



# INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

## THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

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### From The President

Paul Holcomb



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

family and friends!

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.

If you haven't had the chance to visit our new website yet please check it out at: [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org). It has been totally redone in both its looks and functionality! Also 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 or submit your nomination on our website before the deadlines.

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

Paul Holcomb  
President, IVFA

## Global Award presented to Keith Eberly, 90 years old



Keith Eberly joined Pine Village Volunteer Fire Department in 1968. Keith is 90-years-old. According to all active fire lists for the State of Indiana, he is the oldest active fireman in the entire state.

He has received the department's "Firefighter of the Year" award three times in 1998, 1999 and 2002.

The department held a dedication in 2012 where they had Keith's name put on one of the trucks in their department.

Keith celebrated his 50 years on the department in April of 2018. In September of 2018 Keith was awarded the Global Award.

Keith is a veteran of the Korean War.

Whenever the alarm goes off at Pine Village FD, Keith goes to the station and starts all of the trucks so that the air pressure will be built up by the time the firefighters arrive. They do not have an air compressor.

What an honor it was to be there and present this award to this very deserving gentleman! – Larry Polas

(article and photos submitted by Larry Polas and Carolyn Watson)



Pictured above - (left to right) are District 21 chairman Lewis (Ed) Watson, Global - Larry Polas; Pine Village VFD Global Award recipient - 90 year old Keith Eberly and Pine Village VFD fire chief Mike Rich.



## I.V.F.A. Benefits

### BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bridgeport program began through the generosity of the Bridgeport Fire Department after liquidating their assets. Your Association was asked to administer the program, which sponsors three \$1,500 Scholarships each year, to be awarded to volunteer firefighters, their spouses or children.

Each applicant must first fill out a scholarship form and submit it to their Bridgeport Scholarship committee by the deadline of March 1st each year. This benefit is available to members in good standing having paid their dues for three consecutive years and with the last year, being paid on time.

Each Scholarship may be used at the college of the recipient's choice.

The Association also supports this program through the special recognition license plate program in the form of a three (3) dollar fee that is used to maintain the program for the long run.

Also, there is a \$3,000 death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an active member killed while on an emergency response (autopsy required and testing for drugs and alcohol.)

## Holiday Greetings to All!



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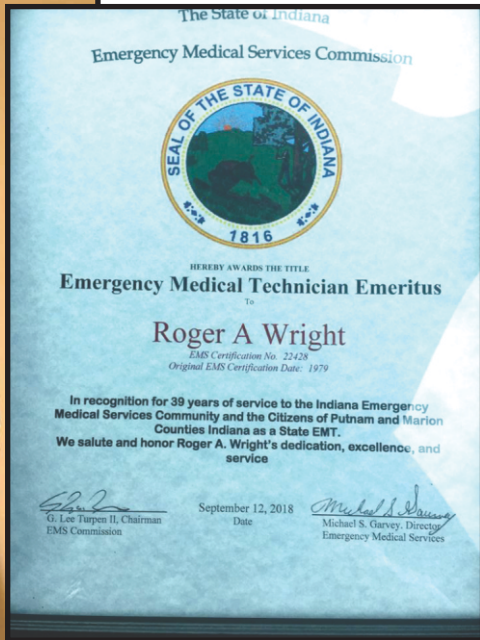


## FEBRUARY 5, 2019 DEADLINE IS JANUARY 5, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.

# Fire member receives Honorary EMT certification



*Congratulations, Roger Wright of Floyd Twp. Fire Dept. (Putnam Co.)*



Roger was presented with an Honorary EMT certification from the State of Indiana EMS Commission for his 39 years of public service — at Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing, Emergency Response Conference 2018.



## *Lois Boaz Award letters needed*

The committee needs your nominating letters for the Lois Boaz Award.

Nominate some deserving auxiliary lady.

1. Receive hand-written or typed letters for nomination of the Lois Boaz recipient.

2. Nomination letters must be postmarked no later than February 1st to each member of the nomination committee. All letters must be signed.

Send letters to:

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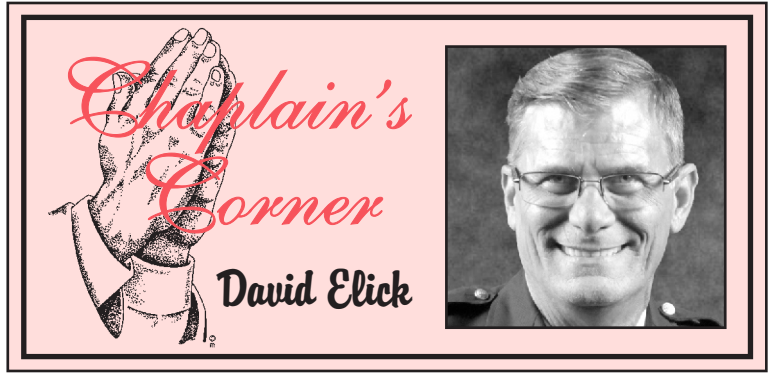
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Greetings one and all and welcome to Fall 2018! Soon the holiday season will be here and with it, celebrating and reminiscing with family and friends.

As we come together, let us not forget to give thanks for what we have and to also rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

To that end, I am thankful to have been able to serve as your IVFA Chaplain. Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky will be reassuming the duties of chaplain as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, as I have chosen to step back to an associate chaplain for PRNE. This was not an easy decision for me, but at some point you have to realize when your plate has become too full. With being husband to my beautiful bride, dad, grandpa, fire chief and chaplain with a 60 hour a week job, my plate has been overflowing.

To say that being your chaplain has been an honor and privilege would be an understatement. Being allowed to represent you as your chaplain has probably been the most rewarding office I have held in this organization. The associate chaplains across our districts and state have been more than awesome to work alongside and with. I cannot thank these guys enough for all that they do and will be forever grateful.

A huge thank you to Charlie & Linda Baker, Dr. Fred Paige, Jerry Cohen, and Ski for their help, guidance, direction, and encouragement. I would be remiss if I forgot to mention the legacy that Fr. Duane Lance left upon the IVFA Chaplain's Office. I am beyond honored and proud to be a part of such an elite group of individuals.

Thank you all for allowing me to continue to serve as an associate chaplain of the Association. Always remember, where we go one, we go all!

Stay safe, and God bless -

Dave Elick, Chaplain

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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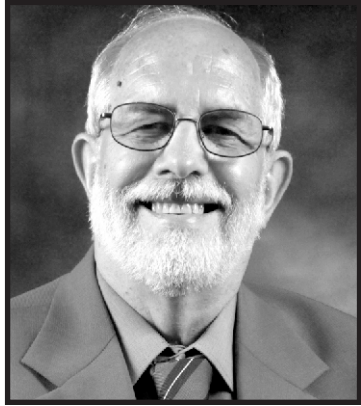
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## From the Flames

**Public Relations Director Northeast**  
*Jean Smith*



Hello Everyone,  
*Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer Released.* This report provides 11 actions that can be taken to mitigate the risk of cancer for firefighters. Unfortunately, the topic of firefighter cancer has had a significantly increasing impact on firefighter health and welfare. Great strides have been made by departments and responders everywhere in combatting and preventing cancer, but more still needs to be done. The time is NOW to make changes. This report can be found on NVFC.org or google lavender ribbon report.

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 7-13th. This year's theme is *Look, Listen, Learn. Be aware fire can happen anywhere.*

**LOOK** for possible fire hazards

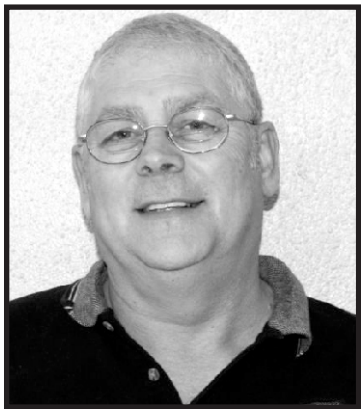
in your home and eliminate them. **LISTEN** for your home's smoke alarms. Know that you may have only minutes to get out if a fire breaks out.

**LEARN** two ways out of each room of your home. Exits should be easy to access and free of clutter. After leaving the home, go to your family's designated meeting spot established when you set up a home fire escape plan.

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

Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast

**Public Relations Director Southwest**  
*Steve Nolan*



Greetings,  
I hope all had a good, safe and

happy summer. Now is the time to prepare for winter; check your smoke detectors, furnaces and your vehicles for the upcoming winter weather.

So far this quarter I have attended a memorial service, four district meetings, fire truck dedication and went with District 17-B Chairman Bobby Brown to sign up a new department.

Cancer is big among fire fighters, so wash your gear after each use and before putting in your personal vehicle. Clean your fire equipment and your fire trucks after each run, inside and out. Keep documentation of what you did on each fire run, you have to protect YOURSELF.

Until next time have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, be safe and God Bless.

Steve Nolan,  
Public Relations Southwest

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE!**

*From the IVFA Central Office*

It has been a very busy spring and summer in the Central Office. Our sincere appreciation for your confidence and loyalty that you have shown to us this past year.

As the holiday season approaches let us treasure what is truly important in our lives and the bounty of the season fill our hearts and homes.

Barb and I want to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and blessings in the New Year.

Jack and Barb Kerney - Central Office

**Attention: ALL District Chairmen, Fire Departments and Members of the IVFA and IVFAA.**

Your Miss Flame committee has begun to prepare their program for the 2019 convention to be held in Michigan City. We will need your help to make this a successful program. Make plans to hold your district contest. (This means to have a time, place). The most important thing is to notify each fire department in your district that you are holding a meeting to select your Miss Flame candidate to represent your district. Invite every girl that is age 15 thru 18 that wants to participate; however, only one can represent the district. If you need copies of rules, application forms or etc., contact one of your committee members or contact me at 812-867-2641. Please make sure that the candidates understand that once the girl is selected that she will meet the requirements and that she is available from Wednesday through Friday evening during the convention. I know that the time of the year is a busy time for our youth, but once plans are made and items purchased for the program it is not "fair" for several reasons for the girls to not fulfill their obligation to the program.

I know that the host district is planning things for the girls to do and that they should expect to have a great time. Miss Flame is a great part of our convention. I hope that each district has a candidate and that we will have a great group that will participate. We are proud of our youth and their accomplishments, their plans they are making for their future and that they are our future volunteers, as well as our community leaders. We take pride in the completion we hold as it is not based on beauty but the girls and their dreams, accomplishments and their interest which includes the fire service.

Looking forward to convention and time all of us have together.

Barb Kerney  
2019 Miss Flame chairman  
812-867-2641

# SPENCER MFG.

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## IVFA Convention 2019 Registration Form

Come and play, we'll light the way  
Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa  
777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, In.

### June 12 – 15, 2019

Pre-registration Fee: \$75.00 per person – Post marked by June 1, 2019

Registration after June 1, 2019 fee \$85.00  
(All registration fees are non-refundable)

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( )- - IVFA District: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending (under 12): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse/Guest	Title:
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IVFAA Aux. Member	_____	_____	Miss Flame _____
Guest	_____	_____	_____

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Total amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to IVFA Convention 2019

(Circle One) Master Card or Visa Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Group Code: GIV0613 Reservations made to get group rate deadline is May 21, 2019

# I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 3 REPORT



*Bob Uryga Sr. - Chairman*

IVFA District 3 Meeting  
July 19, 2018

The meeting was held at the Coolspring Twp. VFD on July 19, 2018.

The Coolspring Asst. Chief Warren Smith led the pledge to the flag.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford started the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman Robert Uryga called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll call was called with 11 members present representing 4 departments.

Guest present was Jack Runion of Spencer Equipment.

Chairman Uryga presented Coolspring firefighter David Robb with the District 3 Global Award. The Global Award is presented to a member who does a lot for District 3 IVFA.

Next order of business was the election of officers. Diane Stapleton of Pleasant Twp. ran the elections. Robert Uryga was re-elected as District Chairman. Rick Bradford was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Robert Uryga asked Coolspring Asst. Chief Warren Smith to show the "Baby Box" to all members present. Coolspring had their second baby rescued in the box in April.

Chairman Uryga also reminded all firefighters to use "rescue" wipes or some product after all exposure to fire and smoke.

There was one death to report in the district. Firefighter Pat Allen Kronenberg passed in May. Keep Pat in your prayers.

Also keep District Chaplain Ron Devenport in your prayers as he recovers from illness.

Next meeting will be at the Hanna Fire Dept. on Sept. 20.

Coolspring Asst. Chief Smith advised that the Chief's Association is looking for a Grant for new Nomax hoods for all county firefighters.

Jack Runion won the 50/50 and donated back to the district.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Bradford

IVFADist. 3 Meeting  
Sept. 20, 2018

The meeting was held at Hanna Twp. VFD on Sept. 20, 2018.

Hanna Fire Chief Tony Wallace led the pledge to the flag.

Coolspring Chaplain Rick Bradford started the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman Robert Uryga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

15 members present representing 6 departments.

Minutes of the July meeting were read. Leona Uryga made a motion and seconded by David Robb to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Sec./Treas. Bradford made treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Tony Wallace and seconded by Andy Tilleras. Motion carried.

Hanna Chief Tony Wallace spoke about their department's recent training at "The Mac" in Valparaiso. He said the training center and instructors are excellent. He said they can cover almost any scenario and urged all departments to utilize the facility.

Chairman Uryga handed out letters for members to give to prospective vendors and sponsors.

He also urged all to attend Convention 2019 meetings that are held each month at Blue Chip Convention Center at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

For the Good of the Order it was noted:

Coolspring Twp. will have their Fall Raffle on Sat., Oct. 6.

Michiana Shores will have their

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Next meeting will be at Michiana Shores on November 15. We will have a bake sale.

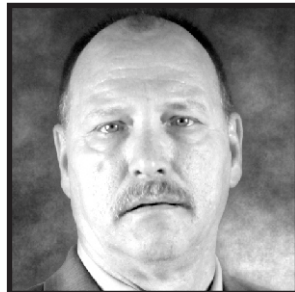
A 50/50 was held and Chief Tony Wallace won and donated back to District.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Tilleras and seconded by David Robb. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
District 3 Secretary,  
Rick Bradford

## DISTRICT 4 REPORT



*Elton Schafer - Chairman*

IVFA District 4 Meeting  
August 9, 2018  
Jefferson Township Fire Department

Meeting was called to order by chairman Elton Schafer with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following departments present:

- Jefferson Fire Department
  - Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department
  - Lakeville Fire Department
  - Penn Township Fire Department
  - New Paris Fire Department
  - Nappanee Fire Department
- Minutes read and approved.

Guests:  
District 4 Miss Flame Rose Adams

Jean Smith - Public Relations North East

EJ Smith - District 6 Board for the IVFA

Steven Shedd - Med Flight Old Business:

2019 Convention will be at Blue Chip Casino June 12-15.

2020 will be in Evansville June 24-27.

Many awards are given out through the IVFA; go to the website and nominate people you feel are deserving for these awards.

August 13<sup>th</sup> is First Responder Day at the State Fair.

New Business:

District 4 has the rights for the front license plates that say IVFA on them, the IVFA office would like to know if we are going to start making them again. Talks are as follows:

- Find paperwork to the rights.
- Tell them we will but we would like a %.
- Research.
- Can we ask that a portion be given to the Burn Camp.

George Schafer made a motion to give our rights for the license plate back to the IVFA home office (state). Dale Schlarb 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Jean Smith talks legislation.

Light House Uniforms are giving deals and we have flyers.

# BOB POYNTER

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State Fire Marshal is setting guidance for schools on fire alarms.

Guest speaker from Med Flight goes over protocols and their app.

Nominations were held for Chairman and Secretary as follows:

Chairman - Elton Schafer - accepted.

Unanimous vote and so accepted by Jean Smith.

Secretary - Tina Schlarb - accepted.

Unanimous vote and so accepted by Jean Smith.

Next meeting will be at New Paris Fire Department on October 11, 2018.

50/50 - \$

Motion to adjourn.

Tina Schlarb,  
District 4 Secretary

## DISTRICT 5 REPORT



**John Grolich - Chairman**

I.V.F.A. 5\* District Meeting  
September 13, 2018  
Noble Twp. Fire Dept.  
Wabash, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Guests: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1936 hours with the pledge of allegiance to the flag following. The meeting was attended by 7 firefighters representing 5 departments. There was no July meeting for lack of quorum.

We discussed mutual aids available during a situation such as the hurricane in the Carolinas.

Reported that there is a FREE fire class on basement fires available on October 1 put on by Mishawaka F.D.

John reported on the Emergency Responder Conference he is attending this week in Indianapolis.

Board of Fire Fighter Standards working with older truck drivers on setting these folks up to drive fire equipment to scenes. Would be a great way to utilize retired drivers interested in the fire service.

We discussed the Acadis reporting system. The old system is NO longer used.

It was remarked about firefighters and cancer. Lots of information available.

Election results:

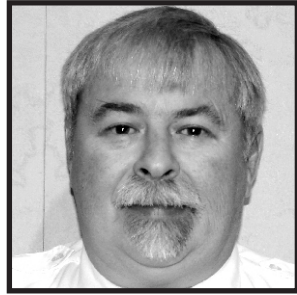
District chairman John Grolich.  
Secretary Paul Martin.

Next meeting November 8, 2018 @ Kewanna-Union FD.

Meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Martin  
District 5 Secretary

## DISTRICT 6 REPORT



**Jerry Sprague - Chairman**

Greetings from District 6,

Greetings everyone. Up here in the northeast, summer is fading and it's starting to cool off. Won't be long before we see the white stuff!

Need to thank the Sparta Township Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in July. Their hospitality and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Also need to thank the Salem Center VFD for hosting our meeting in September. A big thank you to Kenn Kunze and 800 Board Up for supplying our meals for the meetings.

Need to commend Mack Grobis for stepping up to be our Vice Chairman for District 6. Thanks Mack!

I also want to thank our District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley for representing our District at the IVFA Convention in June. Great job Bailey! She has been busy attending fundraisers and playing high school softball.

The next meeting as of this publication will be on November 27th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. It will be held in Allen County. As of this publication, we do not have a specific location.

Have been busy attending fundraisers in the district and looking forward to the fall fish fries at several departments.

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 fliers. Please take the time to send your department's email address to [spiralawn@ligtel.com](mailto:spiralawn@ligtel.com).

Our next meeting, as of this printing, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 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 25th.

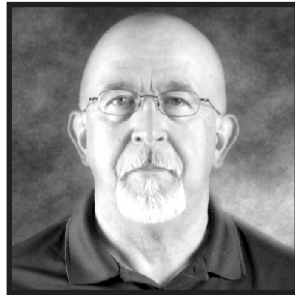
Please visit the IVFA web site ([ivfa.org](http://ivfa.org)) as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted.

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague ( Spook ),  
District 6 Chairman

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## DISTRICT 8A REPORT



**Jerry Liston - Chairman**

Greetings from District 8A!

First of all, I want to thank Chief David Linn and the Gas City Fire Department for hosting the September District 8A meeting. There were 9 departments and 25 members present at the meeting.

In past articles I have spoken about the impacts of cancer in the fire service and what is being done to address it. The NVFC/VCOS has released the Lavender Ribbon Report. This report addresses occupational cancer in the fire service and suggests 11 ways to mitigate it for your department. If you would like to find and learn more about the report go to [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

Speaking of cancer in the fire service, does your department have a presumptive cancer policy or program in place and do you offer your members physicals? If not, now would be a good time to start thinking about putting a policy or program together for your department. Implementing such a policy or program in your department should include several specific components. While there are a lot of model plans or programs that I have found researching this subject out there on the internet I have found the following components to be consistent from program to program.

- Regular Health and Fitness Screenings and Medical Evaluations
- Fitness Program
- Behavior Modification
- Education
- Records Management

If your department develops a program, remember this can be a daunting task for an individual or individuals that are tasked to put the plan or program together. I recommend talking to a physician or reaching out to your local American Cancer Society. Another good source of information would be the Firefighter Support Cancer Network. All three would have the resources to help your department implement a plan or program. Remember "understanding how to respond when someone advises you they have cancer helps everyone cope with the situation".

Here is another simple reminder on how to keep yourself and your gear and equipment clean to Stop Cancer in the Fire Service.

- Clean your hood after fires
- Always shower after each fire.
- Never place dirty PPE in living areas.
- Clean your PPE regularly.
- E X H A U S T I S

## DEADLY

Remember to get yearly physicals.

The 2019 legislative session is right around the corner. Our Lobbyist, Larry Curl, has already started talking with selected legislators and is working hard addressing legislation issues that might again impact the volunteer fire service in the State of Indiana during the upcoming session. Our Association has been told to expect some form of 2018's HB 1005 again. This was the bill proposed last year that would have forced smaller townships to merge with a larger township. The problem with that bill and one of the reasons the IVFA opposed the bill was it did not address fire protection in any way.

Another issue the IVFA is looking at is trying to increase funding for departments. There is a huge funding disparity across the State for fire departments. There are some departments that operate on \$5,000 dollars or less a year. These underfunded departments have to hold multiple fundraisers a year just to keep fuel in the trucks, the lights on in the station and insurance premiums paid.

The final legislative item we will be looking at is a benefits package that will include presumptive cancer for our members. This will be a daunting task to achieve but is needed for our members. The key will be finding a funding source for the benefits package.

I had the privilege and honor of being chosen by our Association back in April to attend the Congressional Fire Service Institute Dinner out in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Hilton. The 3 day trip was busy, informative, interesting and tiring as well. Getting to visit with our Representatives and Senators or their staff on Capitol Hill is something that I will always remember and cherish. It was with our meeting with Rep. Susan Brooks that our delegation learned that Indiana would be receiving a large sum of money from the federal government to help combat the opioid epidemic problem in the State.

As a first responder you probably realize or have seen firsthand the problem with opioid overdoses in the State. The State Medical Director, Dr. Michael Kauffman has put together a State Naxolone Heat Map showing thousands of locations across the State where an opioid overdose has occurred and Naxolone has been administered by first responders. The map is an eye opening piece of information provided by Dr. Kauffman.

Membership dues were due July 31, 2018 to the Central Office. If your department has not received their membership cards yet please give me a call. If your department has yet to send in your dues to the Central Office please do so.

In November I will be sending out an e-mail to departments in the District asking for Global Award nominations from the district departments to be voted on at the January meeting. The Global Award is sponsored by Global Emergency Products. Some of the

"old-timers", myself included, may remember it as the Midwest Award. The award is for an individual on the department or an organization in your area that has gone beyond the call of duty for the department. This year's recipient was the Campbell Family Foundation. This foundation helps fire departments and organizations in Tipton County. I received 3 nominations for the award in 2017-2018. Let's see if we can double or triple those nominations for the award next year.

There are several association awards available for members and the information on these awards can be found on the IVFA website under Awards on the website page. If you have someone on your department or know of someone on a neighboring department who qualifies for one of the awards please nominate them. All it takes is a little of your time and a letter to the State Awards Committee. Deadline for written submittals is February 1, 2019.

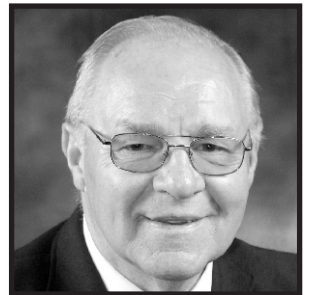
The Association's website has been re-tooled and re-built for you. The new version is compatible with new smart phone and tablet technology. Check out the new website at [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org).

In closing I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Take the time and spend it with family and friends over the holidays.

Stay Safe,

Jerry L. Liston  
District 8A Chairman

## DISTRICT 8B REPORT



**Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman**

District 8B held their September district meeting at the Daleville VFD on September 12th. Chairman Wright opened the meeting with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 10 members from 5 departments present. There were three guests in attendance - Don Cushman, Larry & Carol Curl.

Larry spoke on what was happening and what they wanted to see happen in the legislation this coming year.

Chairman Wright told the group about next year's convention which will be held in Michigan City. Also told them about the awards that are given out at convention and that they should start thinking about who they would like to nominate and get their letters in. Told the group to make sure they are reporting their fire and EMS runs.

The departments told of all the fundraisers that were going on in their departments.

Second roll call was taken with

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number of fire and EMS runs. There were a total of 40 fires and 98 EMS runs.

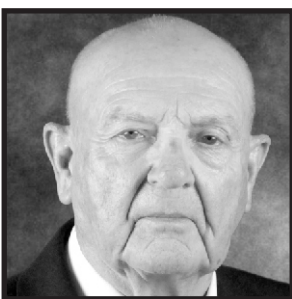
The next district meeting will be held on November 14, 2018 at the Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. This will be the Miss Flame contest.

Chairman Wright thanked the Daleville Fire Department for hosting the meeting and the pizza for all to enjoy.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lloyd E. Wright  
District 8B Chairman

### DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

It is with sadness we report that District 10 lost two veteran firefighters during the month of September. Both were members of the Southwest Volunteer Fire Department. Donald E. "Smokey" Overholser was a 15 year member, and Carlos Edward Strasser had 49 years of fire service. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

We proudly presented a Meritorious Service Award and Resolution read at the State House, to Ronald Fuchs of the Waldron Volunteer Fire Department. Marshal Greeson was on hand to make this special presentation. Congratulations to Ron for his faithful service to his community.

Our August meeting was held at Southwest Volunteer Fire Department with election of officers 2019. Rick Emsweller, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the name of John Ray for dDistrict chairman. Luke Kluender, state IVFA treasurer conducted the election. John Ray was re-elected to serve as chairman for the upcoming year. Chairman Emsweller presented the name of Jim Davis for Secretary/Treasurer. Treasurer Kluender conducted the election. Jim Davis was re-elected secretary for the year 2018-19. John and Jim expressed their appreciation to members for the privilege to serve another year. State treasurer Kluender, as guest, gave greetings from the IVFA.

Greg Adams of Hartsville Vol. Fire Dept. was presented his 25 year pin. Mike Herridge, Jason Kephart, Harrison Twp. and Paul Deaton of Southwest Fire were presented 10 year pins. Nick Carr, Technical Assistance Representative for IDEM spoke on open burning laws. Amanda Dant also of IDEM spoke on air quality.

Westport was host for the September meeting. Ten year pins were presented to Chris Bartlett, Chris Bierhausa, Joseph Bierhausa, Zacharia Doles, Jackie Haley, Brian Henderson, Matthew Houpey and Shaun Parker, all members of the Westport Fire

Dept. Congratulations to all of the members with their years of dedicated service.

Mike Gasper, Deputy Coroner for Decatur County presented the training program on the 2008 crash medical helicopter crash, east of Burney, IN which took the lives of three people. He spoke on procedures and sight preservation which followed the incident.

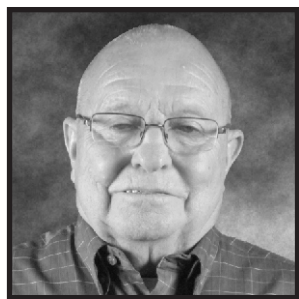
The October District 10 meeting was held at New Point Fire Department.

Hosts for next meeting will be Hope Volunteer Fire Department on November 21. The Miss Flame contest will be held at this time.

May the fall harvest season be a safe one for all.

John M. Ray  
District 10 Chairman

### DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A, Hope everyone is having a great fall.

We had a great picnic with 11B at Forest Park in Brazil, Indiana on September 9, 2018. 11A had a cook-out of hamburgers, hot dogs and brats with all the trimmings.

Great turnout in spite of the bad weather. We had several guests including John Davis, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, Larry Bartlow and Brent Bush.

Representative from Global Fire Co. was present with prizes and treats.

District 11A now has a Facebook page that is up and running. If you have anything to put on it, contact Kate VanLannin from Shepherdville Fire Dept.

I have been passing out several 10 and 25 year pins. I have had two memorial services since the last quarter. I attended several National Night Outs.

We will soon be using fireplaces and woodburners. Please inspect your chimneys and make sure they are clean and safe.

Our next meeting will be at Otto Creek Station 2 on November 18, 2018. Hope to see you there. It would be nice to see someone from each department there.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!  
Stay safe!

Chairman 11A  
Pete Taylor

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### DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B

Thanks to Prairie Twp.-Mt. Summit FD for hosting our last meeting.

Legislative issues were discussed, township merger will return, be prepared to call your House and Senate representatives. If you have any legislative issues you would like to see addressed please get them to me or our lobbyist, Larry Curl.

Chiefs, please check the IVFA web site to make sure your department information is correct, if your department is having a fund raiser please put it on the website calendar or email me a flyer. I will get it put on for you.

Our 2019 convention will be held at Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. The dates are June 12-15.

Check out the IVFA web site for more information on the convention at ivfa.org

David, sis says "hi," she has words of wisdom for you but they cannot be printed.

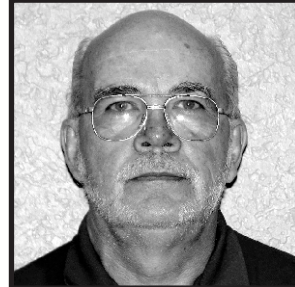
I am working on passing out our 10, 25 and 50 year service pins.

Next meeting Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, at Everton FD 7 p.m.

Jeff Biehl  
13B Chairman

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### DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

July 5th attended Taylor Twp. VFD meeting.

July 18th District 17A meeting was hosted by Loogootee VFD. Elections were held and your officers are chairman Sam Emery and secretary/treasurer Courtney Byers. Steve Nolan, PRSW, spoke on various items of interest to the fire service. Jack Kerney, Central Office, gave his report.

State Senator Mark Messmer (S48) and Representative Shane Lindauer (H63) spoke on various items. Thank you!

And many thanks to Loogootee for hosting our meeting. Great meal.

August 2nd I attended Taylor VFD meeting.

August 10th a memorial service was held for Taylor VFD member Charlie Stahl, a 41 year member of the department and also a close friend. Condolences to the family.

August 25th I attended a fundraiser for the Madison Twp. VFD. Great event.

August 25th I attended the Greene County Firefighters ice cream social at the Taylor station.

August 26th a memorial service was held for Spurgeon VFD member Kany Young. Condolences to the family.

August 30th I made a clock presentation to Vigo Twp. VFD on their new station and was shown new equipment on hand.

September 6th I attended Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland.

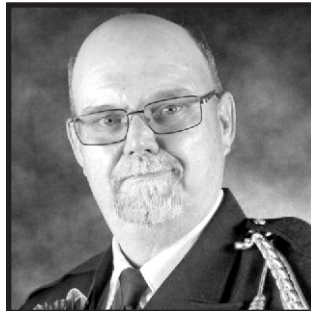
September 19th District 17A meeting was held at Petersburg Fire Territory. Thanks much for hosting

the meeting and meal provided. We also thank the vendors for their door prize items.

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery  
District 17A chairman

### DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Robert "Bobby" Brown - Chairman

On August 6, 2018 it was an honor to hand this year's Global Award winner for IVFA 17B to a man that has put in over 30 years of fire service to his community. This man is Arlan Pierce of Hamblen Township Volunteer Fire Department. I would like to thank Hamblen Township Fire Department for helping me keep this a secret and was able to honor Arlan with most of his family present.

We held our annual election of officers at Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Department at our last meeting. Those elected were Chairman Bobby Brown, Vice Chairman Heather McGlockin and Tammy Wright as Secretary. We had 9 different fire departments that came as well as other state officers. Also, Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Department honored John Smith from Morgantown Volunteer Fire Department who had passed a couple months prior. John was honored by putting a sticker on the engine honoring his memory. Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Department advised us that John was the first man to come and help with their fundraising and if they had a run during a fish fry he would

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jump on the truck and go on the run or he would stay and help with the fish fry. John was a very special person who loved the fire service and was willing to help out in any way he could with his neighboring fire departments.

Thanks,  
Bobby



## DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18,

The 19 July meeting of the District 18 was hosted by the Jasper VFD. Roll call was answered by 123 members representing 23 departments. A total of 505 runs were reported answered. Guests included IVFA Vice-President David Israel, PR Southwest Steve Nolan, Jack & Barb Kerney - Central Office, Jeremy - Rainbow International, Gary Gribel - American Red

Cross, Michael Kidwell - Hoosier Fire, Aubrey Ruxer - District 18 Miss Flame, Lynn Krodel - DNR. Among the other business, the election of district officers was conducted. As a result the officers for District 18 for 2019 are John C. Smith - District Chairman, Chris Anderson - Vice Chairman, Stan Seifert - Secretary/Treasurer, Brad Haas - Sergeant-at-Arms and Jadon Hinkle - Chaplain.

The 20 September meeting was hosted by the Tell City VFD. Roll call was answered by 44 members representing 20 departments. A total of 367 runs were reported answered. Guests included, PR Southwest Steve Nolan, Gary Gribel - American Red Cross, Michael Kidwell - Hoosier Fire, Aubrey Ruxer - District 18 Miss Flame and Lynn Krodel - DNR.

By the time this article is read National Fire Prevention Week has passed. I hope that all of you have

made an effort to use this time to bring to the attention our communities what is our *"First Duty, To Educate the Public on Fire Prevention and Safety"*! After all, it is **the best** way to fight a fire!

The annual District 18 Memorial Service was held on 7 October, thanks to the Carter Fire District for hosting. The district Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame was held on 14 October; many thanks to the Birdseye VFD for hosting the events. Check out the photos and articles in the District 18 section!

The next meeting of the District 18 will be on 15 November with the Haysville VFD as our host.

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

John "Bull" Smith,  
Chairman District 18

## DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Steve Macke - Chairman

Greetings everyone, hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer.

I would like to congratulate Ronald Zimmer of St. Leon Fire on receiving his 50 year Gold card. If your department is having an event, let me know so that it can be added to the IVFA calendar.

The next meeting for District 19 will be in Milan on November 15 at 7 p.m. We will be having Miss Flame judging that night; if you have a young lady interested in running, let me know.

If you have not looked at the new website, take a look at it at IVFA.org it is more user-friendly.

Forms for IVFA awards are all on the website and easy to use, there is someone in your department that is deserving of an award.

Hope everybody has a safe end of the year.

Stephen Macke,  
Chairman, District 19  
812-212-5647  
district19@ivfa.org

*Holiday greetings!*

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

- submitted by Paul Watland, District Chairman



On Monday, August 20, 2018 Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Chuck McBain and Captain Mal Feeley hosted a training session on advanced vehicle extrication.

Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department also requested Adam Ritchey from Task Force Tips to demonstrate their new Amkus Rescue Tool. Chief Ryan Kennedy, when interviewed, said that due to an increase in vehicle accidents and extractions in our area we need to train more often on these types of calls so we will be more proficient.

Submitted by Tim Layer,  
IVFA District 2

## New Crown Point VFD member

Jordan Richey (pictured at right) was voted on as a new member of Crown Point VFD.



## District 2 Global Award winner

Ron Vale of Lake Hills VFD was presented with the 2018 Global Award for District 2 which was presented by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.

**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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- Paul Watland, District Chairman

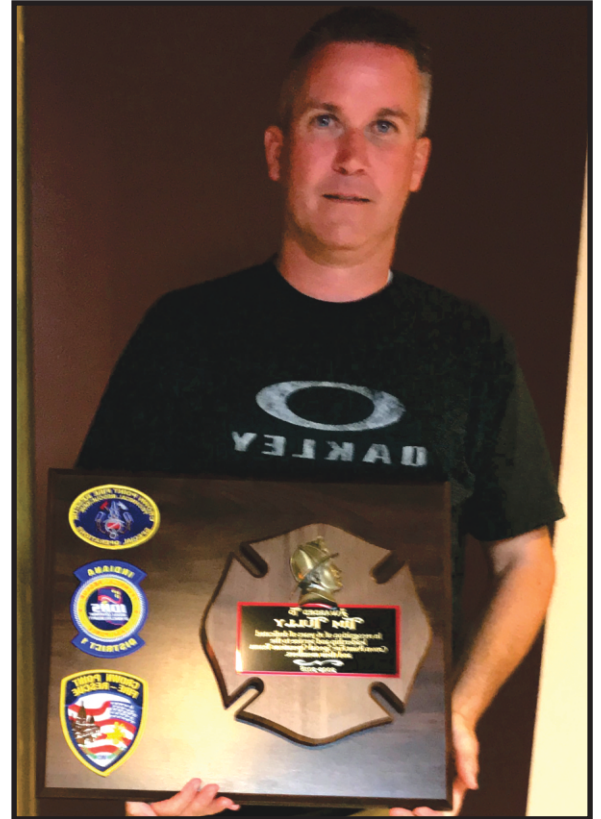
## Members awarded for years of service



Adam Isailovich and Anthony Flynn received 5 year membership plaques with Crown Point VFD.



Carl Wilson (right) and Steve Holder (left), Chief of Lincoln Twp. VFD were presented with 10 year IVFA membership pins by Paul Watland, District 2 Chairman.



Capt. Tim Tully of CPFR was presented a plaque for 16 years of service as team leader for the Indiana District 1 USAR/TRT Team.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

- submitted by Bob Uryga, Sr. - District Chairman

## District 3 Global Award winner

David Robb from Coolspring Twp. Vol. Fire Department was presented the Global Award from District 3 Chairman Robert Uryga.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman

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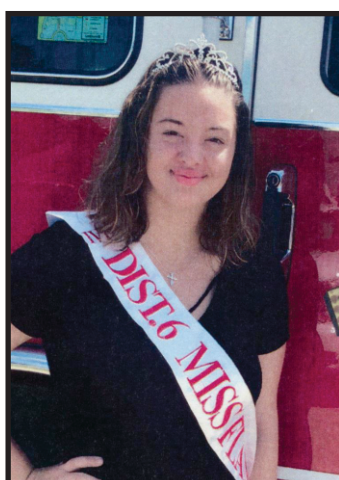
## Thorncreek fish fry

Our District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley and Thorncreek Asst. Chief Doug Dewitt at the Thorncreek VFD Fish Fry.



## Global Award winner

Dennis Treesh, Chief of Corunna VFD receiving the District 6 Global Award.



## Attends 100th year celebration

(At left) IVFA District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley attended the 100th year celebration for Huntertown Fire Dept. in Huntertown, IN.

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

**IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews**



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting Sunday August 5, 2018 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 the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis.

Recording secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 20 officers, 9 IVFAA members and no guests. Organization count as of today is

142 Individuals, 462 paid by department, 36 departments and 33 life members for a total of 632 members.

Corresponding secretary Janet Matthews read the minutes from the May 2018 quarterly meeting. Barbara Kerney made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Christina Reef seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried of accepting minutes as read.

Vice President Lou Bartlow addressed the group about doing the vice president's project, Chinese auction & 50/50 drawing next year. Explained to the group that with the gaming rules and regulations, that proceeds from all three of these money makers have to go into one account, not into the general fund. Discussion was had amongst the group about the profit from this year, the rules relating to the account and how it can be used. Diane Stapleton made a motion that the organization continue to have all 3 money makers (VP project, Chinese auction, 50/50) and use the account to pay for room expenses yearly at convention. The quarterly meeting fees will continue to come out of the general fund. Beverly Taylor seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Lou Bartlow encourages the district chairmen to sign up their Miss Flames to the

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IVFAA each year when they are picked.

Larry Curl asked President Carol Curl if the men could interrupt the meeting to address the group. Permission granted. Larry thanked everyone for a good convention in June and thanked everyone and anyone that helped in any way. Larry informed the group the legislative work will be back on track. Buz Koehler brought newspapers and informed the group he will take photos of new chairmen for the paper and anyone who wanted a color photo. David Israel reports quarterly meetings will remain here at Crowne Plaza and gave out forms to reserve rooms for 2019. All of the quarterly meetings are on the first weekend of each meeting month.

Lona Huffman from Johnson Williamson Insurance came to speak to the group. The organization thanked her for all of her support over the years. Lona informed the group that she is now an EMT and is a part of the large animal rescue team in Morgantown, she explained the actions of the team.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sergeant-at-Arms Suzie Lewis passed out banking balance information to those in attendance. Treasurer Martha Biehl reviewed

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**IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2018 / 2019**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Barbara Kerney - Chairman  
Diana Gray - Co-chair  
Kathy Smith  
Carolyn Zeeks

**CHINESE AUCTION**

Lori Baxter - Chair  
Pam Gerdowsky - Co-chair  
Leona Uryga  
Jerri Johnson  
Suzie Lewis  
Carolyn Scheele  
Diane Stapleton  
Carolyn Watson  
Beverly Taylor  
Diana Gray  
Martha Thomas  
Joyce Nevil  
Tammy Smith  
Kay Shumaker

**MIRIAM SCHAEKEL AWARD**

Suzie Lewis - Chair  
Barbara Kerney - Co-chair  
Joyce Nevil

**LOIS BOAZ AWARD**

Joyce Nevil - Chair  
Diana Gray - Co-chair  
Beverly Lockwood

**HISTORIANS**

Phyllis Vargo - Chairman  
Joann Hays

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Leona Uryga - Chair  
Barbara Ketchem - Co-chair  
Carolyn Scheele  
Stephanie Perkins  
Carolyn Watson

**50/50 COMMITTEE**

Beth Caudill - Chair  
Janet Woodfill - Co-chair  
Joyce Nevil  
Leona Uryga  
E.J. Smith  
Beverly Taylor

**MISS FLAME COMMITTEE**

Barbara Kerney - Chair  
Danielle Matthews - Co-chair  
Jill Ketchem - Van driver  
Sharon Wright  
Carolyn Watson  
Janet Matthews  
IVFA Representative  
Jessie Sosa - 2019 Convention

**JEWELRY COMMITTEE**

Suzie Lewis - Chair  
Janet Woodfill - Co-chair

**MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Christina Reef - Chair  
E.J. Smith - Co-chair  
Beth Moon  
Beverly Taylor  
Jenny Giles

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Christina Reef - Chair  
Kathy Smith - Co-chair  
Sharon Wright  
Dorothy Reiter  
Leslie Spears  
Beth Caudill  
Connie Ray

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Barbara Kerney - Chairman  
\*All meetings will follow By-Laws & Roberts Rules of Order

**VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT**

Lou Bartlow - Chair  
Christina Reef - Co-chair  
Danielle Matthews  
Kay Shumaker  
Jean Parish  
Dawn Harris  
Carol Koehler

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Carolyn Zeeks - Chair  
Carol Koehler - Co-chair  
Sue Glant  
Jean Parish  
Marie Emery

**INSTALLATION COMMITTEE**

Betsy Howe - Chair  
Pam Gerdowsky - Co-Chair

**PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY**

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Lou Bartlow - Co-chair  
Martha Thomas

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Tammy Smith - Chair  
Carolyn Watson - Co-chair  
Diane Stapleton  
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**SOG COMMITTEE**

Joyce Nevil - Chair  
Phyllis Vargo - CO-chair  
Beth Caudill

**MEMORIAL THROW COMMITTEE**

Carol Curl

**CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS**

Beth Caudill - State Chaplain  
Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Suzie Lewis  
East Central - Janet Matthews  
West Central - Joann Hayes  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

**COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY**

Carol Curl - Chair

**CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS**

Beth Caudill - State Chaplain  
Northwest - Phyllis Vargo  
Northeast - Suzie Lewis  
Central - Janet Matthews  
East West - Joann Hayes  
Southwest - Kathy Smith  
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

## Corresponding secretary . . .

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the account balances with the group. Kay Shumaker made a motion to accept the report as reviewed, Pam Gerdowsky seconded, all in favor, motion carried and report subject to audit. Diane Stapleton made a motion to change the name of the Raffle account to the Gaming account, Christina Reef seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Chaplain Beth Caudill reports there was a death of a member in Sunman, she will be sending cards to members Kristi Bissel and Lee Dunhan. Bibles have been ordered and hopes to have them at the November quarterly meeting.

President Carol Curl introduced Christina Reef as the new 9A district chairman and Jenny Giles as the new 11B district chairman. 2018-2019 Committee Lists were handed out and each committee assignment reviewed with the group.

Break taken by the group.

**Old Business:** Connie Ray thanked the group for the donation of money for the table runners that were made for convention.

Diane Stapleton voiced concern that some members in District 3 & 4 didn't get the convention minutes and some did. Tammy Smith reviewed the SOG, reading it aloud with the group which describes to

whom the mailing of minutes has to go to. Tammy Smith and Janet Matthews verified the SOG was followed when convention minutes were sent out.

Tammy Smith read the suggested bylaw change to Article 1 Section 6, Duties and Powers of the Treasurer. This bylaw was sent back with chairmen to the districts for a vote on the change. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion to accept the change in the bylaw as submitted, Dawn Harris seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Bylaw will be changed.

**Committee Reports:** President Carol Curl explained the result of the outreach committee that was formed. The group was shown the information that was put together that will be sent out to all the departments from the Central Office. The information tells about the IVFAA, who we are, what we do and the benefits of being a member. Also discussed that a membership form should be sent to departments along with information.

**Audit:** Barb Kerney reports met yesterday and all went well.

**VP Project:** Lou Bartlow reported profit for this year was \$1955.16. Also reported we have one prize already donated for the project for next year, a set of corn hole boards with fire emblem on them. VP committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd.

**Miriam Schaekel Award:** Suzie Lewis encourages letters to be written, nominate ladies.

**Lois Boaz Award:** Joyce Nevil encourages letters to be written, nominate ladies.

**Membership:** Leona Uryga informed the group of the information that has been gathered about the organization and would like to put it into a leaflet so the chairmen can have them as reference and to hand out. Christina Reef made a motion that the leaflet be made for chairmen to have on hand, Beverly Taylor seconded the motion. More discussion was had, Christina Reef resented the motion and made a new motion that a leaflet be made and brought back to the November quarterly meeting so the group can review it. Jessie Sosa seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. A leaflet will be presented at November's meeting for review. This committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Miss Flame:** Barb Kerney reports that this year was a success for the girls and the 2018 State Miss Flame is Arizona Pribble from District 15. Everyone was thanked for their participation and support at convention. This committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Jewelry:** Suzie Lewis informed the group she will bring the dye pictures for the past president's pins to the November meeting for everyone to see before any orders for pins are placed. She is placing an order for 25 & 50 year pins.

**Mary Mackin:** Christina Reef informed the group she will talk

with her committee and decide on a meeting time in November.

**Budget & Finance:** Christina Reef reviewed the profit & loss with the group as well as the proposed budget for 2018-2019. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2018-2019, EJ Smith seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Budget is accepted. This committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parliamentarian:** Barb Kerney reports all okay.

**Nominating:** Carolyn Zeeks thanked her committee for their help at convention meeting.

**Installation:** Pam Gerdowsky reports all okay.

**Chinese Auction:** Carol Curl reported that Lori Baxter has agreed to chair this committee. Everyone was reminded that each basket that is put together and turned in for next year has to have the value dollar amount for each basket.

**SOG:** Joyce Nevil reports all okay.

**Bylaw:** Tammy Smith reports committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Business:** Diane Stapleton informed the group that she has room reservation forms with her for 2019 convention @ Blue Chip Casino. The Miss Flames will be staying in the Blue Chip Tower. Many events will happen in the Spa Tower.

President Carol Curl reports that she has been notified by many members regarding Mary Mackin Memorial Fund having been originally set up to support the winners of the Miss Flame competition & how it got changed? After review it was clarified that the change in the SOG wasn't carried through properly and the original SOG will go back into place/action as it was where Mary Mackin Memorial Fund does pay the winners of the Miss Flame competition as it always had in the past.

Pricing for new cases for the officers and chairmen will be obtained and brought for review at November's meeting. Carol asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the order. Jeri Johnson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Christina Reef seconded the motion, all in favor. Meeting closed with prayer from Beth Caudill and meeting adjourned @ 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Janet Matthews  
Corresponding Secretary

### DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the September 6, 2018 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A

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

Pledge was recited and prayer was given.

Roll call was taken by secretary Rachel Suggs with 10 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Minutes were read by Rachel Suggs, passed as read with no corrections.

**Correspondence - Membership** is down. We are losing departments/members.

**Treasurer's report - Phyllis** gave treasurer's report. Report stands as read for audit.

**New Business - We have a Miss Flame** contestant from Lake Station. Phyllis will be sending out letters to all departments to see if there are any other interested candidates. Applications are due by October 15, 2018.

**New rule for dues - State dues** due by July 1st; they are late by August 31st. Make sure you check the dates on your paperwork to show that the year you became a member is correct.

For November meeting each department will need to bring in 2 Auction items and 1 gift card of \$10 or more. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle.

A program was enjoyed by those in attendance given by Tim of the Griffith Fire Department on Direct On Scene Education. They are able to provide sleep packet and pack and plays if needed to those families in need. This will help give the infant a safe sleep environment and hopefully cut down on the number of SIDS deaths.

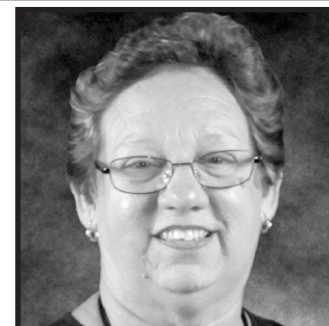
We thanked Griffith for hosting, dessert was served following the meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 1, 2018 at Lake Station Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rachel Suggs  
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

### DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Fall is here, it is a beautiful time of the year.

I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual New Haven Fire Muster in August. I worked the IVFA booth handing out fire safety information to the young and seniors.

I attended in September the dedication of Aboite Township Fire Department's new ladder truck dedicated in Keith Walda's name. He was the first Fire Chief of Aboite Fire Department. The old ladder truck was 27 years old. It really meant a lot to me. Keith was my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class fire instructor.

October 7 to October 13 is Fire Prevention Week. The theme is *Look, Listen, Learn. Be aware Fire can happen anywhere.* Please be careful when using candles, heaters, etc.

Our next meeting will be in Allen County November 27, 2018. Please try to attend if possible. Please look on District 6 Facebook page for the location.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 260-413-3040 or email [EJS6District@aol.com](mailto:EJS6District@aol.com).

E.J. Smith, District 6 IVFAA Chairman

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**DISTRICT 7 REPORT**



Joyce Nevil - Chairman

The District 7 meeting was held at Decatur Fire Station on Sept. 17. They served us a delicious dinner prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Joyce Nevil. The meeting began with pledge to the flag. Roll call was 6 members with Carol Curl, our state president as guest. Total of 7 in attendance.

Treasurer's report was given. Minutes from May meeting were read and approved. July meeting only had 3 people present, so the members decided to audit the treasurer's books. The audit was reviewed and approved by Bev Lockwood, Dorothy Reider and Diana Grey.

IVFAA minutes were read and discussed. The By-Law change regarding the state treasurer "treasurer may write checks up to \$500, any amount of \$500 must have 2 signatures, the treasurer along with The President".

Our next meeting will be at Geneva Vol. Fire Station November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the Christmas exchange will be a \$5.00 gift.

MISS FLAME contest will be at the November meeting of District 7 fire department with a Miss Flame candidate. Please contact Joyce Nevil or Sam Bisel. She will need to be in attendance at the November meeting for judging.

Diana Gray made a motion to adjourn meeting, Kaitlyn Bisel seconded the motion.

LOIS BOAZ AWARD - get your letter in; make sure you sign them. Send to:

Joyce Nevil, 220 East Shore Drive, Geneva, IN 46740

Diana Gray, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792

Beverly Lockwood, 1020 Ardis, Fort Wayne, IN 46819

District 7 Chairman  
Joyce Nevil

had a good time visiting and winning prizes.

Everyone is looking forward to convention!

Our past state Miss Flame Katie VanLannon has started a District 11A Facebook page. It is up and running. If you have any function going on and want to put it on Facebook, contact Katie.

Our District 11A next meeting will be at Otto Creek Station 2 at 1:00 on November 18, 2018. Come and join us.

Hope everyone will have a great fall and upcoming holidays! Enjoy time with family and friends.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me as my name and number are in the paper.

Till next time!

District 11A chairman  
Beverly Taylor

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT**



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hi Ladies,

Hope everyone is doing well and ready for fall weather. Been a little toasty this summer but it is what it is and in Indiana we never know what we will get. Guess the Good Lord knows what we need and will send things our way to thank Him for everything.

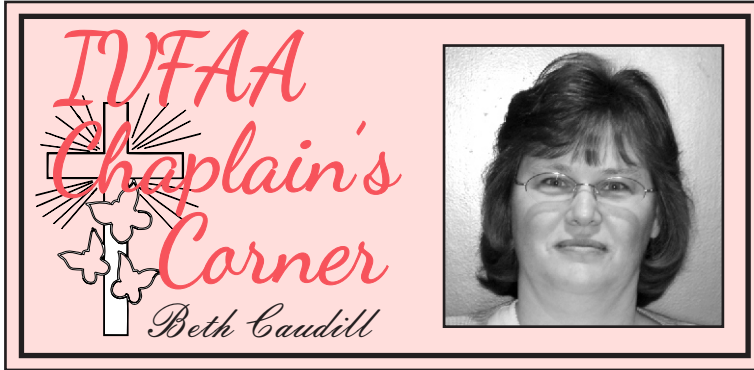
District 19 had a meeting at Blooming Grove with good food and good friends to visit with. Had no takers on officers so we will still have myself as District Chairman, Pam Scheele as Secretary/Treasurer and Roberta Struewing as Chaplain. Our next IVFAA meeting will be at Morris Firehouse on November 13 at 7:00.

We had two members from District 19 who passed away, Mary Lou Doll from Sunman and Rosemary Prickel from Batesville. Beth did very nice services for them. Prayers go out to their families.

Have a safe and blessed Labor Day weekend! Hope to see everyone in November.

God Bless each and everyone of you and your families!

District #19 Chairman,  
Pam Gerdowsky  
9-2-2018



Hello everyone,  
Welcome to the season of "Thanks" and "Giving".

In the next couple of months we will be giving "Thanks" to our servicemen and for all the blessings that have been given us. Then comes the month of "Giving". We will be giving presents to loved ones and money to stores to purchase those gifts. But I am going to challenge you to give less monetary gifts to our loved ones and more to those less fortunate. Spend more time with our loved ones and less money. Give more time to those in need, help someone just because you can and maybe buy someone a meal. Find an organization with a giving tree at Christmas time and give to a child with less. Help those at Thanksgiving that won't have a turkey and large meal to eat. Give a smile to someone you don't know, especially to someone you really

prefer not to smile at. It will lighten your heart.

Giving changes the lives of others (John 3:16).

Giving brings blessings back to us (Luke 6:38).

Giving allows us to store up treasures in Heaven rather than here on earth (Matthew 19:21).

Giving will make you feel better about yourself. Not to boost but just because you can and hopefully brighten up someone day.

Thank you for all you do for our organization and your communities.

I wish you Health, Happiness and Joy for the upcoming Holidays!

Beth Caudill  
Chaplain IVFAA

**IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT**

**From The Secretary**  
*Leighanne Ellis*



INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
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QUARTERLY MEETING  
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Meeting called to order at 2:01 P.M. by President Paul Holcomb. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Associate Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Roll call was taken with 21 district chairmen present and 4 absent, 4 Public Relations officers and 2 absent, 4 past presidents, Lobbyist and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, District 13A Mike Dzuba made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PRWC Larry Bartlow seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. Account Balance and Itemized Ledger were handed out along with Profit and Loss Balances. He also stated that there was a fire safe purchased to keep valuable documents in at his home in case of an emergency. Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to accept report as given and District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague gave

second. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

New IVFA Website was released during convention. If you haven't checked it out, please be sure to see the new website. It is also mobile friendly. We will be taking over the maintenance portion of the website once we finish training with the website company which will be on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

California Casualty contract was renewed during the convention as well and there were no changes to the contract.

Washington D.C. Trip, any new district chairmen who are wanting to go will be selected first and then those who haven't went in the past two years and then other board members. More to come on this trip in November.

**Central Office Report:** Jack Kerney - Two copies of the 2017 and 2018 roster printed for convention along with packets for each district. Mailed out 21 dues packets. Deceased list emailed, all pin lists were updated and current ones emailed out. 14,203 addresses sent for the paper. 494 bad addresses, if not getting papers, please have them updated. Member count ending July 31, 2018 is at 14,724, the breakdown is 13,958 active, 53 armed services, 85 associate, 75 individual, 529 life members, 24 past presidents. Dues paid for 2019 are as follows; Active - 7,220, ARMFC- 26, Associate - 55, Individual - 65, Life - 275, Past President - 20. License plates sold for six month time period are 2,490. We are up 110 plates from last year. New by-laws and S.O.G.s were placed on the website along with pin recipients, military leave members and deceased members. AIL claim denied for airplane pilot was appealed and claim was paid. Total payout to date from AIL is \$176,000.00. Central Office has received calls from members about solicitation phone calls. These are not from our organization but from a legitimate group not affiliated with us.

**Executive Committee Report:** Paul Holcomb - Discussion on convention raffle mailing and it

was decided to leave as is. John Davies wants to still continue as Historian but will have help from Paul Smith. May 19-21, 2019 is the benefit summit. We are looking into the Medal of Valor history and possibility of approving 2 if not too late. Email received from a department with a L.O.D.D. death and complaint of lack of involvement from our organization even though the person was not a member. Nothing we can do with this due to lack of membership. Convention minutes were digested.

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** All committees passed.

**Bridgeport:** Past President Richard Glant, pass.

**Budget:** Nothing.

**By-laws and S.O.G.'s:** PRWC Larry Bartlow, look into the change of glasses claim from \$75 to \$100. We cannot find in any minutes where the change was voted on and changed, but there is a change listed in the November 2015 paper. Committee is going to complete more research.

**Clothing Claims:** District 8B Lloyd Wright - pass.

**Convention:** Updates were given on the completion of the 2018 Convention and the final bills are coming in. 2019 Convention is currently being registered and finalized.

**EMS:** District 8A Jerry Liston, attached a copy of the last commission meeting in Zionsville. The next meeting will be at IERC Conference September 12, 2018 at 3 p.m.

**Legislative:** Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, HB 1005 Task Force continue to work towards resolution of issues as we will see it again. Develop offense tactics to deal with new bills of this nature. Possibly meet with Rep. Zemp; Lobbyist will inform at a later date. Look into a possible benefits package for volunteer firefighters which includes: education, medical insurance, retirement, home loans. Discussion on

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**DISTRICT 11-A REPORT**



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,

Welcome fall! Ready or not here it comes. This year will soon be in the books.

Hope this finds everyone happy and doing well.

Our last district meeting was on September 9, 2018 at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. District 11A and 11B went together and had a joint picnic. Food was great, seeing friends was great, the weather was horrible. It rained, wind blew and was miserable. Besides the fact that the weather was bad, we still

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seeking funding possibly through Hoosier Lottery funding. Possibility of forming political action groups.

**LODD:** Chaplain Dave Elick, absent.

**Logo:** District 18 John Smith - looking at reproducing vanity plates and table flags as an association. District 11A had the flags as a fundraiser and District 4 had the vanity plates. Discussion was held on what to do with those fundraisers and whether to bring them back or let the districts do them. Nothing further to comment at this time.

**Membership and Marketing:** Secretary Leighanne Ellis, continuing to work on history to be updated on the website. We are working with California Casualty to assist them with their cancer campaign and getting marketable pictures to them. More to come in the future.

**Newspaper:** Past President Koehler discussed the placement of articles and article deadlines. Newspaper editor's assistant report was given.

**Public Relations:** PRSW Steve Nolan, discussion on the recruitment and retention use of the IVFA trailer, PRSW training is upcoming on October 27, 2018. IERC is September 14, 2018, and FDIC is April 8-13, 2018.

**Social Media and Website:** District 16 Josh Reisert, website had 6,500 hits since updating to new site at convention. Top hits are convention and directory. Facebook has 6,511 likes.

**Special Projects:** Past President Buz Koehler, the committee is needing to gather information from the historian for the new history books. They need to check with the editor to see what information they have. Discussion was had on reprinting the 25 and 50-year history book and whether to have them reprinted into 2 books. Jack Giles and Larry Bartlow are going to check with historian to see what material he has. Recommendation from the committee is to have a book for each 25-year period and to have a pre-order only campaign. They also would like to try and get pictures for the 2<sup>nd</sup> book 26-50 years and place into book.

**Training:** Past President Steve Anderson, PR trainings upcoming are PRSE September 8 at Silver Creek School and PRSW October 27 at VU Gibson Campus. Discussion on FF/Apparatus Driver issue from BFFPSE. We will await progress from board workgroup. BFFPSE meeting from July 10 discussed shipping containers and fire officer skills update. Next BFFPSE meeting will be at IERC September 13 at 10 a.m.

**Younger Membership:** District 6 Jerry Sprague, committee would like for each district to have a district facebook page to reach their specific members. About 7 districts don't have one. Possibly have Miss Flame assist with getting running and keep it going. Find a program speaker that would be able to come and talk to the group about multi-generation communication. Looking into a possibility of

creating a summer youth camp. Leighanne is going to get more information.

## Representative Reports

**Board of Firefighter Standards and Education:** John Smith, next meeting will be at the IERC Conference on September 13 at 10:30 a.m.

**Fire Alliance:** Steve Anderson, updates on survey request from convention were given and discussed.

**Hero's Competition:** Mike Dzuba - pass.

**IN-Time:** Jack Zeeks, nothing to report at this time.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, next meeting will be held September 19-21 in Bismark, North Dakota.

**Red Cross Workgroup:** Don Cushman, absent.

## Officer's Reports:

**President,** Paul Holcomb, traveled to district meetings and had a successful convention.

**Vice President,** David Israel, attended 2 county meetings, 3 department meetings, 8 district meetings, 1 speaker's bureau, 1 memorial service, and Ollie Sandburg award presentation.

**Chaplain,** Dave Elick, absent. Ed Gerdowsky, nothing new this quarter.

**Secretary,** Leighanne Ellis, pass.

**Treasurer,** Luke Kluender, pass.

**Sergeant-At-Arms,** Brent Bush, pass.

**Historian,** John Davies, absent.

**Chairman of the Board,** Steve Anderson, gave report in other areas.

**PRNW,** Jeremy Reef, 3 district meetings, 2 department meetings and lots of fundraisers.

**PRNE,** Jean Smith, 7 district meetings and 1 department visit.

**PRWC,** Larry Bartlow, made 6 district meetings, 5 department visits.

**PREC,** Don Cushman, absent.

**PRSW,** Steve Nolan, attended several memorial services, county and district meetings.

**PRSE,** Ed Scheele, absent, report given by secretary Leighanne Ellis, 5 district meetings and 1 chief's meeting. 40 year celebration at Delaware F.D., Ollie Sandburg presentation and several fundraisers.

**Asst. Treasurer,** Bev Harker, not in attendance.

**Asst. Secretary,** Diane Harrison, not in attendance.

## Past President's Reports:

**Richard Glant,** Pass.

**Jack Zeeks,** Pass.

**Buz Koehler,** gave report in other areas.

**Jack Kerney,** report given in other areas.

**Larry Ketchem,** absent.

**David Israel,** Pass.

**Steve Anderson,** Pass.

## District Reports:

**District 1,** Marshall Neece, district report turned in.

**District 2,** Paul Watland, absent.

**District 3,** Bob Uryga, baby box in the district, task force tips and a memorial service.

**District 4,** Elton Schafer, district meeting had fire investigation program and

upcoming meeting will have med flight program.

**District 5,** John Grolich, district meeting and visit with Mexico F.D. to return as member.

**District 6,** Jerry Sprague, meeting was district elections and next meeting will be the 100-year anniversary of Huntertown VFD.

**District 7,** Sam Bisel, district meeting. No special program.

**District 8A,** Jerry Liston, July meeting had life-saving award presented and Global Award presentation. Problem within district is recruitment and retention.

**District 8B,** Lloyd Wright, district program was Premier Billing Services and problem listed within district is training. Several fundraisers attended. L.O.D.D issue.

**District 9A,** Pascal Moon. July meeting held elections and 50-year card presentation.

**District 9B,** Randy Denton, absent.

**District 10,** John Ray, 10 county meetings, 2 fundraisers, convention, IVFA trailer at county fair and passed out 10 and 25-year pins.

**District 11A,** Pete Taylor, election of officers and next meeting is joint 11B picnic. Memorial service.

**District 11B,** Jack Giles, 9 deaths within district, next meeting is joint picnic.

**District 12,** Jason Coffey, absent.

**District 13A,** Mike Dzuba, presented Global award.

**District 13B,** Jeff Biehl, last meeting elections were held.

**District 14,** Rick Cannon, discussed benefits, engineered lumber legislation, Sen. John Perkins spoke, elections were held and PR training is Sept. 8.

**District 15,** Ross Emery, absent.

**District 16** Josh Reisert, district meeting was held and only 1 death in district.

**District 17A,** Sam Emery, remarks given by Sen. Messmer and Rep. Lindauer present, and Hoosier Fire Rep. gave presentation on new item.

**District 17B,** Bobby Brown, district meeting held but not enough for quorum to hold elections.

**District 18,** John C. Smith, Election of officers held at last meeting. 123 members were present at this meeting with 23 departments represented.

**District 19,** Steve Macke, district meeting was held.

**District 21,** Ed Watson, district meeting was held.

## New Business:

2019 meeting dates are Feb. 1-3, May 3-5, Aug. 2-4, Nov. 1-3. The room rate will be \$111.00/night and meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza at the airport.

Benefits summit will be in Minnesota May 19-21, 2020.

Rick Cannon brought up new law in effect on July 1 for engineered lumber.

Mack Grobis won the free night for early registration at the 2019 convention.

President Holcomb held discussion on the Miss Flame program and on what direction we as an organization feel the program

should go. It was discussed whether the program belongs to the IVFA or the IVFAA, but there was no history available on whose program it is. It was decided after discussion that the president and the IVFA Miss Flame liaison meet with the IVFAA president and Miss Flame chair and have a meeting and then return to the body with their recommendations post meeting.

Meeting was recessed at 1720 and will reconvene Sunday morning at 0830.

Sunday, February 3, 2018 Business meeting continued.

Meeting reconvened at 0830 by President Holcomb.

Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky gave morning message.

District drawing: \$100 Gas Card - Anthony Smith, Centerville F.D., District 13B.

Station Supply Caddy - Justin Thompson, JTFD, District 6.

Past President Richard Glant, motion to adjourn, second from Past President Jack Zeeks. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 0913.

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Board Action Business Meeting:

Chairman of the Board Steve Anderson called meeting to order at 0916.

Reading of the minutes, District 13A Mike Dzuba made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by PRNW Jeremy Reef, motion passed.

## **Board Action- Business:**

1. Discussion on needing pins made to get us through the upcoming years. 1000 - 50-year pins and 5000 - 25-year pins totaling \$6600.00. Past President Glant made motion to purchase, District 8A Jerry Liston made second. Motion passed.

2. Treasurer Luke Kluender discussed the CD coming up for renewal; it is currently \$65,000 and for a 3 year rate we can get 1%. If we add \$35,000 to make it \$100,000 then we can get a jumbo CD rate at 2.32%. Motion was made by Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush to give treasurer permission to find a CD rate that will be for the betterment of the association. Past President Glant seconded the motion, motion passed.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave benediction.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Past President Richard Glant, second by PRNE Jean Smith. Meeting adjourned at 0923.

## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE



## Members work IVFA trailer

Jean Smith - PRNE, E.J. Smith - District 6 IVFAA chairman and Mike Mackin - New Haven Adams Township Fire Department are shown working the IVFA trailer at New Haven Fire Muster.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE

## *Aboite Fire Department dedicates Truck 187*

It was a wonderful day for Aboite Fire Department and the community. Fire Department personnel, families and friends gathered for this great occasion.

Chief Gale Stelzer thanked the commitment of the members that has always been strong and also the commitment of the elected officials in giving them the tools needed to do their job safely. The ladder truck that they are replacing will be 27 years of age. Chief thanked Barbara Krisher, township trustee and three board members Bill Brown, Janet Bollyard and Keith Potter for their continued support of the fire department as well as the community for their support to make the truck a reality after years of planning.

The new ladder truck is a Peirce with a 100 foot ladder/platform. They honored and dedicated this new Truck 187 to Keith Walda, Aboite Fire Department's first Fire Chief. He helped start the fire department in 1982, has dedicated most of his life to public safety, to his community and fire department. Chief Walda had a significant impact on emergency services in Aboite, he dedicated much of his life advocating for public safety and led the charge for a fire station in Aboite.

Chaplain Rick Hawks came forward to bless Truck 187 and its members. Chaplain recited from Psalm: 121. He knew of the tradition of washing and pushing it into the station. Chaplain considered washing of the truck was what he called a Baptism. This tradition dates back to horse-drawn fire apparatus, when the horse drawn engine would be washed and then pushed back into the station.

Submitted by Jean Smith PRNE



*Season's Greetings to one and all!*

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

— submitted by  
Jean Smith, PRNE



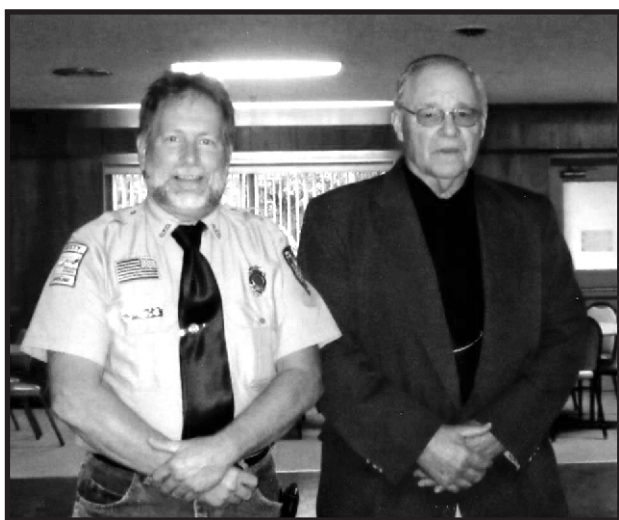
## 25 year pins awarded

Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman, presented Cory Garman and Barry McDaniel, Salem Center Fire Department their 25 year IVFA service pins, with the help of District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley, co-chairman Mack Drobis and Jean Smith, PRNE.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

## 25 year pins awarded in District 8B



The Dunkirk Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on September 8, 2018.

Layne Wright was honored for his 25 years of fire service. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright presented him with his 25 year pin.



At the July district meeting Gary Barnett from the Ridgville Volunteer Fire Department was honored for his 25 years of fire service. Presenting Gary with his 25 year pin is Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman.

Also receiving a 25 year pin but not in attendance was Stacey Chalfant.

## Honored for 41 years of service



At the July district meeting Rick Compton from the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department was given a certificate for his 41 years of service.

Pictured is Rick Compton and Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman.



## Receives 10 year pin

At the July district meeting Matt Grove from the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department was given his 10 year pin for his service.

Pictured is Matt Grove and Lloyd E. Wright, district chairman.



## Miss Flame 2018 first runner-up

Kearsten Cox from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department, who represented District 8B as their Miss Flame at 2018 convention, was named 1st runner-up at the convention.

Pictured with Kearsten is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Congratulations, Kearsten!!

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

## Pennville VFD activities



On September 8, 2018 the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a ham and bean supper.

Dave Gaskill and Tim Smith getting beans cooked for everybody to eat. The ladies' auxiliary helping to get the food ready.



The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade and waterball during the Lions fair. Pictured is Pennville's fire truck. Looks like the battle is on during the waterball.

## Montpelier VFD holds parade during Jamboree Days



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade during the Jamboree Days on September 1, 2018.

Pictured is Montpelier's fire truck and Farmland Volunteer Fire Department's Model T.

## Monroe Township VFD fish and chicken fry



The Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry on September 7, 2018 at their station.

Looks like the serving line is ready and the crowd is enjoying the food.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District Chairman

## Bryant VFD sausage and pancake breakfast held



The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department held a Sausage and Pancake Breakfast on September 8, 2018 at their station.

Looks like the guys are all set to serve the people and looks like the people all enjoyed the breakfast.

Carolyn Scheele was up visiting some friends and got to enjoy the breakfast.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

– submitted by John Ray, District Chairman

## *Ronald Fuchs honored for 50 years fire service*

Pictured from left to right, Marshal Greeson, Jane Fuchs, Ronald Fuchs, Julie Fuchs and John Ray - District 10 IVFA chairman.



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11-A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

## Honored for 10 years of fire service



(Photo on the left) – Jack Jukes from Seelyville received his 10 year pin from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor on April 16, 2018.

Pictured at left - Pete Taylor, at right - Jack Jukes.



On April 16, 2018 Brendon Templeton from Seelyville Fire Department received his 10 year pin from chairman Pete Taylor.

Pictured at left - Pete Taylor, at right Brendon Templeton.

## Global Award recipient



Earl Hutcheson received the Global Award from District 11A chairman Pete Taylor on August 26, 2018.

Earl is a dedicated, hard working and valuable asset to his fire department and community.

He is most deserving of this award.

Pictured at left - Pete Taylor, at right - Earl Hutcheson, Posey Twp. Fire Dept.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

## Centerville Police Dept. receives Global Award



Pictured (left to right) – Centerville Fire Chief Dennis Spears, Centerville Police Chief Ed Bucholz, District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl, Centerville Officer Matt Alexander.



## Awarded 50 Year Gold Card

Hagerstown firefighter William Hilbert is presented his 50 year Gold card.

Pictured (left to right) Chief Rick Cole, Firefighter William Hilbert, District 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

## 10 year service pins



Raleigh firefighter Jacob Hall receiving his 10 year pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

Raleigh firefighter Gregory Richardson receiving his 10 year pin from 13B chairman Jeff Biehl.

## 50 year Gold Card recipient

Raleigh Firefighter was presented his 50 year Gold card by Chairman Jeff Biehl.

*Happy Thanksgiving  
To each and every one!*



## 25 year pin awarded

Raleigh Firefighter Craig Custer receives his 25 year pin from chairman Jeff Biehl.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

## Mark Ball District 14 Global Award winner



Pictured above is the cake presented to Mark Ball, District 14 Global Award winner for 2018.

Also pictured above are Officers Rick Cannon, Charlie Heishman, Stephen Heishman and Mark Ball, seated.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Enjoying Canaan FD fish fry



*Station clock presented*



District 14 Rick Cannon is shown giving Ben Laughlin, Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department Station 5 a clock.

IVFA PR Southeast Training at Sellersburg



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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

– submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

## Mission BBQ feeding those in district



## New Washington Fireman Festival



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### Pipeline Incident Toolkit suggested posts:

Being prepared to respond to pipeline incidents can reduce risk, lessen damages, and even save lives. The National Volunteer Fire Council and the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration want to help your department be ready to respond. Visit [www.nvfc.org/pipelines](http://www.nvfc.org/pipelines) to download a FREE toolkit filled with the resources you need.

Is your fire department prepared to deal with a pipeline incident? The National Volunteer Fire Council and the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are here to help. Visit [www.nvfc.org/pipelines](http://www.nvfc.org/pipelines) to download a FREE toolkit filled with the resources you need to effectively plan, prepare, and respond.

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### Volunteer Recruitment Animated Infographic suggested posts:

Volunteer fire and EMS departments face many challenges in recruiting new members, but there are also significant areas of opportunities. Watch this short video to learn more and see how the NVFC can help: <https://youtu.be/jY8PqguRKps>

Many volunteer fire and emergency service departments struggle to fulfill staffing needs. The NVFC is here to help! <https://youtu.be/jY8PqguRKps>

Maintaining adequate fire department staffing is a critical component in keeping responders safe. Learn more about volunteer recruitment and resources available to help: <https://youtu.be/jY8PqguRKps>

### FirstForward Exposure Tracking suggested posts:

Firefighters: Tracking exposures helps you better understand & address your health risks. FirstForward provides a free tool so you can keep track of exposures throughout your fire service career. <https://info.firstforward.com/exposure-nvfc/>

FirstForward offers a free tool to help firefighters track their exposures throughout their career. Tracking exposures is critical so you know your risks, can communicate these risks to your healthcare provider, and have documentation in the event of a cancer diagnosis. <https://info.firstforward.com/exposure-nvfc/>

### CSU Scholarship suggested posts:

Looking to further your education? Columbia Southern University is offering a \$13,200 scholarship to two NVFC members. Learn more and apply here: <http://bit.ly/CSUscholarship>

The application period is open for the 2018 NVFC/CSU Scholarships! Columbia Southern University is offering two National Volunteer Fire Council members a \$13,200 scholarship towards any of their online degree programs. Learn more and apply here: <http://bit.ly/CSUscholarship>

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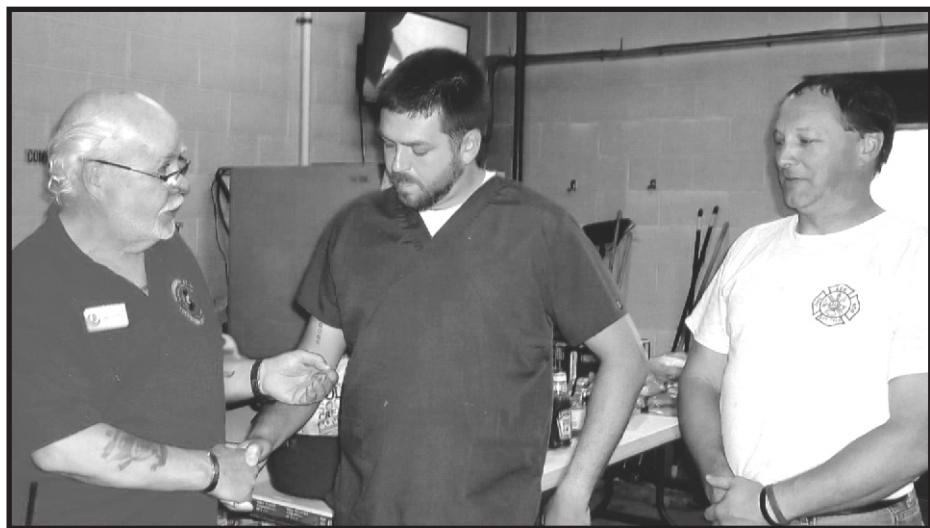
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

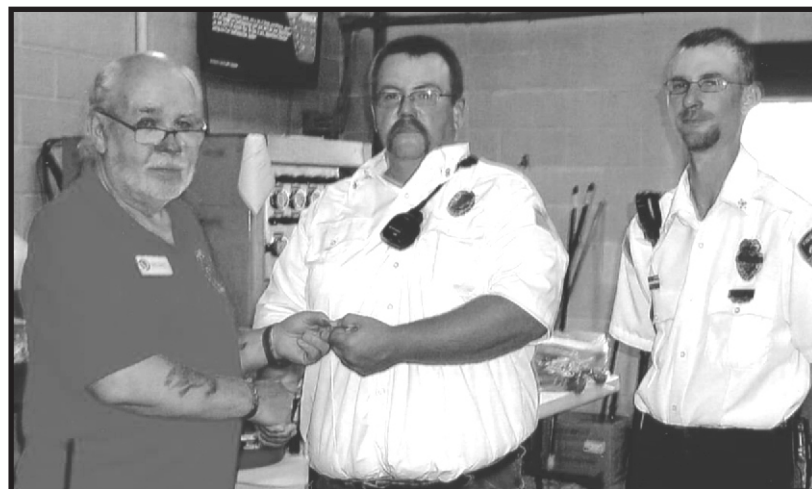
- submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Presented 10 year pin



Loogootee VFD member Justin Davis was presented his 10 year pin with Chief J.D. Flynn in attendance.

## *Presented 25 year pins*



Shawn Bennett, Vigo Twp. VFD, presented his 25 year pin with Chief Dusty Baize in attendance.



### NVFC and PHMSA Release Pipeline Incident Toolkit

Millions of miles of pipelines stretch across the United States, transporting hazardous materials through thousands of communities. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) want to help fire departments prepare for pipeline incidents. The [Fire Department Pipeline Response Emergency Planning & Preparedness \(FD PREPP\) Toolkit](#) is a FREE resource designed to help departments conduct pre-incident planning, increase preparedness, and improve response to pipeline incidents.

Developed with assistance from industry stakeholders and responders, the [FD PREPP Toolkit](#) assists with preplanning, training, and response activities with the goal of increasing readiness and improving outcomes. Pipeline incidents are low frequency but high impact events. Preparation is important due to the potential hazards that pipeline incidents can pose to the public and to the first responders called to an emergency.

Make pipeline incident readiness a priority. Download the FD PREPP Toolkit today at [www.nvfc.org/pipelines](http://www.nvfc.org/pipelines).



Lyons VFD member 25 year pins with Chief Teddy York in attendance. Paul Baker (pictured in top photo) and Kenny Fulford (pictured in bottom photo).

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# *We can do better: Injury prevention is up to all of us*

By Kimberly Quiros

## The Numbers

Firefighting is an inherently dangerous job, but there are many steps that can be taken to lessen the risks. Injury prevention is not an abstract concept – it is something we have control over and can prioritize for ourselves and our departments.

Take for example a firefighter who is seriously injured after being thrown from a vehicle because he or she wasn't wearing a seat belt. An action that takes a second or two to complete could have prevented this situation.

Safety needs to be at the forefront of every firefighter's mind, whether during training, at the incident scene, or even working around the station. It may sound cliché, but the old adage rings especially true in the fire service where lives are on the line – an ounce of prevention is most certainly worth a pound of cure.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) most recent report on firefighter injuries shows there were 68,085 firefighter injuries in 2015. Surprisingly, after years of a downward trend, the number of injuries actually increased by 7.5 percent compared to 2014.

Not only that, but the number of fireground injuries per 1,000 fires has remained relatively constant for the past 20 years. This means that despite advances in gear and equipment, better understanding of fire behavior, and improved incident command procedures, we are not seeing a reduction in fireground injuries.

These facts should be a wake-up call that there is still a lot to be done in the area of injury prevention, and that the responsibility falls on department leaders as well as each individual firefighter for making positive

changes toward safety. If we have better tools and knowledge and are still seeing these kinds of injury numbers, then it is time for a change in how we implement these advances during training and operations. And that means a collective refocusing on safety.

## Consider the Consequences

Firefighters are in the business of putting others first, but more often than not the 'short-cuts' they take with safety do more harm than good. How can you help someone if you crash your vehicle because you didn't stop at an intersection during response? Or if you are taken out of service due to cancer caused by wearing dirty gear?

Think about your family. How do you tell them you have a serious or even life-threatening injury or illnesses because you didn't take the time to follow safety procedures? What about your crew? An injury at the fireground

can put other members of the crew at risk. And how will they be impacted if you are out of service due to a preventable injury?

Firefighters want to help people, but make sure you have a clear perspective. Taking care of yourself is the best way you can take care of others.

## Speak Up

Firefighters consider the fire service as a family that will always have each other's backs. We see this in times of tragedy, when in the aftermath of a line-of-duty injury or death we rally around the victim, their families, and each other.

We need to take this much further. Why wait until a tragedy happens in order to review safety practices? We need to come together BEFORE someone is injured or killed so we can prevent the tragedy in the first place. This includes saying something if you realize someone is being unsafe or

acting recklessly.

Do you see someone removing their SCBA before the air is safe? Is someone foregoing a seat belt in a moving vehicle? Are members of your crew disregarding an established safety procedure because they value speed over safety? Then say something! These are your brothers and sisters – if you see them endangering themselves, speak up. Don't wait until it is too late.

## Training is Key

Training is one of the most important keys to injury prevention. Department leaders need to make sure all personnel are properly trained for every function they are expected to perform. Never assign someone a task for which they have not been trained. Emphasize safety in all training and make sure personnel are following the correct procedures.

In addition, educate personnel on why safety is important. Make sure everyone understands that safety and injury prevention are critical to the department being able to accomplish its mission.

## Create a Culture of Safety

It all comes down to what kind of department you want to have. Consider the new recruit. If they see seasoned members ignoring a safety protocol, they will be much more apt to do the same. This instills a belief that SOPs can be ignored or only used when it is 'convenient.' Is that the kind of message you want to send – that safety is an option?

We all have to take safety seriously. Remember that SOPs were put in place for a reason, and make sure to follow them EVERY TIME. Develop clear disciplinary procedures for those who don't follow safety protocols and provide everyone with a copy so they understand how serious the department is about safety.

As a firefighter, you have a responsibility to yourself, your family, your crew, and your community to be at your best. Safety is a vital component of this. It is up to all of us to do everything we can to be there for all those who depend on us.

For additional resources, visit [www.nvfc.org/ServeStrong](http://www.nvfc.org/ServeStrong).

## About the Author

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# SENTINAL

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

– submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman

## Vigo Twp. VFD acquires new station



Vigo Twp. VFD presented a clock for their new station.



### IVFA Members Can Win a Liberty Safe from California Casualty

California Casualty wants to help IVFA members protect their valuable possessions and documents with the “Better Safe Than Sorry” Work Hard/Play Hard Sweepstakes. Three lucky winners will each receive \$2,250 to purchase the Liberty Colonial Safe of their choice, and will be able to fill them with a collection of 5.11 tactical gear that includes a carry bag, backpack, RAID Glasses, flashlight, hats and more. The entire package has a value of \$2,950.

Time is running short! The deadline to enter is November 12 at [www.contest4heroes.com](http://www.contest4heroes.com).

“First responders do the hard work keeping our communities safe,” said California Casualty Sr. Vice President Mike McCormick. “This Work Hard/Play Hard giveaway allows us to say thanks and offer some extra safety for their families.”

The California Casualty Auto and Home Insurance Program for IVFA members has special benefits for public safety employees and volunteers not available to the general public:

- Fallen Hero Survivor Benefit, paying the premium for the current year and the next year for the surviving spouse or partner of a firefighters who loses his or her life in the line of duty
- \$500 coverage for personal belongings (including uniforms and turnout gear) taken from an insured vehicle
- Waived deductibles for damage to your vehicle while parked where you work or volunteer as a firefighter or EMT
- \$5,000 coverage for firearms (with higher amounts available)

Learn more about why California Casualty is a company that first responders can trust at <https://mycalcas.com/auto-home-insurance/firefighters/>.

What a better way to protect your valuable and personal security possessions than with a Liberty Safe from the “Better Safe than Sorry” giveaway. The deadline to enter is November 12, 2018 and rules and details are at [www.contest4heroes.com](http://www.contest4heroes.com).

Winners will be announced in December.

*California Casualty has been protecting firefighters since 1974 and its auto and home insurance program has been a benefit for IVFA members since 2011. Founded in 1914, California Casualty has been led by four generations of the Brown family.*

*Learn more about California Casualty, or request an auto insurance quote, at [www.calcas.com/IVFA](http://www.calcas.com/IVFA) or call 800.800.9410.*

*\*Liberty Safe and 5.11® are not participating partners in or sponsors of this contest.*



New equipment for new fire station.

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**Thank you!!**

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

— submitted by Steve Nolan

## Couple shows appreciation after a fire in home



Stacy and Brea York are pictured thanking Southern Brown County VFD after a fire at their home.

### Space heating the leading cause of home fires in winter

*Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention*

Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters-gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

Twenty years ago, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

"As winter approaches, we want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely," stated the NFPA's vice president for public education. "Simple steps can prevent a tragedy in your home."

NFPA recommends these safety measures:

- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. Be sure that a qualified

## NOWAK SUPPLY

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by Joe DeKemper and John Smith, District Chairman

## Carter FD members join the "Stork Award" Club

## Ten year pins awarded

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Carter Fire District and Spencer County EMS was summoned to a residence for a possible baby delivery. While enroute to the hospital at the 9.5 mile marker along Interstate 69, a young lady just simply could not wait any longer to "make her entrance" into the world.

A few weeks later, Miss Kyleigh Ann McKinney along with her mother Melissa, paid a visit to the Carter Fire District Headquarters.

Pictured (clockwise) are members who assisted with the new arrival, Spencer Co. EMT Josh Knies (holding Kyleigh), Carter FD Chief Dan Reinke, Melissa McKinney and Carter FD Firefighter/EMT Kisiah Brown.

Also assisting during the delivery, but not present for the photo, was Spencer Co. EMT Krystal Yearby.

Photo and information provided by Carter Fire District - submitted by John "Bull" Smith



10 year pin presented to Austin Driskell from Luce Twp. 18<sup>th</sup> District on July 19<sup>th</sup> by Chairman DeKemper.



Steven Buchta, Haysville VFD, 10 year pin presented on July 19, 2018 at the district meeting by Chairman DeKemper.

## Honored for 50 years

## Ten year pins awarded



Chairman Joe DeKemper presented a 50 year Gold card and resolution to retired Jasper fireman Terry Tanner at the July 19<sup>th</sup> district meeting.



At the August meeting of the Celestine VFD (Dubois Co.) four members of the CVFD were presented with the IVFA 10 year service pin by District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Pictured (left to right) are Chairman Smith, Lucas Gehlhausen, Derek Schmitt, Josh Vaal and CVFD Chief Ryan Wineinger.

Photo and article provided by District Chairman

# 2019 Convention June 12-15 Michigan City, Indiana

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

## 2019 Miss Flame contest held



Dreary skies and cool temperatures did not deter people from lining the streets as the Birdseye Volunteer Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 14 October. Close to 80 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Birdseye as part of the Department's 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2018 Aubrey Ruxer gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 11 lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition. The District 18 Miss Flame for 2019 is Abby Ruxer (second left), she is the daughter of Todd and Angie Ruxer and is a sophomore at Heritage Hills High School. She represented the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department. The first runner-up title went to Tasha Wiseman (third left), Tasha is the daughter of Kyle and Debra Wiseman. She is a sophomore at Crawford County High School and represented the English Volunteer Fire Department. Caitlyn Lee (far left) was awarded the second runner-up title. She is the daughter of Chris Lee and Jessica Gripenstroh. She is a senior at Southridge High School and represented the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department. Summer Stout (far right) was chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. Summer is a senior at Forest High School and is the daughter of Brett and Misty Stout. She represented the Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department.



(at left)  
Miss Flame 2018  
Aubrey Ruxer gives  
farewell address

(at right)  
Crowning of  
2019 Miss Flame

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman



## 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.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
Brandon	Joe	Johnson	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural FD
Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Edger	Leonel	Lopez	Crown Point	Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force
Dallas	William	Hutts	Kingsford Hts.	Kingsford-Union VFD
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder	New Albany	New Chapel FD
Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Jered	Alan	Stettet	Dubois	Dubois VFD
Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
Casey	John	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Jared	Patrick	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Brandon	James	Duff	Georgetown	Lafayette Twp. VFD
Schyler	D.	Clark	Bicknell	Vigo Twp. VFD
Michael	Jacob	Collins	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Rodney	E.	Pentecost	Greens Fork	Clay Twp. VFD Inc.
Kendall	Jacob	Kerzan	Vincennes	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Chad	Allen	Warner	Lewisville	Lewisville-Franklin Fire Dept.
Casey	W.	Foye	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Elizabeth	Nicole	Ireland	Kingman	Jackson Twp. VFD
Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
Zachery	Michael	Powers	Chesterfield	Richland Twp. FD
Adam	David	Luecke	Seymour	Jackson - Washington Fire Dept.
Justin	L.	Yagel	Columbia City	Union Twp. VFD Inc.
Garrett	T.	Sheline	Millersburg	Millersburg-Clinton Fire Territory
James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Charles		Hay	Sulphur Springs	Jefferson Township VFD, Henry Co.
Robert		Ford	Farmland	Farmland VFD
Jeremy	D.	Shank	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD
Christopher	G.	Yoakum	Cambridge City	Cambridge City VFD

## District 18 holds annual Memorial Service

On Sunday, 7 October the annual District 18 Memorial Service was held at the Carter Fire District in Dale.

Chief Dan Reinke and Rev. Bob Duley conducted the service in which the eleven names of the members of District 18 that have "answered their last call".

The Flag was presented by the Carter Fire Color Guard and music selections including the National Anthem were performed by the Heritage Hills High School Jazz Choir.

### Make Behavioral Health a priority in your department with resources from the NVFC

Firefighters and EMS personnel face significant challenges to their behavioral health on a routine basis. This can have severe consequences, such as post-traumatic stress, depression, addiction, and in some cases, suicide. Each year, more firefighters are lost to suicide than on-duty deaths.

The entire fire service community must work together to break the stigma surrounding behavioral health, understand the symptoms, and offer resources to assist responders who need help. Providing ongoing training and support to all department members is a critical part of a behavioral health and suicide prevention program.

It is critical that we all work together to prevent future tragedies through education, awareness, and creating a culture where firefighters and EMS providers are able to seek support and help when in need.

The National Volunteer Fire Council provides a series of tools and resources through the [Share the Load™ program](#) to help individuals and departments take a proactive approach to behavioral health and suicide prevention. Use these resources to understand the challenges, recognize the symptoms, and learn what to do if you or a fellow firefighter needs help.

- The Fire/EMS Helpline at 1-888-731-FIRE (3473) is available 24/7 and provides free, confidential support to firefighters, EMS providers, and their family members struggling with any behavioral health issue. Run by American Addiction Centers, the Helpline was created by firefighters and is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of fire service personnel and their families.
- Posters and ads promoting the Fire/EMS Helpline can be hung up at the station and placed in department newsletters to let personnel know they are not alone and help is available if they need it.
- The Helpletter features articles from subject matter experts and fire service veterans who provide tips, tools, and resources to help first responders take a proactive approach in addressing many behavioral health issues.
- Behavioral health and suicide prevention courses are available in the NVFC Virtual Classroom and can be used to train department personnel on these critical topics.
- A series of videos highlight behavioral health issues and warning signs.
- Additional resources including a suicide prevention guide are available to assist with creating and implementing a behavioral health and suicide prevention program in your department.

Find all of these resources and more on the NVFC web site at [www.nvfc.org/help](http://www.nvfc.org/help).

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Stephen Macke, District Chairman

## Receives Global Award for District 19



Bryan Buchanan and family from Versailles Fire receiving 2018 Global Award from District 19.

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## NVFC holds fall meeting in Bismarck, ND

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) held its 2018 fall meeting in Bismarck, ND, from September 19-21. The NVFC board of directors meet twice a year to conduct Council business, steer the direction of the organization, and address matters of importance to the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services.

Sixty-three board members from 37 states attended the meeting. Committees met on topics ranging from health, safety, and training to legislation to wildland to recruitment and retention and more. The EMS/Rescue Section and NVFC Foundation also met.

In addition to committee actions, the board tackled a variety of issues, including the following:

- Approved the NVFC's amended 2018 budget and the 2019 budget
- Reviewed the progress of strategic plan items
- Passed an Anti-Harassment and Bullying Statement
- Approved the new mission statement for the diversity and inclusion committee

The board also reviewed the new online NVFC member community, Volunteer Voices, and discussed how it will be implemented. Volunteer Voices will enhance member engagement and allow the volunteer boots on the ground to connect with each other, ask questions, and share resources and best practices.

A line-up of speakers presented to the board on a range of topics.

- The event kicked off with a welcome from North Dakota Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, State Fire Marshal Doug Nelson, and Bismarck Fire Chief Joel Boespflug.
- Steve Vandewalle provided an update on the Department of Homeland Security First Responder Resource Group and how volunteers can be involved.
- A panel discussion on volunteer response to train derailment was presented by Robert Wetzler, former chief of Minot Rural Fire Department; David Lutt, former chief of Harvey Fire Department and NVFC ND director; and Lisa Clute, executive officer of First District Health Unit.
- Ali Rothrock spoke about her experience with harassment and how she overcame to thrive in the fire service.
- Candace Muggerud, managing partner at KAT Marketing, spoke about the North Dakota Firefighter's Association recruitment and retention program.

The North Dakota Firefighter's Association hosted a reception and dinner at Ft. Lincoln State Park on Wednesday evening, and the annual auction to support the NVFC Foundation was held on Thursday evening.

The NVFC is grateful for the hospitality of meeting host North Dakota Firefighter's Association and appreciates the support of all of the fall meeting sponsors: 3M/Scott Safety, California Casualty, Columbia Southern University, ESIP, Lincoln Financial Group, National Fire Protection Association, Paradigm Liaison Services, The Pennsylvania Fireman, Penn Well Fire Group, and Provident Agency.

The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer fire, emergency medical, and rescue services on the national level and provides resources, programs, training, and advocacy to help departments and boots-on-the-ground responders thrive. The board of directors is comprised of representatives from 48 state fire service organizations. The next NVFC meeting will be held April 25-27 in Alexandria, VA.

Learn more about the NVFC and join today at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

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Perhaps you know someone who has asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, pneumonia or allergies. They'll tell you how smoke makes breathing especially difficult. Older people, those with lung problems, and pregnant or nursing women may suffer more serious health effects than other adults.

Repeated exposure to smoke can also cause developmental problems in children and increase the chances of getting cancer. Even healthy children and adults are affected by small particles, molds, fungi and chemical pollutants in smoke.

### Open burning can cause...

- Eye, nose, and throat irritation;
- Lung irritation and congestion;
- Shortness of breath and coughing;
- Stomach or intestinal upset;
- Headaches or memory loss;
- Skin irritations or burns;
- Eye damage

**Smoke from burning five pounds of leaves contains about one pound**

### of air pollution!

**It is ALWAYS illegal to open burn garbage!**

Safer alternatives exist statewide. That's why Indiana law restricts open burning.

However, in counties where air quality meets state and federal health standards, state law permits certain open burning of "clean wood products", such as leaves and branches, as long as the burning is done according to the rules.

Local ordinances more strict than the state's open burning laws exist in many counties. If this is the case, the more restrictive requirement applies. If you choose to burn clean wood products despite the potential environmental and health impacts, you should check with your local fire department or health department for information on local ordinances.

**It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash, such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood. In general, businesses may not open burn anything.**

*Your town, city or county may have an ordinance that is more restrictive than the state's open burning law. If so, you must comply with that ordinance also. Before you open burn, call your local fire department, government office or*

*health department to find out.*

**Burning contributes to harmful ground level ozone!**

People who live in or near larger metropolitan areas can be affected by a severe air pollution problem: ground level ozone, or smog. It affects outlying suburbs and rural areas as well as the big cities.

In other areas of the state, ozone problems are not as severe, but ozone pollution exists all over Indiana.

We hear a lot about depletion of the ozone layer in the stratosphere. This kind of ozone protects us from harmful radiation from the sun. Stratospheric ozone is good, but ground-level ozone is harmful.

When people think about ground-level ozone, they usually picture a thick layer of smog over Los Angeles. They don't think of a sunny, hot, midwest summer day with a hazy blue sky. But, ozone pollution exists here, too, unless we do something about it.

Ozone is created in the lower atmosphere when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other air pollutants react in the presence of sunlight. Open burning, vehicle exhaust, industrial smoke stacks, gas pumps and many other sources give off VOCs.

Regulations exist to reduce this serious air pollution because it can cause or worsen respiratory, heart and other health problems.



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# Lavender Ribbon reporting released; highlights best practices for preventing firefighter cancer

The International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have partnered to develop and release the [Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer](#). This report provides 11 actions that can be taken to mitigate the risk of cancer for firefighters.

Unfortunately, the topic of firefighter cancer has had a significantly increasing impact on firefighter health and welfare. Great strides have been made by departments and responders everywhere in combatting and preventing cancer, but more still needs to be done. The time is NOW to make changes.

"We call upon fire service leaders and all personnel to make cancer prevention a priority in your department," said Chief James Seavey, Sr., chair of the VCOS cancer committee and co-chair of the NVFC cancer subcommittee. "We owe it to each firefighter, to their families, and to the community to take every step necessary to keep our firefighters healthy and to ensure they come home safely. Together we can stop firefighter occupational cancer."

It is imperative that local leaders take this report to heart and spend the time and energy to make changes to improve the safety and health of responders. There are many relatively low-cost actions

that can be taken to reduce the risks.

"Firefighters are contracting cancer at an alarming rate, and we need to take action to protect our brothers and sisters," said Chief Brian McQueen, co-chair of the NVFC cancer subcommittee. "Fortunately, there are specific things we can do to lessen our risks and prevent exposure. The NVFC and IAFC's VCOS strongly encourage you to read and implement these best practices in your department immediately and ensure all firefighters are adhering to them."

All those in the fire service, whether a chief, officer, or firefighter, are encouraged to educate their membership by disseminating the [report](#) and displaying the corresponding [poster](#) in the firehouse.

VCOS and the NVFC appreciate the sponsors of the Lavender Ribbon Report for making the creation of this crucial report possible.

This report is dedicated to those responders that are battling or have lost their battle with cancer.

Read the Lavender Ribbon Report now at <http://bit.ly/LavenderRibbonReport>.

For more information about VCOS, visit [vcos.org](http://vcos.org). For more information about the NVFC, visit [nvfc.org](http://nvfc.org). For additional cancer resources, go to [firefightercanceralliance.org](http://firefightercanceralliance.org).

Please follow us on Twitter [@nvfc](#) and on Facebook [@nvfc1](#) to directly share any content you feel would be useful for your members. You can also use these handles to tag the NVFC in the following posts or in any posts from your organization that you'd like us to share.

### Lavender Ribbon Report suggested posts:

Cancer is the biggest health threat facing firefighters. Learn the 11 actions you can take to protect yourself and your crew: <http://bit.ly/2MPEgEb>

NVFC and IAFC-VCOS have partnered to release the Lavender Ribbon Report highlighting 11 best practices to protect firefighters from cancer. This is a must read for all members of the fire service. Download now at <http://bit.ly/2MPEgEb>.

Protect yourself from cancer! The Lavender Ribbon Report details 11 actions you can take to prevent firefighter cancer. <http://bit.ly/2MPEgEb>

Protect yourself from cancer so you can be there for all those who count on you – your crew, your family, and your community. Download the Lavender Ribbon Report: Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer today! <http://bit.ly/2MPEgEb>

Protect your firefighters! Adopt the 11 best practices for preventing firefighter cancer in your department now. Learn how in the Lavender Ribbon Report: <http://bit.ly/2MPEgEb>



## Space heating ...

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technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.

• If you use a wood or coal stove or a fireplace, have a professional inspect your chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have it cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.

• Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn.

• Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.

• When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.

• Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

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## - NOTICE -

**Starting after January 1, 2016 members and supporters of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association will be able to directly purchase Volunteer Firefighter license plates online from the BMV or from their local BMV.**

**This is a change in procedure from currently having to go through the IVFA Central Office with paperwork and a fee.**

**If you have any questions about the change, contact your District Chairman or Public Relations Representative.**



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