



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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From The President

Paul Holcomb




While writing what will be my last article as the President of our Association I have so many things to say. But foremost and most importantly; thank you! Thanks to have supported, advised, and been there for me during my term. Thank you to the membership that afforded me the honor of serving as your President. I will say there is a lot involved in this position, especially those things that happen behind the curtain that they don't tell you about when you run for this office. However, every last minute is worth it if it makes a better fire service for our members.

Over the last three years I would like to think we have improved a lot of things within our association and the Indiana fire service and it has all been worth it. I have truly enjoyed every visit, conversation and the hospitality I have been extended during my term. One goal I had was to try and bring us closer to modern operation as an association and by adding the 10 year pin, improving our PR equipment and image and updating our website, I truly believe we are definitely on the right track to accomplishing it!

I look forward to seeing you all again at the next meeting, convention or event and as always if you should ever need anything please let me know.

Sincerely, Paul Holcomb, President, IVFA

Swift Water Operations training recently held

I.V.F.A. Benefits

"ANGEL" Award

To be presented at the opening meeting at the annual convention by the President of the IVFA and the State Fire Marshal or an appointee representing the Burn Camp.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECIPIENT:

- Female firefighter
- Member of the IVFA
- Can be a state officer (but not required)
- Minimum of 5 years of service
- Involved with fire service, fire prevention, and community service
- No posthumous awards
- Letters must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1 of each year

THE AWARD:

There will be a minimum of \$100.00 gift to the Hoosier Burn Camp in the recipient's honor.

Trophy – Acrylic flame with an angel engraved on the top. The bottom shelf will have a firefighter holding a child and the middle shelf will have a plaque that reads:

*There have been times
When you didn't have any time
And yet you took the time.
There have been times
When you had enough cares
Of your own,
And yet you still cared.
There have been times
When you had given
All you could give,
And yet, you kept on giving.
Thank you.*

Letters of nomination should be sent to the IVFA Central Office:
Angel Award Committee
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On August 17th and 18th 15 individuals from across northeast Indiana attended a Swift Water Operations training taught by Advanced Rescue Solutions and hosted by Nature's Way Animal Rescue. The Swift Water Operations training provides personnel with the knowledge, skills and ability to safely perform a rescue in a water environment, such as quickly rising flood waters. Becky Sorg and Richard Sorg, members of the Poe Volunteer Fire

Department and active members of Nature's Way Animal Rescue successfully completed this training.

Nature's Way Animal Rescue is a technical animal rescue team that provides response for animals during emergencies, as well as teaches classes to various first responders within Indiana and across the United States. Response and training capabilities include assistance with technical large animal rescue (TLAR), advanced TLAR, and animal decontamination (large and small animal), as well as assisting Emergency Management Agencies (EMA's) during natural disasters, including tornadoes, ice, and now flood situations, making Nature's Way Animal Rescue truly an all hazards animal response and rescue team.

The training would not have been possible without the gracious assistance from the following: Northeast Indiana Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital for use of conference room, Kim Brooks for providing a pool for swim testing, Sam Bisel, IVFA District 7 chairman for providing lake and dock area access, and Geneva Volunteer Fire Department for providing the rescue boat and additional water rescue technicians.

(Article written by Arianne Perlinski, Nature's Way Animal Rescue; photos courtesy of Christ Bisel; submitted by Richard Sorg, District 7 secretary.)



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From the State House to the Fire House



by
Larry
Curl

October 2019 "Political" talk

By Larry Curl, IVFA
Member and your
Lobbyist

Greetings Fellow officers and members, firefighters, emergency service responders, EMTs, paramedics and IVFAA members.

Another quarter has passed since our last newspaper "Fire House to the State House" talks so I just want to briefly bring you up to speed as where we have been and what has happened since our last update.

By now you should have received a letter from Ivy Tech addressing the opportunity provided us and if you have not you should check with the IVFA Central Office to make sure your address is correct in our data base.

As of your reading of this article we should be deeply involved with the key issue for every volunteer fire departments, RECRUITMENT.

If you are struggling to recruit new members or want to offer to your current members a gift for serving, this story is for you...

We are talking about the Ivy Tech working on a Public Safety Officer Scholarship and we have been given the green light to move forward with applying for this

"gift" offered to anyone who is an active member of a Volunteer Fire or Emergency Medical service provider.

As I travel the state sharing the facts, I still have to pinch myself to make sure it is true, that Ivy Tech has granted the IVFA an opportunity to provide to our newest member to the longest serving member a "FREE" two year degree for serving.

Yes, this truly is our "**GOLDEN TICKET**" to recruitment. We are going to be able to solicit, recruit, and promote to those who are interested and will become / or are currently an "active" member of a Volunteer Department, an opportunity to apply for free tuition, two year degree in most ANY SUBJECT that is taught at Ivy Tech.

Even though we ended the 2019 session without a successful outcome of Hb1064 Ivy Tech Community College bill offered by Representative Frye we are very appreciative of State Representative Randy Frye's drive to find us an option.

Working with the President of Ivy Tech, Dr. Sue Ellspermann and her staff, we now have the opportunity of "Education for Serving". They have granted the IVFA a two year offer that will allow us to begin a "Volunteer Firefighter Scholarship program" January 2020.

This does not mean we are

finished with the likes of HB 1064; we have just been delayed in our attempt to get a piece of legislation supporting our recruitment and retention efforts for all public safety membership.

The staff at Ivy Tech has developed a two page frequently asked Q & A as well as providing as much guidance as possible for a department to use this as a much needed "RECRUITMENT" tool.

As a department you will need to reach out to members of your community, members of your family, friends and neighbors to let them know this is available.

We (the IVFA) will be presenting this program to as many as humanly possible through County Chief's meetings, IVFA district meetings, and even department meetings (upon request) but you as a department will need to do the personal marketing.

We are going to provide you with all the tools and information that we can to assist but, without each of you becoming a "recruitment officer" for your own department, this offer will not get into the hands of those we need, new young recruits.

We hope you get as excited and fired up (no pun intended) about this offer as the IVFA is. When have you ever had something to give back for the services provided, just saying.

Our #1 goal is to take full

advantage of the offering by utilizing as much and hopefully all of the funds offered which should equate to about 500 students (or in our case hopefully new members) each year.

Our #2 goal is once we have the data to show that this offer has had a huge impact on our membership numbers that we can take it back to the State House and have a bill reintroduced such as HB 1064 but with much different result, a bill passed and signed into law.

I suggest we first take a look within our own families to see if a current member has a family member that is getting ready to or has recently graduated high school and would like to step into the shoes of his / her family member and become a Volunteer and have an offer of a degree in almost any subject taught at Ivy Tech to help build a career opportunity, while they serve as a volunteer as well. We might find we have hundreds of family members interested in such an offer, now is the time and here is the opportunity.

As we continue to sort out the details, we will keep everyone updated via social media, print media, word of mouth but if you have questions, need additional information, please reach out to myself or any officer of the IVFA; our contact information is readily available in this newspaper or on our website at www.ivfa.org

If you would like someone to attend your department meetings to talk about this offer, let us know, we will get someone to attend, speak, answer your questions.

**THE IVFA IS HERE TO
HELP YOU...
BUT WE CANNOT DO IT
FOR YOU**

Let's not fail with the offer on the table, it is way too valuable for us to not make it a success... recruit with a plan, recruit with an offer.

Thanks, stay safe, and get prepared, we are back into the fall and then comes the ugly word (depending upon your like or dislike for cold) winter...

In closing by the time you are reading this quarterly IVFA newspaper we should all be thinking of **turkey and gifts...** From the Curl Home to your Home; Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Feel free to contact me with any legislative issues, questions or concerns and I look forward to visiting with everyone at your district meetings. To find the date and location visit the IVFA website calendar for a listing of all district meetings.

Larry

Larry Curl
IVFA Member & Lobbyist

**Merry
Christmas**



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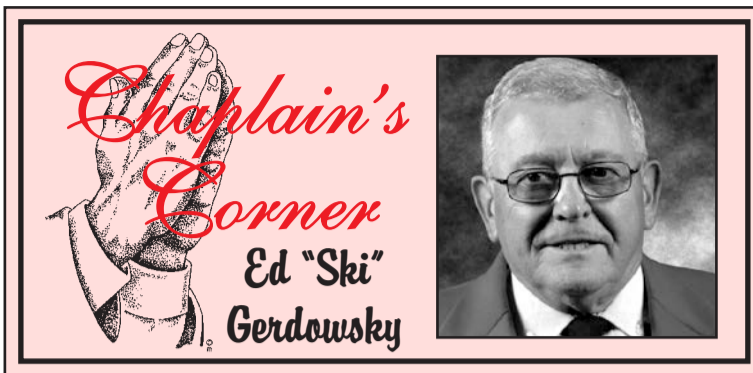
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Hope this is finding everyone doing well and ready for fall and winter. Won't be long as the months go so fast.

I was asked to do the Benediction at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Indianapolis. Jack Zeeks gave a message about the 10 years since his brother passed away which was very touching. Fire Marshal Jim Greeson gave his retirement message and thanked everyone for what they have done over the years.

I did a memorial service for Tom Sellmer in New Albany, IN., one of our Associate Chaplains. Tom was a wonderful man and Chaplain for the IVFA. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Our former IVFAA Chaplain Joann Hayes lost her loving husband, Bob in August. Please keep her and her family in prayers.

Also District 11B Chairman Jack Giles lost his loving wife Jenny so we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please let me or my associate Chaplains know. We are all here to do what we can for the good of the organization. Let's all be here to be kind to one another and keep our fine organization in good standings.

God bless each and every one and hope you will all enjoy the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends!

I want to leave you with this verse:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." -- Ephesians 4:32

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky



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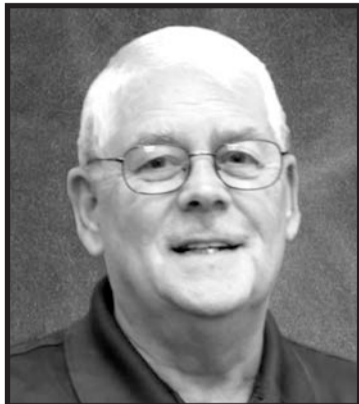
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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Happy Fall!



Public Relations Director Southwest
Steve Nolan



Greetings,
I hope everyone had a nice and safe summer and I hope everyone has a nice and safe winter. Have your vehicles ready and drive safely.

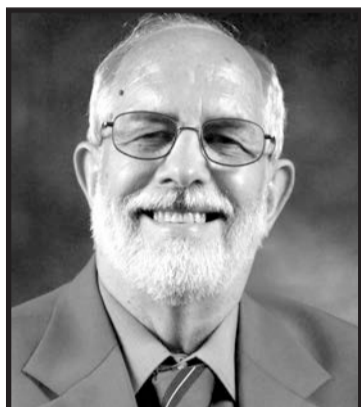
This quarter I have attended all my district meetings and a memorial service.

Please remember to clean your rigs after each run and that includes the cab also along with your gear and equipment. If we get a cancer bill passed we will have to show proof it was caused by a fire run we were on, so documentation on every run is important to document what we were doing on the run.

Lately there have been too many fire truck wrecks, so please drive in a safe manner because you as the driver are responsible not only for your crew but also the public.

Till we meet again,
Steve Nolan,
Public Relations
Director Southwest

Public Relations Director Northeast
Jean Smith



Hello Everyone,
Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Ivy Tech Free Education Opportunity

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Ivy Tech have partnered to give volunteer first responders across the State of Indiana the chance to get a two-year degree at no charge.

Earlier this year, House Bill 1064, authored by State Representative Randy Frye, established that a public safety officer may be eligible for a scholarship for educational costs.

The bill didn't pass so Ivy Tech stepped in.

The community college says that as long as a candidate is enrolled as a degree seeking student and holds good standing with a volunteer fire department, they may be eligible to receive a two-year degree for free.

This applies to future and current Ivy Tech students, but those students must maintain satisfactorily academic progress, and the offer covers all courses offered by Ivy Tech, with the exception of Flight Aviation and General Studies.

"It is to address the shortage of volunteer first responders across the state," said Steve Anderson, former president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. "Actually, nationwide the number of volunteers has been decreasing. This is going to be a huge recruitment tool but it's also available for the retention of the current members as well."

This program will kick off in January of 2020 and those interested in the offer can find more information on the association's website at www.ivfa.org

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week October 6th-12th. This year's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape." **Plan**

Nominations for Miriam Schaeckel Award

It is not too early to begin writing your letters for some deserving lady for this award that honors an outstanding lady who gave much to our organization.

Nomination letters must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2020 to each member of the committee.

The letters must be hand written or typed for the nominee.

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and **Practice Your Escape!** People tend to under-estimate their risk to FIRE, particularly at home.

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

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



John Grolich - Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
July 14, 2019
Mentone Fire Department,
Mentone, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Guests: Jean & E.J. Smith - PRNE,

Madyson Shumaker, District 5 Miss Flame,

Kay Shumaker, District 4 & 5 IVFAA chairperson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hours. Pledge of allegiance followed. The meeting was attended by 8 firefighters representing 6 departments. The minutes to May's meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Jean discussed several House Bills that have been recently signed into law that pertains to the fire service.

He discussed dehydration and how it affects the body. He passed out some flyers on dehydration.

He also gave a report from the Fire Marshal's office. The Fire Marshal is retiring as of September 6, 2019.

We were advised that the township trustees thanks the IVFA for the support of trustee program.

We were enlightened that HB 1064 was blocked from hearing by the Senate.

Ivy Tech is picking up the ball on this issue with a \$250K per year for education for volunteer firefighters.

Training opportunities were discussed and that some are available with NO cost.

2020 IVFA convention is in Evansville June 17 to 20.

Kosciusko Co. Firefighters Assoc. Fish Fry 3rd Thursday in September 19, 6:30 P.M.

Etna Green F.D. fish fry September 28.

ELECTION RESULTS

District Chairman - John Grolich;

District Secretary - Paul Martin.

Next meeting at Lapaz F.D. September 12.

Meeting adjourned 2038 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Martin, Secretary

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting
September 12, 2019
Lapaz Fire Dept.
Lapaz, IN

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

Guests:

Larry & Carol Curl
Jean & E.J. Smith - PRNE
Elton Schafer, District 4 Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hours with the pledge of allegiance to the flag following. The meeting was attended by 9 firefighters representing 4 departments.

Jean discussed the scholarship program between the IVFA and Ivy Tech.

Larry discussed the recruitment, retaining and the shortage of volunteer firefighters.

Larry remarked on the funding for volunteer fire departments in the state of Indiana. We should NOT have to have fund raisers to keep the doors open of our volunteer fire departments.

The IVFA awards were discussed and the availability of forms on the new website.

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

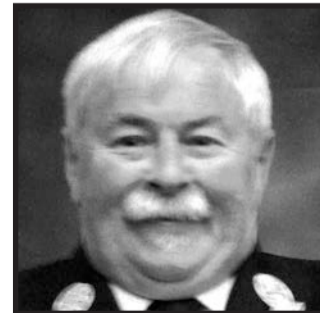
Fish fry & chicken fry Oct. 26 sponsored by Etna Green F.D. at Hawthorn Park.

Next meeting November 14, 2019 @ Pleasant Township FD (Laketon) with Miss Flame judging.

Meeting was adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings to everyone from up in the northeast. Fall is upon us and it is getting chilly up here! Hope all have had a good summer and have had successful fundraisers and

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events.

Want to thank the Ligonier Fire Department for hosting our meeting in July. Also need to thank the South Whitley-Cleveland Township Fire Department for hosting our meeting in September. Both of these department's hospitality and fellowship were appreciated by all.

At the meeting in Ligonier 1-800 Board-Up was presented with the District 6 Global Award. Special thanks goes out to Terry Bradner and 1-800 Board-Up for providing the meals at our meetings.

Need to thank our IVFA State Lobbyist Larry Curl for attending our meeting in South Whitley. Larry gave us a presentation on the IVFA - Ivy Tech scholarship program. What a great tool for the recruitment of volunteers for all of the volunteer departments statewide. Thank you Larry for your continued support, dedication and commitment to the IVFA and the volunteer

firefighters in Indiana.

Thanks again to our District 6 Miss Flame Bailey Sheley for representing District 6 this year. She has done a great job!

The next meeting for District 6 will be held on November 19th at 7:00 P.M. The tentative location is the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department. This will be the meeting that a new District 6 Miss Flame will be chosen. Hope to see several applicants present.

As always, it would be great to see more departments in attendance at our meetings. I don't believe one night every other month is too much to ask. If your department is not receiving the meeting fliers, please send an e-mail address to spiralawn@ligtel.com

If any department or firefighter has any problems or concerns, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I will do my level best to help you out.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and to all, please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook)
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Sam Bisel - Chairman

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's
Association
District 7
July 15, 2019
Monroe Volunteer Fire
Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bisel at 7:43 p.m. Chairman Bisel led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 36 members representing 9 departments.

May Minutes R/A

Guests: Jean Smith - PRNE.

Chairman Bisel - One death since the last meeting, Richard Wolf, a 50-year member of Monroeville Vol. Fire Dept.

Chairman Bisel previously presented 2019 Global Award to Tyler Moser, Asst. Chief of Poneto VFD. The nomination letter was read.

Convention was held last month at Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City.

2020 Convention will be in Evansville and 2021 in Clarksville. IVFA officers for 2020 were read.

2019 Award Winners were read. Names of District 7 members that passed in the last year were read.

The Board of Firefighter Standards meeting was delayed one hour due to mistyped info.

Get award nominations in for next year. They can be now be done on the website.

Get Global Award nominations in to Chairman Bisel. Remember that the recipient of this award does not need to be a member of the IVFA.

There are new rules for the

Junior Firefighter Award. Info available on the website.

Ivy Tech is putting forward \$250,000 for volunteer firefighters to go to school and earn a degree. More information will be coming, hopefully it will be available Jan. 1, 2020.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Further explained the Ivy Tech Program.

State Fire Marshal Greeson is scheduled to retire September 6.

Read highlights of State Fire Marshal meeting brief.

Reminded everyone of the dangers of dehydration and tips to stay hydrated in the heat.

Chairman Bisel - Some smoke detectors are being recalled due to not activating during a fire.

NIPSCO offers a natural gas safety program. It is free, call them to schedule a class.

NIPSCO is also offering Public Safety Training grant funds. There are stipulations as to what the funds can be used for. Contact NIPSCO for more information.

Table was turned over to Jean Smith, PRNE, for election of district officers.

For Chairman Sam Bisel nominated. No further nominations, Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman.

For Vice-Chairman Len Smith nominated. No further nominations, Len Smith, District 7 Vice-Chairman.

For Secretary Richard Sorg nominated. No further nominations, Richard Sorg, District 7 Secretary.

Next district meeting will be at Monroeville September 16.

Second roll call answered by 35 members representing 9 departments.

Berne will have a breakfast during Swiss Days July 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's
Association
District 7
September 16, 2019
Monroeville Volunteer
Fire Department

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

First roll call was answered by 18 members representing 8 departments.

July Minutes R/A.

Guests: Jerry Liston - incoming IVFA Vice-President, Jean Smith - PRNE, Terry Bradner - 1-800-BoardUp.

Chairman Bisel - Thank you to Monroeville VFD for hosting the meeting this evening.

There were no deaths reported in the district since last meeting.

The next district meeting will be district Miss Flame competition. If your department has a young lady interested in running for Miss Flame, please contact Chairman Bisel by the end of October. Also, the age to participate has been dropped to 14 to 18 years old at the time of convention.

Please get names in to Chairman Bisel for the Global Award. Keep in

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mind that the recipient may be an individual or business that supports the fire service in the state. The recipient does not need to be a member of the IVFA.

At quarterly meeting Karthon McCulloch of Monroe VFD won the gas card and the cleaning kit went to District 12. Get your attendance cards turned in for your chance to win.

Ossian VFD renewed their membership so they will remain in the district.

Remember that smoke detectors are available to give away through the Marshal's office and also the Red Cross. Consider hosting a smoke detector give-away event at your department for Fire Prevention Week.

NIPSCO awarded their grants for fire safety education. Poe VFD was awarded a grant.

PSID lookup is still locked so you are only able to lookup your own information. A letter was read about the upcoming Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meeting concerning PSID numbers being locked.

NFPA report was read explaining the decline in volunteer firefighters. Volunteers declined from 884,000 in 1983 to 682,000 in 2017 while career firefighters increased from 226,000 in 1983 to 373,000 in 2017.

Pamphlets about Supporting Heroes are available up front. Please take a look and consider joining to support those who give the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Jean Smith, PRNE - Provided flyer explaining the Ivy Tech scholarship for IVFA members. A letter providing additional information is available on the website. Please use the money! This will show the state the importance of this money as a recruitment tool. The Indiana Fire Chief's Association supports this scholarship as well.

Jerry Liston - incoming IVFA Vice-President added to please reach out to your high schools and their guidance counselors to get the information out to our young people. These funds will hopefully fund 500 college students.

October 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week.

The IVFA is working with a firm out of Washington, D.C. to prepare a study. The finished report will provide statistics to our elected officials on cost savings to the county, tax savings and economic value of the volunteer firefighters in IN. The report will be broken down by county and township.

Terry Bradner - 1-800-BoardUp - Thank you for your support, please contact me if I can be of assistance to you or your community.

Richard Sorg - District 7 Secretary - Just a reminder to use caution with your scba bottles, there was an incident recently where there was rapid release of air resulting in injury to a firefighter and damage to an apparatus.

Nature's Way Animal rescue recently held a Swift Water Operations class. Nature's Way can provide you with teaching and

response to technical large animal rescue, animal decontamination, natural disasters and now with this class, assistance during floods. Would like to thank Advanced Rescue Solutions of Indianapolis for teaching the class, Northeast Indiana Veterinary Emergency Hospital for providing classroom, Geneva VFD for providing additional water rescue technicians and their boat during hands-on portion and Sam Bisel, District 7 Chairman for lake front and dock area for water skills.

Chairman Bisel - District 7 now has a Facebook page. Please join the page. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help keep the page up-to-date.

Indiana State Fire Marshal Greeson retired early this month. There has been no word who will be getting appointed as the new Marshal.

Next district meeting will be at Mount Etna November 18. It will be the district Miss Flame competition.

Second roll call answered by 18 members representing 8 departments.

Geneva has a chili supper coming up.

Monroe Soup and Sandwich November 2.

Monroeville would again like to thank all for attending the meeting this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT

Rex Maynard - Chairman

Hello, I am Rex Maynard and I am honored to have been elected as your new chairman of District 8A. I am here to serve you in any way possible.

Since the last meeting we have lost one of our members, Robert W. "Bob" Dean from Cicero Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was a 50 year plus member with IVFA.

I hope you are all aware of the Ivy Tech Scholarship to recruit younger volunteers to your department.

In the August meeting of Center Twp. Fire Department Dave Marshall Sr. was presented the 2019 Global Award.

Our November meeting will be held at Mill Township Fire Department.

Rex Maynard
District 8A
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district8a@ivfa.org

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and ads to
printco@rhsi.tv**

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good day to all from District 9 A,

Well it has been a long summer and fall is here, now it's time to watch for the home heating fires and then the cold weather.

I have had 2 district meetings since the last newspaper and attendance is starting to come up, we went to Taylor Township in July and then to Twelve Mile, where I had my biggest group since I started as chairman. Let's keep going with the numbers and I might set a new goal for 2020.

I have been making my rounds to the departments with the 10 year and 25 year pins. I hope I will have all of the pins done by the first of 2020.

Please keep looking at the IVFA website for all the new information, Ivy Tech is a big topic.

Thanks to all the departments that I have been to this fall and have been to good fund raising events, so keep it up!

In September we lost Bob Dean. Bob was one of the first First Fire Investigators that I worked with about some 20 years ago; he was also one of the leads for my fire investigator class when I took it. He will be missed.

I hope to see a good attendance at the next district meeting in November at Walton.

Thanks.
Remember when the call is over we all go home Safe!

Pascal Moon
District 9A Chairman

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10, August was a busy month for attending different meetings and events throughout the District.

I attended Southwest Department's monthly meeting, Connie and I attended the Flat Rock Community Fire Dept. Fish Fry and followed up with their Saturday morning, all you can eat

breakfast. Great job folks!

I traveled to German Twp. for the August Bartholomew County Chiefs' meeting.

Our monthly district meeting was held at Marion Twp. VFD. The program was the Jeff Craig Vol. Fire Dept. Search & Rescue Dogs with trainer Paula Lomax from Sellersburg. The dogs showed their search and rescue abilities for almost an hour. If your department needs a training program, I highly recommend them. We elected officers for the district. John M Ray was re-elected chairman and Jim Davis will serve another term as Secretary/Treasurer. Jim and I want to thank the district members for allowing us the opportunity to continue to serve District 10.

September district meeting was held at Adams Vol. Fire Dept. We welcomed as a special guest, Steve Anderson, former IVFA President and Chairman of the Board. Steve gave a presentation and addressed questions about the Ivy Tech 2 year degree program for volunteer firefighters. Steve also noted that District 10 was to be the first area for a survey on the number and kind of apparatus each department has. All District 10 Chiefs will be receiving an e-mail from me, requesting information for this survey. Also, each will get an e-mail requesting the Chief's contact information. Thank you in advance, for assisting with these requests. The program for the September meeting was on IVFA Membership benefits.

October district meeting was held in Hartsville.

The November 20 district meeting will be at Trafalgar. Be sure to attend to see their newly dedicated Fire Station. The Miss Flame contest will also be held at this meeting. On January 15, 2020, we will meet at the Scipio/Geneva Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Be especially careful as we continue to be in very dry and high risk fire conditions.

John Ray, District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Pete Taylor - Chairman

Hello, everybody from District 11A,

Fall is in the air and it is cooling off.

Our last district meeting was with 11A and 11B for our annual picnic.

It was in Montezuma, IN and it was a beautiful day. Lots and lots of

good food and good people. The crowd was down, wish we could get more to come to our district meetings.

All departments in 11A need to check the IVFA website to see if your information is correct. If not, let me know. I will make sure of change so you can receive your newspaper.

Zoey Larson is representing 11A as Miss Flame. She would be glad to come to any function you have if you call her.

If you have anything you would like to advertise for your fire department, contact Katie Van Lannon on District 11A Facebook page.

Information about 2 years of college at Ivy Tech is in motion. Any person, any age that is actively involved on a fire department is able to get college credit for two years at Ivy Tech free; starts January 2020. For more information go to Association's website at www.ivfa.org. Well worth looking into.

Our next meeting is at Shepardsville V.F.D. at 10865 N Burton Pl., Shepardsville, IN on November 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

If you have not paid your IVFA dues you need to get them in. You are losing out on a lot of benefits.

I will be glad to attend any function in District 11A if you contact me.

Please keep our servicemen and our country in your prayers.

Till next time,
Stay safe.

Pete Taylor,
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Mike Dzuba - Chairman

As we come into this holiday season I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years.

Lately attendance has been low at our district meetings so I would really like to invite everyone to come to the meeting on November 12 at 1900 hours at Sugar Creek Fire Department at 3545 S 600 W, New Palestine in Hancock County.

As a district we are also looking for a Miss Flame for next year's convention so if any of you has someone or knows of someone that would be interested, please bring the nominations to the meeting in November.

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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DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B, The 2019 harvest season is upon us; we have had a few field fires and combine fires. Please watch your surroundings while fighting these type fires; don't get caught up in the fire.

Ivy Tech is giving grants to volunteer firefighters for a two year scholarship to earn a degree. This is a great recruitment tool for volunteer fire departments; attend your district meeting to find out more.

Congratulations to Glenwood FD on the dedication of their new station.

Chiefs, please check the IVFA website, make sure information is correct, if corrections are needed, please get them to me.

I have visited a few of the departments in the district to hand out our ten and twenty five year service pins. I still have a few to get done.

Remember the 2020 IVFA Convention will be held in June at Evansville, IN.

Please keep our Armed Service personnel and families in our prayers.

Our next meeting is November 14, 2019 at West College Corner FD 7 p.m.

Be safe out there.

Jeff Biehl,
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

It's been a busy quarter in District 14; we have been busy getting out to fish fries and other events.

For you guys that don't know, we lost our district chaplain and IVFA associate chaplain Tom Sellmer Sr. who was a great chaplain for District 14 because he was my only chaplain since I have been a district chairman.

But we would like to announce our new district chaplain Rachel Bussey from New Washington Fire Department who was working with Tom to be a chaplain and was honored to take the position for the district.

As most don't know we have a new fire department that I and 3 members of our board are members of.

So please welcome the new Tri Township Fire Department taking

care of the citizens of Carr, Union, and Silvercreek Townships in Clark County.

If you have any events coming up call me.

Rick Cannon

Rachel Bussey
New Washington
Fire Department
1701 Kettle Bottom Road
Nabb, Indiana 47147
Cell: 812-670-2219

Email:
volunteerfirechick@gmail.com

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Ross Emery - Chairman

Greetings from Southwest Indiana,

Fall is finally here, I think. We had 90 degrees plus temperature all the way to the first week of October.

It is a very busy and exciting time as we prepare for the 2020 IVFA Convention. The dates for Convention are June 17-20, it will be held at the Holiday Inn on Hwy. 41.

We have several exciting things planned. We will have a District 15 apparatus display on Wednesday night. On Thursday we will be having a Taco and Beer bust. We will be having a Drone class, and an auto extrication demonstration. We will have the vendor show on Thursday as well. We will be hosting the first ever Jr. Firefighter competition; each IVFA district can have one representative in this competition, if you have questions about this, contact your district chairman. On Friday night after the banquet we will have a live band, The Duke Boys will be performing, they performed at the 2007 convention.

Of course we have many surprises in store and will be putting out more information as we get closer.

As most of you have heard Ivy Tech has stepped up and is offering scholarships to help recruitment and retention in the volunteer fire service. There is a lot of information on how this works on the IVFA website. If you need assistance in applying or have questions, please contact a state officer for assistance.

In July I had the honor of presenting a couple of IVFA awards; first I had the privilege of presenting Chief Jay Davis of Yankeetown VFD the District 15 Global Award. I also had the privilege of presenting Jonathan Weber of New Harmony VFD one of the Bridgeport Scholarships.

We held our September meeting at New Harmony VFD, a good meal and was meeting was held.

Our next meeting will be held at Scott Twp. Headquarters on November 12th.

In closing I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Randy Armstrong of Hazelton VFD who passed away in late September. A big thanks to everyone who helped and participated in his IVFA memorial service.

Till next time,

Ross Emery
District 15 Chairman
812-459-4062

DISTRICT 17B REPORT

Heather McGlocklin - Chairman

Hello and welcome from District 17B,

My name is Heather McGlocklin.

As the new District 17B chairman, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. Currently I reside in Monroe County outside of Bloomington, where I am a member of both Van Buren Township Fire Department and Northern Monroe Fire Territory. In total I have been a member of the Fire Service for over 22 years. For the last 4 years I have served as Sec./Treas. as well as Vice-Chairman for the district. I am excited to take on this new challenge with you all throughout my appointment as chairman.

At the September district meeting held on September 11 at Brown County Fire Department in Nashville, I had the honor and privilege of presenting a 50 year Gold card to Brown County Fire Department member Stephen Gore. We appreciate all of your dedication and commitment to the fire service. We also had a donation made to the Hoosier Burn Camp from the Lawrence County Firefighters Association for over \$1200. The donation was presented to Diane Harrison from Secretary/Treasurer Tammy Wright.

I hope to gain more knowledge and work with all the departments in District 17B over the next several months. Please let me know if I can be of help to anyone!!

Thanks,

Heather McGlocklin
District 17B Chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.

The District 18 meeting of 18 July was held at the Loyal Order of Moose with the Troy VFD as our host.

District Chaplain Jadon Henkel gave the opening prayer and remembrance of Gary Schmitt of Ireland and Don Rice of Jackson Township. Roll call was answered by 66 members, representing 22 departments. A total of 373 runs answered was reported.

Guests included Steve Nolan - PRSW, Jack and Barb Kerney - Central Office and Abby Ruxer - District 18 Miss Flame.

The election of district officers was conducted; as a result, all incumbent officers were re-elected.

The meeting of 19 September was held at the Ferdinand Community Center with the Ferdinand VFD as our host. A total of 58 members representing 14 departments answered roll call. A total of 384 runs answered was reported.

Guests included Steve Nolan - PRSW, Jack and Barb Kerney - Central Office, Steve Anderson - IVFA Board Chairman, Carl Deel - State Fire Marshal's Office, State Representative Steve Bartels and Abby Ruxer - District 18 Miss Flame. Board Chairman Anderson provided a presentation on the Ivy Tech scholarship program.

Our next meeting will be on 21 November at the Schnellville Community Club, with the

Schnellville VFD as our host.

My thanks to the St. Meinrad VFD for hosting our annual parade and Miss Flame contest and to Carter Fire District for hosting our annual Memorial Service. See the articles on the District 18 page.

At the time of this writing, National Fire Prevention Week will be upon us soon. I hope that all of you take advantage of this opportunity to conduct "our MOST important service", the education of the public about fire prevention and fire safety!

Until next time, stay alert, stay safe, and "keep the wet stuff, on the red stuff"!

John "Bull" Smith
Chairman, District 18

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ben Sieverding - Chairman

District 19 IVFA Meeting held at the DREWERSBURG VFD

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the District 19 firefighters for giving me the opportunity to serve them as their chairman.

Our district officers are working on some ideas to improve attendance at our district meetings. We would like to invite every department to give us input on what they would like to see at the meetings to improve the quality of the meeting and attendance of our members.

Mike White from IDHS HazMat was our guest at the September meeting sharing information about their capabilities and resources to help our departments at HazMat

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BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

MARCH 1, 2020 DEADLINE

Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship applications!

Applications sent by Certified Mail MUST have a postmark no later than MARCH 1, 2020.

Applications are available from all district chairmen, elected officers of the IVFA or the Scholarship Chairman.

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

**IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE
PO BOX 4797
EVANSVILLE, IN 47724
PHONE: 877.606.4832 / 812.867.3293**

CALIFORNIA CASUALTY

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 2

— photos submitted by Paul Watland, chairman

Son presents dad with 25 year pin and certificate



Kitt Kabella is presented with his IVFA 25 year pin and certificate by his son, Jake Kabella, a firefighter/paramedic with Crown Point Fire/Rescue.

February 2020 deadline: January 5, 2020

25 year pin recipient



Mark Schweitzer is presented with his IVFA 25 year pin and certificate by District 2 Chairman Paul Watland.

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Incidents. We hope to have a new presenter at each meeting to provide good information to our firefighters.

Our next meeting will be November 21st at the Dillsboro VFD station. If your department has a Miss Flame candidate, please complete the application on the IVFA website and forward it to us. We will be making our selection at this meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

Ben Sieverding
District 19 Chairman

EXPRESS 911 BOARDUP

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IVFA Junior Firefighter Of The Year Award 2020

June 1, 2019

The future of the IVFA and the Volunteer Fire Service depends upon the youth of our departments. Our youth should be encouraged to join as a junior and grow into a member that will provide, assist, give, and participate as a value to not only our association but to the departments and the COMMUNITIES we all serve.

The IVFA president shall select / appoint a committee of seven that will include the Founder of the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year award, Jack Kerney (as a permanent member) to Manage, Operate, and Oversee the IVFA annual selection of an IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year during the IVFA State Convention. This committee shall have appointed one new member each year replacing the longest serving member annually. (During the first selection each member shall be designated as to the way they shall be replaced over the next six years). This committee shall select a chairperson each year to oversee the committee activities.

This committee shall utilize and take full advantage of such existing programs as but not limited to:

- o National Volunteer Fire Council - National Junior Firefighter Program (found on the NVFC website)
- o VCOS Silver Ribbon Report: - Guidelines and Best Practices for a Successful Youth Fire Service Program
- o Junior Firefighter Program - Kentucky Fire Commission

RULES FOR CADET/JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS...

All of these and many other programs already exist and can be valuable in the process as the IVFA Junior Firefighters Program moves forward.

DURING OUR STATE CONVENTION WE SHALL AWARD A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, GUIDELINES, AND JUDGING...

SELECTION OF participants in the Junior Firefighter contests shall

- Be selected / chosen from a field of contestants. (Only one contestant from each IVFA District).
- Any IVFA member department may submit one candidate to the District Level.
- Each District shall be entitled to select a Junior / Cadet firefighter who shall represent his/her district and participate in the competition / judging at the state convention for the title of IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year.

- The maximum number of contestants will be 25. (One per IVFA District).

- Skills judging will occur on Thursday morning of the convention.

- Personal interviews and essays will be judged by a panel of judges on Friday morning of the convention. (The panel shall consist of three fire chiefs).

- The winner being announced during the annual banquet.

- The currently awarded Junior Firefighter shall serve as the IVFA Junior Firefighter over the next year's full convention and shall provide guidance and directions to all who enter the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year each year.

Junior Firefighter Contestants shall:

- Be between the ages of 14-18 at time of convention.
- Department be represented must be an IVFA member.
- Contestant must be a paid member of the IVFA.
- District entries must be in the IVFA Office by March 1.
- Each contestant shall be responsible for all expenses at the convention, i.e., registration, room, meals and transportation. It is recommended / suggested that the Contestant's Department and District support the contestant financially to cover such expenses.

- Be a member of an organized Junior Firefighter or Cadet program of an IVFA Member Department.

- Maintain (and show proof of) a 2.0 grade point average (C) in the school course work during the year prior to and the year of the contest. (Must be provided with application.)

- Contestants and their parent or guardian must sign a waiver that includes full disclosure of risks and releases the IVFA from liability should they become injured.

- At least one parent, guardian or chaperone shall attend with the contestant during all phases of his/her registration, judging, award presentation during the State Convention. (It is suggested and encouraged that the department of each contestant have representation present at all activities to show support to the contestant).

- Must be in attendance at the IVFA State Convention at a minimum of or during the judging process and the Annual Banquet.

- Each Contestant shall be responsible for his/her own PPE including:

- o Footwear
- o Coat
- o Pants
- o Gloves
- o Hood
- o Helmet
- o Eye Protection

Junior Firefighter Judging shall consist of:

- The contestant will be required to submit a 500 word essay of his/her duties, trainings, activities (including but not

limited to, Church, Family, School, Community, Fire Department, and other organizational participation.) (must be provided with application)

- Hands on "Accuracy & Timed" Competition (**based on the minimum (mandatory) State Training Standards**) during the IVFA State Convention. (Judged by three (3) Certified Instructors who will judge each of the event stations).

- A final judging by a panel of three Fire Chief's chosen by the IVFA Junior Firefighter Convention Committee who will:

- o Review the essay.
- o Review the Hands on results.
- o Ask a series of three questions (provided by the committee) and two questions of the judges choosing.
- o Grade each contestant based on their overall activity during all phases of the judging.
- o And select the "IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year".

Junior Firefighter of the Year winner shall:

- Be recognized at the IVFA State Convention Banquet as the IVFA Junior Firefighter of the Year.
- Be presented with a Trophy sponsored and presented by Jack and Barbara Kerney, the founders of the State Junior Firefighter Award Program.

- Be nominated for the National Volunteer Fire Council NVFC Junior Firefighter of the Year Award competition (if all Criteria have been met).

- Become the IVFA Junior Firefighter Ambassador.

- o Attending State Activities.

- o Attending Department Activities.

- o Talking at events about the value of becoming a Junior Firefighter.

- o Addressing events as requested (and available) to promote Junior / Cadet Fire / EMS programs within departments.

- During the State Convention all Junior Firefighter / Cadet Contestants will be invited to participate in a social activity of their peers, provided by the Convention Hosts on Wednesday evening.

MARKETING / ADVERTISING OF THE JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR CONTEST SHALL BE:

- Developed by the committee

- Shared on the IVFA website

- Advertised in the IVFA newspaper

- Placed on the IVFA Facebook Page

- Promoted at every District meeting

The IVFA reserves the right to cancel or change the competition upon notification to all participants.

6/4/19

CHANGES TO JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The Junior Firefighter of The Year Program will see some changes for 2020.

We will be changing the program from a letter writing competition to a hands-on competition to be held at the Convention in Evansville in 2020.

The competition will be hands-on skills, judged by Certified Instructors, along with a 500 word essay and a personal interview judged by Career Fire Chiefs with volunteer experience.

All information for entering your Junior Firefighters is included in this issue of the paper. If you have any questions you can contact Jack Kerney at the IVFA Office 877-606-4832.

District 14 Driftwood Fire Dept. Fort Vallonia Days

- submitted by Rick Cannon District Chairman



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.

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

2020 IVFA Convention : June 17-20 : Evansville Holiday Inn Airport

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER SIGNATURE FORM

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of: _____

And do hereby give our consent to her participation in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Junior Firefighter Competition. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association are in no way obligated or under contract to any person/persons or firms to supply any requirements for contestants, parents, legal guardians, or chaperones.

Parent/Legal Guardian Date

I concur that _____ is an active member of _____
(Member of IVFA) _____ and will represent our _____
(Volunteer Fire Department)

Fire Department in the State Junior Firefighter Competition.

(Chief/President of Volunteer Fire Department)

I concur that _____ will represent District _____
(Member IVFA) (District Number)

In the Junior Firefighter Competition at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring junior firefighter member's dues are current with the IVFA

(District Chairman) (Date)

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE IVFA OFFICE

IVFA OFFICE
PO BOX 4797
EVANSVILLE, IN 47724

** THE IVFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR CHANGE THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

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Junior Firefighter Award Competition

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Birthday: _____ Age (at time of Convention) _____ Email: _____

Parent or Guardians Name: _____

Name of School Attending or Attended: _____

Name of Sponsoring Fire Department: _____

Fire Department Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fire Chief's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Affiliation with IVFA Father Mother Self T-Shirt Size: _____

District #: _____ Chairman IVFA: _____ Date: _____

(Signature) Organizations, Honors, Hobbies: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This form and the attached consent forms must be completed and returned to the IVFA District Chairman for the District Contest, if needed. Only (1) one Junior Firefighter from each IVFA District will be allowed.

Entry Forms for the State Competition must include the following: One Color Photo, digital quality and a 500 word essay, and proof of C grade average.

Must be in the IVFA Office by March 1.

IVFA Office
Junior Firefighter Competition
PO Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724

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Contact – Jack Kerney 812/499-6447

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Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN IVFA HISTORY BOOK?

75
anniversary

As the 75th anniversary of the IVFA approaches, we are trying to determine the interest level in a book covering the years 1997 - 2021. Your input will help us decide if this is a feasible project; and if there is interest in reprinting the 50th anniversary book.

Please e-mail your name, phone number, department and which book(s) you are interested in to prwc@ivfa.org. Sending the e-mail does not commit you to purchasing, there will be official order forms in the future.

2020 IVFA Convention : June 17-20 : Evansville Holiday Inn Airport

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE and Gerald Sprague, District 6 chairman

Aboite Township Fire Department's Public Safety Day held



Aboite Fire Department hosted a Public Safety Day. It was a day of fun for everyone! They featured an Emergency Vehicle Display, Fire Safety Education Programs and Demonstrations, a Junior Firefighter Challenge for Kids, Free Blood Pressure Checks, Free Children's ID Kits, Free Fire Safety Demonstrations for kids and adults, A fly-in by Lutheran Air and much more. You didn't go away hungry they also served Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken Dinners.

(Submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE)

McKenzie Hormann (at right) had a great time doing the Junior Firefighter Challenge.

(Submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE)



25 year pin and 50 year resolutions awarded to members



Terry Gardner (at left, middle) from South Whitley receiving his IVFA 25 year pin.



Spencerville VFD members receiving a 50 Year Resolution from the Statehouse and IVFA service pins.

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Pleasant Lake - Stueben Township VFD members receiving 50 year resolutions from the Statehouse and IVFA service pins.

LOOK FOR AD IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8A

- submitted by Rex Maynard, District 8A chairman



District 8A Global Award winner

2019 Global Award winner Dave Marshall Sr. Center Twp. Fire Department.

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

IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Janet Matthews



Quarterly IVFAA Meeting Sunday, February 3, 2019 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Carol Curl. Chaplain Beth Caudill opened the meeting with a prayer. The group was led in the Pledge to the Flag by Sergeant at Arms, Suzie Lewis.

Announcements: President Carol Curl announced the recent passing of District Chairman

Virginia "Ginny" Giles from 11B. Carol also informed the group of the financial hardship/strain that the family is in related to her illness/passing. Group agreed to pass the basket in this meeting as well as in the men's meeting this morning. A total of \$475.05 was collected for the Giles family instead of flowers being sent. Carol brought the memorial throw for the group to see. District 11A is having a silent purse auction today during the meeting to help with their districts Miss Flame. They also have raffle tickets for sale for a wooden flag and a blanket that they are giving away, winner of the raffle items will be on January 19th, 2020.

Recording Secretary Tammy Smith took roll call for the meeting and it was answered by 19 officers, 12 IVFAA members. Organization count as of today is 116 Individuals, 332 paid by department, 27 departments and 32 life members for a total of 479 members.

Correspondence Secretary: Janet Matthews read the meeting minutes from May 2019 quarterly meeting. Motion made by Marie Emery to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Connie Ray, all in favor, minutes accepted as they

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were read. No correspondence to share with the group.

Treasurer Report: Martha Biehl reviewed with the group the account information that was passed out by Suzie Lewis. E.J. Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer reports as reviewed, Kay Schumaker seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried treasurer report accepted and is subject to audit.

Chaplain Report: Beth Caudill informed the group that there are 4 members already to be added to the memorial list for next convention. Beth reported that she is out of Protestant Bibles. Lou Bartlow made a motion that Beth order 6 Protestant Bibles but if there is a price break to order 12 then order 12, Connie Ray seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and Beth will order Bibles. One of the districts presented an old protestant Bible that they had in their possession that is falling apart. Marie Emery made a motion to donate it to a nursing home, Pam Gerdowsky seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and Beth will donate the Bible.

Sergeant at Arms: Suzie Lewis gave the new District 4 Chairman a case. *- see 'corresponding secretary' - page 14*

IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2019 / 2020

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Connie Ray
Sue Glant

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Carolyn Watson
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Leona Uryga

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Jaelyn Matthews
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Kimberly Smith
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Beth Caudill

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Carol Curl

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Northeast - Suzie Lewis
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West Central - Joann Hayes
Southwest - Kathy Smith
Southeast - Pam Gerdowsky

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

** Meeting will follow By-Laws and Robert Rules of Order*

- Corresponding secretary . . .

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Old Business: President Carol Curl explained to the group that by the Mary Mackin Fund having its own 501C3 that taxes will have to be paid on that account. E.J. Smith made a motion that we close the Mary Mackin account and put the funds into the general fund instead of it having its own account, Kay Schumaker 2- the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Joyce Nevil asked about the SOG's pertaining to this. The Mary Mackin account will go from an interest bearing account to being put back into the general fund. Each district needs to take this back to their districts for a vote and bring it back at the next quarterly meeting in November. Carol informed the group as speaking to the gaming commission she found out that with the type of license we have is an exempt activity and we can only invest \$2,500.00 into it. Restrictions that we have with that is that all raffles we hold, those winners will have to be announced at the same time. She also found out the items that can be paid out of the gaming account pertain to maintenance of the organization such as machinery, stationary, envelopes & web maintenance. Diane Stapleton made a motion that we announce the winners of the Chinese auction at the banquet at the convention when we draw for 50/50 & VP project, E.J. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Carol thanked the Convention committee of 2019 for their hospitality.

Buz Koehler & Jack Kerney entered the meeting to address the group. Buz brought newspapers for the group. Jack Kerney informed everyone that the 2020 convention will be June 17-20 in Evansville at the Holiday Inn Airport. Registration is \$80.00 per person, breakfast & evening meals provided. Rooms can be reserved and held with a credit card with no fees taken out. There are 199 rooms available. The IVFA will be changing their Jr. Firefighter guidelines and the changes will be posted on the website.

Committee Reports: The 2019-2020 committee assignments passed out to the group by Suzie Lewis, list reviewed aloud by President Carol Curl. Line officers will have a 1 p.m. meeting on Saturday afternoon before each quarterly meeting.

Audit: Barb Kerney reports all went well yesterday.

VP project: Vice President Christina Reef reports her committee will meet @ 2 p.m. on Saturday at November meeting.

Miriam Schaekel award: Nothing to report.

Lois Boaz award: Leona Uryga expressed her appreciation for the award.

Historians: Neither were in attendance of the meeting.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney reports District 3 Chloe Perkins is the state Miss Flame. Reminded the group that this year will be the trial of age change for Miss Flames. Flames can be ages 14-18 this year and the committee will re-evaluate it after 2020 convention. Jesse Sosa reported that the LaPorte Sheriff K-9 unit wanted to thank the Miss Flames for their donations at convention. Committee will meet on Saturday @ 3:30 p.m. in November.

Jewelry: Suzie Lewis reports that the company has lost the dye for our 25 year pins so she is taking them another pin to view to recreate that dye. Suzie reports she is getting new name bars for District 5 & 9A. She asked that any other districts in need to please let her know. Linda Baker is still in need of her 50 year Gold card and Suzie will get that for her.

Mary Mackin scholarship: E.J. Smith reports that they raised \$300.00 from donations on their craft table at convention. Committee will meet in November @ 4:00 p.m.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow reports all okay.

Budget & Finance: Committee will meet in November @ 3:00 p.m.

Chinese Auction: Nothing to report.

Nominating: Carolyn Zeeks reports all went well at

convention.

Installation: Pam Gerdowsky reports all went well at convention.

President's advisory: Nothing to report.

Bylaws: Janet Matthews announces that the committee will meet @ 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in November. Tammy Smith notified the group that she still needs a district to submit for the bylaw change about the dues date and about how many years ahead a member can pay them. Lou Bartlow from 11B says she will take that on and bring it to November meeting.

SOG: Joyce Nevil will ensure that the SOG regarding check signing is updated, as the bylaw was passed in February 2018.

Chaplain's assistants: Beth Caudill over the list of her assistants so chairmen would know who to contact if they could not get ahold of her.

Memorial throw: Nothing to report.

New Business: President Carol Curl discussed the website and how for the last 3 years it has been maintained by Web Master, but starting this year Josh Reisert will be maintaining it. Carolyn Zeeks made a motion that the IVFAA pay Josh Reisert \$100 per year for maintenance of the web service for the IVFAA, Judy Wirth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried and Martha Biehl will write a check today to Josh Reisert. Corresponding secretary Janet Matthews reports that the computer has died, it won't stay on long enough to even type on it. Carol Curl expressed the importance of this position having working equipment. Lou Bartlow made a motion that a new laptop be purchased for the corresponding secretary out of the gaming account, Pam Gerdowsky seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Martha Biehl will assist in getting the laptop with the needed software. Martha will use the gaming account to purchase this laptop. Carol Curl introduced the new District Chairmen to the group. District 4 - Brenda Schafer, District 7A - Beverly Lockwood, District 8B - Lindsey Smith, District 9A - Beth Moon, District 10 - Jaelyn Matthews, District 11B

- Lou Bartlow, District 14 - Judy Wirth. Carol Curl said she will talk to Phyllis Vargo to see if she is willing to put on a new chairman class in November on Saturday. For the November meeting due to it being the holiday season, each attendee is encouraged to bring their favorite cookie, bread or brownie for all the women to share with one another.

President Carol Curl asked if anyone else had anything for the good of the order. Kay Schumaker did and had a discussion about the organization donating yearly as we always have. Kay Schumaker made a motion that the organization continues to donate \$100 to the Mary Mackin Fund and also \$100

to another non-profit organization that has 501C3. SOG update if needed on this decision. Organization in which the Miss Flames support for that convention year. Beverly Taylor seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Carolyn Zeeks made a motion the meeting be adjourned, Anthony Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed with prayer given per Beth Caudill @ 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

IVFAA chairmen reports

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



E.J. Smith - Chairman

Hello Everyone,
Fall is here. October is Fire Prevention month! The theme this year is, Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. **PLAN** and **PRACTICE** your **ESCAPE!**

We are looking for a Miss Flame to represent District 6. Ages 15-18 years old. If interested please contact E.J. Smith at 260-413-3040 or Jerry Sprague, men's 6th district chairman at 260-894-1038. Convention will be held in Evansville on June 17th-20th.

Our next district meeting will be held in Allen County at Arcola Fire Department November 19th at 7 p.m., refreshments provided. If your department is having an event please contact me so we can put it on our District facebook page.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me, cell 260-413-3040 or email me at EJS6District@aol.com.

Please remember to look at District 6 Facebook page to see what is going on in our district.

E.J. Smith
IVFAA District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello everyone,
Fall is here and the beautiful colors are free. I love fall, the leaves and flowers are gorgeous.

Our last District 11A meeting was a joint picnic with 11B. It was a beautiful day and lots of good food. Not many people came but enjoyed the ones who did.

Our next meeting will be November 17, 2019 at Shepardsville, IN.

I have gone with Pete to pass out

10 and 25 year pins. We have gone to several fire departments this quarter.

Dues need to be paid if you haven't paid them yet. Insurance is not good if dues are not paid.

I am still taking donations for a wooden flag donated by Jeff Van Lannon and a fire department theme throw blanket donated by Zoey Larson. Be sure to see them at state meeting. They will be given away on January 19, 2020.

Zoey Larson is representing 11A as Miss Flame. She would be glad to come to any function you have, just call her.

Be sure to read our Facebook page IVFA District 11A for meetings, fire department functions and additional information. Please feel free to post any event your fire department is hosting.

Hope to see you at our next District 11A meeting. Come and enjoy.

Till next time,

Beverly Taylor
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

Judy Wirth - Chairman

Hello from District 14 IVFAA!!

I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer, but preparing for cooler weather and the holidays. Oh my gosh they are creeping up on us fast!!!!

It is an honor to be assisting IVFA District 14 Chairman Rick Cannon and Vice-Chairman Charlie Heishman and all the District 14 members to help further our volunteer fire service. I hope to get the opportunity to visit some of our district ladies' groups, to learn from them, to pass along their wisdom, knowledge and "how to" to other gals within the District.

If I can help in anyway give me a holler, I am always glad to help.

Take Care!!!

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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hope everyone is starting to enjoy the nice fall leaves turning and the last of the really hot days. Our meeting in August went well. Always good to meet with nice IVFAA ladies and their IVFA members.

District 19 had their meeting Aug. 13 at Blooming Grove and had a nice taco spread with wonderful desserts. Those ladies always have a nice meal when we meet.

It is getting harder to keep departments going these days with so many children in sports and other

things at school which parents need to be at so not sure how long we will be able to hold on. Morris is still doing well at holding meetings every month and supporting their Department but with only a few attending from time to time makes it hard to hold meetings. I have sent letters and made calls in the past with no response so we may have to remain Department individuals as long as we pay our IVFAA dues. We will see what happens. Will hold our next meeting at Sunman Nov. 12.

I hope the organization will still keep up and we can help out as individual members and support this fine IVFA and IVFAA! God bless and have a wonderful day and Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19 Chairman

**IVFAA
President
Carol Curl**



Oct. 2019

Greetings; my fellow IVFAA members,

Hope each of you had a very enjoyable, pleasant and SAFE summer with family and friends.

We see the leaves turning and even beginning to fall letting us know it's time to begin thinking about cooler (and even cold) evenings and shorter daylight.

If you are an auxiliary that still responds to the calls to provide refreshments to our firefighters we need to be thinking hot drinks vs. cold drinks for those long cold nights.

Another quarter has passed since we last visited via the IVFA newspaper and I just want to keep the IVFAA membership informed.

I have attempted to be at as many of your meetings as possible, knowing that I still have many to yet attend. If you have not added your IVFAA district meeting time, date and location to the IVFA master calendar, please make sure you get that information added allowing your members and

your officers an opportunity to know of your meetings.

We are still addressing some Rules and Bylaws that govern our association to assure we are doing everything we can and to operate smoothly and satisfactorily to our membership.

I have spoken many times this last quarter about our awards that are offered to a member of our auxiliary, such as our Lois Boaz Award and the Miriam A. Schaeckel Award.

Nominations for these awards are handled through a letter writing campaign and can be done either by writing a letter and mailing it to the committee or you may choose to go to our website at www.ivfa.org and click on IVFAA.

Each of these as well as all other awards is listed and your worthy candidates may be nominated on this site. Save some time and some money by using the website nomination.

Please look at the auxiliary members of your department and your district and nominate someone you feel is deserving. Give the selection committees a challenge and a group of nominees to choose from.

As well I have spoken about the **AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (AIL)**. AIL provides a \$3,500 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit at NO COST to all members of the IVFA and the IVFAA. You can not duplicate your benefit by joining a second fire department but by joining the IVFAA even as an individual member you / your family will be eligible for a benefit from each policy. This might very well be the item needed to help increase our membership. Remember Christmas is not far away and for \$10 per year (the cost of the IVFAA membership) you

could gain up to \$3,500 in additional benefit for your members (men or women), a very inexpensive gift which could (should the unthinkable happen) provide huge benefits.

Look at the IVFA website to see if your District Auxiliary has your meeting date listed on the calendar or give your District Chairman a call to see when and where the next meeting is. You can always find their contact information either on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org and look for IVFAA on the left hand side of the home page or just look in this paper and you can find them as well.

By your reading of this article we should be thinking Stuffing and Stockings. Yes, Thanksgiving is near and Christmas is not far off.

Thanksgiving 2019 occurs on Thursday, November 28 and is shared as an autumn harvest feast, a time for family celebration, to give thanks for what we have.

Soon after the stockings will be hung by the chimney with care in hopes that the jolly ole guy himself will soon be here, filling them with goodies of all kinds. But let us not forget the true meaning; the true meaning of Christmas is love; one needs only to read John 3:16-17 to see the real love shared.

I want to wish everyone the happiest thanksgiving and merriest of the Christmas season.

Please let me know if I can assist in any way; I am just a phone call away.

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

Carol Curl
President, faithfully serving...



Are You Helping a Car Thief?

If you drive a Dodge Charger HEMI or Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, keep a close eye on your vehicle. They lead the Highway Loss Data Institute's list of most stolen vehicles. Both of these muscle cars have five times the theft rate of other 2016-2018 car and truck models.

Other vehicles that seem to attract thieves are the Infiniti Q50 4-door, Infiniti QX80, GMC Sierra crew cab and the Dodge Challenger 2-door.

The HDLI notes that crooks are targeting vehicles that are powerful, pricey or pickups. You can see the entire HDLI most stolen list at www.iihs.org/news/detail/dodge-cars-with-big-engines-top-hldis-list-of-most-stolen-vehicles.

In Indiana, pickup trucks and sporty cars are the top vehicles targeted for theft.

All too often, drivers are helping the crooks. Many of us dash into a convenience store or leave our vehicle running to warm it up thinking we'll be back before something happens. Unfortunately, that brief moment is all a criminal needs. In fact, there's been a recent increase in vehicle theft with the keys left inside, creating an easy crime of opportunity.

Letting the car warm up (or keeping it cool) was a major factor in these thefts. Statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) show that 209 cars or trucks are stolen each day as the result of someone tempting a crook with the keys or fob inside or by leaving the vehicle running. Considering that there are about 700,000 vehicle thefts each year in the U.S., that means someone returns to find their vehicle missing about every 41-seconds.

While California, Florida and Texas led the states with the most thefts with keys or fobs in the vehicle, no locale is immune. The Hoosier State has also seen an increase of easy car thefts. While Marion County has been a hotbed for auto theft, a car can go missing anywhere in the state.

There is more than just the car or truck at risk. The law enforcement community reports that crooks often use the personal information contained in the vehicle for identity theft, and sometimes drive a stolen vehicle to a home and use the garage door opener to burglarize it.

To help prevent the growth in vehicle thefts, the NCIB offers these important tips:

- Never leave a car running while stopping for a quick cup of coffee – it only takes a moment for the opportunistic thief to jump inside and drive off.

- Lock the vehicle, set the alarm and take all keys or fobs.

- Do not leave the garage door opener in the vehicle.

- Keep a picture of your registration on your cell phone and remove the paper registration and other personal information from the vehicle.

- Avoid hiding a key in a tire well or fender.

Other car-theft prevention tips include:

- Parking in well-lit areas.

- Installing an immobilizer and tracking system.

- Taking all valuables with you.

And, it's important to note that unless you have **comprehensive coverage** as part of your auto insurance, you are not protected from auto theft. Without comprehensive coverage, you will be stuck paying for the replacement of your car or truck, or the repairs if it is recovered.

Now is a great time to contact the IVFA Auto and Home Insurance Program provider, California Casualty, to make certain you have the appropriate auto insurance for your driving needs. Give a call today at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/IVFA.

**News From
Among
The Flames**

It is official, fall has arrived. Of course this means the holidays are not far behind. It also means that many departments and districts are having their contest to get their Miss Flame contestant for 2020.

This year the committee has decided to lower the age limit to 14 years of age and not be over 18 before convention. We are doing this as a trial this year. There has been an interest shown by the younger girls and others who are at the cut off age have found that they do not have as much time to devote to being a Miss Flame. Our Miss Flame program has always been a big part of our convention; therefore we are always open to suggestions and ways to improve the program.

Remember when selecting your candidate, be sure they will be able to attend the entire time of the convention and its activities. Also that they have an adult chaperone that will be responsible for them during the convention.

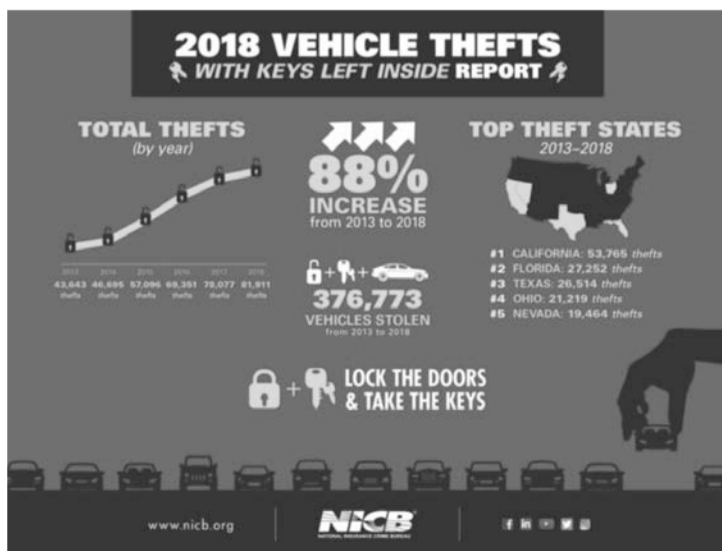
The committee and I are planning a fun time for the girls. The 2020 convention committee is already at work making sure that the girls will enjoy their stay.

My condolences to my dear friends, Joann Hayes in the passing of Bob. They both have been a large part of the IVFAA and IVFA for over 50 years. We will miss Bob, but know he is in a better place.

Also to Jack Giles and family, my sympathy to them in the loss of Jenny. Jenny was one of our newest district chairmen and we will miss her and her interest in the IVFAA.

Jack and I would like to wish each of you a blessed holiday. We have so many friends and things to be thankful for in this holiday season. During this holiday season, let us not forget to give thanks for what we have and to remember why we celebrate.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman



From The IVFA Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



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Meeting called to order by President Paul Holcomb at 1404. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky.

Roll call was taken with 16 District Chairmen present and 9 absent, 5 Public Relations Officers and 1 absent, 4 past presidents, Lobbyist, Webmaster and Executive Council.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, District 18 John Smith made a motion to accept minutes as printed. PRSW Steve Nolan seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Luke Kluender. This meeting the District Secretary vouchers need to be turned in. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Past President Jack Kerney, second given by Past President Buz Koehler. Motion passed.

New Chairmen - District 8B Paul Smith, District 17B Heather McGlocklin, President Holcomb appointed Rex Maynard as District 8A Chairman due to lack of quorum at last district meeting.

Guests - Maggie Stoltman - District 16 Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Chromlich - Carmel Fire Department, Rick Markley - Dyer Fire Department and Dingos Fire, Mack Grobis - District 6 Vice Chairman.

Old Business:

1. Benefits Summit - Steve Anderson - went to Minnesota for summit, 18 states represented and a few different vendors. Topics discussed: Cancer Legislation, other states benefits offered, tax credit success, scholarships, health and wellness, board positions and statuses. Diversity and inclusion, rural fire department farm bill. N.C. spoke on mandated training for Chief 101 tied in with ISO rating. We are planning on hosting the next summit in the fall of 2021. Next year's summit is in North Carolina. Report will be emailed out to districts.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney - processing dues, they can get 12-16 packets completed in a 10-hour period. Provided W-9's to

townships and cities. Paid and not paid lists were emailed out. Tenure pin lists were updated and new ones sent out for current year paid members. 22 dues packets sent out for non-receipt. For funeral vouchers it has been asked to put cause of death on voucher, in attempt to create cancer registry. 13,944 addresses for paper, 469 bad addresses; working on trying to contact people to get current addresses. 14,411 current members from 7-31-19. \$183,000 paid out in American Income Life. Went through districts who have departments with bad addresses to get correct addresses. License plates total sold is currently 2,720.

Executive Committee Report: Paul Holcomb - Convention minutes were digested.

Committee Reports:

Awards - David Israel - spoke on Global Award and that district chairmen have to make a decision for this award if multiple ones are nominated. February 1 is the deadline for awards. Ollie Sandburg was given to George Canfield from District 14 and was presented at their last district meeting. Jack Kerney - Jr. Firefighter - plans to go to a competition of interview, essay, and skills competition. Once changes are completed it will be emailed out to district chairmen.

Mr. IVFA - passed on to Ski Gerdowsky as chairman.

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, absent. Luke Kluender spoke about how the check is signed by school and student.

Budget: Luke Kluender. Will be presented at the November meeting. Spoke on gaming rules change from gaming commission. Will email information out. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to sell raffle tickets is main change affecting us.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: PRWC Larry Bartlow, one proposal for article 15 section 12 and 13, address and name insurance carrier change.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich - 1 claim for eyeglasses approved.

Convention: David Israel, 2019 committee - Bob Uryga - completed. Full report will be at November meeting. 2020 - Jack Kerney - going to have it, CC machine ready, checking account set up. June 17-20, 2020 at Holiday Airport. Current hotel reservations are being held until committee and hotel are ready to complete. They have asked for \$4000 startup which will be sent to board action. 2021 - Paul Holcomb, getting paperwork finalized. 2022 letter of intent needed by Feb. 1, 2020.

EMS: District 8A Jerry Liston, next meeting at IERC. Steve Anderson brought up possibly holding a meeting at convention.

Insurance: Luke Kluender, new chairman needs to make sure insurance paperwork is filled out.

Legislation: Larry Curl and Buz Koehler, Larry is attempting to update, I am responding application. Please fill out the form if new or have changes. 2019 updates listed on the website. 2020 - funding proposal, work on savings report reached out to firm in D.C. to produce the report, they are interested, and it could be done in a timely manner, concern of

validated data and the benefit the State of Indiana on budgeting. Estimate was given of \$75,000-125,000 to complete report. Lobbyist has suggested starting with \$50,000 to get the report going, this will go to board action. Ivy Tech program, we are really close to launching to program.

LODD: Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky, Sept. 6, 2019 at 11 a.m., names placed on memorial wall.

Logo: District 18 John Smith, no requests.

Membership and Marketing: Sam Bisel, received phone calls and emails from a lady from NPP Gov. They help with recruitment and incentive package from the group. Cost to membership is nothing but make money off of sales. Need to look and see if she is interested in coming to a quarterly meeting to present benefit. We will ask for the lady to come speak at the next meeting.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, mailed on Wednesday, 14,693 printed, 36 pages and 19 ads. Discussion benefits to the vendors for the different levels of ad and getting a kick back from the website.

Special Projects: Past Pres. Buz Koehler, covered preliminary numbers for interest on the printing of the book for presale. Survey forms included on all outlets to get more numbers.

Public Relations: PRSW Steve Nolan, attending IERC, trailer wrap is coming along. Need to look into new

Social Media and Website: Webmaster Josh Reiser, 10,500 users with about 200 a day on the website. Discussed adding links to the website.

Training: Past President Steve Anderson, discussed rules and update with BFFPSE. Watching non department education setting testing underage applicants and variances. PRSE October 26, in Washington, IN area. Other training days planned. Discussion held on Image trend and training and interest in specific areas.

Younger Membership: District 6 Jerry Sprague, Discussed Instagram and twitter. Need to have all districts on Facebook. The districts not on Facebook are 13A, 9B. Discussed bringing a speaker in for communication with a younger group, currently not cost effective. Spoke about pdf file about 50 tips in 50 minutes available on website. Youth camp still in progress, and Ivy Tech discussion will be brought up later.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: John Smith, no meeting since convention. Next one is coming up soon. Making sure issue with minors is straightened out. IERC conference meeting is at 10:30 a.m.

Fire Alliance Larry Curl, main topic was trying to find a replacement for State Fire Marshal. We need to discuss with Governor's office to make sure a checklist is created for requirements of state fire marshal, so they are qualified. Spoke on firefighter fatalities. Director Langley was in to speak on projects the office is doing. Fire reporting is 60-70% where EMS reporting is 97%.

Hero's Competition Mike Dzuba, next one is in Lafayette and

plan to move around the state.

IN-Time Jack Zeeks, pass.

National Volunteer Fire Council Jack Kerney and Jean Smith, Discussion on President Trump signing the 9/11 bill. Training online is free through the website through Motorola. DHS AFG awards will start being awarded in August. Listed meetings for the next year. Smokey the Bear is celebrating his 75th birthday this year.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, trying to get more smoke detectors in to do more blitzes. First Responder Day at State Fair, there is a 9/11 memorial at the fairgrounds as well.

Officer's Reports:

President, Paul Holcomb, 2300 miles traveled, district meetings, fundraiser, convention, last day for Marshal Greeson is Sept. 6.

Vice President, David Israel.

Chaplain, Ski Gerdowsky, states training, 3 funerals, and traveled 2100 miles.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, pass.

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, issue with Mr. IVFA jacket came up and more material has been bought to take care of more coats in the future.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, received some grants for home department through Anheiser Busch.

Webmaster Josh Reiser, pass.

Historian, John Davies, absent.

Chairman of the Board, Steve Anderson.

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, attended convention and a couple district meetings, 5 dept. meetings.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 4 departments visit, 7 meetings attended, convention.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, convention, 7 district meetings, memorial service for Jack Giles wife.

PREC, Don Cushman, convention, moved trailer around.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, convention, all district meetings, and memorial services.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, convention, Ollie Sandburg, district meetings and 9 department contacts.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker - not in attendance.

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison - not in attendance.

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, absent.

Jack Zeeks, pass.

Buz Koehler, district meeting, convention.

Jack Kerney, 6 district meeting, Gold card presentation, convention.

Larry Ketchem, pass.

David Israel, pass.

Steve Anderson thanked convention 2019 committee for a job well done.

District Reports:

Discussion held on district responsibilities and inviting district officers and other members from our district to attend quarterly meetings. These are open meetings and we need to teach in a succession plan. Include members so they understand what we are doing with these meetings and the organization.

District 1, Marshall Neece, 2 funerals, 2 district meeting, Global award, convention.

District 2, Paul Watland, absent.

District 3, Bob Uryga, 2 memorials, fireman ball,

convention.

District 4, Elton Schafer, convention, district, 2 fundraisers, Global award, Gold card presentation.

District 5, John Grolich, 2 memorials, fundraisers, dept. meeting, district, and chiefs meeting.

District 6, Jerry Sprague 150-year celebration, resolution presentation, convention.

District 7, Sam Bisel, 4 dept meetings, 2 memorials, election of officers.

District 8A, Jerry Liston, benefit summit, memorial presentation, 2 dept. meeting, fundraisers, village fair trailer work. Updated on Bill Pape. Rex Maynard, Global award.

District 8B, Lloyd Wright and Paul Smith, Global award, election of officers.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, convention, Memorial Service, district meeting, fundraisers, election of officers.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent.

District 10, John Ray, district meeting, Gold card presentation.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, convention, 11 dept. 2 district meetings, station clock, tenure pins.

District 11B, Jack Giles, absent. Larry Bartlow, meeting, election of officers.

District 12, Scott Bertrum, 2 district meetings, memorial, elections.

District 13A, Mike Dzuba, station visit, fundraisers, Global award.

District 13B, Jeff Biehl, 4 dept. visits, station presentation, 2 district meetings, pins and fundraisers.

District 14, Rick Cannon, a lot of meetings, fish fries, Global and Ollie Sandburg award.

District 15, Ross Emery, absent, Jack Kerney - Global award, district meeting, officer elections.

District 16, John Gott, absent, Maggie Stoltman, memorial service and will have another one coming up.

District 17A, Sam Emery, convention, fundraisers, 2 Gold cards, station clock, elections.

District 17B, Heather McGlocklin, convention, Global award.

District 18, John "Bull" Smith, 2 district meetings, elections, 3 memorial services, station dedication, convention, 8 dept. meetings, will be handing out Global and district parade coming up in October.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, absent.

District 21, Ed Watson, absent.

New Business:

1. Districts 4 Elton Schafer, 13A Mike Dzuba, 13B Jeff Biehl have been reappointed to District Chairmen positions by President Holcomb due to lack of quorum at district meetings.

Recessed at 1741.

Sunday November 3, 2018 Business meeting continued.

Meeting reconvened at 0833 by President Holcomb.

Chaplain gave moment of silence and morning prayer.

District door prizes:

\$100 gas card winner is Karthon McCullough, Monroe Fire Department in District 7.

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Station Supply Caddy winner is Lana Taylor, Liberty Township Fire Department in District 12.

Hazmat wipes donated by guest present in the room were given to winners District 16 and District 11B.

Sean Eriksen from Mission Critical Solutions came and spoke on radios and programs.

Jessie Sosa from IVFAA came and asked for a collection for the Giles family in the passing of Jenny Giles. From the IVFA fine bucket \$35.05 collected and a total from the collection is \$239.00 for a final total of \$274.05. The total between both organizations is \$475.00.

All past presidents have an IVFA email account with their first name initial and last name@ivfa.org

All new chairmen need to get with Central Office to get new name tags ordered.

Past President Koehler motioned to adjourn, second from PRNW Jeremy Reef. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 0937.

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Board Action Business Meeting called to order the chairman of the board Steve Anderson at 0955.

Reading of the minutes, PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by District 13A Mike Dzuba, motion passed.

Board Action- Business:

1. Give startup money of \$4000 to the 2020 convention committee if needed. Past President Jack Zeeks made a motion to give if needed, District 8A Jerry Liston seconded. Motion passed.

2. Miss Flame photo discs provided to 3 CD'S, PRNW Jeremy Reef motioned to buy them, District 13A Mike Dzuba seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer brought up that one of our jumbo CD'S matures before next meeting. The current rate is 2.32% and is going down by 1.81%. PREC Don Cushman made a motion to reinvest the money where we can get a good rate per Treasurer's discretion. District 8A Rex Maynard made a second. Motion passed.

4. Investment to do an impact survey with the legislative committee for cost savings provided by volunteers to the state. Breaking it down to township, county, district and state levels. Discussion brought up about how it is going to financially impact our organization and how to replace the funds back once completed. District 10 John Ray made a motion to start funding project to begin this program. District 6 Jerry Sprague made second. Past President Buz Koehler made a point of order that it needs a dollar amount for board action. District 6 Jerry Sprague rescinded second, District 10 John Ray amended motion to add dollar amount to not exceed \$75,000. District 6 Jerry Sprague seconded, motion passed.

State Fire Marshal Greeson was present and spoke on his tenure and retirement. He also spoke on the profession of the fire service and the Ivy Tech education program. Email him at jimgreeson@att.net. If there is anything, he can help with he is a resource. Gave update on the fire marshal office. Have new trailers for training that will be ready to go in about a month. New investigator in the southern part of the state. Executive leadership training for module 3 and 4 should be coming out soon, they are currently being beta tested. Check Acadis for the schedule. 2-year grant for 10,000 smoke alarms and there have been 3,000 distributed. Go to <https://www.in.gov/dhs/getalarm.ed.htm> to get the grant. Image trend has a new program out. The program is free for reporting through the state for both fire and ems reporting. IERC is Sept. 18-21, 2019 at Keystone at the Crossing. Indiana EMA Conference in October at Marriott at 21st and Shadeland Ave.

Eric Johnson with Supporting Heroes came and spoke. He thanked the organization of the honors received during the convention. Spoke on what Supporting Heroes does when someone passed in the line of duty. Provides \$5000 to immediate loved ones in the event of loss, they then work on getting the state and federal benefits for the families if assistance is needed. Spoke on how they support families financially for as long as needed. They host events for the families of survivors to attend. They cover all expenses for national police week and fallen officer's memorial services. He also encouraged the support of membership to join their program to help those who are left behind in a case of LODD. Gala is February 29th, 2020 in Owensboro, KY.

Chaplain gave benediction. Motion to adjourn meeting by District 17A Heather McGlocklin, second by District 12 Scott Bertrum. Meeting adjourned at 1107 a.m.

**Stay safe
this winter
and please
watch out
for the
farmers that
are still
harvesting!**

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8B

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright



**Portland July 4th
parade held**

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department's antique firetruck going thru the annual 4th of July parade in Portland, IN. Driving the truck is Rich Imel with his wife and sister-in-law riding in the back.



Portland Fire Department's fire truck going thru the annual 4th of July parade held in Portland, IN.



Albany Volunteer Fire Department's new tanker going thru the annual 4th of July parade in Portland, IN.

New tanker for Farmland VFD



Shown is Farmland Volunteer Fire Department new tanker.

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NVFC Awarded Grant to Expand Fire Service Behavioral Health Initiatives

Grant will focus on creating psychologically healthy workplaces and available counseling resources

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), the leading organization representing the volunteer fire, emergency medical, and rescue services, has been awarded a federal Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) grant from FEMA to focus on responder behavioral health initiatives. The \$278,900 grant will allow the NVFC to develop new tools and resources to help volunteers who are experiencing issues impacting their mental wellbeing.

Firefighters have a high rate of many behavioral health issues, including PTSD, depression, and addiction. The Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance reports that more firefighters and EMS providers die from suicide each year than in the line of duty. To address the need for support services and resources, the NVFC launched the Share the Load program in 2014. This program includes outreach materials to raise awareness about the signs, symptoms, and options for those in need of support as well as a toll-free helpline that responders and their families can call for help with any behavioral health issue.

With the new grant, the NVFC will be able to expand the Share the Load program by working to further reduce the stigma in the fire service surrounding behavioral health as well as make support more accessible. Working with partners including the American Psychological Association, the NVFC will develop tools and training for departments to help them create psychologically healthy workplaces. A national directory will also be created of counselors, psychologists, and other qualified healthcare providers who have experience working with first responders.

"Firefighters and EMS providers experience things on a regular basis that can significantly impact their mental wellbeing," said NVFC Chair Steve Hirsch. "Having tools and resources to help them cope with the challenges and get assistance if needed is critical in supporting our nation's fire and emergency services. We thank FEMA for awarding us this grant so that we can continue to help departments address behavioral health and provide real solutions to our brothers and sisters in need."

The FP&S grant is awarded by FEMA to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. Previous FP&S grants have assisted the NVFC in developing and implementing groundbreaking health and safety initiatives including the Share the Load program, Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program, Serve Strong outreach campaign, and cancer awareness and risk reduction resources.

About the National Volunteer Fire Council

The NVFC is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at www.nvfc.org.

Submit Your Presentation Proposal for the 2020 NVFC Training Summit

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) will host its sixth Training Summit on June 26-27, 2020, in Orlando, FL. The NVFC is now accepting proposals from qualified instructors and speakers for presentations to educate first responders about critical issues in the fire and emergency services.

The 2020 NVFC Training Summit theme is *Train Strong – Lead Strong – Serve Strong*. The Training Summit provides an opportunity to share ideas and best practices, network, and participate in training regarding first responder health, safety, training, staffing, leadership, and fire prevention topics. New for 2020, sessions will be offered in two lengths: 1.5 hours and 3 hours.

Examples of relevant presentation topics include, but are not limited to:

- Specific physical health issues, such as cancer or heart disease
- Behavioral health, including suicide, addiction, and PTSD
- On-the-job safety, such as traffic incident management and fireground safety
- Personal protective equipment
- Functional fitness
- Fire service family support
- Leadership development
- Staffing, recruitment, and retention
- Diversity and inclusion
- Fire prevention

Applications were to be submitted by October 20, 2019, at <https://nvfc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-nvfc-training-summit-call-for-presentations/>. A peer review team will evaluate all presentation proposals. Selections will be made based on quality, relevance, focus, practical application, and the presenter's experience and credentials. Selected presenters will be notified by November 15.

The NVFC will cover travel expenses and provide a stipend for selected presenters. Teaching teams are welcome to apply, but only one instructor per course can receive travel reimbursement/stipend. Please note, while organizations and companies are welcome to apply to share their subject matter expertise, all courses must be educational in nature.

Learn more about the NVFC Training Summit at www.nvfc.org/summit. Read about the 2019 Training Summit – including a course agenda. Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, conference planner, at Rachel@nvfc.org or 202-887-5700.

About the NVFC

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, education, programs, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Find out more at www.nvfc.org.

What causes fire?

Fuel + Oxygen + Ignition Source + Chemical Chain Reaction

The primary dangers of fire are:

- Heat
- Smoke
- Toxic Gases

Toxic gas comes from burning:

- Synthetic fabrics
- Plastic
- Foam Cushions
- Glues

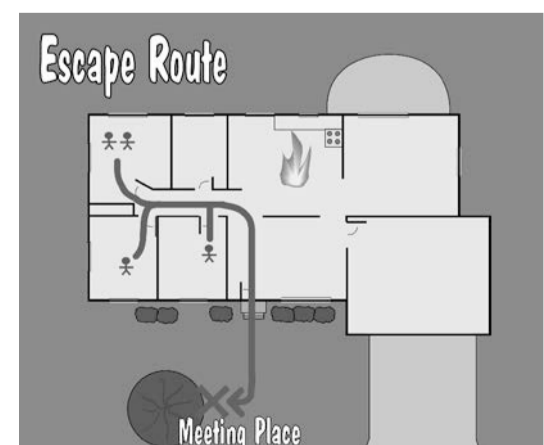
Many of these items contain formaldehyde, which is extremely toxic during combustion. Toxic gas can get to you before the fire does.

Emergency Exits:

An emergency exit route is a continuous and unobstructed path of travel from any point in a workplace to a place of safety.

An exit route has three components that must be permanent parts of the building:

- Exit Doors
- Exit Access
- Exit Discharge



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 9A

- submitted by Pascal Moon, district chairman



25 year pin awarded

District 9 A Chairman Pascal Moon with Greg Early of Twelve Mile, 25 year pin.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

- submitted by John Ray, district chairman

25 year pin awarded



District 10 Chairman John M Ray presents Marion Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. firefighter Victor Schutte his 25 year pin.



10 year pins awarded



Top picture - Chairman John Ray presenting Jackle Haley with Westport Fire Department her 10 year pin.

Bottom picture - Chairman John Ray presenting Chris Beirhaus, member Westport Fire Department with his 10 year pin.



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PLEASE NOTE:
FEBRUARY
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JANUARY 5,
2020



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

- submitted by Pete Taylor, district chairman

Ten year pins



Bradley Canerday, Matt Duckworth and Kristian Gibson from Jasonville, District 11A, received 10 year pins on 9-19-2019.

Twenty-five year pin



Larry Pinkston received his 25 year pin from Shelbourn, IN on 7-7-2019. (Left) Larry Pinkston, (right) Pete Taylor, chairman 11A.

- more news from District 11A in Section 2 -

e-mail news and ads to printco@rhsi.tv

PROVIDENT

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Pete Taylor, District Chairman

Twenty-five year pins awarded



David Fry received his 25 year pin on 7-11-2019 from Turman Twp. (Left) David Fry, (right) Pete Taylor, Chairman 11A.



Bridget Blanton, Wright Twp. received her 25 year pin on 9-5-2019. (Left) Pete Taylor, chairman 11A - (right) Bridget Blanton.



Receives 10 year pin

Travis McKinney received his 10 year pin on 7-11-2019 from Turman Twp. (Left) Travis McKinney, (right) Pete Taylor, chairman 11A.



Thunderbird FD receives station clock

John Quilliam received a station clock for open house in Thunderbird Fire Department on 7-21-2019. (Left) Pete Taylor, chairman 11A, (right) John Quilliam.

DONLEY SAFETY

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13A

– submitted by Mike Dzuba, district chairman

2019 Global Award winner in District 13A



From left to right: Ray Hashley, McCordsville Fire Chief; Gary Davis, Regional Sales Manager for Global Emergency Products; Tom Alexander, retired McCordsville Fire Chief; Mike Dzuba, IVFA District 13A Chairman and McCordsville Fire Assistant Chief.

Retired McCordsville Fire Chief Tom Alexander (left) receives the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) Global District Award. The award was presented to Chief Alexander by Mr. Gary Davis, Regional Sales Manager for Global Emergency Products, and IVFA District 13A Chairman (and McCordsville Fire Assistant Chief) Mike Dzuba.



Vernon Twp. FD receives station clock

A Station Clock was presented to the Vernon Township Fire Department's Chief Todd Jordon by District 13A Chairman Mike Dzuba for the new station opening at 600 Vitality Drive in Fortville.

IS YOUR DEPARTMENT
PREPARED?

Is your department ready to respond to a pipeline incident?
Start preparing today at:
www.nvfc.org/pipelines

CROSSROADS AMBULANCE

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

submitted by Jeff Biehl, District Chairman

Station clock presentation



Jeff Biehl, District 13B chairman presents Glenwood Fire Dept. a clock for their new station dedication.



Honored with plaque

Past Chief and Firefighter William Powell receives a plaque for his retirement from Hagerstown FD after 45 years of service.

Fifty year Gold card



Bob Bullock of Hagerstown FD received his 50 year Gold Card from chairman Jeff Biehl.

Ten year pins awarded



Allan Bullock of Hagerstown FD receives his 10 year pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



John Retherford of Hagerstown FD receives his 10 year pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

Twenty-five year pins awarded



James Pierce of Hagerstown FD receives his 25 year pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.



Jack Leverton of Hagerstown FD receives his 25 year pin from 13B Chairman Jeff Biehl.

FIRST ATTACK

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Tri Township FDs two new fire trucks



Sellersburg Celebrates

New District 14 chaplain

Rachel Bussey
New Washington
Fire Department
1701 Kettle Bottom Road
Nabb, Indiana 47147
Cell: 812-670-2219
Email: volunteerfirechick@gmail.com

The new Tri Township Fire Department and the IVFA set up at Sellersburg Celebrates.



District 14 IVFA chairman Rick Cannon's granddaughter Sofia at Sellersburg Celebrates Tri Township Fire Department booth.

FEBRUARY 2020 DEADLINE: JANUARY 5, 2020

**2020 IVFA Convention
June 17 - June 20
Evansville
Holiday Inn Airport**

What is included in your registration fee?

- 1. Access to all events on the convention schedule.**
Exceptions: Miss Flame preliminary judging and luncheon. Also, games participants must sign-up with the Convention Games Committee.
- 2. 3 night meals are provided with each registration.**
Wednesday: Dinner at the Welcome Party
Thursday: Dinner at the Tacos/Beer Bust
Friday: Buffet style Banquet Dinner
- 3. Breakfast all days are provided by the hotel and included in your reservation.**
- 4. Drinks (beer & soft drinks) throughout the convention.**
Drinks will be available in the Hospitality Room and with most meals. This does NOT include the hotel bar. Cash bars might be available at certain events for other types of refreshments.
- 5. Kids Meals.**
Kids can eat at all events except the Friday night banquet without a ticket. There will be a kid's party Friday night during the banquet with food and drinks provided for those not attending the banquet. Older kids attending the banquet, instead of the kid's party, will be required to have a ticket. Banquet tickets can be purchased for \$40.

I.V.F.A. Convention 2020 Registration Form Evansville Holiday Inn Airport June 17-20

Pre-registration Fee: \$80.00 per person (after June 1, 2020 price jumps to \$ 90)
Price includes dinner Wed / Thurs / Fri (hotel has free breakfast daily)

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Fire Department / Company: _____

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____
(Print as you want it to appear on your badge)

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

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

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

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Make check payable to Convention 2020)

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

Card Number: _____ Code _____ Signature: _____
(3 digit - back)

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND REMITTANCE TO: Convention 2020 - Registrations
1526 Reiter Drive
Evansville, IN 47712

For Information please call Steve Anderson at (812) 425-0727 Date received _____

Convention Headquarters: HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT, 7101 US. Highway 41 North (47725)

For Reservations call 812 - 867 - 7999 MENTION IVFA CONVENTION

Hotel Website: www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/evansville/evvfo/hoteldetail

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

- submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman

Chili Cook-off



District 14 Tri Township Fire attended the Jeffersonville Fire Department chili cook-off which was recently held.

Fair Play Firehouse holds fish fry

District 14 Miss Flame Becha attends the Fair Play Fire Department fish fry.



When Submitting Photos and Articles for Publication, Please state the District for the Article or Photo!

Thank you!!

February 2020
deadline is January 5, 2020



A place to be
"Just One of the Kids"
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Support Hoosier Burn Camp

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

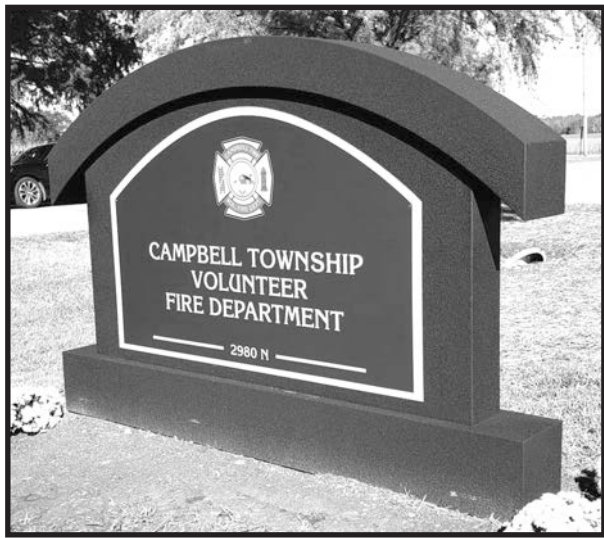
– submitted by Rick Cannon, District Chairman



District 14 station clock presentation to Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department.



District 14 officers at Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department.



Campbell Twp. Volunteer Fire Department's new sign.

Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department's new fire station



District 14 Chaplain Rachel Bussey and District 14 Miss Flame Bechs at Campbell Township Volunteer Fire Department.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

– submitted by Ross Emery, district chairman

Global Award winner Bridgeport Scholarship winner



July 3rd - District Chairman Ross Emery presents Yankeetown Fire Chief Jay Davis the District 15 Global Award.



July 25th

District 15 Chairman Ross Emery presents Jonathan Weber of New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department with one of the IVFA's \$1,500 Bridgeport Scholarships that is given out annually.

February 2020
deadline is
January 5, 2020

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17-B

- submitted by Heather McGlocklin, district chairman



Receives 50 year Gold Card

50 year Gold Card recipient Stephen W. Gore from Brown County Volunteer Fire Department. Award was presented by District 17B Chairman Heather McGlocklin.

Stephen is pictured with PRSW Steve Nolan, IVFA Treasurer Luke Kluender, IVFA Vice-President David Israel, IVFA past president Jack Kerney.



Donation made to Hoosier Burn Camp

A donation of \$1351 was made to Diane Harrison for the Hoosier Burn Camp from District 17B Secretary/Treasurer Tammy Wright on behalf of the Lawrence County Firefighters Association.



RATE SCHEDULE FOR INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016

The paper is tabloid size, published quarterly. Quarterly issues are printed for February, May, August and November. ***ALL COPY MUST BE*** in the hands of Printco or Buz Koehler ***BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH OF PUBLICATION.***

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HARRISON, MI 48625

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- Microsoft Publisher
- Corel Draw X16

Full color ads: CMYK format - 300 dpi

Black and white ads: Grayscale - 300 dpi

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

2019 District 18 Global Award presented

At the District 18 meeting of 19 September the 2019 Global Award was presented to Huntingburg Fire Captain Donald "Donnie" W. Heim Jr. During the introduction of the award District 18 Chairman Smith was quoted as saying,

"This year's recipient, like many of us, was exposed to the Fire Service at a young age being a second generation Firefighter. He is very involved not only with his department's training but also at the county level. He holds leadership positions with his church and is very involved with the youth activities associated with it. He has risen through the ranks, and over the past 22 years, has attained certification as Fire Instructor II/III, Fire Investigator, FO I, HazMat Tech., and Rope Rescue Tech. His efforts to spearhead training for the Dubois Co. Hazmat Response Team has brought most of its membership to the level of Hazmat Technician. Prior to this the closest Technician Level response team was Vincennes. He has also brought training to Dubois County for Rope and Confined Space Rescue training. This training has brought approximately 20 members of Dubois Co. fire departments to the level of Confined Space Rescue Technician."

Upon presentation of the Award, Heim who was kept in the dark as to the reason for his presence at the meeting, was joined by his wife Amy and father Don Sr.



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

- submitted by John Smith, District Chairman

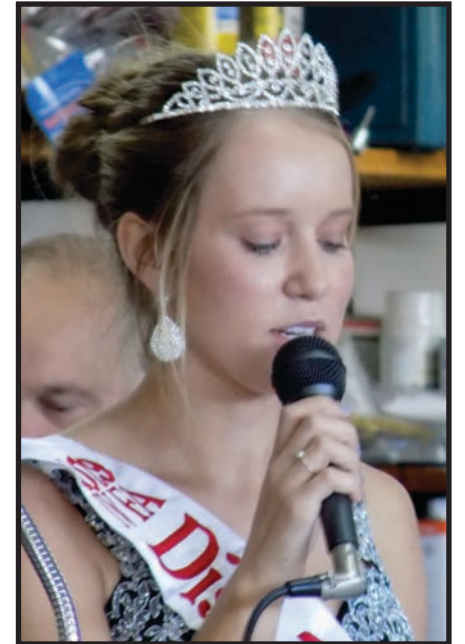
Annual Memorial Service held



Carter Chief Renke



Rep. Bartels with district chairman Smith and Chaplain Hinkle



Farewell address

On Sunday, 6 October the Annual District 18 Memorial Service was held at the Carter Fire District in Dale.

Chief Dan Reinke gave the opening address and welcome.

House District 74 Steve Bartels was the guest speaker.

District 18 Chaplain Jadon Hinkle and Rev. Bob Duley conducted the service in which the six names of the members of the 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.

District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest held



**February 2020 deadline :
January 5, 2020**

IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE

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Sunny skies and perfect weather brought people out to line the streets as the St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 13 October.



Over 60 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local businesses and civic organizations, paraded the streets of St. Meinrad as part of this year's celebration.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2019 Abby Ruxer, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 6 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 2020 is Kira Jones (*second left*), she is the

daughter of Phillip and May Jones and is a junior at Northeast Dubois High School. She represented the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department.

The first runner-up title went to Tasha Wiseman (*far left*). Tasha is the daughter of Kyle and Debra Wiseman. She is a junior at Crawford County High School and represented the English Volunteer Fire Department.

Braili Schipp (*second right*) was awarded the second runner-up title. She is the daughter of Jeremy Shipp and Amy Dilger. She is a junior at Heritage Hills High School and represented the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department.

McKayla Pershon (*far right*) was chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants. McKayla is a sophomore at Forest High School and is the daughter of Mark and Amy Pershon. She represented the Schnellville Vol. Fire Department.

2020 convention vendor information

Evansville



A Convention with a Vision

Dear Valued Sponsors and Exhibitors,

It is our pleasure, as the 2020 Convention Chairmen, to invite you to participate in the 74th Annual Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association State Convention to be held in Evansville in June of 2020.

Our past attendees have included chief officers and line officers from the volunteer and career fire services, as well as firefighters and emergency services professionals from all around Indiana. Everyone is excited about interacting with our great vendors to discuss the latest and greatest technology and products available to the fire service.

The IVFA convention will be held June 18, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Evansville. As you well know, an event like this couldn't happen without the support of our sponsors and vendors. We look forward to seeing you in June.

To participate, the committee will need to get commitments from our sponsors and vendors for either booth space or sponsorship no later than March 14, 2020. Enclosed along with this letter, you will find the Vendor Application Form and Exhibitor Rules, Regulations and Conditions document.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul Campbell, Convention Vendor Chairman at paul.campbell@newburghfire.com or by calling 812-573-9473. Please leave a voicemail as he cannot always get to his phone.

On behalf of the IVFA, Convention 2020, and our firefighter attendees, *Thank You* for your continued support in making our past conventions a success and our future conventions even better.

Sincerely,

Jack Kerney and Ross Emery
Co-Chairmen

2020 IVFA CONVENTION EXHIBITION RULES, REGULATIONS, AND CONDITIONS

1. Offer and Acceptance. Submission of the 2020 Vendor's Agreement form attached hereto, along with a 50% non-refundable deposit, shall constitute an offer. Convention 2020 will sign the form and return a copy to Vendor, which will cause the agreement to become effective. Remainder of payment is due by June 1, 2020.

2. Arrangements of Exhibits. Exhibit must be arranged by Vendor so it does not obstruct the general view of other exhibits. Convention 2020 reserves the right to prohibit an exhibit or part of an exhibit that, in its sole judgment, it deems inappropriate.

3. Soliciting. Vendors are prohibited from distributing literature, souvenirs, or other items from outside the boundaries of their assigned booth, except for material handed out at events the Vendor is sponsoring.

4. Remedies. If Vendor fails to make any payment or otherwise breaches any part of the Agreement, Convention 2020 has the right to pursue (without further notice) anyone or more of the following remedies: (1) cancel the Agreement in whole or in part; (2) evict Vendor from any or all of the space being occupied; and/or (3) exercise any other remedy available by law. Upon cancellation of the Agreement, Convention 2020 may (without prejudice to any other available remedy) offer Vendor's space to any other exhibitor, or use such space in any other manner, without any obligation to Vendor.

5. Liability. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association ("IVFA"), including Convention 2020 representatives, will not be responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur to Vendor's employees, visitors, or property, from any cause whatsoever. Under no circumstances shall IVFA or Convention 2020 representatives be held liable for: (1) any actual, special, indirect, incidental, or consequential loss or damage; or (2) any loss of profit, loss of use, loss

of opportunity, or any cost or damage resulting from any such loss. Vendor acknowledges that the risk allocations of this section are reasonable. Vendor shall obtain, at its own expense, adequate insurance against any such injury, loss, or damage. The IVFA or Convention 2020 shall not be liable for failure to perform its obligations under the Agreement as a result of strikes, riots, acts of God, or any other cause beyond its control. Anyone visiting the Vendor's booth is deemed to be a visitor of the Vendor, not a visitor of the IVFA or Convention 2020. The Vendor assumes full responsibility and liability for the actions of its employees and agents, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the IVFA and Convention 2020, the hotel, and their respective representatives, harmless from and against claims resulting directly or indirectly from the actions or omissions of the Vendor.

6. Insurance. For the term of this Agreement, Vendor shall at all times maintain insurance. The amount and scope of such insurance shall be not less than \$1,000,000.00. Such insurance shall also provide coverage for Vendor's contractual obligations to defend, indemnify, and hold the IVFA harmless, as stated in enumerated paragraph 5 of this Agreement. In case the exhibition hall is damaged or destroyed by fire, the elements, or any other cause, or if circumstances make it unreasonably difficult for Convention 2020 to permit Vendor to occupy the assigned space during any part or the whole of the exhibition, Vendor will be reimbursed a proportionate share of the booth rental.

7. Activities at Exhibition. Convention 2020 shall have the right to restrict, alter, or close any exhibit which, because of noise, odors, method of operation, or any other reason, becomes objectionable or otherwise detracts from or is out of keeping with the character of the exhibition as a whole. Such restrictions may be applied to persons, things, conduct, or printed materials. No refund shall be made to Vendor under such circumstances.

8. Cancellations. In the event that Vendor wishes to cancel some or all of its allotted exhibit space, Vendor may request and Convention 2020 may grant such cancellation, subject to the following understandings; (1) all cancellations must be requested in writing and sent to:
2020 Convention
c/o Paul Campbell
4814 Martin Rd., Newburgh, IN 47630 (*by June 1, 2020*); (2) the IVFA nor Convention 2020 is required to refund any portion of money (the 50% deposit, full fee, or otherwise) previously paid by Vendor.

9. Changes. If Vendor requests an increase of its booth space after the Agreement has become effective, Convention 2020 will use reasonable efforts to accommodate such request, subject to space availability, additional fee payment, and other prevailing circumstances.

10. Registration. Registration fees are not included in the vendor fees. If anyone would like to participate in any of the events that you do not sponsor (i.e.: meals) you must complete a registration form for each person that would like to have access.

Each inside space includes: a 12' wide booth with, (2) 6' tables (skirted), and 2 chairs. All chairs and tables will be supplied by the hotel. Space size is approximate.

*Other items (i.e.: power & phone lines), will be available upon special request.

Apparatus area description: Apparatus displays will be in the parking lot behind the convention center. (Vendors are responsible for tables and chairs).

**This location is large enough for all apparatus as it is where Tractor & Trailers park for events.

By signing below, Vendor acknowledges that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions set forth herein and is authorized to sign on behalf and bind Vendor to the terms of this Agreement.

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	Tee Shirt - Navy - \$15.00			
	Black Sport Shirt - NEW - \$25.00			
	Sky Blue Golf Shirt - NEW - \$25.00			
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 19

- submitted by Ben Sieverding, district chairman



District 19 Global Award recipient

(Left to Right) Ed Scheele, Southeast PR; Gary Davis, Global; past District 19 Chairman Steve Macke; Global Award recipient Rob Vestal and wife.



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
Mike		Tobin		Ferdinand VFD
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 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 & 2 chairman at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge was recited and prayer was given.

Roll call was taken by secretary Rachel Suggs with 4 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Minutes were read by Rachel Suggs with corrections noted that meeting is actually held at American Legion in Merrillville (not VFW) and Merrillville/Schererville co-hosted (not Lake Station). Minutes stand corrected.

Old Business - None.

Correspondence - None.

Treasurer's report - Phyllis gave treasurer's report. Report stands as

read for audit.

New Business - A motion was made by Jackie to hold the Miss Flame contest in February instead of November to give departments more time to see if any girl would want to participate. Motion seconded by Martha and passed. Applications due to Phyllis by January 15, 2020.

A motion was made by Rachel to start meetings at 6:30 instead of 7:00. Motion was seconded by Jackie. Motion passed.

For November meeting each department will need to bring in 3 auction items. Individual members need to bring in 1 item.

Lake Dale was thanked for hosting, dessert was served following the meeting. Schererville will host next meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 7, 2019, at the American Legion in Merrillville at 6:30 p.m. (Address is 7430 Broadway in Merrillville).

Motion made by Martha and seconded by Jackie to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rachel Suggs

I.V.F.A.A. Sec. District 1 & 2

News from District 13B

Golf outing held



(Top photo) - West College Corner held its golf outing to raise funds for their new station. Pictured are Shawn Johnson, Brad Wiwi, Brain Brookbank and chairman Jeff Biehl.

(Bottom photo) - Brain Brookbank and chairman Jeff Biehl are shown cutting potatoes for wedges and John Seibert is shown cooking pork chops.

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Wednesday Time	Event	Room
8:30a – 3:30p	Free Breakfast	Breakfast Area
10:00a – 3:30p	Golf Scramble	Eagle Valley Golf Course
Noon – 3:30p	Registration Open	Common Area
Noon – 1:00p	Chinese Auction	Common Area
7:00p – 8:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
4:00p – 5:00p	Miss Flame Information Session	4H Auditorium
4:00p – 7:00p	Shuttle to 4-H Auditorium	Load at Lobby
4:00p – 7:00p	Viewing of Local Fire Apparatus	4-H Parking Lot
5:00p – 7:00p	Registration Moved 4-H Auditorium	4-H Auditorium
7:00p – Close	Meal Served (Open Bar)	4-H Auditorium
8:00p – Close	Hoosier Burn Camp Auction	4-H Auditorium
9:00p – 12:00a	Shuttle Back To Hotel	Unload in Lobby
	Hospitality Room	TBA
Thursday		
8:00a – 4:00p	Free Breakfast	Breakfast Area
8:00a – Close	Registration Open	Common Area
8:00a – 4:00p	Junior Firefighter Competition	Back Parking Lot
8:00a – 10:00a	Chinese Auction	Common Area
8:00a – Noon	Vendor Setup	Atrium
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Ball Room G
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Pre Judging	Ball Room DE
8:00a – Noon	Miss Flame Post Judging	Board Room
10:30a – Noon	Seminar TBA	Ball Room C
9:00a – 11:00a	BFFPSE Meeting	Ball Rooms ABIJ
Noon – 1:00p	Miss Flame Luncheon	Breakfast Area
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch On Your Own	
10:00a – 5:00p	Vendors Displays Open	Atrium
10:00a – 5:00p	Vendors Apparatus Open	Back Parking Lot
1:30p – 2:30p	Miss Flame Open Judging	Ball Rooms ABIJ
2:00p – 4:00p	Hospitality Room Open	TBA
3:00p - Close	IVFA Officer's Meeting	Ball Room DE
3:00p – 4:00p	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Ball Room FG
4:30p – 6:00p	Taco & Beer Bust (Open Bar)	Ball Rooms CHIJ
6:30p – 8:30p	Opening Meeting	Ball Rooms ABCHIJ
8:30p – 9:30p	Memorial Service	Ball Rooms ABCHIJ
10:00p – 12:00a	Entertainment Audience Games	Ball Rooms ABCHIJ
10:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room Open	TBA
Friday		
8:00a – 2:00p	Free Breakfast	Breakfast Area
8:00a - Close	Registration Open	Common Area
	Junior Firefighter Interviews & Essay Judging	TBA
8:30a – Close	IVFAA Annual Meeting	Ballroom FGH
9:30a – Close	IVFA Annual Meeting	Ballrooms ABIJ
11:00a – 4:00p	Miss Flame Outing	TBA
8:00a – 4:00p	Chinese Auction	Common Area
Noon – 3:00p	Hospitality Room	TBA
Noon – 1:30p	Lunch On Your Own	
1:00p – 4:00p	Seminar Drones In The Fire Service	TBA
5:00p – 9:00p	Children's Party	Board Room
5:30p – 9:00p	Banquet (Open Bar)	Ballrooms ABCDEFHIJ
9:30p – 12:00a	Entertainment TBA	Ballrooms ABCDEFHIJ
10:00p – 12:00a	Hospitality Room Open	TBA

- 2018 convention minutes continued from August

MR. ZEEKS: Your 2019 Chaplain Ski Gerdowsky. Nominating Committee presents the name of Brent Bush for Sergeant-At-Arms. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Final and third call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast a unanimous vote for Brent Bush, Sergeant-At-Arms.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northwest. Nominating Committee presents the name of Jeremy Reef. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Jeremy Reef, PR Northwest.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Northeast. Nominating Committee presents the name of Jean Smith. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast a unanimous vote for Jean Smith, PR Northeast.

MR. ZEEKS: Okay. I should have

said to start with, the only ones that can vote for the PR is in that PR area. PR West Central. Nominating Committee presents the name of Larry Bartlow. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow, PR West Central.

MR. ZEEKS: PR East Central. Nominating Committee presents the name of Don Cushman. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast a unanimous vote for Don Cushman, PR East Central.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Southwest. Nominating Committee presents the name of Steve Nolan. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast a unanimous vote for

Steve Nolan, PR Southwest.

MR. ZEEKS: PR Southeast. Nominating Committee presents the name of Ed Scheele. Is there any other nominations from the floor? Is there any other nominations from the floor? Third and final call, is there any other nominations from the floor? Leighanne.

MS. ELLIS: Leighanne Ellis, Secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Ed Scheele, PR Southeast.

MR. ZEEKS: I'm done, Mr. President.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you, sir. Sergeant-At-Arms, you can release your bodyguards. At this time I will turn the program over to State Convention Committee Chairman, David Israel for the 2020 convention bid.

MR. ISRAEL: Before we do that, next year we're going to Michigan City to Blue Chip. Bob Uryga has asked to speak to us for just a little bit, let us know what's going on, and then we'll get into the bid for 2020.

MR. URYGA: Okay. The word is 2019 Convention, Michigan City, Come and Play, We'll Light the Way. We have a lighthouse. It's going to do its job for you guys. All right? After this meeting we'll be up on the balcony on the second floor.

The early price for registration is \$75.00. Blue Chip Tower is \$89.00. Blue Spa Tower is \$109.

MR. ISRAEL: Thank you, Bob. At this time the 2020 convention bid, we have the bid of Evansville. So, if Jack Kerney and Ross Emery will head this way, they've got a program to put on.

MR. KERNEY: We're going to be at the Holiday Inn Airport there in Evansville. It's seven miles south of I-64 and about ten miles south of I-69. The hotel has 199 rooms, all of them king or double queen. The 2020 convention will host the first annual junior firefighter competition. We will be replacing the hotdog and beer bust with taco bar and beer. They sent a letter that I'd like to read. It says, "Dear Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Incorporated. It's a great pleasure to be selected as the host for District 15 as the hotel for your 74th annual convention and the annual meeting. I want to send a quick note to express our excitement to host your upcoming event in 2020. The Holiday Inn Evansville Airport Hotel is excited to host firefighters all over the State of

Indiana as the convention makes its way back to Evansville. This opportunity was an easy choice for us as this is only a small token of the appreciation for the continuous help of the firefighters. As a matter of fact, this is a true (inaudible) of our local neighborhood firefighters. My fire department, the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department, protects this big facility. They have provided us with excellent, exceptional service for years and continues to keep our guests safe year around. We appreciate the service and commitment of these fine individuals. With 199 guest rooms, with over 10,000 square feet of meeting space, an on-site restaurant, a lounge, we hope to keep you bringing education, excitement and fun to all of your guests during your visit. We are excited to work with the committee to make this a great welcome back to Evansville experience. And, again, we appreciate your service throughout the state, and we're excited to host the men and women that work each and every day. Congratulations and welcome back to Evansville for your 2020 convention." And it's signed, Sincerely, Erica Shack, Sales Manager, Holiday Inn Evansville Airport.

MR. EMERY: The registration will be \$80.00. It will include a free breakfast every day during your stay, free meal at the Wednesday night gathering, taco and beer bust, and the banquet. It will — in your registration will be included free beer in the hospitality room, the taco bar, the Wednesday night gathering, and the banquet. So, the only meals you'll be responsible for while you're in Evansville will be for your lunch. And our room rate will be \$99.00 a night. So, come see us in Evansville in 2020.

MR. ISRAEL: Anybody have any questions for Jack or Ross?

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Do the rooms have refrigerators?

MR. KERNEY: No.
MR. ISRAEL: I know there's several people in the room that when they come to the convention they need a refrigerator for insulin and what-not. Would that be a possibility to get refrigerators for those individuals?

MR. KERNEY: I'll check and see.
MR. ISRAEL: Kind of a formality. We've had only one district to bid. I still need a motion to accept the bid for the convention for 2020 in Evansville.

MR. WATSON: Ed Watson, District 21 Chairman. I make the motion that we have the convention in 2020 in Evansville.

MR. ISRAEL: Second?
MR. GLANT: Richard Glant, Past President. Second.

MR. ISRAEL: All those in favor aye.
GROUP: Aye.
MR. ISRAEL: All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, for the 2020 convention do we have dates?

MR. ISRAEL: Yes.
MR. ISRAEL: 24th through the 27th of June, yes. Everything is kind of the same way we normally do. So, Evansville in 2020.

UNKNOWN MALE SPEAKER: Dave, when is next year's dates?
MR. HOLCOMB: Bob, do you have next year's convention dates? It's been asked.

MR. URYGA: Yeah. Sorry about not mentioning the dates. It's June the 12th through the 15th.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thanks, Bob. At this time I will dismiss the Credentials Committee. Thank you all. Do we have any other new business to come before the association? Any other new business to come before the association? No new business.

MR. HOLCOMB: Anyone else have any other announcements? With no other announcements or business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. WATSON: Ed Watson, District 21. I make the motion we adjourn.

MR. ELICK: Dave Elick, Chaplain. Second.

MR. HOLCOMB: I have a motion and second on the floor. All in favor signify by saying aye.

GROUP: Aye.
MR. HOLCOMB: All opposed say nay. After the benediction by our Chaplain, meeting will be adjourned.

MR. ELICK: Lord, we thank you that we could come here today. Good luck to all of our new officers, all of our existing officers. See us through the rest of our convention and safely home. Amen.

MR. HOLCOMB: Thank you all. (Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)

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George Canfield receives Ollie Sandburg Award and District 14 Global Award



Pictured (top left photo) – District 14 member George Canfield, Dupont Lancaster Fire Department, shown receiving the District 14 2019 Global Award and the 2019 Ollie Sandburg Award.

Pictured (top right) – George Canfield is being presented the Global Award by Tim Learned, with Global. Also pictured is District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

Pictured (bottom left) – George Canfield is shown receiving the 2019 Ollie Sandburg Award with vice president David Israel and District 14 chairman Rick Cannon, along with vice chairman Charlie Heishman and Senator Chris Garten. – (photos submitted by District 14 chairmen Rick Cannon and Judy Wirth).

Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!

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