Casualty for the upcoming year.

Heroes Completion - Mike Dzuba: Have not had a meeting.

Washington DC trip dates are April 18, 19, 2018. New district chairmen have the first option to go and then others that would like to go, so check your work schedules.

Vice President Israel: Armed Forces Benefits, I finally made a contact and I will be getting the information out to you as soon as everything is confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Office - Jack Kerney: I will be ordering new name badges after this meeting; if any districts need more let me know. 10 and 25 pin year reports are on hold until we get the dues done. 266 processed by August 1st, another 200 envelopes came in. We have 8,212 memberships as of Friday. License plates 336 July and sold 2,716 year to date. Fundraisers and district meetings are on the website. Sent District 6 Jerry Sprague an ADD check to present. We are caught up now except for one claim; they have asked for more information. District 16 chairman Josh Reisert just gave me another one today.

Executive Committee - President Holcomb: We met last night. Finished up California Casualty contract, discussed a few things we will be going over today. Completed the convention digest.

Awards - Chairman David Israel: February 1st is deadline for most awards. For Global Awards, please try to keep it to one person unless special circumstances and please give me a call and we will discuss. I need winner's names by February meeting and please check spelling of the name.

Angel Award - Diane Harrison: Please at your district meetings encourage members to write letters.

Jr. Firefighter - Jack Kerney: Looking at revamping award and we will have it in place in time for convention.

Ollie Sandberg Award on July 3rd Steve, Ross, Jack and I went to Chandler, IN to present award to David Luker.

Mr. IVFA - Richard Glant: We are accepting letters.

Bridgeport - Richard Glant: New form should be on-line soon. We received a thank you note from Paige Blades.

Budget - Luke Kluender: Pass.

Bylaws and SOG's - Chairman Larry Bartlow: We need to vote on the SOG's change to raise Sergeant-at-Arms allowance to \$500.00 effective July 1st. It was presented last meeting. I need a motion to accept the change District 11B chairman; John Morphy made motion. District 7 chairman Sam Bisel made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Luke Kluender: We pay almost \$10,000 a year for an audit, they analyze our processes and recommendations of changes to the way we do business and we can't do this because that's not the way we operate. I would like to see it changed to read annual financial report. It affects Article 9 of the bylaws, SOG's treasurer's duties.

Past president Buz Koehler made motion to move forward and send it to our districts for a vote. District Chairman 8A Jerry Liston made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. I nay.

Larry Bartlow: John Smith brought us questions, going to get the answers and send a letter back to the district with the answers.

Clothing Claims Committee - Chairman Lloyd Wright: We had 2 claims, we denied the claim and I will write a letter to the gentleman explaining why it was denied.

Convention Committee - Chairman David Israel: Convention 2017 gave back the \$4,000.00 start up money. We had 327 attend the

banquet. If you need any extra memorial service booklets, they are on back table if you need them.

2018 Convention - Larry Curl: Reservations for hotel - We need everyone marketing our convention

at every meeting. Steve Anderson, Reservations - please fill out your
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RPI

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"Supporting the IVFA for over 15 Years"

51 Years of Fire Apparatus Manufacturing Right Here in Tipton County



In 1966 John Bean located a fire apparatus manufacturing facility in the former Oakes Manufacturing facility in Tipton. Later, this would become the FMC fire apparatus division. During this period of time Tipton produced thousands of fire apparatus for small and large departments across North America and Internationally. FMC was known for their high-

pressure pumps, which have served many area departments because of their efficiency in putting out fires with limited water sources. Serving the community has always been a focus of fire apparatus manufacturing.

In 1986, the FMC facility was shuttered as its operations were moved to Florida. Out of this organization several members of FMC came together to form RPI, (Renewed Performance, Inc.). Mr. Jerry Beach, Anthony Haneline, and Raymond Salati broke ground on the corner of Market Road and Development Drive. Their vision was to build a company that could refurbish, maintain and build fire apparatus. The initial building was constructed in 1987. The first truck that was refurbished was an engine for Mooresville Fire Department. Using their contacts from their work at FMC, they were able to quickly build a client base to establish the company as a market leader in refurbishing fire apparatus.

In 2013 RPI was sold to Elsie and Chris Palabrica via an asset purchase agreement and became Renewed Performance Company. Mr. Palabrica has served the emergency response community for more than thirty years as a Haz-Mat entry and Incident Command Officer for several large corporations. "We see the ability to respond to an emergency as a vital prerequisite for any community/organization. You should never have to worry about the mission readiness of your machines." states Palabrica. Previously, an executive at several larger corporations, Palabrica views RPI as a means to serve our community, while providing an absolutely vital resource to emergency responders throughout the area. "We want to be your first call when you need service on your equipment."

The cost to refurbish an apparatus is roughly 20-50% of the new replacement cost. So, it makes sense to refurbish a vehicle. "Our refurbished vehicles often provide longer than the 10-15 year life extension for our customers. This translates into an excellent use of scarce resources for our customers." Added Palabrica. We are a small company, but we often take on difficult jobs, such as collision repairs, new construction, modifications/maintenance, and our refurbishing services. We are always looking to grow our business. In January, we purchased Hughes Safety, Inc. which provides ground ladder testing and mobile service capabilities. We are also actively recruiting talented individuals focused on helping our business sustainably grow well into the future.

I am always excited when we deliver a vehicle to a customer. Most recently, we delivered an engine to one of our customers in Michigan. Our employees put more than 3,500 man-hours into refurbishing this truck to "like new" condition. The quality of work our employees do is exceptional. We are very excited when our refurbished trucks can go right into service.



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reservations forms and return them to me, it's important because the hotel is continuing to book rooms so we need to get our rooms booked. Have parents of Miss Flames contact me. I have rooms for them. Who needs registration forms for your meetings and I think it was in the newspaper. If you're wanting to purchase banquet tickets only, need to purchase them early.

2019 Convention Chairman Bob Uryga: I have a contract but we are going to make some changes, they are not charging us for meeting rooms. For rooms group code is GIB0613 or you can go on line at www.bluechipcasino.com/groups.

David Israel: any districts wishing to bid on Convention 2020, we need your letter of intent by February quarterly meeting.

EMS Committee: Chairman Jerry Liston: I attended the EMS commission meeting in Terre Haute. Midwest Ambulance asked for waivers for the 24/7 rule for paramedics, it was denied. Johnson Memorial Hospital asked for a waiver on the IHERN radio requirement because they are building a new addition and their antenna was going to come down, it was denied. They talked about C-pap use at the EMT level; going to do more research on that. There is an open position on the EMS commission board, it's the public representative position. They talked about approved legislation Senate Bill 119, House Bill 1430.

Insurance - Luke Kluender: Pass. Legislative Committee - Chairman Buz Koehler: We had a committee meeting this morning and I will turn it over to Lobbyist Larry Curl. We tried to put our legislative

agenda together. 1) Presumptive cancer, who is going to pay for it? We are going to put back together the presumptive cancer committee group that we had and are going to work on funding and grants and an educational component. There are 38 states that have a presumptive cancer bill or law and 13 of them include volunteers. 2) Funding our departments 3) blue lights and we are still open for suggestions.

LODD - Chairman David Elick: We haven't had any. When you get a call for a memorial, make sure that's what the family wants. Chesterton Fire Department is hosting a class sponsored by Supporting Heroes. I will post date and time on our web site.

Membership and Marketing - Chairman Leighanne Ellis: We talked about IVFA merchandise, we are looking in to some new things; going to do some research before we bring it to the Board.

Newspaper - Chairman Buz Koehler: Labels didn't get to New Harmony so papers were slightly running behind. The paper was 40 pages, 38 ad labels, 19 ads in paper, total newspapers 15,116. For 2016 total cost to print the paper for all 4 quarters was \$53,020.44, total ads were \$28,895.00, which left a balance of \$24,125.44 divided by number of papers printed at 61,279 equals 53 cents per paper. Editor hasn't had an increase in 8 or 10 years. Check your information in paper and website. I want to thank John Grolich for picking up the papers.

Public Relations and Education - Chairman Steve Nolan: September 22, IREC, inventory list made and trailer will be checked when it goes out and when it comes

back. We are looking at a new wrap for next year. Don and Mike's names are in newspaper and they need a 48 hour notice for use of trailer.

Jack Zeeks: Spoke about LODD names on side of trailer career and volunteer, I just wanted to put it out there for thought. Memorial service will be in Indianapolis September 6th at 11 a.m.

Chairman Nolan will get the IVFA banners and chairs from Carol Thrawley.

Sergeant-at-Arms will take care of our banners and chairs.

Social Media - Josh Reisert: 4,600 users, top pages visited convention, map and blue light law, 5,682 likes on Facebook.

President Holcomb: Showed us new website, it is still in the works, if you have any suggestions, let me know.

Special Project - Chairman Buz Koehler: The jest of work was to look at division and adjustment of district sizes and number of departments to facilitate their management by the district chairman. We only got half of the district chairmen's surveys back so we used what information we got back. Everyone needs to keep in mind any changes that are made are to make it easier for the district chairman. We came up with a list of recommendations. Some got no changes, some got minor changes and no one got a major change. We talked about District 6 a lot over the past year, but District 6 does not want to change. We looked at number of departments and the travel size. We are going to meet with each district chairman and discuss what we have in mind to do. We also looked at re-numbering districts. Our final decision was to number Districts 1-25 and do away with A and B's.

District 8A Chairman Jerry Liston made motion to move forward with special projects taking to district for changes. District 9A chairman Jeremy Reef made the second. Motion carried by roll call vote 24 yes, 7 no and 16 absent/abstain.

Training Committee - Chairman John Smith: Board of Standards meeting on Monday night, the board approved the new curriculum for driver operator. The class is modeled after the modular system; Module A will be the general class, once you pass that class you will have up to 36 months if you wish to pursue 1) aerial, 2) engine, or 3) water supply.

Steve Anderson: You are going to hear a lot over data collection and records for training, we are not good at keeping records, we have to get better. PRSW training will be October 28th at Bedford North Lawrence North High School, Bedford.

Younger Membership - Chairman Jerry Sprague: Next meeting we will be giving training on Facebook by Randall Konger.

Board of Standards and Education - John Smith: We had several variances brought to us. Next meeting will be October 2, at 6 p.m. at Wayne Twp. November meeting will be at Northern Monroe Twp.

Fire Alliance - Larry Curl: Biggest issue is the data but more so is the data that represents our membership. We talked about collecting data, because what we have is very inadequate.

Fire Academy work group - Steve Anderson: No meetings for awhile.

Heroes Competition - Chairman

Mike Dzuba: Pass.

In - Time - Chairman Jack Zeeks: new chairman Lt. Terry Treon.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Jack Kerney: We were asked to help with a problem from North American Fire Marshal's Association, for grant money to be forwarded over to them for fire prevention. We do not support the changes. The book will be available on Fire Service Culture and management on NVFC website. Next meeting will be in September in Kerney, Nebraska. Challenge of 500 members per state.

Red Cross Workgroup - Chairman Don Cushman: Smoke alarm campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 17:47 until Sunday 8-13-17 at 8:30 a.m.

President Holcomb reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Chaplain Elick gave the minute message.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Holcomb -

Vice President Israel - Attended 3 fire department meetings, a memorial service, new station dedication, 3 district meetings, presented a Bible and grave marker, and the Ollie Sandberg Award.

Chaplain Elick - Make sure to fill out vouchers correctly even if no memorial service.

Secretary Harrison - Pass.

Treasurer Kluender - Pass.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush - Absent.

Historian Davies - Absent.

Chairman of the Board Anderson - Several Fire Alliance meetings, and a couple of parades.

PRNW Ellis - Pass.

PRNE Smith - Attended all my meetings.

PRWC Bartlow - Attended 3 district meetings.

PREC Cushman - Attended district meeting and fundraisers.

PRSE Scheele - Attended district meetings and fundraisers, county chief meeting and 1 memorial.

PRSW Nolan - Attended district meetings and county wide meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Past President Glant - Pass.

Past President Zeeks - Pass.

Past President Koehler - Pass.

Past President Anderson - Pass.

Past President Kerney - Attended 1 quarterly meeting, 1 convention, 5 district meetings, 1 awards banquet, 1 awards presentation.

Past President Israel - Pass.

Past President Ketchem - Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Chairman Neese - Attended 4 memorials, 2 district meetings, 1 IVFAA meeting.

District 2 Chairman Watland - Absent.

District 3 Chairman Uryga - Thanked Larry and Carol and Buz for attending.

District 4 Chairman Schafer - Absent.

District 5 Chairman Grolich - Presented station clock, attended district meetings, a couple of parades with Miss Flame.

District 6 Chairman Sprague - We had 2 deaths, presented 50 year Gold card, attended 2 engine dedications, visited departments.

District 7 Chairman Bisel - Pass.

District 8A Chairman Liston - Attended several department meetings, engine dedication and my secretary has started a Facebook page.

District 8B Chairman Wright - Attended fire department meetings.

District 9A Chairman Reef - Attended several department meetings and presented 10 and 25

year pins and Global Award.

Incoming District 9A Chairman Moon - Pass.

District 9B Chairman Denton - Absent.

District 10 Chairman Ray - Attended 2 county meetings, convention, several fire department meetings, fund raisers, presented 50 year Gold card, handed out roses to the families from our memorial service.

District 11A Chairman Taylor - Attended 2 district meetings, 7 department meetings, Standard and Education meeting, presented 2 - 50 year Gold cards.

District 11B Chairman Morphy - Attended convention, 2 district meetings, visited 23 departments, 1 fundraiser.

District 12 Chairman Bruner - we had 2 district meetings, 2 deaths, 1 county meeting, 1 chiefs' meeting, 1 awards banquet, and 4 fire department meetings.

Incoming District 12 Chairman McClure - Pass.

District 13A Chairman Dzuba - 1 district meeting, presented Global award, 1 death and several fundraisers.

District 13B Chairman Biehl - Presented 3 Bibles and grave markers, attended 2 fundraisers, 9 department visits.

District 14 Chairman Cannon - 2 district meetings, presented 50 year Gold card.

District 15 Chairman Emery - Attended district meetings, fundraisers and 6 golf outings.

District 16 Chairman Reisert - Pass.

District 17A Chairman Emery - Attended district meetings, presented Global Award, September 3 new station dedication Petersburg Fire Department.

District 17B Chairman Brown - Attended 1 district meeting, 4 fire departments, 2 county meetings.

District 18 Chairman Smith - Wrap up - Attended convention, 2 district meetings, Global Award presented and all 10 and 25 year pins are caught up.

Incoming District 18 Chairman DeKemper - Attended convention.

District 19 Chairman Macke - Attended 2 district meetings, convention, 1 memorial service, presented 10 and 25 year pins and 1 Gold card.

District 21 Chairman Watson - Absent.

President Holcomb introduced Fire Marshal Greeson.

Marshal Greeson - Good morning. Investigations Section - New Section, Chief Clayton Kender from New Albany area, Matt Wells, our South Assistant Chief from Pike County, Mike Vogley is our North Assistant Chief from Ripley County, Austin Hanes northwest and John Portman southern central part of the state.

Training for telecommunicators, we have been working on training for them for the past 2 years. It is being funded by E911 Board; it will begin in 2018.

Legislatures, when we talk about future funding, reporting is critical, we need to know what you are doing out in the field so we can show why we need more money.

IDHS grant \$4,000.00 grant application opens in February and ends in March. 2 stipulations - you have to be a reporting department and NIMS compliant. It's a reimbursement grant.

I received phone call from Paul,

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MARY STAFFORD (Deceased).....	1967-1969
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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly Meeting-Sunday 8-13-17
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Carol Curl.

Opening prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill.

The group was led in Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting; it was answered by 20 officers, 10 IVFAA members and 0 guests.

Announcements made by President Carol Curl that Joanne Hayes, June Cahill, Diana Gray, Jeri Johnson, Phyllis Vargo and Martha Thomas had all contacted her and

they were not able to attend the meeting today. Martha Thomas in need of thoughts and prayers, she is a little under the weather. Also that Tatijana Marsee and Jessie Dove both have recently got engaged and today is Tammy & Anthony Smith's wedding anniversary.

Corresponding secretary Janet Matthews read the minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting that was held at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus. Lou Bartlow made a motion to correct wording in the minutes. The representative from the insurance stated to Carol that in the future they will cover internet fraud. She suggested that anyone who deals in money should be bonded. The organization (corrected from origination) should be bonded not just the officers. Sharon Wright seconded the motion for correction made and motion carried. Then President Carol Curl wanted to add to the above notation in the minutes that it is to read: Bond the offices not the individuals. Janet Woodfield made a motion that the addition to the minutes be added, EJ Smith seconded that motion and motion was carried. Correction to the minutes from June 15, 2017 was made.

Treasurer Martha Biehl reported on bills that needed to be addressed; tax bill for the tax returns and new checks were bought on the new account. President Carol Curl mentioned that a fire proof file cabinet needs to be purchased for recording secretary Tammy Smith as the one June Cahill was using was her own and not property of the IVFAA.

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EJ Smith made motion for organization to purchase a fire proof file cabinet for Tammy Smith with an \$800 limit to be spent. Christina Reef seconded the motion and motion carried. Treasurer's report was given, balance on hand as of August 9, 2017 checking account has \$42,293.65, the CD has \$11,128.02, and raffle account has \$708.96. Paperwork shows Mary Mackin Fund has \$100.00 and Miss Flame Account has \$100.00. Treasurer's report accepted as read until time of audit.

President Carol Curl brought up old business; the discussion of the separation of the Mary Mackin Fund and Miss Flame Account. Martha Biehl reports that as going through the treasurer items that was given to her by Dorothy Reiter, past treasurer, she found that there is a federal tax ID number for the Mary Mackin Fund since 2007. After investigating into the situation it is advised that we put that tax ID number to use. On 8-12-17 in the finance committee meeting it was decided that the funds we currently have for the Mary Mackin & Miss Flame account will be split in half and that an account will be opened for each to have their own account. President Carol Curl recognized EJ Smith for the efforts at convention this year on the 50/50 raffle that she had to support the Mary Mackin Fund. It raised \$467.50 for the fund and the winner Josh Reiser also got \$467.50. This was a very good start to something new. Sharon Wright

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2016 / 2017

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Barbara Kerney - Chairman
Diana Grey - Co-chair
Dawn Harris
Carolyn Zeeks

CHINESE AUCTION COMMITTEE

Tonya Marsee - Chairman
Leona Uryga - Co-Chairman
Jeri Johnson
Lori Parker
Suzie Lewis
Pam Gerdowsky
Carolyn Scheele
Diane Stapleton
Carolyn Watson
Beverly Taylor
Diana Gray
Joyce Nevil
Marlene Thrawley
Martha Thomas
Tammy Smith
Kay Shumaker

MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD

JoAnn Hays
Sharon Wright
Suzie Lewis

LOIS BOAZ AWARD

June Cahill
Carol Curl
Joyce Nevil

HISTORIANS

Phyllis Vargo - Chairman
JoAnn Hays - Co-Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Suzie Lewis - Chairman
Barbara Ketchem - Co-Chairman
Kathy Smith
Jeri Johnson
Connie Bruner
Carolyn Watson

MISS FLAME COMMITTEE

Barbara Kerney - Chairman
Janet Matthews - Co-Chairman
Sharon Wright
Tonya Marsee
E.J. Smith
1 - Rep. from 2017 IVFA Convention
Miss Flame Committee
1 - Rep. from the IVFA

JEWELRY COMMITTEE

Janet Woodfill - Chairman

MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

E.J. Smith - Chairman
Beth Caudill - Co-Chairman
Heather Holcomb
Joyce Nevil
Bev Taylor

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Diana Grey - Chairman
Sue Glant - Co-Chair
Dorothy Reiter
June Cahill
Marie Emery
Christina Reef

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Lou Bartlow - Chairman
*Mtg. will follow By-Laws & Roberts Rules of Order

VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Tonya Marsee - Chairman
Jeri Johnson - Co-Chair
Lori Parker
Kay Shumaker
Marlene Thrawley
Tammy Smith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Carolyn Zeeks - Chairman
Carol Koehler - Co-chairman
Jean Parish
Sue Glant
Phyllis Vargo

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE

Betsey Howe - Chairman
Pam Gerdowsky - Co-Chairman

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY

Martha Thomas - Chairman
Barbara Kerney - Co-Chairman
Lou Bartlow

BYLAWS / SOG COMMITTEE

Joyce Nevil - Chairman
Marie Emery - Co-chairman
Tammy Smith
Lou Bartlow
Diane Stapleton
Phyllis Vargo
Eula Bush

SOG'S COMMITTEE

Joyce Nevil - Chairman
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
Tatijana Marsee

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Corresponding secretary . . .

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made a motion that the joint account of Mary Mackin/Miss Flame be split in half and both have their own accounts and function on their own and each have their own individual budgets. Beverly Taylor seconded the motion, motion carried. SOG and Bylaws will be worked on to reflect this change.

New committee list for 2017-2018 was passed out to all in attendance.

Chinese Auction - Managed this past convention by Lori Baxter, made \$1900.00 this year, tickets were sold \$1.00 a piece or 6 tickets for \$5.00. In 2016 we made \$1758.00, so an increase was noted. Open discussion of ticket prices for next year, Christina Reef made a motion that we sell Chinese auction tickets 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 a piece, EJ Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

VP Project - Heather Holcomb reports there will be a VP project raffle this year at convention, guidelines of prizes, if there was a budget in the past for this project? Heather says she will work hard to get prizes donated. Ticket sales can only be sold by adults, NOT by any Miss Flames. Chairmen, this is your duty as an adult to be the handler of tickets for this and Martha Biehl has the forms to be completed on prize amounts when the time comes. Heather informed the group that after 3 consistent years of having the VP raffle that we can get a permanent gaming number by state for this; however, it has to continue after those 3 years.

Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis reports that she has the raffle ticket barrel that was always used for the VP raffle and Lou Bartlow says she also has a ticket barrel that can be used for Mary Mackin raffle. Suzie also reports she has 2 extra district chairman cases, if anyone is in need of one to please let her know.

President Carol Curl brought up the process of the men coming to our meeting to vote as they did this past convention. The men always do their voting last at their meeting so we need to work out a way for this to happen that is not so disruptive to our meeting and the men's meeting as well. Discussion of ideas how to achieve this happened. Diane Stapleton made a motion that the IVFAA move our annual Friday meeting at convention to 8:30 a.m. and we have our bylaws and voting first thing when the meeting comes to order. Lou Bartlow seconded the motion, motion carried.

President Carol Curl reminded all officers there will be a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the Saturday of our quarterly meeting weekend. Please plan to attend.

Audit Committee - per Barb Kerney, all went well.

Miriam Schaeckel Award - Sharon Wright put a letter in newspaper of the directions/instructions to nominate someone, also the addresses to send the information to. Letter can be typed but has to be signed, do not email.

Lois Boaz - Carol Curl, write them letters, ladies.

Jewelry Committee - Suzie Lewis is chair and Janet Woodfield co-chair.

Historian - No report, neither are here.

Membership Committee - Leona Uryga is chair.

Miss Flame Committee - per Barb Kerney, nothing to report yet; will be

working on budget.

Mary Mackin - per EJ Smith, she will be having a meeting on Saturday of November meeting at 2 p.m. for her committee.

Budget/Finance Committee - change in chairs. Christina Reef will be the chair and Sharon Wright the co-chair. There will be a meeting on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. of the November quarterly meeting.

No change in President's Advisory committee.

Bylaw Committee - Tammy Smith is the chair, nothing to report.

SOG Committee - Joyce Nevil reports will meet with the Miss Flame and Mary Mackin committees in November to help review and make needed adjustments related to the division of the account.

Nominating Committee - Carolyn Zeeks is chair, nothing to report.

Installation Committee - Betsey Howe is the chair but if she is not able then Pam Gerdowsky will do the installations with assistance from Phyllis Vargo.

Parliamentarian - Lou Bartlow, nothing to report.

Chaplain's Assistant Committee - Beth Caudill would like her assistants to have a book of quotes and prayers that they can use to comfort families called "Always Jesus". Diane Stapleton made a motion that the books be purchased and given to her assistants. The cost comes out of her chaplain's fund, Kay Shumaker seconded the motion, motion carried. Beth reports there have been 2 deaths since convention; makes a total of 3 deaths to be added to the convention list for 2018. Beth also informed everyone that the state provides Bibles for the district chairmen to present to the family, the rose and the candle is to be provided by the district itself. Beth gave thanks to those that assisted in the funeral of Mary Ann Martin. Beth reviewed the list of chairmen and the number of Bibles that they have in their possession.

Communication & Technology Committee - Heather Holcomb, can contact me anytime you have questions with your email.

Tammy Smith introduced her replacement of District 13 chairman; it is her mother Leslie Spears.

Buz Koehler came in to meeting to talk to women about the newspaper and how one gets a paper sent to them and even how some members get more than one sent out to them. The IVFAA is interested in getting the newspaper sent out to the past presidents that do not get the paper. Currently to get the IVFA newspaper, one has to be a member of the IVFA and pay yearly dues of \$20.00. Barb Kerney made a nomination that we as an organization absorb the cost to send out the extra newspapers that we get to past presidents that do not get one and that the corresponding secretary will be responsible to mail them out to them each quarter. Lou Bartlow seconded the nomination, motion carried.

Recording secretary Tammy Smith gave total counts of membership: 32 departments, 397 paid by departments, 107 individuals, and 27 life members with a total of 531 paid members. I have been given a lot of paid dues this weekend as well. Tammy sent around those mailings that returned with bad addresses for the group to pick out the ones from their districts and reminded them to get updated addresses of members. Carol Curl

addressed the group of a member from District 3 that needs to be struck from the membership list so no more mailings get sent out to him. This individual has been prosecuted and we need to stop all the mailings to him; Tammy Smith will get an updated list of this to the insurance company as well to get him removed.

Sue Glant presented the budget for 2018/2019 and all was given a copy to review and questions were voiced. Sharon Wright made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2018/2019 that was presented and Dawn Harris seconded the motion, motion carried. After further review of the budget for 2018/2019 there is an error and Sharon Wright made a motion to rescind the motion to accept the proposed budget until the correction can be made regarding Miss Flame allotment. Dawn Harris also seconded motion to rescind, motion carried. After discussion in the group and seeing that we made the \$400.00 up by having made more money on the Chinese auction that a motion can be made to accept budget as written with the addition of \$400.00 to the proposed budget that was given to us for review. Last year's budget shows differently as the Mary Mackin and Miss Flame were together and now they are no longer that way. Parliamentarian Lou Bartlow agrees that this can be done. Sharon Wright made a motion that we accept the 2018/2019 proposed budget and add the \$400 to be given to the Miss Flame account, Beverly Taylor seconded the motion, motion carried. Diane Stapleton questioning if the Mary Mackin Fund and Miss Flame committees have to submit line budgets for the November meeting? Both committees will bring budgets to the November quarterly meeting to be viewed and voted on.

Joyce Nevil addressed the group about the SOG's that all of the district chairmen were to take back to their districts to get their votes on them after they were reworked. Tammy Smith reviewed the list of district chairmen that they did get to take the SOG information back to their districts and all in favor. Dawn Harris made a motion that we pass the SOG's as they were reworked, Janet Woodfield seconded the motion, motion carried. Christina Reef will retype the SOG's for Joyce as her computer is having issues. Joyce Nevil then brought up about the bylaw that needed changed related to the treasurer could not get voted on at convention. President Carol Curl reviewed the bylaw that we have in place about bylaw changes that we need/want to change have to be given to the district chairmen at a quarterly meeting and the chairs take them back to their district for a vote and then bring them back at the next quarterly meeting and vote on them in favor of their district's decision. There was a typo/error in the 2014 bylaw on page 7 Section 6 that was transcribed incorrectly from the previous set of bylaws. Barb Kerney made a motion that the bylaw typographical error be fixed and approved as submitted. Pam Gerdowsky seconded the motion, motion carried. Tammy Smith will add in the error in the bylaw change that was submitted and get a copy of the bylaw to Janet Matthews to put in the minutes.

Larry Curl came to talk to the group and IVFA convention registration and hotel registration for 2018 have been passed out. This hotel can only host space of 300

people for the banquet. So be sure to register soon if you know who and how many want to come. Convention is June 20-23rd, 2018, will be making special registration forms for those from districts that want to participate in education and/or games only. The convention is being put on by the State IVFA/IVFAA this year and any help is invited to the convention meeting on the 2nd floor today.

Tammy Smith gave a health update on Jackie Cox, and he is improving and he will be having stents put in this upcoming week.

President Carol Curl asked if anyone has anything else for the good of the order. No one had anything. Meeting adjourned. Chaplain Beth Caudill closed the meeting in prayer at 10:52 a.m. Next quarterly meeting will be November 4th and 5th, 2018 at Crowne Plaza Hotel here in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone.
Greetings from District 6,

Fall is here with beautiful fall scenery, cooler weather.

Please remember Fire Safety Week is October 8th to 14th, the theme this year is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out". Also remember when burning candles, heaters and etc., please be careful.

Our next district meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Thorncreek Fire Department. This will be our district Miss Flame contest. If you have a girl interested between the age of 15-18, please contact me at 260-413-3040 or Jerry Sprague, men's chairman and we will get the information to you or answer any questions you may have.

I presented Barb Mason from New Haven Adams Township Ladies Auxiliary her 50 year Gold IVFAA Card and pin. Congratulations Barb to your many years of service.

Remember to write your letters for our Auxiliary Awards presented at our Annual State Convention. They are Lois Boaz and Miriam Schaeckel. If you need forms or information, please let me know! Deadline for letters is February 1st, to the committee.

If you have any concerns or questions call me at 260-413-3040 or e-mail EJS6District@aol.com.

E.J. Smith
District 6 Chairman

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**February deadline:
January 5, 2018**

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

Meeting September 17th, 2017 at Warren, IN was called to order by Joyce Nevil. Pledge to the flag was given. Roll call 7 members, 1 guest.

Minutes were read and approved. State minutes read and discussed.

Carol Curl talked about what was going on within the IVFAA. Reminder to get convention registrations in.

Problem with Miss Flame entry fee, to be taken care of.

Next meeting will be at Andrews, IN on November 20, 2017. There will be Christmas gift exchange with a limit of \$5 gift. At this meeting there also will be our Miss Flame judging. Contact District 7 Chairpersons Sam Bisel and Joyce Nevil before the meeting if there are any candidates that wish to partake in Miss Flame.

See you in Andrews.

District 7 Chairman
Joyce Nevil

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello Fall,

Spring and fall are my favorite times of the year. Everything is so pretty.

On July 16th our district meeting was at Thunderbird Fire Protection in Farmersburg, IN. We had a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Fire Department. Thanks so much for your hospitality. We had election of officers. Everyone stayed the same.

Because of the scam, it is apparent By-Laws and SOG changes need to be made. Now two people will sign checks instead of one.

On Sept. 10th we had a joint district meeting with 11B in Montezuma, IN. We had a beautiful day, good food, and good friends. Everyone had a good time.

Our Miss Flame dance will be Nov. 18th, 2017 from 7-10 at the Operations and Engineers Building on South Highway 41. Looking forward to seeing you there.

If you have a fundraiser or questions, you can reach me at the number in the paper.

Please pray for all the people in their time of need and our country.

District 11A IVFAA Chairman
Beverly Taylor



Quarterly report . . .

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Larry and David, concerning a letter I had written in support of a position that the National Association State of Fire Marshals throughout the United States has taken. This was a position to attempt to get more money out of the assistance of firefighter grant for public education programs and fire safety programs. I wrote the letter to Representative Banks. I talked about the fire fatalities that the State of Indiana has and the need to have programs in the local and rural areas, to help with pre-warning and life safety and fire prevention programs. I do understand that you have to do what you think is best for your members.

Lobbyist Curl – I think also full disclosure on our part. We did also write a letter to Representative Banks’ office, and we opposed that proposition. Not that we don’t support fire prevention, our thought was we have already established grant money for particular issues and cases and we should try to establish additional funds for that fire prevention money. We did contact our congressional member, I reached out to his staff members, I reached out to the White House as well saying please don’t authorize this until you get further discussion. I did include in the letter on behalf of the IVFA that next year we ought to take a look at this as a whole picture and include the fire service that applies for the grants before we just arbitrarily go out and take a piece of that pie.

Fire Marshal Greeson - After hours if you need to get a hold of us call EOC – 1-800-669-7362.

New Business

Benefit Summit Kerney, Nebraska Steve Anderson and David Israel would like to send them.

Cancer Summit - Phoenix,

Arizona, Larry Curl and Buz Koehler would like to send them.

President Holcomb reminded everyone to check your emails, you should have 4. 1) Logan Family scholarship fund, 2) IN School Safety guidelines for first responders, 3) Robert Quinn, who is the State Committee Program Director that is actually engaging our Association, 4) Kings Island flyer.

Steve Anderson and Steve Macke will be our representatives on this committee.

Buz Koehler: The IVFAA would like newspapers for all their officers and past presidents. 36 are receiving the paper now; they would like to add the past presidents, so it would go to 48 papers.

\$100.00 gas card sponsored by the Johnson & Williams Group and California Casualty winner is Steve Bushong, District 6. Cleaning kit sponsored by Station Supply winner is Robert Hayes, District 11A.

Next quarter, room bookings will be same as this quarter if you have any changes, please let Vice President Israel know. November meeting is here. Still looking for 2018.

District 11B Chairman Morphy made motion to adjourn. Past President Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Harrison
–IVFA Secretary

Season’s Greetings!

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

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Hello all,

Sorry I haven’t written any articles lately. We did not have any meetings for awhile as more of us were busy with children and grandkids at sporting events, 4-H meetings and vacations, which I myself loved.

I have attended meetings with Sam where he passed out awards and pins. Congratulations to all who received them.

I attended the annual meeting at Loogootee. Was nice to see so many there and a very good meal was enjoyed by all.

I attended the Taylor Auxiliary meeting in August, plans were made for the upcoming Festivals.

Thanks to Wright Twp. VFD for hosting the Greene Co. Firefighters ice cream social. The afternoon was spent watching the kids and some adults and our Miss Flame playing the games. Waterball - the most popular game played.

Congratulations to Petersburg and the beautiful new station. I attended the dedication ceremony September 3rd, was nice seeing everyone.

September 11th a district meeting was held with 10 members present. Election of officers was held. All officers are the same. Also plans

were made to have our annual cookie sale at the Vincennes sausage supper January 20, 2018. Be sure to purchase cookies as the money is used to support your District Miss Flame.

One of the fall fundraisers is the Scotland Festival. Plans were made at the Taylor Auxiliary meeting; also the Bloomfield Apple Fest. We have a variety of games for kids.

On Saturday, September 16th we attended the Madison Twp. annual fish fry. Had a very good visit with Milenda Bell and good food. A very large crowd was in attendance.

Our local Apple Fest will be October 6, 7 and 8th.

Congratulations to George Ockerman (Richland Fire & Rescue) for his 39 years of service.

Calling all young ladies. We will be looking for Miss Flame contestants - girls 15-18. Applications on web page or contact me. All applications must be turned in to me no later than December 1, 2017.

Everyone enjoy the upcoming fall weather and the holidays.

Marie Emery
District 17A - Auxiliary

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope everyone is doing well and praying for all our country’s disasters going on. I think the dear Lord has

been trying to tell us to pay attention. Prayers and being there for each other is what we all need to do.

District #19 held our meeting at Aurora on Aug. 15 with not many in attendance, but school has been back in full swing so I am sure many had other obligations. Aurora served a wonderful chicken dinner and had wonderful door prizes. They were very gracious to host for us and we really appreciate them being a part of our organization.

Hoping to have any girls wanting to run for Miss Flame get their entries in as our Miss Flame contest will be held Nov. 16 at Miller York; so if interested have your girls contact me at 812-934-4356 for needed papers.

We received some money from several departments to help out District 19 since we have very few departments left as members. Thanks to all who helped support the IVFAA auxiliaries.

Our next IVFAA meeting will be held Nov. 14 at Sunman Firehouse. Hope you can attend.

Thanks to all who take time out of their busy schedules to keep our organization going and helping our wonderful firefighters and members to achieve their goals! God Bless you all.

Pam Gerdowsky
District #19

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PROVIDENT

LOOK FOR OUR AD
IN THE
NOVEMBER ISSUE

IVFAA President Carol Curl



Greetings:
Fellow Auxiliary Members

Well, here we are another newsletter, another quarter, and soon to be another holiday season. I just wanted to thank each of you for your confidence and support during our last election and ask for your continued support for all your officers.

It was certainly great seeing and meeting so many of you in Columbus. We look forward to our visit as I travel to as many districts as I can attend.

We encourage the many of you to continue to work within your local districts, helping to grow the number of members, build a strong and vibrant Auxiliary to work with and for your departments.

I encourage all of our members to visit the IVFA website and learn what we have done and are doing to support. It is nice to have departments supported by IVFAA members and to work on projects as an Auxiliary.

So what is new for your State Auxiliary? We hope to continue to review our policies and work on our fundraising activities. We hope to grow our Miss Flame program, getting a contestant from each district and work toward the next

project for the Miss Flame.

I am looking for input from all as to how to best serve you and our members.

In closing I want to wish all happy holidays, a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Carol

IVFAA Vice President Heather Holcomb



Hello everyone! As fall gets underway let's all remember that we are going into the Christmas holidays and that fire safety needs to be reminded to our communities! As the volunteer we have to keep our loved ones and each other safe!

We are already planning for next year's convention. If you are planning on attending I would get your registration in ASAP!

Our next meeting is November 14 at Gibson VFD, 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please call or email me anytime!

To all a blessed holiday season!

Heather Holcomb

Season's Greetings to all!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

— submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 Chairman and Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman

50 year Gold Cards presented



Mac McBride (right) is shown receiving his 50 year Gold Card from Marshall Neese (left) in September 2017. McBride is a member of the Lake Ridge Fire Department. — submitted by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman.



50 year Gold Card and pin were given to Henry Schultz (right) as a member of Beverly Shores VFD and the IVFA. Presented by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman. — submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



25 year pins awarded

25 year pins were given to Thomas Carlson and Carl Zarnis as members of Beverly Shores VFD and the IVFA. Presented by Marshall Neese, District 1 chairman. — submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

— submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman

New CPFD Chief

David Crane, a 35 year member of Crown Point Fire Department was appointed as Chief to replace Greg DeLor who retired.



10 year pins



Members of Porter Twp. VFD were presented with their 10 year pins by District 2 Chairman Paul Watland.



John Sarver (left) received his 10 year pin as a member of CPFR and the IVFA. Presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

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LOOK FOR OUR AD IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman



50 year Gold Card

Frank Jay Sheehy was presented with his 50 year Gold Card and certificate as a member of Cedar Lake VFD and the IVFA.

Presentation was made by District 2 Chairman Paul Watland and past IVFA President Buz Koehler.

Also present were CLFD chief Todd Wilkening and retired chief Denny Wilkening.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Bob Uryga, Sr. - District Chairman



Pictured are District 3 chairman Diane Stapleton, Miss Flame Chloe Perkins, Chaplain Jodi Barkow and secretary/treasurer Roni Haack (seated).



Global Award

Pictured are Sheriff John Boyd, Capt. Mike Kellems (Global Award) and chairman Bob Uryga.

50 year awards

25 year pin



25 year pin presented to Jeff Barkow (left) by Bob Uryga (right).



50 year awards presented to Glen Wallace, Thomas Wheatbrook and Robert Wideman.

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2018 officers

Elected chairman Bob Uryga and secretary/treasurer Rick Bradford.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Submitted by John Grolich, District Chairman



Fire department receives IVFA clock

Pictured on the left is 5th District Chairman, John Grolich presenting an IVFA clock and on the right is Assistant Chief Henry Twp.-Akron Fire Department Duane Hackworth.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

– submitted by E.J. Smith, IVFAA District 6 chairman



IVFAA District 6 Chairman E.J. Smith (left) presented Barb Mason her 50 year Gold Card and service pin with New Haven Adams Township Ladies Auxiliary.

50 year Gold card

I.V.F. A. Convention 2018 Registration Form Indianapolis Airport at the CROWNE PLAZA June 20 - 23

Pre-registration Fee: \$75.00 per person (after June 1, 2018 price jumps to \$ 90)
Price includes 4 meals (dinner Wed / Thurs / Fri & Fri breakfast)

Name: _____
(Print as you want it to appear on your badge)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - _____ - _____ IVFA District: _____

Email Address: _____

Fire Department / Company: _____

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse / Guest	Title
State Officer	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	_____
District Chairperson	_____	_____	District _____
IVFA Member	_____	_____	
IVFA Aux. Member	_____	_____	
Guest	_____	_____	

Number of children attending (age 12 and under): _____ (over age 12): _____
*older kids attending the banquet will require a ticket (unless they register for the full conference)

EXTRA Banquet Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need _____ EXTRA tickets at \$40 each

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Make check payable to Convention 2018)

To register by credit card, circle type of card Mastercard or Visa Expiration Date: _____

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

– submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman



10 year service pins

John Stalf, Jeremy Anstett and Michael Yontz receive their 10 year pins from District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague and District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley.



25 year service pins

Bob Anstett, Tracy Stroh and Steve Anstett received their 25 year pins from District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague and District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley.



50 year Gold Card and pin

(Pictured at left) – District 6 Chairman Jerry Sprague and Johnson Twp. VFD Chief Kelly Landers present Doug Reed with his 50 year Gold Card and pin.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

New Haven Adams Township holds first Fire Muster



Aboite Fire Department participating in the District 3 Propane Training. Assistant Chief Jeff Burke turning off the propane tank valve.

Shawn Doyle on the nozzle with Andrew McCallister backing him.



Bailey Sheley District 6 Miss Flame participating in the New Haven Muster Parade.



Colton Winget spending time with the Fire Safety Mascot.



Indiana State Marshal Jim Greeson taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the community.

Happy Holidays!

More news from District 2 ...

(Pictured at right) – Tim Tully of Crown Point Fire/Rescue received a 25 year membership plaque as a member of CPFR. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Sam Bisel - District Chairman – photos submitted by Richard Sorg

Receive 50 year Gold cards



Brother and sister on Poe VFD receive years of service awards

Jim DeKoninck receives his 50 year Gold card and Betty Schroeder receives her 25 year pin.

Left to right is Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman, Jim DeKoninck and Betty Schroeder.



Jim DeKoninck of the Poe VFD is presented his 50 year Gold card and proclamation at the Poe Fireman's Festival.

Presenting the card are Poe VFD Chief Paul Von Bank, Jim DeKoninck and Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman.

Picture by Richard Sorg



DeWayne Boxell of Warren VFD receives his 50 year Gold card at District 7 meeting in Warren.

Presenting (from left to right) Larry Curl IVFA Lobbyist, DeWayne Boxell, Sam Bisel District 7 chairman and Jean Smith PRNE.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Montpelier Jamboree Days parade



The Montpelier Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade during the Jamboree Days on September 2, 2017. Shown is the Pennville antique fire truck going thru the parade.



9/11 Memorial



Pictured above is the Montpelier Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department going through the parade.

(Pictured at left) – On September 11, 2017 the Montpelier Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department set up a 9/11 Memorial remembering 343.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

Awards presented at annual banquet



On September 9, 2017 at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department annual awards banquet. (In the photo on left) Terry Blumhorst was honored for his 30 years of service on the department. Devon Messesmith was honored for his 25 years of service but was not able to attend. Pictured (from left to right) are John Willoughby, Terry Blumhorst and district chairman Lloyd E. Wright. (In the photo on the right) Brook Willoughby and John Willoughby were honored for their 10 years of service on the department. Pictured (from left to right) are Brook Willoughby, John Willoughby and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Station clock presented

The Albany/Delaware Township Volunteer Fire Department received a clock for their station. Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presented Derek May, Fire Chief with the new clock.

Fundraisers held throughout district



The Monroe Township (Cowan) Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry. Looks like they are all lined up to start serving to the people.

The crowd is enjoying the food and company.



The Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast on September 9, 2017. The serving line is serving up the good food for the people.

Some couples enjoying the hog roast and all the other goodies.



EDITOR'S NOTE When submitting articles and photos, either by mail, e-mail or fax please include the District # along with the submission. THANK YOU!!

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman

10 year pins



Russiaville Fire Department 10 year pins – Pat Reel, Brent Pouge and 9A chairman Pascal Moon.



New Waverly Fire Department 10 year pins – (left to right) Brian Sparks, Michael Glasborn, Jared Wiseley, Jackson Wisley and Pat Bell.

25 year pins



A 25 year pin was presented to Norm Scmitt (left) of Russiaville Fire Department by 9A chairman Pascal Moon.



Steve Crispen (left) from Miami Township NewWaverly was awarded his 25 year pin by District 9A chairman Pascal Moon.



District 9A chairman Pascal Moon (left) is shown presenting Ted Musselman – Harrison Township (Lucerne) with his 25 year pin.



Eric Nelson (left) of New Waverly Fire Department is shown receiving his 25 year pin from 9A chairman Pascal Moon.



50 year Gold card presented

50 year Gold card with Gary Michaels, Pascal Moon and Jeremy Reef. Buz Koehler was also there but was somehow left out of the picture!

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SOME SAFETY TIPS FOR BUYING AND USING SPACE HEATERS:

1. Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element. Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture, or other flammable materials.
2. Choose a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters meet specific safety standards.
3. Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to provide sufficient combustion air to prevent CO production.
4. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.
5. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Have a smoke detector with fresh batteries on each level of the house and a carbon monoxide detector outside your sleeping area.
7. Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.
8. Have gas and kerosene space heaters inspected annually.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

Submitted by Pascal Moon, District Chairman

Several vehicles placed into service throughout the district



Harrison Township (Lucerne) placed in to service a 1991 Chevy/KME tanker, 250 gpm/3000 gal.



2017 Ford brush truck was placed in service by Miami Township (New Waverly).

Nice job on the truck.



2016 IH Rosenbauer 2200 gal. tank, 1250 pump in service at Russiaville Fire Department.

Great truck, guys!

A blessed Thanksgiving to each and everyone!

Time to have fuel burning appliances checked out

As the weather turns colder throughout much of the country, consumers are urged to have a professional inspection of all fuel-burning appliances -- including furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers, water heaters and space heaters -- to detect deadly carbon monoxide (CO) leaks.

These appliances burn fuels -- typically gas, both natural and liquified petroleum; kerosene, oil, coal and wood. Under certain conditions, these appliances can produce deadly CO. However, with proper installation and maintenance, they are safe to use. An annual inspection and service is the first line of defense against this silent killer.

CO is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fuel. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. Exposure to high levels of CO can cause death.

Each year, CO poisoning associated with fuel-burning appliances kills about 200 people. Having this inspection performed could prevent a terrible tragedy.

It is recommended that the yearly professional inspection include checking chimneys, flues, and vents for leakage and blockage by debris. Birds, insects and other animals sometimes nest in vents and block exhaust gases, causing the gases to enter the home. Leakage through cracks or holes could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue. These stains and strange smells can mean that pollutants are leaking into the house. In addition, have all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances checked to make sure they are not loose or disconnected.

Have your appliances inspected for gas leaks and adequate ventilation. A supply of fresh air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney, stovepipe, or flue, and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel. Never block ventilation air openings. Also make sure the appliance is operating on the fuel that it is designed to use. An appliance must be modified by a professional to burn propane.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

Members honored for 50 years of service



From left: Jeff Chrisman, Flat Rock Vol. Fire Dept. Fire Chief; John Ray, 10th District Chair; Linda Harrod - wife, Andy Harrod, son & Dustin, grandson and IVFA Vice President David Israel. The family of the late Phil Harrod, receiving the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Award and the Indiana State Resolution for 50 years of firefighting service.



Pictured from left are: 10th District Chair John Ray, Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, Ronnie Tennell, Jean Tennell, Ann Doty and David Israel, IVFA Vice President. Front row: Amy Tennell. Firefighter Tennell received his resolution from the State of Indiana for 50 years of firefighting service.

10 year pins



Columbus Township Firefighters receiving their 10 year pins are: Jordan Arnholt, Mark Allen Fields, Chris Selking, and Timothy Tibbs, with 10th District Chair John Ray and Chief Dave Thompson also pictured.



Trafalgar Firefighters receive their 10 year pins from District 10 Chair John Ray. They are from left: Anthony Ankney, Kevin Chaney, Thomas Tharpe, Tyler Sneed. (Not pictured) Jacob Morrison and Jeremy Abraham.

25 year pin



Fairland Firefighters receiving their 10 year pins are from left: Josh Rowe, John Ray - District 10 Chair, Todd Trimble.



East Columbus Firefighter Don Richards received his 25 year pin and Chief Dave Thompson receives his 10 year pin from District 10 Chair John Ray.

Global Award



Hartsville Firefighter & Assistant Chief Bobby Knight was recipient of the Global Award for District 10. He is receiving his award from Hartsville Fire Chief and District 10 Chair John Ray.

February 2018 deadline – January 5, 2018



Support Hoosier Burn Camp

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

Mike Dzuba, District Chairman – photos submitted by Joseph P. Hilbert - assistant chief JTVFD

JTVFD hosts cook-out and dedication ceremony



JTVFD recently held a cookout for the members and their families. The Department then held a Dedication ceremony for the new Light Rescue truck "Rescue 7-6". Chief Heath Hudnut and Assistant Chief Joseph Hilbert assisted the department's Chaplain C.J. Buskirk with the dedication and then the truck was "pushed into" the station by the members. This truck is a gently used 2006 Ford F550 with a rescue body.



Rescue 7-6 will be used for as a BLS non-transport. It also has our extrication tools, grain bin rescue, spare air bottles, other rescue equipment and will also be used for manpower transport and fire support.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Richard Cannon, District Chairman



Department has new rescue truck

Spencer Township Fire has been working hard and now has a new rescue truck.

Examine your heating units

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 U.S. 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 now is the time for heating fires to occur, let's 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 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 you to inquire with the owner/occupant if there were any mechanical problems with the unit. 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 are 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 spoliation 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 chance of spoliation, 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 this winter and a heat plant is located in the area of origin, keep these suggestions in mind to help you with your examination.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

Submitted by Joshua Reisert, District Chairman

25 year pins



Glenn Mull of Gibson Twp. Fire Department receiving his 25 year pin.

10 year pins



Gibson Twp. Fire Department receiving their 10 year pins.

More news from District 3

- submitted by Bob Uryga, District 3 chairman



Ralph Seacat and Terry Stroud of Milltown Vol. Fire Department receiving their 25 year pins.



Ten year pins

Left to right: Bass Lake V.F.D. 10 year pins: District Chairman Bob Uryga, Brad Brewer, Steve Ahlenius, James Kreisler, Will Lovins, Greg Troike, Chief Les Jensen in the back. Not present - Kevin Albright, David Combs, Vernon Cranor, Darrell Crase, Garry McIntosh, William Shaw, John Smith, Mark Smith, Joe Venckus.



Preparing for Old Man Winter: Seven Things Every Homeowner and Renter Should Do As Daylight Saving Ends

Now is the perfect time to prepare your home before winter winds blow. As we return the clocks to standard time, we should also make sure our houses are safe and sound. Here are [seven "fall back" ideas](#) from the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America:



1. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on November 5
2. Change batteries and [check smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors](#) and fire extinguishers
3. Clean and inspect your furnace and replace furnace filters to maximize efficiency and prevent possible home fires
4. [Prepare your home for winter](#) – check and insulate pipes under sinks and crawl spaces, get leaves out of gutters and trim trees so they are not hanging over roofs or power lines and make sure downspouts send water away from your foundation
5. [Review your insurance policy](#) to be certain that you have appropriate coverage and inquire about options such as water backup or scheduling valuable personal items (often called a floater). Remember, flood insurance is not included with homeowners and renters insurance and you will need to purchase a separate policy
6. Check that you have appropriate policy deductibles; the higher the deductible, the lower your premium will be
7. Complete a [home inventory](#) and video or photograph your possessions for documentation

Here are some other fall preparation tips that can prevent damage to your home:

- Inspect and repair any cracks in ceilings, windows and outer walls
- Disconnect garden hoses and have sprinkler systems winterized if you are in an area prone to freezing
- Inspect your roof for wear or damage
- Install weather stripping and caulk around windows and doors
- Seal up foundation and driveway cracks
- Trim trees and shrubs around your property, looking for weak or broken branches

Find more home preparation and safety tips at the California Casualty Resources page, <https://www.calcas.com/Resources>.

Find out if you have the coverage you need with the benefits you deserve; fall is a great time to contact a California Casualty advisor for a policy review or comparison at 1.800.800.9410 or www.calcas.com/IVFA.

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25 year pins

25 year pins, Bass Lake V.F.D. Chairman Bob Uryga, Randy Abbey, Douglas Cassel, Chief Les Jensen. Not present: Frank Ahlenius, Rich Albright, Vurtice Albright, Barry Sanders.

Happy Holidays!

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Sam Emery - District Chairman / submissions by Sam Emery and Steve Anderson

Petersburg new station dedication held September 3



Department fleet at the new station



Clock presentation by Chairman Sam Emery



Firehose "ribbon" cutting by the Mayor



10 year pin recipients



Award presentation to Chief Rich Coan



Chief Coan (center) with IVFA Past President Kerney (left) and Chairman Emery (right).

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

submitted by Sam Emery - District Chairman



Global Award winners

Kristi Hartzburg and Randy Baker, Taylor VFD, receive their Global Awards with District 17A Miss Flame Brittney Groomer and Global representative Larry Polas in attendance.

Honored for 39 years of service



George Ockerman, (right) of the Richland Twp. Fire and Rescue, receives a certificate for his 39 years of service.

Receives prize



Petersburg fireman receives a prize at the state officer's meeting.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Sam Emery - District Chairman / submissions by Sam Emery and Steve Anderson



New Engine comes to Union Community VFD (District 17A)

At the end of October, the department took delivery of a 1991 E-One pumper. It is replacing a 1974 engine as the first due apparatus.

Article submitted by past president Steve Anderson



Ten year pins

Johnson Twp. VFD members receive their 10 year pins with Chief Jeff Holscher looking on.

10 year and 25 year pins awarded



(In the photos at left) – Freelandville Volunteer Fire Department members receive their 10 and 25 year service pins.



25 year pins awarded



Johnson Twp. VFD members receive their 25 year pins with Chief Jeff Holscher looking on.



David Clark, Chief of the Fire Department of Washington Twp. receives his 25 year pin.

February Deadline is January 5, 2018

(At right) – Loogootee VFD member Eric Raszco (center) receives his 25 year pin with Chief J.D. Flynn in attendance.



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

submitted by Joe DeKemper - District Chairman

Bank presents money to purchase an AED



The Dubois Vol. Fire Dept. was presented money from the German American Bank employees to purchase an AED.

Accepting the AED unit are chief Steve Kalb and district chairman Joe DeKemper.



Honoring our military

We are exceptionally proud of our members that are serving in the military; they not only place their communities first, they also place their country first. We would like to thank them for their service to their country. Below is a list of military personnel who are members of the Association and on active duty around the world.



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	City	Department
Michael	R.	Dickerson	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD
Daniel	Joseph	Simmons	Hayden	Spencer Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday	Farmland	Farmland VFD Inc.
Michael	B.	Dickey	Charlestown	New Washington VFD
Anthony	J.	Clayton	Henryville	Monroe Twp. VFD
Jeremy	Wade	Watkins	Forest	Forest VFD
Andrew	T.	Sparks	Petersburg	Petersburg VFD
Matthew	F.	Gaff	Ligonier	Sparta Twp. VFD, Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy	Ft. Wayne	St. Joseph Twp. FD
David	C.	Perry	Merrillville	Merrillville VFD #2
Joel		Storm	Madison	Western Fire Co. #3
Darin	Ray	Scudder	Rising Sun	Rising Sun VFD, Inc.
Odis	Ray	King	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
William	Jason	Goings	Boonville	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Cean	L.	Pemberton	Wahiawa	Sandborn VFD
Todd	Morris	Daniels	Alexandria	Richland Twp. Fire Dept.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert	Wawaka	Rome City Fire Dept.
Robert	Christopher	Nunez	Muncie	Monroe Twp. VFD
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth	Poneto	Chester Twp. VFD
Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
William	M.	Kendall	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
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Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
Zachery	Michael	Powers	Chesterfield	Richland Twp. FD
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Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.
Robert		Ford	Farmland	Farmland VFD
Jeramy	D.	Shank	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD
Christopher	G.	Yoakum	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD

Brush truck put in service



Dubois Vol. Fire Dept. put in service October 1, 2017 a 2017 Ford F450 Brush truck / EMS.

Two awarded Global Award for District 18



At the meeting of 20 July 2017 of the IVFA District 18, two members of the Dubois County Fire Trainer's Association were awarded the 2017 Global Award for District 18. Pictured are David Kissing (l) and Steve Eckert (r). Both were nominated for the award for their work on construction of the D.C.F.T.A.'s two live burn props. One is the LP tank prop pictured, the other is a van with multiple burners. – Photo and information submitted by DCFTA.

Plan now to attend the 2018 IVFA Convention June 20 - June 23 Indianapolis Airport, Crowne Plaza

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

submitted by Stephen Macke - District Chairman

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- Ms. Harrison, Secretary of the IVFA
- Mr. Kluender, Treasurer of the IVFA
- Mr. Elick, Chaplain of the IVFA
- Mr. Anderson, IVFA Chairman of the Board
- Mr. Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms of the IVFA
- Mr. Elsner, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Mr. Frye, State Representative, Chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
- Mr. Vice, Executive Director of the Integrated Public Safety Commission
- Mr. Kiser, Legendary Entertainment Joy Unspeakable, living statue
- Ms. Kerney, presentation of the 2017 Miss Flame candidates
- Ms. Gaghan, Blue Chip Casino
- Ms. Sullivan, Laporte County Convention and Visitor's Center
- Mr. Zeeks, Chairman of Nominating Committee
- Mr. Curl, IVFA Lobbyist
- Mr. Buckman, IDHS Training Director
- Ms. Jamie Palmer

Mr. Holcomb: Good morning everyone and welcome. I'd like to call the 71st meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association to order. At this time I'll ask our Vice President to lead us in the Pledge. (Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

Mr. Holcomb: Please remain standing. Chaplain Elick will give the invocation.

Invocation given by Chaplain Elick.

Mr. Holcomb: You may be seated. During the meeting please remember to use the microphone and state your name and district whenever you speak. State officers, this includes you as well. We invite you to take part in the minutes so they can review the digest and make it more efficient by having these young ladies over here know who is speaking.

If the chairman already hasn't, please distribute your vouchers. Only one voucher per delegate. Complete your delegate roll call sheets for each of the delegate departments. And the mileage and credential committees have already formed in the back of the room.

At this time I would ask our Legislator Larry Curl to come to the podium.

Mr. Curl: Good morning.

All: Morning.

Mr. Curl: I'm going to give you a real quick legislative report. Look to my right, your left, you'll see a picture on the wall on the podium. That's what good legislative support and building bridges do for you. The IVFA was invited into the White House this year to visit with the Vice President. Setting all politics aside, folks, it's an honor for our organization to be invited to the White House, regardless of the politics.

We have a member of the Governor's staff with us this morning. It's Joe Elsner and he's the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. The Governor was not able to be with us because he's traveling someplace. So, Joe, would you come up and address the group, please.

Mr. Elsner: Greetings everyone. My name is Joe Elsner. I'm with Governor Holcomb's office. And I just wanted to say hello and thank you for having me here today. I'm excited to be here to listen and learn and be a resource for all of you.

As was stated, the Governor unfortunately is out of the country this morning and you're going to hear from Representative Frye. You all have a great champion in Representative Frye who - I might work in the office, but I probably talk to the Governor about a quarter as much as Representative Frye does.

But again, I'm here to be a reference guide for you, to be helpful, so if you ever need anything from myself or our office, they all know how to get a hold of me. I'm excited to be here and to listen and learn things. Thanks for having me.

(Applause.)

Mr. Curl: And we are excited and extremely pleased to have both of you gentlemen. Representative Randy Frye. He's the Chairman of the Veterans Affairs

and Public Safety Committee. He's our go-to legislator for public safety. He's the guy who will listen, he's one of us, he's a firefighter, he brings the message to us, he works with us, and he tries his best to get us to where we need to be at. So, let's give a big, warm welcome to Representative Frye.

(Applause.)

Mr. Frye: Morning everybody.

All: Morning.

You know, it's so good to be here with you guys and girls. To me it's nothing more than a family reunion. I love the fire service. You've heard me say that before and I make no distinction between those in the paid departments and those in volunteer. You guys do a great job. We love all of you.

You know, it was mentioned earlier that Governor Holcomb is traveling. He's in France this morning. He's out there promoting Indiana. But our Governor and I, I often say he's my brother from a different mother. I've talked to him four times this morning, one time about 5:30, so it's good to have a relationship like that with your Governor, especially a friend.

You know, last year at this time the Governor and I both spoke to you at the conference down in Belterra. So, I sent him a message this morning, said, hey, you know, last year you and I were speaking on the same stage with the IVFA conference and I wish you were here today, and he said he does too. And he sent you this message, he said, tell them I understand they are the backbone of every community that makes our state so strong and special. I stand with them, exclamation point. Isn't that amazing to have that kind of support from your Governor? That's very sincere. He is very, very sincere about that.

Well, it's good again to be here. I wanted to give you a little update on some of the things we did in the legislative session. One of the things that I wanted to bring you up to speed on is the Indiana State Fire Academy. You remember a few years ago I authored that bill and it passed. And since that time the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office along with Marshal Greeson and John Buckman who is here, have been working diligently to work on getting our curriculum up and running. And they have got it going. And I tell you, folks, you're very fortunate to have Jim Greeson and John Buckman. I got to tell you, I don't know that Indiana has ever had a better Fire Marshal than Jim Greeson.

Here's just a real highlight of some of the things that are happening with the academy. Fire recruit academy first quarter of 2018, 16 - week educational program delivering in the first quarter of 2018, Firefighter I and Firefighter II, hazmat awareness, hazmat operations, technical rescue awareness and EMT B certifications will be part of that education.

Executive leadership training and education - this is for career side - designed to train career leaders for the EMS and EMA organizations.

Executive leadership training and education for the volunteer side, designed to train leaders and staff or volunteers for fire, EMS, EMA organizations.

Folks, one of the things that we found out about the fire academy when we were looking into it was when you become the chief of operations, for instance, for a fire department, whether you're paid or volunteer, you may very well have been a captain in the front seat of an engine and have extremely no training when it comes to dealing with a budget of millions and millions of dollars in some cases.

So, one of the things we're going to concentrate on in the fire academy is that management side of, how do I run a budget? How do I deal with things like critical incident stress management? Or how do I deal with issues like quality control?

So, I think the fire academy definitely is up and running.

Something we did this year, and Chief Curl, I hope we do again, every year, is a resolution honoring 50-year members of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. That is a very popular resolution. Every representative, every senator wants to sign onto that. And I certainly suggest that we continue to do that. It's the highlight of the session.

I want to give you guys a little tidbit here, maybe a word of wisdom from an old legislator. One of my good friends recently, who happens to live in Columbus, made a statement that I like. He said, it is very important for you as an organization to know who your state rep and state senator are.

How many of you know who your state rep and state senator are? Raise your hand. That's pretty good, but it's not everybody. But listen to this, it is imperative that your state representative and state senator know who you are.

So, I suggest that you maybe adopt something like Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau has got the best lobbying plan in the world in

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my opinion. They bring members of their organization to the Statehouse just to say hello and get their picture with us just to say "hi" from back home. And let me tell you, seeing somebody from back home about halfway through session is like a cold drink of water on a hot summer day. It works. And I can tell you I know their name, because they come and meet me.

When I'm in the grocery store, come and see me, say hello. I need to know who you are, and so does your state senator and other state reps across the state. If you want to be effective, they must know who you are.

We are effective. The legislator loves to vote for legislation that benefits the fire department, volunteer fire service, EMS. And too, we had a couple of bills this year, one of them you might be aware of. Representative Tim Wesco authored House Enrolled Act 1122. 1122 is very important because it deals with CISD. And CISD is something that was very new when I was serving in the fire department.

And as a time when we went through CISD we would sit around a table, everybody would be there; we'd talk about a situation or a circumstance that we just had dealt with, traumatic incident. Nobody really wanted to say much because, as you know, firemen are macho, which we think we are, we think we have to be.

And so we've changed that and now CIS, critical incident stress debriefing, stress management is done on a one-on-one basis. And so with Tim Wesco's bill, House Enrolled Act 1122 we made that information unavailable to media. We want you, when you're being up front and one-on-one with this counselor, that information to remain confidential.

Another bill that we dealt with this year, and I dealt with, was one that has two very simple components. One if facilities that require to submit an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form for the state were required to pay 50, 100, \$200.00 and so on. But we never intended that for municipalities, so this legislation simply put into code what was already being assumed in that we weren't charging them.

It also adds National Fire Protection Association Standard IC 36-810 5-73. Sure you know what that is. A new standard was developed after the original standard passed which allows the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to adopt and update NFPA

standards, in this case NFPA 1006. NFPA 1006 is auto extrication.

So, what we did was, we allowed the Board of Firefighters standing to bring us up-to-date without having to have legislative approval for the new standard. The Board of Firefighting Standard would understand better than we would.

This is just a few of the things we are dealing with and have dealt with this year. I think we're very successful. No matter what we accomplished this year, next year is not very far down the road, so I hope that you'll keep in mind things that you believe that we need to address going forward. One of the things I know we need to address is EMS. One of the things we're going to have to do is find a better way to attract and retain EMTs and paramedics. We're really suffering in that area, so we need to make some tweaks to that.

Be glad to hear any of your comments and thoughts going forward. I'll be here for a little bit. I'm always accessible. With that, I thank you so much for your time and enjoy the rest of your day.

(Applause.)
Mr. Holcomb: Thank you again, Representative Frye, for addressing the body this morning.

I'd like at this time to recognize some award winners from last night. If you are present, please stand so you can be acknowledged. Lois Boaz winner, Diane Gray. The Miriam A. Schaeckel Award, Barb Kerney. When they come in I definitely know they're not present, but last night's winner of 2017 Miss Flame from 11A Katie Vanlannen. And the Miss Runner-up from District 15 was Kali Taber. The Angel Award winner was Susie Lewis. And Mr. IVFA 2017 was Lloyd Wright.

(Applause.)
As we discussed yesterday in our officer's meeting, we're going to try something that has been asked of members for several years to facilitate, and that is the members who retained dual membership in both of our organizations the right to vote both organizations. What we will be doing is, momentarily you will have the opportunity to be dismissed and go next door to Ballroom A if you are an IVFAA member and vote during their elections. When you go in the room they ask that you sign in and then you will be accounted for the vote.

The members from their association prior to our vote will be able to enter the room. They will need to check in with the credentials committee to verify their ability

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to be a delegate and vote and will be allowed to vote during our elections.

At this time I would ask for reading of the minutes from the 2016 convention.

Mr. Brown: District 17B makes a motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Holcomb: District 17B, Bobby Brown makes a motion.

Mr. Smith: John Smith, District 18, second.

Mr. Holcomb: Have a motion and second on the floor. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.
Mr. Holcomb: All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

As we go into the officer's report at this time if there are any members of this Association that wish to go vote for the IVFAA, please head over and do so now.

President's report. I'll make this very brief to conserve time. I will say that it has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as your president for this past year. I've learned a lot, and the majority of what I have done is by no means possible without the help of the officers and the membership in this room. It is a very taskful thing to do, but very rewarding and very enjoyable. I have probably done very few things besides the birth of my children and a few highlights of my life that I have enjoyed more and felt more honored to be able to serve.

So, I would just once again and always, as many times before, thank every one of you all for the opportunity, a lifetime opportunity, to serve in this capacity. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Mr. Israel: Vice President David Israel. My report is, of course I've been here before and I'd like to thank everybody for round two and to be able to go out and visit you guys again and travel and represent this Association. I appreciate all your hospitality you've given me this past six months and this past year. So, I look forward to seeing you for another year.

Chaplain Dave Elick.
Mr. Elick: Pass.

Mr. Israel: Pass.
Secretary Diane Harrison.

Ms. Harrison: Pass.
Mr. Israel: Treasurer Luke Kluender.

Mr. Kluender: Pass.
Mr. Israel: Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Bush.

He may have went next door. John Davies is absent. Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson.

Mr. Anderson: I also want to again thank you for the opportunity of serving for the last two years. And the only other thing I have for this morning is we had a new district chairman orientation dance training session last night. I do not take responsibility for the rookie district chairman dance that may pop up at a later time this evening, but at least we gave it a try. Thank you.

Mr. Israel: PR Northwest, Leighanne Ellis.

Ms Ellis: Pass.
Mr. Israel: PR Northeast Jean Smith.

Mr. Smith: Pass.
Mr. Israel: PR West Central Larry Bartlow.

Mr. Bartlow: Pass.
Mr. Israel: PR East Central Don Cushman.

Mr. Israel: PR Southwest Steve Nolan.
Mr. Nolan: Pass.

Mr. Israel: PR Southeast Ed Scheele.
Mr. Scheele: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District reports. District 1 Marshall Neese.

Mr. Neese: Pass.
Mr. Israel: District 2 Paul Watland.

Mr. Watland: Pass.
Mr. Israel: District 3 Bob Uryga.

Mr. Israel: District 4 Elton Schafer.
Mr. Schafer: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 5 John Grolich.
Mr. Grolich: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 6 Jerry Sprague.
Mr. Sprague: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 7 Sam Bisel.
Mr. Bisel: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 8A Jerry Liston.
Mr. Liston: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 8B Lloyd Wright.
Mr. Wright: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 9A Jeremy Reef.
Mr. Reef: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 9B Randy Denton.
Mr. Denton: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 10 John Ray.
Mr. Ray: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 11A Pete Taylor.
Mr. Taylor: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 11B John Morphy.
Mr. Morphy: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 12 Larry Bruner.
Mr. Bruner: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 13A Mike Dzuba.
Mr. Dzuba: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 13B Jeff Biehl.
Mr. Biehl: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 14 Rick Cannon.
Mr. Cannon: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 15 Ross Emery.
Mr. Emery: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 16 Josh Reiser.
Mr. Reiser: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 17A Sam Emery.

Mr. Israel: District 17B Bobby Brown.
Mr. Brown: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 18 John Smith.
Mr. Smith: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 19 Steve Macke.
Mr. Macke: Pass.

Mr. Israel: District 21 Ed Watson.
Mr. Watson: Pass.

Mr. Israel: Past President's report.
Jim Parker, past president, do you have a report today?

Mr. Parker: No, not that you'd be interested in hearing.

(Laughter.)
Mr. Israel: No good words for the day?

Mr. Parker: Amazing. Are there any good words left?

Mr. Israel: Hey, Jim, we are glad that you're here at this convention this year. It's good to see you back in here. Let's give him a round of applause.

(Applause.)
Mr. Parker: It was an opportunity I couldn't afford to pass up.

Mr. Israel: That's good.
Richard Glant, past president.

Mr. Israel: Jack Zeeks. Buz Koehler.
Mr. Israel: Jack Kerney.

Mr. Israel: David Israel. I pass.
Steve Anderson.

Mr. Anderson: Pass.
Training, John Smith.

Mr. Smith: I announced it yesterday at the officer's meeting, so I'll make this announcement again. The annual Dubois County Fire School held in Jasper each year, it was hosted by the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association over the past 17, 18 years, next year will be hosted and ran by the Dubois County Fire Trainer's Association. The IFIA has pretty much gotten out of the fire school business and remaining only as a library and central source for materials. So, the Dubois Fire Trainer's Association is looking forward to hosting the 2018 fire school. We're hoping to have the same quality of instruction that we've always had in the past and also the same accommodations.

Mr. Israel: Younger Membership Committee - Jerry Sprague.
Mr. Sprague: Pass.

Mr. Israel: Audit Committee, Steve Anderson.

Mr. Anderson: Steve Anderson, Audit Committee Chair. The audit committee met yesterday consisting of Treasurer Luke Kluender, District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl, PR Northwest Leighanne Ellis, District 11B Chairman John Morphy and myself.

The audit is a two-year audit for 2015/2016. There were no problems found with the money. There were two items that they mentioned, one of them is, our method of documenting is not the best practice of large business, but because our calendar year and our dues cycle runs - we run off of a cash basis, so they understood that. And then the other one is, they didn't necessarily like that we had multiple people collecting money.

So, that was the two findings and I have our audit, also reviewed, and we need a motion to accept correct? So, I guess as a committee we'll make the motion to accept the audit as print.

Mr. Israel: We have a motion on the floor. Need a second.

Mr. Emery: Ross Emery, District 15, I second the motion.

Mr. Israel: All those in favor aye.
All: Aye.

Mr. Israel: All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

Mr. Anderson: I will have this available to anybody that has any questions that you want, to see me on it. And committee members see me and I have your copy.

Mr. Israel: Budget, Luke Kluender.
Mr. Kluender: Pass.

Mr. Israel: Bylaws and SOG's Larry Bartlow.

Mr. Bartlow: Pass.
Mr. Israel: Clothing claims, Lloyd Wright.

Mr. Wright: Pass.
Mr. Israel: This would be a good time, if you would, Lloyd, could you maybe cover how the districts should do that, handle that, what needs to be done.

Mr. Wright: District chairmen, when you fill out that clothing claim, number one, you get the article. Number two, make sure that whoever it is sign it. Three, make sure the chief or the executive officer on the scene also signs it. Number four, describe what happened.

And I know fellas, ladies, on an eyeglass report, it's awful tough to tell me and tell the committee that we lost our glasses in the woods and you tell me I've got to bring that article in. So bring some kind of documentation that you have had your eyes examined from an eye doctor telling what the bill is, and then we'll adjust accordingly. A pair of pants, shirt, shoes, bring them into us. Now, I know some of you work EMS, first responders. If you get blood on your outfit, you don't want to bring that into us necessarily, so take a picture of it. Bring that with you and your report. And the rest of it, the committee will take it and it will be history. On a shirt or pair of pants, you will not get them back. I'm going to take this shirt, I'm going to take these pants or I'm

going to take this article with me, but you're not going to get it back. Plain and simple. Thank you.

Mr. Israel: Thank you, Lloyd. 2017 Convention Committee. After today 2017 will be over, which our committee, I think, has done a very good job on this year's convention.

(Applause.)
Mr. Israel: As you've heard, it's kind of been a challenge even though this was set up two years ago. But I feel like we've done a pretty good job with what we had to deal with. But we'd like to thank everybody for being patient and working with us.

Later on today or this morning, 2019 is up for bid. We have two districts bidding. District 3 is bidding to go back up to Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. They do have representation from the visitor's center and the casino here this morning to put on a program to tell us what they have to offer.

District 16 and 14 will be bidding to go back to the Horseshoe again, so that will be later on this morning.

EMS, Jerry Liston.
Mr. Liston: Pass.

Mr. Israel: Insurance, Luke Kluender.
Mr. Kluender: Pass.

Mr. Israel: back to legislation, Buz Koehler.

Mr. Israel: Line of duty death, Dave Elick.

Mr. Elick: Pass.
Mr. Israel: Logo John Bull Smith.

Mr. Smith: Pass.
Mr. Israel: Membership marketing, Leighanne Ellis.

Ms. Ellis: Pass.
Mr. Israel: Board of Firefighter's Education, John Smith.

Mr. Smith: Pass, sir.
Mr. Israel: John Buckman.

Mr. Buckman: Good morning. Thank you very much, Mr. Vice President, for letting me say a couple of things. I hope you heard that we're looking at developing an executive leadership program for leaders who manage volunteers. Three educational programs that have been out on the street for quite a few years and have been presented here in Indiana. We're looking at using those as the template or the model for getting this program started so we can get going in the first quarter of 2018.

The three courses for the Indiana Association of Fire Chiefs volunteer and accommodation officer session will develop the fourth weekend, which will be about Indiana stuff. One of the things that we see and hear from fire chiefs and other leaders is that we don't understand taxes. We had our vice president come and speak with fire marshal leadership seminar this year to try to help explain how to improve relationships with your trustees and improve relationship with the people who control the taxes and control our funding.

The other part I want to talk about is data. When we talk to state legislators, that being the fire marshal or myself, and we say we need more money for the fire academy, fire and public safety academy training system, you know what they say? Prove it. Everybody comes to them saying they need what? More money. We need data.

We're going to be developing some data elements, data that you already collect in most cases. Most of the fire departments report Nifrs to us. We have some of that data, but we may take a look at that data. How many injuries do we have, firefighters, civilians every year. I know it's another form, it's another report to fill out, and it's more computer time. But if we're going to be able to convince a legislator that we need more money for training, we're going to need data, and we need your help.

And we're going to need to know what kind of training. We're looking at developing some type of training reporting system so that, again, we can tell the legislators that we provide -- pick a number -- a hundred hours of training to local fire departments, but you and your fire departments are providing three or 400 hundred hours of training to your fire department. I'm talking about staffing hours. Okay. Where the state provides maybe 10 to 15 percent of what actual training is going on at your local fire department.

So, again, we look forward to what's going on and what's coming up in the next six to eight months. We look forward to the educational program. And if you have any questions, I'll be here all day. And thank you very much.

(Applause.)
Mr. Israel: Thank you, John.

Mike Dzuba, Heroes competition.
Mr. Dzuba: Pass.

Mr. Israel: National Volunteer Fire Counsel.

Mr. Smith: Nothing right now.
Mr. Kluender, License plates.

Mr. Kluender: Pass.
Mr. Israel: How many of you are actually doing it online through BMV now? Making it a lot easier for you?

Unknown speaker: Oh, yeah.
Mr. Israel: See, we listened. Don Cushman, Red Cross.

Mr. Vice: Well, some of you already know me. I'm David Vice. I'm the

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Executive Director of the Integrated Public Safety Commission. Our primary responsibility initially when the agency was created about 12 years ago was to build a statewide radio system. So, we're in charge of the 800 megahertz system of which I want to thank all of you that had radios that needed to be programmed, reprogrammed into the new P25 system. And I let you know what the entire state has been completed now, so the old system no longer works, so everything is P25.

I'm here today to talk about a federal program called First Net. First Net is a federal entity formed to build out, operate and maintain the forthcoming wireless national public safety broadband network. This network is to be public safety dedicated, a nationwide wireless broadband network that will be deployed to all US states, territories, and tribal communities. It's going to support data applications and not mission critical voice.

So I thank you for giving me a few minutes today. Thank you.

Mr. Israel: At this time I'd like to call Steve Kiser and Joy Unspeakable also, as many of you all know as the living statue, to the podium.

Mr. Kiser: Good morning. We'll give him a chance to get behind us while I do a little speaking.

(Laughter.)

I'm a retired lieutenant after 25 years with a full-time department. The difference between me and an IAFF firefighter is I started out as a volunteer. And a lot of IAFF firefighters look down on volunteers and think that they don't know what they're doing. But they forget that the volunteers, there wouldn't be any full-time firefighters.

(Applause.)

Volunteers are the life-blood and the backbone of this community and of your community in this world that we live in. I spent 25 years in a community that I loved. I knew every one of my taxpayers as I tried to know everyone that lived there. I hauled them to hospitals, I went to their funerals. I grieved with them, I celebrated with them. The only difference is I didn't get to do in 25 years that I regret is, I never got to deliver a baby. And that's one that everybody wants to do. You see a lot go, but you don't get to bring one in. So, that's my only downfall that I had in 25 years.

So, the difference that you're going to get out of me today is I am an old school, straight forward, tell you how it is, you'll know where I stand kind of guy. And I talk fireman to fireman. I may have hurt your feelings, but you know where I'm at.

There's two reasons at conventions that you have businesses like myself. And the easy simple one is you all know about is we want more business. Number two is when I retired I also went to teaching. I teach for the marshal in Ohio, I teach for your great marshal here in Indiana, and I teach for a lot of other states.

How many of you right now, raise your hand, have a pyrotechnics show that you shoot in your community or is being shown in your community? How many fireworks shows are shot in your jurisdiction? That's a pretty large number of hands. How many shoot your own fireworks show in your jurisdiction? About four or five of you.

Well, I'm going to tell you what, whether if I'd sell them a product, I teach for one reason. Because if you get hurt, you hurt my industry, and I love my industry just as much as I love my brothers in the fire service and my sisters.

I'm going to tell you one thing right now, Marshal Greeson and I have worked three long, hard years that I've been in this state. And this year he upped it to three classes in the state of Indiana for pyrotechnics training. He's went as far as offering eight hours of continuing ed to your fire inspectors to show up at my class. It was advertised in your newsletters, it was e-mailed in an e-mail blast through your association. And you know how many of you showed up at any of the classes? Zero. One. I'm sorry. One. I just got corrected. One did show up. I get a little touchy at that point.

We are in a day in age where it's hard. We do things constantly, our lives, our families, our jobs and you're still volunteering, but you're volunteering to do something that you love. The hours are going to get worse. Our government is going to put more hours on the volunteers. Us full-timers have so many continuing ed hours now in other states that we almost cannot keep up constantly with how many hours we have to have to keep our cards. That's where they're going to push out the volunteers in the continuing ed hours in my personal opinion, that's all it is. So, it's going to take every opportunity that you have to get the hours that you can get to get the better education that you can get to

keep the craft that you love helping the community that you live in.

So, if I sound like I'm preaching, I guess I am. But I'm also that guy that I'm a member of the organization and I joined the organization not only to be here as a salesman, but I joined it because I'm going to tell you one thing, the first time that I came here I have to stand and applaud every single one of you because I left here saying you guys have your stuff together better than the full-time membership in the state of Ohio. You make them look sick. Your convention is better, your turnout is better, your heart is in the right place. And I think you can to a very long way. So, anything that Legendary, myself, can ever do for any of your organizations, please, just feel free to ask. If it is possible, we will get it done. And we will get it done because I feel that you're a brother or a sister.

Now, we're going to do something really different. That's number two. Sir, Joy Unspeakable can you follow that? Thank you.

Thank you very much for having us. Thank you for having us at the convention. I'm sorry I have another gig to go to this weekend. We have to leave early and not finish out your convention. So, I hope you all have a very safe year, and give us a holler if you ever need anything.

(Applause.)

Joy Unspeakable: Good morning.

All: Morning.

(Cheers and applause.)

Joy Unspeakable: Very few people get to hear my voice, and I'm glad it's you. Steve, thank you for keeping our firefighters and pyrotechnicians safe.

I had the opportunity to shoot with him and it was an awesome opportunity, and he made sure that I was safe, and I felt in good hands. If you're interested in blowing up some stuff, get with the man because he's got his stuff together. Not everyone goes through safety procedures like he does. So, you're in good hands with Steve and Legendary.

Now, I'm going to do something a little bit more different. You're not getting nervous here are you, Paul?

(Laughter.)

I've got something, and I think it's in the back, that I need you to bring up. I know everyone is wondering what I look like under here. And I look like most of you.

(Applause.)

I go to the same barber that Steve does.

(Laughter.)

Joy Unspeakable: Now, I want to share a little bit about myself. I'm not as young as you thought I was. I'm 54. Young, but feeling old because of what I do. You guys realize I was in that outfit all day yesterday from what time Julie? 7:30 in morning until I think it was 11:00 at night. And then you

thought I slept good last night, but I have another event later on this afternoon that I had to paint a costume for. So, while you all were sleeping I was still working.

I have over 80 different characters, 80 different costumes. Some are sports costumes, some are garden statues, some actually turn into water fountains. I do three types of performing. One would be more entertainment. Another one would be education where I'm teaching in schools. And a third would be connecting with businesses to help sell your products and services at trade shows.

Entertainment may come in many different flavors, many different events or venues. Some of you have picnics, some of you have graduations. I'm talking about helping you see some of the things that I do, so that if you have never thought of other types of entertainment, this is something that I can offer you. You have a son or daughter that's going to graduate, you have a son or daughter that's going to get married, have a wedding, you have funeral, yes, I do funerals, too.

A little bit more of a thought provoking side. I have been in ministry for over 25, almost 30 years. I have a similar heart that you all have in rescuing people. I think good people in their heart love to rescue people, whatever kind of situation they're in, whether it be a fire, whether it be a divorce, whether it be a separation, whether it be drugs, whether it would be just somebody that's having a bad day. Steve wants to rescue people from hurting themselves when they're doing pyrotechnics the wrong way. We all want to help rescue people in fire situations or physical harm or ailments.

So, my education goes in a little bit different direction as well. I teach in schools. Tracy, was it two years ago?

Tracy Pfaff: Three years.

Joy Unspeakable: In Bloomfield, went to the school system that she's a part of there and helped her with fire prevention week. And went into three different age group sections all the way from elementary to the high school to help with the program. And what I do is, I dramatize what the firefighters are talking about so the kids have a little bit better image of what to do in a fire. Because I actually stop, drop and roll. I help them do that type of thing. And I present it in a very unique and different way as you have seen me in the last two or three years.

Education also takes the form of instruction in what I do in high school and also college, university settings. So, if there is somebody interested in doing what I do, which very few people are. That's a very strange type of living. People ask you what do you do for a living? I just stand around.

(Laughter.)

And some of you as well have businesses that you have corporate dinner banquets. You might have trade shows that you do where you set up your own marketing booth at a trade show as you've seen me do here with Legendary as I work the booth. If you have a business and you're interested in selling or enhancing your booth experience, there's nothing like a living statue to scare the snout out of people.

(Laughter.)

As a matter of fact, the booths around the booth that I work in have a better day than all the others on the other side that can't see, because I'm providing them a whole day of entertainment, so they enjoy it as well.

So, there are number of different things that my company can do in tandem with Legendary Entertainment for you. If you have questions, give us a ring, Legendary Entertainment.

Do we have any business cards here? So, Julie in the back has got some business cards. If you're interested, see her. We will not be at the booth directly after. As he said, Steve has another event to go to, and I've got another event to do as well. Okay. Any questions? Any questions at all?

There was a question answered.

Mr. Holcomb: Thank you again, Steve, Legendary, Mark. They have, as many of you know in this room, they have dedicated and come to our conventions for the past three years. We have a great partnership and I hope we can continue to grow that partnership over the years and offer that. They've stepped in and went well above and beyond with Mark, the living statue - let me get back to the correct terminology now - as far as participating in our annual memorial service and many, many other things that go on behind the scenes. So, I appreciate them. At this time without further delay - yes, sorry, Larry.

Mr. Curl: Larry Curl. Just to continue on what you said, it should be our responsibility then at state IVFA and our districts, try to utilize their services as much as we can in our social events, in our carnivals, in our fish fries. Even if it costs us a few bucks, they have really stepped up for us. I think it's well worth what we can give back to them.

Mr. Holcomb: Agreed.

(Applause.)

Rick Cannon, District 14: I believe that if they do get a booking, the association gets a percentage. Is that true?

Mr. Holcomb: I believe they're offering a donation, if you will, to the association on fireworks sales. And that's corresponding - they don't want to drive us off too much, but that's corresponding how big of a discount they give to the department who buys the fireworks. So, it's kind of a teeter totter thing. But, you know, they are in business,

but they do give a lot to our association and the training classes that Mark puts on - I'm sorry - Steve puts on, are excellent. I've been to one. I know the fire marshal's office sponsored several the last couple of years or in cooperation with the correct terminology - but it was an excellent pyrotechnics class and I learned a lot.

At this time, as I said before, I believe we have a few guests that would like to come before you all. And I believe Barb is making her way to the stage.

Ms. Kerney: Good morning.

All: Good morning.

Ms. Kerney: Have you ever seen such beautiful women? Let's give these ladies a round of applause.

(Applause.)

I want to thank Paul and all of you for your support that you give us each year and for the gifts that you donate to these young ladies. We couldn't do it without you. And I thank Paul for his support, and David for the convention. They've been a great help this year. And a new thing this year, Leighanne Ellis is your representative to our committee, so I want to thank Leighanne also. I'm going to let the girls introduce themselves starting with our queen.

2018 Miss Flame and court introduce themselves.

(Applause.)

Mr. Holcomb: At this time I'd ask Tonya Rigsby to come to the podium.

Richard Glant: Mr. President.

Mr. Holcomb: Yes, sir.

Richard Glant: Last call for mileage.

Mr. Holcomb: Last call for mileage.

Ms. Rigsby: Good morning. My name is Tonya Rigsby. I'm with California Casualty. I just wanted to thank everybody. Since 2011 we have been partnered with IVFA member benefits has been going extremely well with everyone's support. We just want to thank you guys for everything that you do and how you've helped us and helped me and my northern rep Lorelei Seip, how you've helped us make this program successful. And we just want to make it grow more and be a partner with you all and help you in any way we can.

(Applause.)

Mr. Holcomb: As we had a little augmented session earlier a few of the reports I want to give the officers that were pulling double duty this morning the officers to catch up on our reports. Past president's report.

Richard Glant.

Mr. Glant: Pass.

Mr. Holcomb: Jack Zeeks.

Mr. Zeeks: Pass.

Mr. Holcomb: Buz Koehler.

Mr. Koehler: Pass.

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