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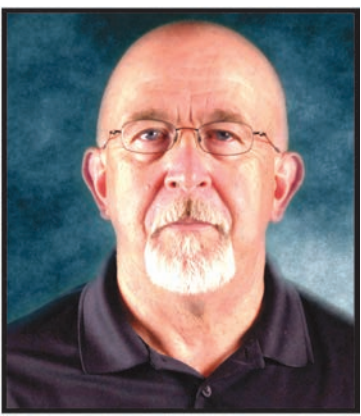
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From The President

Jerry Liston



Greetings!

Fall is here, the leaves are starting to turn and temperatures are cooler. Soon we will be gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with our friends and family. Let's take the time to enjoy these special moments and create new memories.

I am delighted to announce that the National Institute for Public Safety Health (NIPSH) has completed the cancer survey and the survey is ready to be pushed out to the membership. I kindly ask for your participation in this survey, as it holds immense importance for the Indiana Volunteer Fire Service and our Association going forward. You can find this QR code with the link attached elsewhere in this paper.

The 2023 Indiana Legislative session marked a significant milestone for the Indiana volunteer fire service. The passing of HB1454 now enables volunteer fire departments, township fire departments, fire territories, and fire districts to seek additional funding from their county council. This breakthrough will greatly benefit the volunteer fire service, as county councils have the authority to approve

or adopt resolutions providing local option income tax (LOIT) funds to eligible volunteer fire departments across our state.

Moreover, this year, the IDHS budget was allocated 10 million dollars for turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus for volunteer fire departments. To learn more and access the interest form to apply for your department, please visit the IDHS website or search for "Next Level Firefighting" on Google.

I would like to inform you that the Ivy Tech First Responder scholarship has recently expired. I want to express my gratitude to President Ellspermann and her staff for their support in providing this scholarship opportunity to our members and for their assistance to the volunteer fire service over the past four years.

The state's Fire Chief Leadership Academy for 2023 has concluded. The next set of classes will take place from June 19-23 and August 5-9 in 2024. I strongly encourage all volunteer fire chiefs to explore and sign up for one of these classes next year.

Now is the time to start considering nominations for the several state association awards, which will be presented at the State Convention in June. Take a moment to nominate a deserving individual for one of these awards. Visit IVFA.org to make your nomination. This includes the MacQueen Excellence Award presented in each IVFA District. Nominations for this award are to be made to the District Chairman.

The 2024 State Convention will be hosted at the Crowne Plaza Airport Indianapolis in June. The convention committee is diligently working on preparations for this event. We hope to see you there in 2024.

During the Indiana Fallen Firefighters Annual Remembrance in September, we

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Cancer Survey

Calling all Indiana Volunteer Firefighters!

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has partnered with Dr. Carolyn Muegge and her staff from the National Institute for Public Safety Health to conduct a cancer survey for our members.

We are seeking responses from volunteer firefighters who have never had cancer, as well as firefighter cancer survivors. Participation in this survey is anonymous and voluntary. It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete the important questions. Feel free to skip any questions you prefer not to answer.

The National Institute for Public Safety Health (NIPSH), a research collaborator with Ascension Public Safety Medical, is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to gain a better understanding of cancer risk among Indiana Volunteer Firefighters.

To participate in the survey, please scan the QR Code or visit <https://redcap.link/volunteerfire>.

Thank you for being a part



of this project for the Indiana Volunteer Fire Service.

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“Political” talk

Greetings; Fellow officers & members;

As of the writing of this quarters newspaper article, summer is gone and fall / winter is here and the 77th IVFA convention is in the history book as is the 123rd session of the Indiana General Assembly... well the session is over however we are still having meetings with key members of the General Assembly to address some laws from the last session and to talk about the next session.

If you have been watching you might have seen State Representative Randy Frye retired just a few days after this past session and since then we have had 3 or 4 other state legislators leave the General Assembly. First I want to publicly thank all who has assisted the fire service working with us to secure a brighter and bigger future and to wish them well in retirement.

Also we lost a great support of public safety in the passing of Senator Jack E. Sandlin District 36. After a lifetime of dedicated public service, State Sen. Jack E. Sandlin (R-Indianapolis) passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 20, 2023. Our condolences go out to his family, fellow legislators and his District that he served faithfully for many years.

In the last quarterly



newspaper I shared with you we are planning another multi – town tour to address how HB 1454 possibly helping fund the fire service. We have hosted 19 such meeting as of this writing with another 5 scheduled before years end. We have talked with State Legislators, County Council members, Trustees, and yes some of you.

The bill is still being interpreted as it seems to mean more difficult to understand than originally thought, but we are working our way through it.

We have one county that has stepped up with others who are considering it but we are not yet where we want or hoped to be. Our goal is that every county council will come on board to assist their fire departments with some much needed financial assistance.

We will continue to work this issue as long as it takes or until we are told NO.

I attempt to tie together the Cost Savings study with this presentation letting everyone know about the savings we bring to our townships, counties, and the entire state. I have learned some very interesting information while out presenting this sessions;

not all government works the same, not all elected officials truly understand the language in the bill and not all counties are willing to accept what I read in the law that being they can assist if they choose to. So we keep preaching and keep presenting but we need your help.

This is a time that the fire service needs to GET INVOLVED and become active within your community especially with your county councils. You must share with them your needs and discuss with them how you are forced to do fundraising activities in order to (as you have heard me say many times) keep the doors open, the lights on and the trucks running.

I challenge not only you the firefighters but our citizens as a whole to get involved because our funding has a direct impact on our membership. For every hour we spend raising funds to operate a department it is just more time we take away from our families and training and preparing to protect those we have all sworn to protect.

So let's not give up, let's not give in, but lets get involved HB 1545 has provided the

opportunity lets work to get the benefit.

So what's next: glad you ask because that is just exactly what I've been asking, what's next?

We are by the reading of this article deeply engaged in the legislative process for 2024. I need to hear from you as to your thoughts on what legislation could / would / might make your services better for those you serve.

Remember its all about delivering the service we all took the oath to do, but along the way we need to look at legislation to see if there is something that will or should make it better for us to help them.

What do we do to get new and younger members to become an active part of our service, I'm sure you have heard we are down on our members and who knows that best than our current members attempting to provide the service.

So what do we need to do to overcome our member shortage, or do we just continue on hoping it will get better. And by the way it's not just VOLUNTEER service that is hurting, look around career

departments are struggling to hire enough to maintain or meet NFPA 1710 as well. Every corner has a help wanted sign so the good thing is we are not alone the bad thing is that don't make it any easier for any of us.

Do we need to look at the way we are training our members, is there a better way? I know we struggle getting member to attend training classes and even getting trainings put on so they can train in some cases.

All I am asking from you is your thoughts, issues, concerns, or desires that would make serving as a Volunteer better, easier, and more plentiful. Put on that thinking cap, have some group discussions, and get back to us with some thoughts that might need some legislative attention.

Remember this last session was a very good session overall for Public Safety as we got HB 1454, we got funding for Turnout Gear and we are in the process of building additional training sites all to improve our ability to better serve but let's not stop there, we have more to do, more to grow and certainly more to help build upon or successes for the future of public safety.

Be safe, and be proud of the service you provide and I hope to see you on my next visit to your District

Larry Curl
 IVFA Lobbyist

WHEN SECONDS COUNT, THESE 2 HOURS MATTER.



2024 INPAA TRAINING SCHEDULE

January 8 Shipshewana 5:30 p.m. EST	January 9 Plymouth 5:30 p.m. EST	January 10 Michigan City 12:00 p.m. CST	January 11 Merrillville 12:00 p.m. CST	January 16 Lafayette 5:30 p.m. EST	January 17 Kokomo 12:00 p.m. EST	January 18 Wabash 5:30 p.m. EST	January 22 Fort Wayne 5:30 p.m. EST	January 23 Muncie 5:30 p.m. EST	January 24 Indianapolis 12:00 p.m. EST
January 25 Danville 5:30 p.m. EST	January 30 Crawfordsville 5:30 p.m. EST	January 31 Terre Haute 5:30 p.m. EST	February 1 Bloomington 5:30 p.m. EST	February 6 Richmond 5:30 p.m. EST	February 7 Greensburg 5:30 p.m. EST	February 8 Scottsburg 5:30 p.m. EST	February 13 Odon 5:30 p.m. EST	February 14 Huntingburg 5:30 p.m. EST	February 15 Evansville 5:30 p.m. CST

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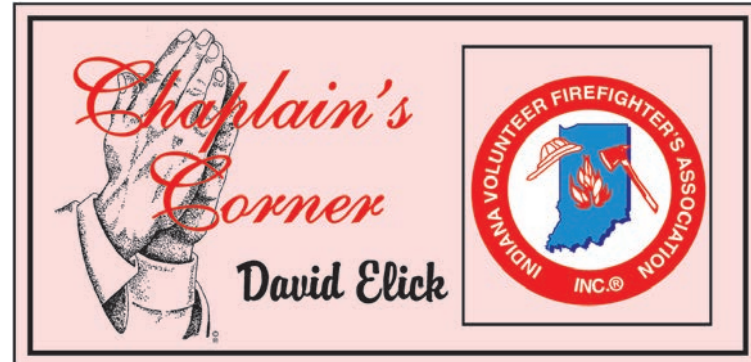
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Fall for All

Greetings, one and all, and welcome to Fall/Winter 2023! I'm not sure WHAT kind of roller coaster ride we're in for, however I do know that the late fall/early winter season is more than likely a family favorite. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year, all fall into this quarter, and with those come some very special, magical, joyous times. Miniature family reunions, large amounts of food prepared for these events, celebrations, reveling, sharing memories of family traditions and "The good ole days", and the making of new ones.

For some of us, especially those in public safety, it's also a time of struggle, and sometimes turmoil. Why isn't a particular loved one here anymore? How and why should we be happy, yet this family just lost everything? Why was our brother/sister taken so soon? This motor vehicle accident could devastate this family and us for years to come. Why now?

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guide your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ." (Phillippians 4:7)

God has a plan for each of us. Only God knows a lot of things, like, when we're born, who we'll marry, have kids with, when our time is. Only God knows. It's up to each of us to pass on the old family traditions, the bygone memories, and to create the new ones. In a world of choices, choose to be kind, AND, be happy!

On behalf of our Associate Chaplains, (without whose help I would not be able properly serve our membership) we all wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a most prosperous New Year!

Stay safe –
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added twelve names to the Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighter Memorial in Indianapolis. These brave individuals made the ultimate sacrifice for their departments and communities:

- Louis E. Wiesler, Lafayette Fire Department - 1979
- Jan P. Dawes, Van Buren Township Vol. Fire Department - 1988
- Bill L. Walters, Waterloo-Grant Township Vol. Fire Department - 2021
- Ronald K. Derrickson, Straughn Vol. Fire Department - 2021
- Joe A. Strucker, Jr., Fairland Fire Department - 2021
- Duane E. Erwin, Elberfield Fire Territory - 2021
- Bruce W. DeArk, Jeffersonville Fire Department - 2022
- Mark W. Rapp Sr., Indianapolis Fire Department - 2022
- Terry L. Cassidy, Sparta Township Fire Department - 2022
- Richard "Hank" Potter, Wayne Township Fire Department - 2022
- Brian F. Gainey, Indianapolis Airport Fire Department - 2022
- Joshua P. Ramirez, Pike Township Fire Department - 2022

If you have never visited the state memorial west of the statehouse, I urge you to take the time to do so during your next visit to Indianapolis.

Over the last ten months four individuals have been recognized for 75 years of service in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. All four individuals are over 90 years of age, the oldest being 101 years old, and all still attend their respective monthly department business meetings on a regular basis. Congratulations to the following 75 year members for your service and commitment.

- Richard Myers, New Waverly Fire Department - District 9A
- William F. Garner, Hanna Township VFD - District 3
- Ellis H. McFadden, Poe VFD - District 7
- Raymond J. Doering, Henry Township VFD - District 5

In conclusion, I encourage all our members to attend a district meeting in their area. Good information is shared at these meetings that can be taken back to their departments. Please consult the calendar at IVFA.org to find the meeting scheduled for your district.

Stay safe!
Jerry

From The Vice-President

Ross Emery



Greetings

WOW, where has this year went? It's hard to imagine we are at the beginning of November and approaching the holiday season already. Time sure flies these days.

We have been busy the last few months conducting round table meetings and informational sessions about HB 1454 which allows a county council to help provide some additional funding for volunteer fire departments. We are still learning the fine details of this new legislation. What we do know is you won't get the additional funding if you don't go ask for it. It is going to require a little work by the departments, you should probably do your homework and put some budget numbers together and

have a future of expected cost to operate over the next 5-10 years. It the meetings I have attended most locally elected official have been very receptive to this. From what we have learned we feel that the departments in each county need to work together to approach their councils it will be easier for a county to pass a resolution for the whole county instead of one department at time. If you still have questions or concerns, please reach out to your IVFA leadership.

Earlier this summer we started partnering with the Savvik Buying Group, this is just an additional benefit the IVFA provides you to make purchases at a discounted price. In my travels throughout the state, I have talked to many departments that have started taking advantage.

For the last year and half, we have been working on a cancer research study for our membership, as I write this article, we should be releasing the information on how our membership can fill out this survey. It is vital that our membership participates in this survey. It will provide vital information that will allows us to have data to use as we continue to work towards legislations to help protect and take care of the volunteer's firefighters of the state of Indiana.

We are only about 4 months away from the deadline to submit nominations for the 2024 awards, I know I sound like a broken record but please nominate. At you next department, Dist,

county, chiefs meeting, wherever you are look around the room and I bet you can find someone who goes a little bit above and beyond every department has someone that is deserving of an IVFA award. To find a list of the IVFA awards, how to nominate and qualifications for each award go to www.ivfa.org click on the association tab and click awards, it will list all the IVFA awards, click an award it will give you a description, who is qualified and a link to nominate. All awards nominations are due by February 1st, 2024.

Another great benefits the IVFA provides is the Bridgeport Scholarship, each year the IVFA provides 4 \$1,500 scholarships, for information on the Bridgeport Scholarship program visit the IVFA website, you can find the information and instructions on applying under the awards section on the website.

I know we are several months away from our annual convention, but I want to encourage people to come check it out. Our 2024 convention will be in Indianapolis in June, I know the committee is working hard to provide quality training, and keynote speakers during our convention.

In closing I want to thank each and everyone of our members for their service and dedication to their communities, and from my family to yours a joyous Holiday Season. If there is anything I can do to help, please reach out

God Bless, and Stay Safe
Ross Emery, IVFA Vice President

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

Public Relations Director Southeast

Edwin J. Scheele



As I am writing this it is in the 80's this week, but it might be freezing weather and possibly snow by the time you are reading it. It is winter season so be very careful when responding to incidents with slick roads and freezing weather.

I hope all departments had an opportunity to attend one of the meetings on HB 1454 that Larry Curl had in the PR areas. I thank Larry for all the time he has put into this to let elected officials and departments know about the bill. I also thank Rep. Randy Frye for everything he has done to help the fire service. We will miss him in the legislature. Look forward to working with our new representative Alex Zimmerman. Hope all county councils will adopt the bill.

Now is the time to get letters wrote up for the awards at the state convention in June. The awards can be submitted on the IVFA website. Every dept. has members worthy of these awards. They need to be at the IVFA office by February 1st, 2024. Scholarship applications need to be at the office by March 1st, 2024.

Ed Scheele
IVFA PRSE

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



I would like to express my sympathy to the family and friends of those who are no longer with us this past year. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

The most recent in my PR area. Nick Carter Concord Fire Department, Retired Chief Norman Crocker Harris Township Fire Department, Robert Elkins Penn Township Fire Department, Allen Albright Liberty Township Fire Department, Terry Cartwright LaOtto Fire Department, Ronald

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From the Historian's Desk

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Historian



I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

Here we are coming to the end of summer heading into fall and by the time you read this we will be looking at cooler weather.

Around the end of 1954 we had 2524 Members, form 142 Departments , in 49 counties out of the 92 Counties in the State. Change is inevitable but along the way we reached a total membership of 18,000, today we are around 14,000.

We are continuing work on our 75 Year Book History, and

and getting ever so close to a finished product..

We continueing to collect any and all , old news papers from the past years, and put them in a safe place in digital form. If by chance you have any old newspapers and think we might need to scan them into the archives, please contact me at: Lkoehler@ivfa.org

If you have an old newspaper and we can scan it into our records, it will be returned to you once we have completed the scan.

We now have 168 Issues on our wesite so when you get a chance, make a trip back in time see what was happening and maybe find some amazing facts about our Association.

Have a geat summer and be safe.

IVFA Historian
L.E." Buz" Koehler
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DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Marshall Neese

**IVFA DISTRICT 1 MEETING
07 SEPTEMBER 2023
1930 hrs.
BEVERLY SHORED FD
13 Present**

Attendees
District Chair: Marshall Neese
Meeting Notes taken by: Steve Cope

Special Guests
Gary Fire Chief Mark Terry
State IVFA PR rep. Jeremy Reef

State IVFAA State President. Christina Reef

Notes
● Pledge @1930 led by Chief Mark Terry.

● Roll call taken by Marshall Neese

● Brief history of Beverly Shores FD given by Chief Andy

● Jeremy Reef (JR)-spoke about signing up for PPE through the state, this is only for volunteer departments.

● JR mentioned house bill 1454, letters sent out to departments to try and rally everyone to help back this bill that will help with funding. 2 meetings coming up, dates and locations will be in letters sent out.

● JR talked about getting more people to attend the yearly IVFA convention. Next year's convention will be in Indianapolis IN, Crowne Plaza. Date TBD.

● JR. Spoke on the cancer survey. Hold up currently is email address for everyone.

● JR spoke on the SAVVIT group. PPE replacement and equipment.

● State IVFAA President, Christina Reef. Spoke about the miss flame program. Gave a description of what goes on with that program. Maya Cheeseman was District 1's REP for the past 2 years.

● Christina spoke about the Auxiliary and the benefits that come along with it.

● Christina mentioned updating beneficiary forms.

● Christina spoke about the awards that the Auxiliary offers each year at the state convention. If you know of someone for either side, please nominate them before the convention. Nominations

can be made on the state IVFA website. www.IVFA.org

● JR spoke on lifetime members of the IVFA that have been members for 75 years.

● IVFA challenge coins 20 dollars per coin. See Marshall Neese if interested in district 1.

● JR-50-year challenge coin for 50-year members free of charge for those members.

● Marshall gave the treasurer report. \$458.53 as of 5/12/23, 75 dollars spent on a plant for Chief Timmer.

● Marshall gave out a booklet on the IVFA, the book gives a description of what the IVFA covers and benefits they offer.

● The Reefs mentioned putting department fundraising events on the state pages online and Facebook page.

● Chief Terry gave thanks to all area departments that helped out at their airport drill and 2 airshows.

● 50/50 drawn by Chief Terry, winnings donated back to IVFA district 1.

● Marshall gave thanks to BSHFD for hosting.

Meeting Adjourned @2024

Next IVFA Meeting: TBD

Meeting held at Dyer FD on July 27,2023 at 7pm.

Pledge led by Ike from Lowell FD.Roll call taken by Dist One Chairman Marshall Neese.

Guests at the meeting are State Fire Marshal Jones, PresidentJjerry Liston, Miss Flame Maya Chessemann for Dist One.

History of the Dyer Fire Dept. was given by Assist. Chief Shutler

Minutes of meeting motion to accept by Ike from Lowell FD. second by unknown.

The State Fire Marshal had some words to say about Firefighters that saved two lives from a

structure fire when they were called into a different city. They were from the Dyer FD. The ff were Chief Martin, FFMinkema FF Manfre. They received Certificate Heroism from the State Fire Marshal Office.

President Jerry Liston of the IVFA spoke about awards that the IVFA gives out during the year

and at the convention like the McQueen award that anybody can receive.and the award goes to

Dyer FF Scott Hemmerich. Then he talks about the Savvik Group that ff or Depart.can buy

equipment for the Depart. for a lower cost to them.

no Death in Dist. next meeting TBA

Thanks to Dyer FD for Hosting the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

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Lockridge Northeast Fire Department. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace.

This will be my last letter as your Public Relations Northeast Director. My term expires December 31. I was not re-elected at our state convention. I would like to thank those District Chairman, State Officers and friends that supported me these past years. Especially my two daughters and my wife E.J. that went with me to keep me company and attended the Auxiliary meetings. When some of the meetings were two hours away and late at night for the return trip. Thank You.

I'm not going away. I will still be here to promote the IVFA. If you need help call, text or e-mail me. 260-413-3041, jeanejsmith@aol.com.

Please have a safe Holiday Season. Hope to see you at your District meetings.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Public Relations Director East Central
Jeff Biehl



Greetings

I would like to thank the members of districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A, & 13B for your support during my time as your Public Relations Officer

I would like to thank Larry

Curl for keeping us informed on legislative. Hosting meetings on house bill 1454. Now it's up to you to meet with your county council members and ask them to adopt an ordinance. For this additional money for your department.

Hope to see everybody in June at Indianapolis for the 78th convention hosted by district 12 registration & Hotel information will be on the website soon ivfa.org plan on attending the Hoosier Burn Camp auction, opening meeting, Memorial service, Banquet, and vendors.

Please continue to put your fundraising events & meetings on the IVFA calendar and your Facebook pages that's how the officers hear about these activities and try to attend them.

If you need help don't hesitate, call your District Chairman, Public Relations Officer, or any other State Officer, they will be glad to help you.

Please keep our brothers and Sisters in your prayers. Please keep our Military members at home and abroad in our prayers.

Jeff Biehl
Public Relation East Central

Public Relations Director Westcentral
Larry Bartlow



Public Relations, West Central Report.

As I write this article it's more like summertime than it is ready for fall but by the time this article is read in the paper it will be close to wintertime.

The round tables seminars for House Bill 1458 are now well underway and I hope everyone is having good success with getting the county councils to take part in getting more money for our fire departments. If not, please work with your Township trustees to get the Council's on board with this program. We need all the help we can get for more funding for the fire department. It will take effort from everybody to make this program work. If you need information, don't hesitate to call Larry Curl or any of your district chairman. I'm sure that they will be able to get you any help that you need. Also, if the County Council refuses to take part in this program, please let us know because this will be a help to us in the future.

Remember, it's getting close to that time of year for the roads to start having slick spots. They will get slick before you know it, so be prepared, slow down and be safe. Wet roads and leaves and frost will make for some bad situations. We don't need anybody to be hurt. Now is also a good time to check your gear to make sure it's ready for cold weather.

Attend your next district meeting to find out what we have done this year. And find out what is going take place next year so you can be a part of it and help us improve our association and the fire service in the future.

Be smart. Be safe.

Larry Bartlow. PR West Central.

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Bob Uryga - Chairman

I.V.F.A. District 3 July 20, 2023 meeting Bass Lake Vol. Fire Dept.

The District 3 meeting was held on July 20, 2023 at the Bass Lake V.F. Dept.

Refreshments were served with pork chops, salad, green beans, baked potato and deserts. Also a retirement cake for Chairman Bob Uryga.

Chairman Uryga opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. A prayer was said by Brandon Kuhn.

Roll call was answered with 14 members from 5 departments.

The minutes from the last meeting was not reported, nor was the treasurers report.

The secretary/treasurer did not make the meeting.

Guests were; IVFA President Jerry Liston, District 9A Chairman Pascal Moon, Jeremy Reef PR Northwest, Jean Smith PR Northeast, District 1 Chairman Marshall Neese, IVFAA President Christina Reef, Past Vice President EJ Smith, Brandon Kuhn from Shields Under Fire. Other guests were Miss Flame Emily Jensen, Bob Uryga's family, Lee Dunham-daughter, Bob Jr.-son, Grace Pera- granddaughter.

Brandon Kuhn spoke about Shields Under Fire.

Jerry Liston spoke on the Savvik Grant Program. A purchasing program.

He also announced that there were three firefighters that have 75 years in as members. District 3, 5, 7.

The I.V.F.A is updating their e-mail. There is a Fire Alarm web site.

There have been 131 applicants that applied for gear.

Jeremy Reef talked about the Convention. Awards such as the Bridgeport Scholarship.

The Burn Camp made \$26,000. from the auction.

Jean Smith inform us of Senate bill 1454-236

The I.V.F.A will notify firefighters when to approach their county consul for money.

There is a Senate bill 369 on sporting events at schools to have AED on site.

Go to the Red Cross for smoke detectors. The firefighter's car plate paid for the scholarships.

Next District meeting is at Pleasant Twp. V.F.D. On

September 21 at 6:30 refreshments and 7:00 meeting.

Election: Jerry Listen conducted the election, Chairman – Les Jensen of Bass Lake was nominated. No other nominations. A white ballot was cast. Sec.-Treas. - Rick Bradford of Coolspring and Jim Garner of Bass Lake were nominated. A vote was taken and Jim Garner won. Chaplin – Dave Robb of Coolspring and Leona Uryga of Michiana Shores were nominated. Vote was taken and Leona Uryga won.

The 50/50 was won by Les Jensen who gave back \$50.00. The district made \$100.00.

Bob Uryga received from the Bass Lake VFD a challenge coin, a plaque and a light up mosaic cross. Also a retirement cake.

Bass Lake made him an honorary member of their department.

They dubbed him the 4.5 Billion dollar man. Bob thanked everyone for the gifts and attending the meeting and excellent meal.

The meeting was ajourned. Respectfully submitted, Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Paul Martin- Chairman

I.V.F.A. 5th District Meeting September 14, 2023 Burket FD, Burket IN GUESTS

Chaplain Brandon Kuhn Savannah Lyon 5th District Miss Flame

Jean Smith PRNE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grolich at 1930 hrs. with the pledge of Allegiance following. There were 18 firefighters in attendance representing 8 department. Minutes of July's meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Tony Farrer of Bremen FD talked on the truck auction they will be having on November 7, 2023 at the Bremen FD station.

Covid-19 is returning fire fighters might consider getting vaccinated for this. Register for firefighter cancers at National firefighter's registry and access to materials at: ACDC@gov/nfr.

John discussed training classes that are available. All programs are free. Conversed on the funds the governor has earmarked for training facilities being built throughout the state. Reported on a insurance agency in Valparaiso

setting up a retirement program for each volunteer fire department.

Jean Smith reported and we discussed H.B.1454.

Chaplain Brandon Kuhn talked with us and passed out his card.

Kosciusko County fish fry Thursday , September 21 at fairgrounds. Bremen FD Steak fry October 5, Bourbon FD raffling off a grill, Burket FD fish fry October 7.

Next District meeting in Bourbon November 9. Will be having miss flame competition.

Meeting adjourned at 2025 hrs Paul Martin
5th District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Mack Grobis- Chairman

Hello to all of those in District 6! I first want to thank Jerry Sprague for his many years of serving the District as Chairman. You have served the district well and given much guidance to not only myself but to many members throughout!

For those who may not know me, my name is Mack Grobis and I am your new District 6 Chairman. I have been with the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years. I am currently serving as Assistant Fire Chief. I absolutely love the area we live in and serve! We are truly blessed to serve in Northeast Indiana.

At the last District meeting on July 25th, we were graciously hosted by the Ligonier Fire Department. We had several guests attend the meeting; Public Relations Northeast-Elect Sam Bisel, IVFA State Chaplain David Elick and his lovely wife Virginia, District 7 Chairman Richard Sorg and 1-800-BoardUp representative Terry Bradner who provided the meal! District elections were held; Mack Grobis-District Chairman, Jerry "Spook" Sprague-Vice Chairman, and Kirsten Sheley-District Secretary/Treasure.

As some of you know, we have been busy in District 6! On September 9th, we had two-four county round table meetings to discuss House Bill 1454. I want to thank Larry Curl and his wife, Carol, for traveling the entire State to inform members of the additional funding opportunities our departments can have.

Our September meeting was held on September 26th at Churubusco-Smith Township Fire Department. I want to thank Chief Kyle Bair for his hospitality

with hosting the meeting. Special guests included: IVFA President Jerry Liston, IVFAA President Christina Reed, PRNE Jean Smith. Again, I want to thank 1-800-BoardUp for always providing the meal. Special thank you to Whitley County EMA Director Amy Biggs and Paramedic/PI Cody Miller for providing training/education to the district. There was 6 10-year pins and 1 25-year pin presented at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 28th at West Central Fire Protection District at the Aboite Township station located at 11321 Aboite Center Rd. Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. The meeting starts at 7:00.

God bless you all and Stay safe! Mack Grobis
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Pascal Moon - Chairman

Good Day to all!

Well fall is here and the year has been filled with interesting things!

How about House Bill 1454, what a way to help departments and that's not all the States Hub and Spoke program.

I hope that the changes will help departments that are in need of these programs and that it will be a continued program.

Thanks to Larry Curl for all the round table meetings thru out the state and with Larry spreading the word to the departments.

We have had a couple of meetings and while attendance has been steady, I would like to see a few more come to the district meetings and to ask questions about the recent programs.

John Shaffer was at our last meeting giving updates for the State and that's not always going to happen but when he has time and can work it out he is more than welcome to talk.

The Next Meeting will be on Nov. 30, 2023 at Clinton Township, Clymers. Hope to see more at the meeting.

Thanks and Stay Safe Pascal

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

Greetings From District 10 August Meeting was at Needham Vol. Fire Dept. Angela Arnold, James Engmark, Kent Johnston members of Needham VFD were presented 25year pins. Lt. Austin Dickey member of Needham presented the training for the meeting on the Lucas Machine that does CPR on patient. Attended Marrietta's fish fry and fund raiser.

September 6 was the round table meeting on HB 1454 at Manilla VFD Larry Curl lead the discussion about what fire depts. need to do to get money from the county council. There were 15 departments and several County council and township Trustees present for the meeting. Some of the points brought out were Departments need to ask the council for the funds and have prepared budget to present at the Council meeting.

The September District was at Edinburg's new fire station Chief Redpath was presented a Station Clock from the IVFA. The station has plenty of space very workable. Carey Slauter District 8 Training coordinator For IDHS gave briefing on state training and his job. Chuck Redpath, John Henderson Edinburg, Carey Slauter Trafalgar & IDHS were presented 25year pins. Program was Erick Johnson Supporting Heros Director.

Decatur County Chiefs meeting was held at St Paul's new fire station is very workable and has plenty of room. Jonathan Nedderman, Michael Goolsby were presented 10year pins.

Be safe and careful on the roads with harvest starting the dry conditions of the fields. There is also fire danger to combines and equipment in the fields.

Next meeting October 18 at Clarksburg Comm. VFD 6645 N County Road 700 E Clarksburg 47225

Have a safe and blessed fall John M. Ray
Chairman IVFA District 10

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DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Ralph 'Pete' Taylor - Chairman

Greetings from District 11A, Convention has come and gone. We had a great time. Lots of awards and meetings, we learned a lot of information and had a lot of fun.

11A brought home Mr. IVFA Award as Dave Phelps from Prairieton was the winner. Congratulations Dave, good job!

Our Sept. meeting was a joint meeting with 11A and 11B at Forest Park in Brazil, IN at 1:00 PM. We had a picnic lunch with a lot of good food. We had a special presentation with Joann Hays receiving her 50-Year Gold Card. Her daughter surprised her with a cake and flowers. She was really surprised. Joann work really hard for our district in so many ways. She is a great supporter of the fire service. We also honored Dave Phelps with cake from our district.

75th Anniversary Yearbook is available to all members. Time to order is now.

I have attended several memorials and a lot of Fish Fries including my own at Van Buren. We had a record crowd.

Our next meeting will be at Otto Creek Station 1 on Nov. 19 at 1:00 PM in Terre Haute, IN. I would like to see every dept. send someone from our district.

Till next time, stay safe,
Pet Taylor, Chairman 11A

us, hopefully not to bad though. No ice No Snow and little to no Freezing weather, there is plenty of time for that.

So I hope everyone had a "great summer and a better fall (weather wise not literally fall), and you are getting ready for the busiest holiday season of the year, Thanksgiving quickly followed by Christmas. My two favorite holidays FOOD and GIFTS what could be wrong with either.

And before I forget it we have a very important deadline rapidly approaching, District Miss Flame must be decided before February 1st. • Applications are to be submitted to the State Miss Flame committee no later than February 1st along with a \$25.00 entry fee.

This is a change from the past Miss Flame process especially that date so let's get busy and find a young lady or 2 or 3 willing to represent our District in 2024 (Remember we are hosting the convention and it would be bad for us not to have a Miss Flame contestant in the running).

Speaking of Miss Flame I personally want to again congratulate and thank our 2023 Miss Flame "Katie Rusie" and her parents Rick and Michelle for being a great Miss Flame contestant. We understand she will be off to college and no longer meets the age requirements to run again. Good Luck in College Katie.

So we held our first of what we hope becomes an annual event in District 12 our FAMILY DAY PICNIC on Aug 12 hosted by Gregg Twp Fire Department. The weather was great, the food even better, including the soft serve Ice cream and the candy cotton and the hospitality was the best with a large bounce house for the kiddos. Thanks Gregg Twp. and all who participated. Hope we can see our second family day picnic grow even bigger.

What's next on our social calendar; well we have just confirmed our second Awards Banquet date. On Saturday Nov 18th Paragon VFD will again host our District 12 Awards banquet where we will invite All IVFA District 12 members and allow you to bring a plus one, for our District 12 Holiday / Awards dinner on Nov 18th hosted by Paragon Volunteer Fire Department 101 E. Union St. Paragon, IN 46166. YOU MUST RSVP BY END OF the day NOV. 15th

Contact Larry Curl via email at wtfdcurl@comcast.net or by cell at (317)-605-6669 or by contacting our District Secretary Chara Leaver Cell:(317)-445-6358 or by email at ivfaadistrict12@ivfaa.org

WE MUST HAVE A GOOD HEAD COUNT TO ASSURE ENOUGH FOOD...

Doors will open at 5:30 with a meet and greet followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. Award presentations

will begin after dinner as we present to any member with 10 years of service, or any member with 25 years of service that has not already received this award with a service pin recognizing you years of service. We will also be presenting our 2023 MacQueen Excellence Award to someone that has made a difference in their Community and or Fire Department to help promote the betterment of the Fire Service in their Community. You don't won't want to miss this presentation.

Speaking of awards It's time... we have several awards that are presented each year and we have hundreds of deserving members including many right here in our District so please, please visit our State Website at www.ivfa.org look up the awards and let's bring some of these awards home to District 12, its all about nominating those deserving individuals who have worked hard to provide and ask for nothing in return so visit the IVFA website review the awards and lets let them be recognized right at home in District 12 during the 2024 State Convention.

Attention IVFA District 12 Members

Speaking of convention don't forget the 2024 convention will be right here in our very own District and plans are well under way for us to put on a Great State Convention. If you have not reached out to the District 12 leadership please do, we need help from our members to host the 2024 IVFA State Convention. It will be June 13 - 15 2024 yes Thursday, Friday and Saturday Hope to see everyone there.

The leadership of District 12 wants to hear from its members. Please share with us your thoughts, concerns, desires and wishes to bring interest back to the district and a larger audience at the district meetings. We typically host a Dist 12 meeting every other month beginning in Jan and we attempt to host it on the first Monday of the month but watch the calendar on the IVFA website for exact date, time, and locations. Also we will do a posting on out Dist Facebook page of the date, time and location too. We will be providing an update at each District 12 meeting about the convention we (hopefully you and I) will be hosting.

We are here for you the departments, the members and the families. We encourage you to let us know when your department is having an event or activity and would like to have a representative from the IVFA attend, speak, help you celebrate a special occasion, we want to help where ever and when ever we can.

Remember my challenge to each of you during 2023 - 2024 is the same as it has been since I stepped up to lead our district.

Let's start a movement in District 12, "see some one, ask someone" many folks would be willing to join if we were just willing to "ask them". How many new members have you taken on in the last few months, remember the challenge is still on and is for a full year so you still have time to recruit.

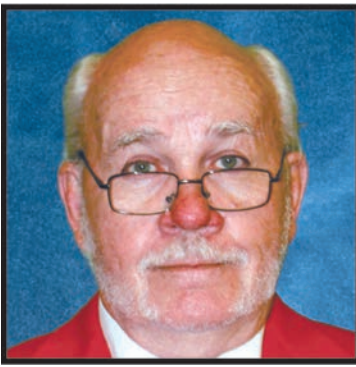
Our District 12 management team wishes all a Happy Thanksgivings and a Merry Christmas

Larry, Jim, Chara & Rick and ED Your District 12 Leadership

Larry Curl - District 12 Chairman, Jim Leaver - District 12 Vice Chairman, Chara Leaver - District 12 Secretary / IVFAA District 12 Chairperson, Rick Rusie - District 12 Chaplain, and Ed Orr - our District 12 official Photographer

Larry

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

July 3, I attended the presentation of Bridgeport Scholarship to Dist. 17A Natalie Rose of Vincennes Twp. FD.

July 6, I attended Taylor FD Meeting.

July 19, IVFA Meeting was hosted by Loogootee VFD. Information from State Convention was distributed. I presented Logan Dant on his 10-year pin. Election of officers was held and the following were elected. Chairman Sam Emery, Vice Ch. Anthony Wadsworth and Courtney Byers Sect./Treas. A special presentation from the Dept. to William Alvarez as a honorary member, congratulations. Thanks for hosting and the meal provided.

July 20, I had the honor of presenting Chief Anthony Wichman, Washington Twp. VFD his 50-year Gold Card. Great Job! Thanks for your many years of service.

August 7, I presented the MacQueen Award to Larry Waggoner, Chief Lyons VFD. Jack Kerney presented a 50-year Coin to him. I also passed out several pins.

August 19, A memorial service

was held for Taylor VFD member Gary Blackmore a 47-Year member of the Dept. Bible and grave marker were presented.

Sept. 7, Taylor Twp. VFD meeting, planned breakfast at Scotland Festival.

Sept. 16, I worked at the breakfast and raffle at the Scotland Festival.

Sept. 20, IVFA Dist. 17A meeting at the Washington Twp. VFD. Information passed on to dept. and had address list was discussed to hosting the meeting and the meal.

Next Dist. 17A meeting to on January 20, 2024 at Vincennes as our host.

Stay safe and hope to see you at our meetings ahead.

Sam Emery
IVFA Dist. 17A CH.

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



Nicholas Waninger- Chairman

The last meeting of the district 18 was held on September 21st and was hosted by Grandview fire department

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Vice Chairman John Smith

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

Vice Chairman John Smith gave the opening prayer, and remembrance of Cleon Forler of Chrisney, Sylvester Voges from Ferdinand, and Lines Knies from ST. Anthony

The business meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by Vice Chairman Smith and welcomed everyone has joined us tonight.

Roll call was taken with 35 members representing 13 departments answering 448 alarms.

Vice Chairman Smith introduced guest present. Mike Follie McQueen Equipment, Kathy Smith Chairman District 18 IVFAA, and Kathlyn Betz Miss Flame

District Chairman's report

Vice Chairman reported for Chairman Waninger that the new district 18 meeting schedules

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DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry Curl - Chairman

"Hello!" and Greetings from District 12 "Good morning." "Good afternoon." "Good evening." depending upon the time you are reading these updates from our district.

Well it's been a while but not without District activity so let me share with everyone what's going on in IVFA District 12.

First by the time you are reading this I expect the Fall Season might have caught up with

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have been sent out

There will be a round table meeting in Ferdinand on October 11th at 7:30 pm to discuss HB1454

Fire prevention week is coming up October 8th -14th

Committee reports

Parade and Miss Flame contest will be held on Sunday October 15th 2023 hosted by Holland fire dept. District 18 Memorial service will be October 8th at 2:00 CST in Dale (Carter Fire District.)

IVFAA District 18 Kathy Smith talked about the miss flame contest

New Business

Financial help needed for the miss flame contest. Motion was made to give the IVFAA \$500.00 to help purchase items for the miss flame contest motion was voted on and passed by everyone.

Announcement- good of the order.

St. Meinrad fire dept is having an open house on October 1st

Water ball fight will be held in Huntingburg on Friday night the 22nd during the Herbs fest

Huntingburg fire department golf scramble will be held on October 1st

Vice Chairman Smith thanked the host department for the meal.

Announced the date and location of the next meeting. It will be on November 16th 2023 with the Holland fire department host.

Last call for any other business to be brought before this body. There was none.

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Don Fultz - Chairman

District 21 August Meeting was held at Wea Twp. Fire Dept on August 28, 2023.

A light meal was served. There were four departments and five guests. A total of eleven people present.

Regular business was discussed. The election for officers was not held because there were not enough departments present. The election will be held at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held at Madison Twp. Fire Department, which is in Linden, Indiana on November 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm A light meal will be served at 6:45 pm. The address is 302 E. Water Street, Linden, Indiana 47955.

Here is the schedule of meetings for the year of 2024.

February 26, 2024 Romney Vol Fire Dept. at Romney, Indiana

May 20, 2024 Sheffield Vol Fire Dept at Dayton, Indiana

August 26, 2024 Johnson Twp Vol Fire Dept at Hillisburg, Indiana

November 25, 2024 Shadeland Vol Fire Dept at Shadeland, Indiana

Don Fultz

District 21 Chairman

From The Secretary

Leighanne Ellis



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING July 28-30, 2023 Crowne Plaza Hotel INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at by President Jerry Liston at 1:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chairman David Israel. The Invocation was given by Chaplain David Elick.

Roll Call was taken with 18 District Chairman present and 7 Absent, 4 Public Relations Officers and 2 absent, 6 past presidents, and the Lobbyist.

Reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Jack Kerney made a motion to accept minutes as emailed. Richard Glant second the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report, Treasurer Luke Kluender, report was emailed out to board members for review prior to meeting. No questions or discussion were posed during presentation,

Motion to accept treasurer report as emailed made by Buz Koehler. Second given by Rex Maynard. Motion passed.

Guests: No guests present

Old Business:

1. Association coins available now. They will be made available at IVFA Events with the exception of FDIC and Convention. They are \$20 each. You can restock at quarterly meetings.

2. Savvik buying group-presidents welcome letter passed out at convention. There is an instruction sheet and flyer handout that have been created and sent out to district chairman. It needs to be pushed out to membership.

3. Cancer survey- Health and Wellness committee tasked with assisting in getting information out and completed for the survey.

Central Office Report: Jack Kerney, Reports are going to be processed and emailed out as requested due to getting dues packets sent out. July received dues packets are being entered. If there is a specific report needed contact office. 15 deceased members to date, have 10 from rosters with causes we are using for tracking. New badges will be ordered. 13,400 addresses prepared for newspaper. 270 bad addresses. 97 addresses on hold

for newspaper mailing, 375 toat bad addresses. reports emailed out to district chair. 13,732 Active members 2022 dues cycle 4,414 active members 2023 dues cycle, 41 service members, 720 gold members, 13,356 members of association. 2 pending AIL Claims, \$214,784.23 paid out to date from AIL. 3,330 license plates sold Jan.- June 2023.

Executive Committee Report: Met with Chris Childers and going to get more information prior to starting partnership to assist with programming. Miss Flame program discussion held and IVFA with keep program for current time being. 4 Life-Saving awards nominations covered. New app vs. I am Responding app and look at cost and benefits to the association. 75- year member in District 5 Henry Twp. Fire Dept. Richard Doering will be presented with award on Aug. 28. Meeting. Dominick Martin is new Vincennes University Fire Program wants to have volunteers on board have submitted Ross Emery and Tom Fentress to give to him. Historian discussion on what the history plan is to save information. Vice President's Pin is missing will continue to check. Look at getting pins updated to make it with the correct name.

Committee Reports:

Awards- Vice President Ross Emery- nothing to report

Angel Award, Diane Harrison- nothing to report

Jr. Firefighter Award, Jack Kerney- nothing to report

Mr. IVFA Larry Curl- nothing to report

Ivan Nevil Leadership Award- Larry Curl- nothing to report

Bridgeport: Past President Richard Glant, nothing to report.

Budget: Treasurer Luke Kluender, nothing to report.

By-laws and S.O.G.'s: Chaplin Dave Elick, discussed Policy and Procedure booklet. Also need to check into having our indemnification verbiage updated.

Clothing Claims: District 5 John Grolich, did not meet, did forward the bylaws proposal change to bylaws committee. Also brought up hearing aid coverage to add to the claim.

Convention:

David Israel- Lady donated straight bore nozzles to be used for memorial service or made into some type of memorial.

2023 Jeff Biehl and Anthony Smith- wants to make sure training continues at future conventions.

2024- Larry Curl- convention days possibly moving Thursday- Saturday with a possibly pre-convention aspect. New type of raffle coming to convention. Wants to have support from association for their plan for the raffle. Working on vendors and event sponsors. June 14-16, 2023. John Grolich makes motion to send truck raffle to board action. Anthony Smith gave second. Motion passed.

2025- contract is submitted.

EMS: Tammy Wright, covered EMS Commission meeting report.

Insurance:

Luke Kleunder, nothing to report

Legislation: Lobbyist Larry Curl and Past President Buz Koehler, gave report on bills passed or discussed. \$7 million passed for the training site. \$10 million for volunteer PPE split into 2 years for \$5 million each year. \$15 million EMS Funding for rural communities and recruitment and retention. HB 1454 county council can allocate funds from public safety tax back at a rate of 0.05%. As an association waiting on recording to be pushed out onto website and paperwork from DLGF to get the outline for steps to complete this process. Planning on another speaking tour/roundtable meetings to get calendar plan set up.

LODD: Dave Elick, Farmland, IN death. Tanker rollover with asst. chief driving, 19-year-old passenger airlifted. We provided services. The injured has been moved to a rehab facility and has since had other surgeries. He has lost his left arm. We have kept in contact with the chief to assist with his benefits and supporting the dept. Need to complete paperwork for Bridgeport benefit. Supporting Heros is starting classes throughout the state Aug. 19th is in Seymour. Need to make sure that depts. have and SOP to cover funeral services for LODD or active member loss so there is clarity of what to do. Levels of service handout sent out.

Logo:

District 18 Nick Waninger, nothing to report

Membership and Marketing: District 7 Sam Bisel, talked about Dinges grant classes. Trying to understand when to complete grant courses to meet grant cycle deadlines. Still discussing the Volunteer Fire Officer course creation. Look at changing the drawing cards from 1-\$100 card per quarter to 2-\$50 cards per quarter to be able to give out more to the members. Need to start drafting a letter to vendors to identify interest in sponsorship of this program.

Newspaper: Past Pres. Buz Koehler and Sam Bisel, burning permits and burn ban articles along with THL and NVFC Ads in the newspaper this issue. Cancer study excerpt in as well. Oct. 1, 2023, is the deadline for the Nov. issue. Editor added information with tips and trick for picture submission to the newspaper.

Public Relations and Education:

Steve Nolan and Don Cushman, did not meet.

Social Media and Website: Anthony Smith, discussed Facebook messenger response rate. Mobile app discussion held. Radio station ads discussed.

Have a wonderful and blessed holiday, Happy Thanksgiving!

Remember to submit copy for February issue of The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter by January 1, 2024

The Indiana Broadcasters' Association can be brought in to assist with distribution. Look at movie theaters.

Special Projects:

Past Pres. Buz Koehler, The history book is nearing its completion. Page builds are being completed. Projected ship date is Dec. 12, 2023.

Training:

Ben Severdien, need to get trainings in area. Pay attention to schedules. Announcement made for facilities locations. Fire school topics and district meeting topics. Lithium-ion battery discussion and videos to trainings. We need training on this topic.

Younger Membership: District 6 Mack Grobis, did not meet. Health and Wellness Committee, Jerry Liston, need emails to send out Cancer survey to. Spoke with state and plans to try and assign a permanent fire dept. email address for contacts. Trying to figure out cost coverage \$5.50 each email. Currently looking into ways to get it funded.

Representative Reports

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education: Steve Anderson, nothing to report.

Fire Alliance Steve Anderson, Buz Koehler, Larry Curl, met and spoke on Aug. 25 at 2pm in Plymouth and the governor will be present making an announcement.

Hero's Competition, District 11B Jason Ryan nothing to report IN-Time Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

IDHS Senior Advisory Committee: Jack Zeeks, nothing to report.

National Volunteer Fire Council Jack Kerney and Jean Smith nothing to report.

Red Cross Workgroup Don Cushman, did not meet.

Officer's Reports:

President, Jerry Liston, attended meetings and fundraisers.

Vice President, Ross Emery, attended meetings and fundraisers.

Secretary, Leighanne Ellis, pass

Treasurer, Luke Kluender, presented report during treasurer report.

Chaplain, David Elick, pass Sergeant-At-Arms, Brent Bush, nothing to report.

Historian, Buz Koehler/ Jason Ryan, scanning in documents to electronic form.

Chairman of the Board, David Israel, pass

Webmaster, Josh Reisert, absent

PRNW, Jeremy Reef, 3 meetings attended and 7 department visits.

PRNE, Jean Smith, 7 meetings attended and 3 department visits.

PRWC, Larry Bartlow, nothing to report.

PREC, Jeff Biehl, 7 meetings attended and 6 department visits.

PRSW, Steve Nolan, nothing to report.

PRSE, Ed Scheele, 5 meetings attended. Memorial service and fundraisers.

Asst. Treasurer, Bev Harker, absent

Asst. Secretary, Diane Harrison, absent

Past President's Reports:

Richard Glant, nothing to report.

Jack Zeeks, nothing to report

Buz Koehler, nothing to report

Jack Kerney, nothing to report

Larry Ketchem, absent

David Israel, nothing to report

Steve Anderson, absent

Paul Holcomb, nothing to report

District Reports:

District 1, Marshall Neece, meeting at Dyer F.D., 4 departments and 22 members present. Program on Savvik Buying Group. Fire Marshall presented awards to 3 Dyer FFs.

District 2, Tom Fentress, absent, meeting at Wheatfield Vol. Fire Dept., 7 Dept. and 26 members present.

District 3, Les Jensen, absent, new district chairman

District 4, Elton Schafer, meeting at Smithfield Grain, 8 dept. and 34 members present. Program on grain bin technology for Districts 3,4,5,6. Celebration of Life for Past President Norm Crocker. 1 memorial service.

District 5, John Grolich, Meeting at Fulton-Liberty, 5 dept. with 7 members present. The program was video on Lithium-Ion Battery. Problems identified in the district are turn-out.

District 6, Mack Grobis, meeting at Ligonier F.D., 5 dept, and 15 members present.

District 7, Richard Sorg, new district chairman, nothing to report

District 8A, Rex Maynard, meeting at Gas City Fire, 6 dept. and 9 members present.

District 8B, Tony Dalrymple, nothing to report.

District 9A, Pascal Moon, Meeting at Burlington, 6 dept. and 14 members present. Program on Shields of Fire by Brandon Kuhnz, Pink Heals by Gary Wysong.

District 9B, Randy Denton, absent

District 10, John Ray, attended 6 dept. meetings, 4 county mtgs, 2 memorial services, 20 years of service pin presentations, 2 meritorious awards, meeting at Marion Twp. 9 dept. and 30 members present. Program was pin presentations and IVFAA Bake Sale.

District 11A, Pete Taylor, meeting at Wright Twp. with 6 dept. and 23 members present. Program was election of officers. Special event coming up is Joint picnic with 11B. One memorial service.

District 11B, Jason Ryan, absent

District 12 Larry Curl, meeting at Jamestown Vol. Fire Dept., 7 dept. and 22 members present. Way and Means Chairman Jeff Thompson was present.

Discussion held on HB1454, Dinner Awards Day, Convention, and election of officers was held.

District 13A, Don Cushman, absent

District 13B, Anthony Smith, nothing to report.

District 14, Rick Cannon, meeting at New Washington Fire with 5 dept. and 17 members present. Program on IVFA updates, Savvik Group, Convention Bid, and Chuck Gunter with Marshall's Office. Meeting at Dupont, 9 dept. and 35 members present. Program on Global award and Angel Award recipients. Dingus Demo, IDHS Open Burn Card Program. Elections held. One memorial service.

District 15, Paul Campbell, new district chair, meeting held at Buckskin VFD, 7 dept. and 15 members present. Presentation of 2 50-year gold cards done, 3 memorial services, and District Training Day 2 will occur.

District 16 Ashley Armstrong, absent

District 17A, Sam Emery, meeting at Loogootee VFD, 5 dept. and 35 members present. Program was presentation to William Alvarez to honorary membership to Loogootee VFD. IVFA updates.

District 17B, Tammy Wright, absent

District 18, Nick Waninger, meeting held at Huntingburg, 12 dept. and 36 members present. Program on Savvik Group, schedule of charges change, and election of officers. District Parade and Miss Flame program will be in October.

District 19, Ben Siverdin, meeting held at Versailles, 8 dept and 41 members present. Program given by Indiana Conservation

Officers. One memorial service.

District 21, Don Fultz, meeting at Clarks Hill, 7 dept. and 18 members present.

Sunday July 30, 2023 Business meeting continued

Meeting reconvened by President Liston.

Chaplain Elick gave morning message.

New Business:

1. E-mail addresses- District Chairman

2. Applied Webology- IVFA App

3. E-mail addresses- State

4. Paperwork filled out for IERC and received

Announcements/ Good of the Order: Mexico Fire Dept. in District 5 is back in-service working with their trustee.

Buz Koehler made motion to adjourn meeting, John Ray gave second. Meeting adjourned.

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Board Action Business Meeting called to order the Chairman of the Board David Israel.

Reading of the minutes, Richard Glant made a motion to accept them as emailed, second was made by Pete Taylor, motion passed.

Board Action- Business:

1. Clarification on Pick-up Truck- Larry Curl needs assurance that if we need to pay for a vehicle for the convention raffle if not enough funds are raised

that he has the backing. \$50,000 limit and if not available the there will be no raffle, Anthony Smith made motion to cover expenses of truck to \$50,000 second given by Marshall Neece.

2. Buz Koehler needs to know how many 75-year history books, we can buy at \$41.40 for standard and \$58.40 for leatherbound books. These will be for resale or as deemed necessary given out. Larry Curl made a motion to buy 150 standard books and 50 leatherbound books. Second was given by John Ray. Discussion was held on who would host the books and possibility of giving each district chair a book to show their districts in case there is a want to buy at the district meetings. Motion passed.

3. Cost to replace Vice President pin. President will go and get a cost to replace estimate and bring back to November meeting. Topic tabled. Will attempt to find the previous pin still in place.

4. Jack Zeeks made a motion to raise the room rate for Convention reimbursement from \$50 to \$100. Paul Holcomb gave the second. Discussion held on the change of process for By-law and SOG. Actual cost is from \$75 to \$100. It was voted upon and will be brought back next quarterly meeting to be presented and changed. Needs to also be placed into

Chaplain gave benediction. Motion to adjourn meeting by Jack Zeeks, Second by Richard Glant. Meeting adjourned.

Miss Flame Program and Update

Hello all!

I am excited for another year of the IVFA Miss Flame Program. We are going to have a great year! I hope that you are inviting our IVFA State Miss Flame Alexxys Standish to events. If you need assistance in contacting her please email me at secretary@ivfa.org. I also encourage you to contact your District Miss Flame and have her help at any events within your district. Your district chairman can assist in contact these girls.

This next year we have some new things that are happening with our program. First is the application and registration. The girls will still register with the form but we have added a life skill of resume writing. All girls will submit their resume and can contact any members of the committee for this help. Our committee this year is Leighanne Ellis, Janet Matthews, Tammy Smith, Ross Emery, IVFA Miss Flame Alexxys Standish, Andrea Standish, and 2024 Convention host Carol Curl.

The date to submit your paperwork and photo will be changed to February 1st. This change is made to allow for proper time to submit information to all the printers for the paper and our convention book. Lastly, we are planning to host a pre-convention event for all District Miss Flames in May. This will allow for the girls to attend a meet and greet with each other and also allow for a Q&A session prior to convention.

District chairs now is the time to start hosting your contests. Please reach out to me if you have any needs or questions at 765-564-0256 or secretary@ivfa.org.

Leighanne Ellis



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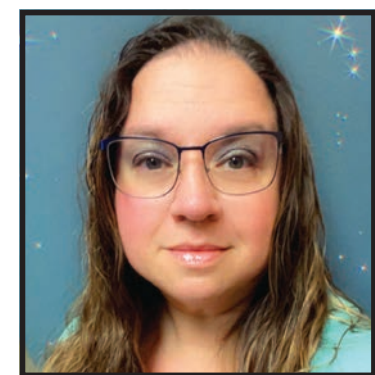
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IVFAA President Newspaper Article – November 2023

Hello Everyone,
I hope you all have had a great fall. It is my favorite time of the year, bonfires, apple cider, the leaves changing colors, little kids in costumes at Halloween & all the mosquitos are gone! Don't forget it is also that time of the year to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
We have a new committee this year, special projects.

The committee's focus this year will be the IVFAA survey. We are needing feedback from our members on how we can better serve you. Your district chairman will pass out the surveys at their meetings. If you are unable to attend your district meeting, please reach out to them or go on the website. The survey is in the IVFAA Documents section.
We created a new section on the website for the quarterly & annual meeting minutes. We will be uploading some past meeting minutes to this section soon. If there is other information you would like to see added to the website, please contact me & I will bring it up at the next quarterly meeting to the district chairman.
It is that time again to start getting your nominations turned in for the awards. In the past few years, we have seen extremely low nominations. I strongly encourage everyone to go to the website, review all the awards & nominate someone. You can even nominate the person on the website, or you can mail or email a nomination letter. If you have any questions or

trouble nominating someone, please reach out to your district chairman or a state officer, we would be more than happy to help in any way possible.
Any young lady between the ages of 15 to 18 years old, interested in running for Miss Flame for the upcoming year, should contact their IVFA &/ or IVFAA district chair. The application & information about the program is on the website.
Please continue to post your meeting date, time, and location on the website calendar & on the IVFAA Community Facebook page. Please also post any events happening in your district. This will help not only myself but other state officers & members in your surrounding areas know when your meetings & events are. If you have a meeting or event that you would like for me to attend, please contact me & I will do my best to attend.
I hope you all have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Kristy Bisel - Chairman

District 7 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on July 17, 2023 at Markle Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kristy Bisel at 7:25 pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 13 members and 2 guests. Making a total of 15 present.

The Treasures report was given. A check was written for \$700 for the Miss Flame, We bought new checks which was a total of \$38.25. Balance of \$1624.74

The minutes for the May meeting we did not have to read and discuss.

The minutes from the state meeting and Convention minutes were read and approved.

Cindy Krueckeberg sent an email with a letter of intent stating that she would like to run for IVFAA District 7 Chairmen. No nominations from the floor. Nomination unanimous vote for Cindy Krueckeberg as Chairman approved.

Floor asked if Kaitlyn Bisel would like to stay in office as Recording Secretary. No nominations from the floor. Nomination unanimous for Kaitlyn Bisel as Recording Secretary approved.

Bev stated that she had gotten a message from Martha stating that our check for 25 dollars that we had sent to them in January for our Miss Flame had bounced because they did not cash it until after the convention in June. Martha told Bev that they are being charged 19 dollars for the bounced check and she wants to know how is going to pay that. We discussed it and decided that we will write another check for 25 dollars to cover our miss flame charge. Christina stated she will bring it up at the next meeting and that the bounced check fee should not come from the district that should come from the miss flame fund since they held onto the check for so long.

Bev Vanlandingham can come off of the bank account as a signer and Cindy Krueckeberg can come onto the bank account as a signer. Carol Curl stated that next year's convention raffle they are attempting to get first place prize to be a pickup truck ,and second place prize to be a zero turn lawn mower ,and third place prize will be a 75 inch tv. She

also stated that they are planning to have convention on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. She is also in contact with someone at the Indy zoo to see if the Miss Flames can go there for their outing. Convention next year will be held in District 12 , and will be at crown plaza.

President Christina Reef stated that she is working on assigning committees and if anyone would like to be on one to let her know. She stated that they are also thinking about starting a zoom session during their meetings for the people that are not able to make it to those meetings.

Motion to end the meeting was made by Logan Lockwood at 8:05 Seconded by Virginia.

Kaitlyn Bisel, District 7 Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Beverly Taylor - Chairman

Hello Everyone,

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards and prayers when our son Jimmy passed away in July. We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends and family for support. It's not easy!

Fall is the air. Next we will be raking leaves and having cookouts.

The convention is over and we had a great time. A lot of walking but time went fast.

Our last district meeting was at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. We had a picnic with 11A & 11B. There was good food and lots of fun. We honored Dave Phelps, Mr. IVFA from Prairieton, IN from 11A and Joann Hays got her 50-Year Gold Card. Her daughter surprised her with cake and flowers. It was a complete surprise!

I have accompanied Pete to several memorials and lots of Fish Fries. Our fire dept., VanBuren, had a fish fry Sept. 10th. It was a huge success.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 19 at 1:00 PM at Otto Creek Station1 in Terre Haute, IN. Hope to see you there.

Beverly Taylor IVFAA Chair 11A

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Jodi Rohr - Chairman

What a summer this has been! First, thank you so much for all the cards, texts and calls during our turbulent summer. My sister-in-law Cindy passed away unexpectedly in mid-August. She was a dispatcher for the Parke County Sheriff's Department. I had a total left shoulder replacement in mid-September. As you can imagine typing this is very difficult. Thank goodness for dictate to type on my computer.

Our July meeting was held in Perrysville IN. Unfortunately, we did not have enough members in attendance to conduct a meeting. If anyone has suggestions on ways to have greater attendance, please let me know.

In September we have a joint picnic with District 11A. This year's picnic was hosted by 11A at Forest Park in Brazil. Between the two districts we had a wonderful turnout. President Christina Reef presented a 50-year card to Joanne Hayes District 11A. Also honored was Dave Phelps of Praireton Fire Department, District 11A, who was this year's recipient of Mr. IVFA.

If you haven't already done so don't forget to send in your registration and make your hotel reservation for Convention 2024 in Indianapolis hosted by District 12.

Please send in your letters for all the awards given at the convention, they can all be found on the website ivfa.org. Everyone has someone either in your home department or in your district very deserving of these awards. Many of these awards only receive one letter of recommendation. Let's see if we can't change that this year.

The next District 11B meeting will be held November 12th, 2023, at the Helt Township Fire and Rescue, Dana Station at 1:00 PM. This is also our Miss Flame contest. Check with each of your departments to see if you have a young lady eligible to run for Miss Flame this year. Please come out and support our young ladies.

Be safe.
Jodi Rohr
District 11B chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



JoAnn Smith - Chairman

Hello everyone. Hope everyone has enjoyed this wonderful fall.

If any department has a young lady that would like to run for Miss Flame in 2024 be sure and come or let us know by the Nov. district meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that it's time to get your letters in for the IVFA and IVFAA awards for the 2024 convention. They must be turned in no later than Feb. 1, 2024.

Our next district meeting is: Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm
Rykers Ridge Vol. Fire Dept.
2834 N Rykers Ridge Rd.
Madison, IN 47250

I would like to wish everyone and safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

JoAnn Smith,
District 14 Chairman
502-380-7532 or
jsmith19513@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 21 REPORT



Patti Fultz - Chairman

IVFAA District 21 meeting for August was held August 28, 2023 at Wea Vol Fire Dept. We had three members and 3 guests present.

The By law change was read. District 21 was unable to vote because we didn't have 5 members present at the meeting.

The Membership survey was handed out to the members. The feedback from the survey will help our organization

determine the direction we need to go and help us to grow for the future. The electronic version is available.

When you receive a membership form and there are no changes just mark the form no change and sign form. Mail form back to Bev Vanlandingham.

The next meeting will be at Linden Vol Fire Dept on November 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm. A light meal will be served at 6:45 pm.

Be sure to check facebook under IVFAA Community or District 21 for upcoming events and the meeting. Also, post your fundraisers to these websites.

Enjoy the coloring of the trees.

Patti Fultz
District 21 Chairman

IVFAA Chaplain

Judy Wirth



Happy Fall to You All!

I am sure everyone had a great summer being together with family and friends. This has been a busy time with all Fire Dept. activities, functions, and money makers. I hope all was safe and successful. Since fall has arrived, the holidays and winter aren't to far behind. The family and friends gatherings and celebrations are always a blessing. May each and everyone of us remember the true meaning of Christmas-the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. With that in mind May we all keep that Christmas Spirit and His love in our hearts every day into 2024!

Please take care and may we help each other and the communities we live in, in peace!
Happy Holidays!
Judy

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I.V.F.A.A. Committee Assignments

2023 - 2024

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- Audit**
- Carol Curl – Chair
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 - Kristy Bisel
 - Martha Biehl
 - Dawn Harris
 - Connie Ray
 - EJ Smith
 - Patti Fultz
 - Kim Smith

- Budget & Finance**
- Kathy Smith – Chair
 - Carol Curl – Co-Chair
 - Martha Biehl
 - Cindy Krueckeberg
 - Kristy Bisel
 - Virginia Elick
 - Jodi Rohr
 - Bev Taylor
 - Connie Ray

- Vice President's Project**
- Bev Vanlandingham – Chair
 - Suzie Lewis – Co-Chair
 - Cindy Krueckeberg
 - Madi Reeder
 - Judy Wirth
 - Diane Stapleton
 - JoAnn Smith
 - Patti Fultz
 - Beth Moon
 - Kathy Smith

- Chinese Auction**
- Lori Baxter – Chair
 - Leona Uryga – Co-Chair
 - Joyce Nevil
 - Joann Hays
 - Phyllis Vargo
 - Bev Taylor
 - Kay Shumaker
 - Martha Biehl
 - EJ Smith
 - Brenda Schafer

- Membership**
- Kimberly Smith – Chair
 - Kathy Smith – Co-Chair
 - Tammy Smith
 - Jodi Rohr
 - Madi Reeder

- Mary Mackin**
- Kimberly Smith – Chair
 - Beth Moon – Co-Chair
 - Kay Shumaker
 - Dawn Harris
 - Brenda Schafer
 - EJ Smith – Family Advisor

- By Laws & SOGs**
- Tammy Smith – Chair
 - Bev Vanlandingham – Co-Chair
 - Marie Emery
 - Jodi Rohr
 - Diana Stapleton
 - Chara Leaver
 - Kristy Bisel

- New District Chair Training**
- Phyllis Vargo – Chair
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 - Beth Caudill
 - Tammy Smith
 - Joann Hays
 - Judy Wirth

- Jewelry**
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 - EJ Smith – Co-Chair

- Social Media Communication**
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 - Cindy Krueckberg
 - Diane Stapleton
 - Lori Baxter

- Installation**
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 - Joyce Nevil

- President's Advisory**
- Phyllis Vargo
 - Beth Caudill
 - Carol Curl
 - Diana Gray

- Lois Boaz Award**
- Suzie Lewis – Chair
 - EJ Smith – Co-Chair

- Chaplin Assistants**
- Judy Wirth – State Chaplin
 - Phyllis Vargo – Northwest
 - Suzie Lewis – Northeast
 - Leslie Spears – East Central
 - JoAnn Hays – West Central
 - Kathy Smith – Southwest
 - Pam Gerdowsky - Southeast

- Miriam Schaekel Award**
- Eula Bush
 - Pam Gerdowsky
 - Tammy Heishman

- Nominating**
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 - Marie Emery
 - Chara Leaver
 - Beth Caudill

- Historians**
- Phyllis Vargo - Chair
 - JoAnn Hays – Co-Chair
 - Brenna Liston

- Chaplin Emeritus & Communications**
- JoAnn Hays

- Memorial Throw**
- Carol Curl – Chair



**Miss Flame Committee is to be determined by the IVFA.*

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1

Marshall Neese , District Chairman



is Certificate for Heroism for saving life from structure fire. From left to right is Chief Joe Martin, FF Minkema, FF Manfre and the State Fire Marshal Steve Jones.



McQueen award goes to Operations Chief Scott Hemmerich



Sherri M Maze received her 10 year pin of service on the Lake Ridge Fire Department at there Monthly meeting. From left to right is Dist. One Chairperson Marshall Neese and Sherri M Maze

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

Les Jensen , District Chairman, Submitted by Leona Uryga



Awards Handed Out in District 3



Les Jensen received his 25 year pin



Bob Uryga received a lighted maltese cross



New District Chairman - Les Jensen from Bass Lake VFD and Secretary-Treasurer Jim Garner from Bass Lake VFD.



Bob Uryga received a challenge coin from Bass Lake Fire Chief Daryl Crase

Have a Blessed Holiday Season, Happy Thanksgiving!

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Les Jensen presented Bob Uryga with a Honorary Member of Bass Lake VFD

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 4

Elton Schafer, District Chairman, Submitted by Jean Smith



Allen Albright Final Ride Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department

As today winds down and we all relax with our families. I wanna thank everyone for coming out to pay tribute to Allen. It was a beautiful day to celebrate his life. He sacrificed 52 yrs of service to our community. If we only knew how many kids he taught fire safety to. (I bet no one in this county comes close). Allen touched many lives in one way or another.

Thank You to the following departments for helping out Thursday and today. Walkerton Fire and EMS, Lincoln Twp. Fire (Laporte City), Bremen Fire, Southwest Central Fire Territory, Lakeville Fire, Koontz Fire, Madison Twp. IVFA District 4.
(Copied from Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department Facebook Page.)



McQueen Excellence Award



Jean Smith Public Relations Northeast, District 4 Miss Flame Cheyanne Rolston, presented Jeff Hamilton, Walkerton Volunteer Fire Department the McQueen Excellence Award. Congratulations! Submitted by Jean Smith



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In the Spotlight

Warren Volunteer Fire Department

Submitted by Wendell Brown WVFD



Warren Volunteer Fire Department Trucks

On August 23, 1901 a gentleman by name of Harry Stanger was appointed by the Warren town council to secure names for the organization of a fire company. One week later he presented the names of twenty volunteers which was the start of the now 122 year old Warren Volunteer Fire Department.

In October of that year the first fire equipment was purchased, a horse drawn hose cart. The council made arrangements for a local livery man to hitch a team of horses to the fire cart. Fire alarm signals were adopted for fire districts in the town, which would alert the men of the location of a fire.

In 1918 the town bought the first motorized fire truck with chemical extinguisher.

In 1928, a 1926 REO Speedwagon chassis was acquired as government surplus. It was then sent to the Boyer Fire Apparatus Company where a fire pump and chemical tanks were installed. In later years it was converted to be able to pump water only. In 1946 a GMC pumper was added to the department and was designated the country Truck and the REO the town truck. The first water tanker was added in 1952. A 1946 Chevrolet chassis was purchased and a 1000 gallon tank was mounted.

The department remained at that level until 1963 when the REO was retired and two new pumpers were purchased, one by the town of Warren and the other by Salamonie Township.

Through the years several pumpers, tankers, and other fire apparatus have been purchased when necessary. At the present time the department has two pumpers, a 2200 gallon tanker, a fully equipped rescue truck



Warren Volunteer Fire Department Trucks

and a grass rig all housed in the town of Warren. The department serves the town of Warren and Salamonie Township in Huntington County and Jackson Township in Wells County, in addition to mutual aid to several surrounding departments, all in District #7 of the IVFA.

Personnel on the department consists of twenty six fire fighters with over three hundred (300) years of experience which includes six EMTs and ten certified first responders. Also housed at the fire station is a Parkview Hospital Para-medic unit in which the department works closely with. Since 1935, when accurate records were taken, a total of 126 men and women

have served with the department. Additionally the valuable telephone operators who took the calls in the early days before dial telephones were installed, which was in 1973. They would set off the fire whistle for the firemen to respond to, as well as telephone firemen at night.

Through the years this writer, of fifty-one years, has seen many changes in the fire service. My first turnout gear was the rubber coated type overcoat, pull up hip boots and a fiber molded type helmet. The trucks I described in 1963 were the ones used. Fires were all fought in the defensive mode because there were no SCBAs, so I ate a lot of smoke in my early days. Rescue equipment

was non existent but rescue emergencies were not called for as they are today.

With that all being said, the advancements have been astronomical through the years. Fire trucks have so many advanced fire fighting capabilities and continually get better. The training required and practiced has made today's fire fighter more efficient and knowledgeable. Safety is also paramount these days. The days when I would hang on the back of the fire truck racing to the fire scene are long gone, although it was exciting and exhilarating. Unfortunately the bad side to all these advancements is the cost. It is astronomical the cost of emergency equipment and

small departments are suffering because of it.

The years have piled up so quickly for me. It seems like yesterday that I was a young, excited and energetic man answering the call to a fire scene, but in reality I'm close to the end of my service. Through all those years I have served with some wonderful dedicated volunteers and for that I will be eternally grateful for their service and friendship.

This department and myself wishes all the departments around the state to be safe and look out for each other.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

John Grolich, Chairman, Submitted by Lemoyne "Buzz" Koehler



75-Year Award



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Mack Grobis, District Chairman, Submitted by Mack Grobis, Jean Smith & Jeremy Weaver



Tower 22 Ladder Truck Dedication at Ligonier Fire Department

The Ligonier Fire Department held a dedication ceremony on October 7, 2023, for Tower 22. The ladder truck was dedicated in honor of the longtime Mayor Patricia Fisel. She was a big part of the department getting this ladder truck. Earlier this year she lost her hard-fought battle with cancer, but her family was at the ceremony in her honor.



Chief Jeremy Weaver, Bryan Shearer, Eric Moser, Mike Shearer; Capt. Geoffrey Bush, Capt. Shawn Cox, Casey Runyon, Clifford Sprague, Capt. Kenny Sprague, Michael White, Kris Funk, Robert Weldy, Lt. Chris Gillespie, Cadet Andrea Weaver, Asst. Chief Gerald Sprague, and Mayor Franklin



Ligonier Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver



New ladder truck



Dedication on the side of the truck



Members pushing Tower 22 into the station



Asst. Chief Gerald Sprague, IVFA Chaplain David Elick and Chief Jeremy Weaver



Asst. Chief Gerald Sprague



Asst. Chief Gerald Sprague, IVFA Miss Flame 1st Runner Up Kaylee Knight (Dist. 6) and Chief Jeremy Weaver.



Retired LaGrange Firemen Receive 50 Year Gold Cards



(Left to Right) Retired Fire Chief Larry Park and Chairman Mack Grobis



(Left to Right) Chairman Mack Grobis, FF Chris Holloway, PRNE Director Jean Smith



(Left to Right) Retired FF Keith Newcomer and Chairman Mack Grobis



(Left to Right) Chairman Mack Grobis, FF Brent Jines, Chief Kyle Bair, Asst. Chief Spencer Conrad, FF Roy Sabatino, FF Jordan Rice, PRNE Director Jean Smith
Photos submitted by Mack Grobis

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6

Mack Grobis, District Chairman, Submitted by Mack Grobis, Jean Smith & Jeremy Weaver



"The Uncoupling of the fire hose at an incident indicates that the job is done" stated Chief Berning, and today marked such the event for our new station. New Station located at 14077 Tonkel Road. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)

Uncoupling of the Hose Ceremony



Jean Smith Public Relations Northeast presents IVFA Station Clock to Chief Berning at dedication of Huntertown Fire Department new station. (Submitted by PRNE Jean Smith)



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10

Submitted by John Ray, District Chairman



10 Year Pins Awarded at St. Paul VFD



Jonathan Nedderman & Michael Goolsby receive their 10-year pins

New Edinburg Fire and Rescue Station



Congratulations to all our Award Winners!



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11A

Submitted by Ralph "Pete" Taylor, District Chairman



Dave Phelps from Prairieton received Mr. I.V.F.A.



11A Miss Flame Dory Fearnow doing chin-ups with Marine at Carbon Fish Fry.



From Jasonville FD Harold Keller receiving his 50-Year Gold Card. Right Pete Taylor, Left Harold Keller



Joann Hays receiving her 50-Year Gold Card Left to Right Pete Taylor Chairman IVFA District 11A, Beverly Taylor Chairman IVFAA District 11A, Joann Hays (seated), President of Aux. Christina Reef, Joann's daughter, Diane Held

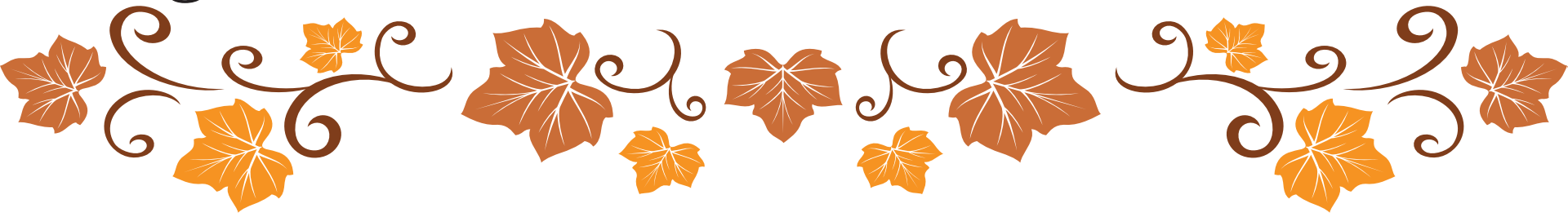


Joshua McCluskey from Posey Twp. Received the MacQueen Excellence award District 11A Left Pete Taylor Chairman, Right Josh McCluskey



Terry Morris receiving his 50-Year Gold Card, Left Terry Morris, Right Pete Taylor, Chairman District 11A Photos submitted by Pete and Beverly Taylor

Congratulations to all our Award Winners!



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 13B

Anthony Smith, District Chairman, Submitted by Jeff Biehl



50 year celebration at Glenwood Fire Department



50 year celebration at Glenwood FD for Paul Sembach, Paul was presented a Meritorious Service Award by Marshal Jones Pictured from left Devin Munson, Lisa Sembach, Paul Sembach, Eric Lower, Fire Marshal Jones, PREC Jeff Biehl Photo submitted by Jeff Biehl

Blountsville/Stoney Creek FD of Dist. 8B celebrated 50 Years and The Retirement of Chief Mike Lykens Chief Lykens was presented the Meritorious Service Award by Chuck Gunter representing the Marshal's Office

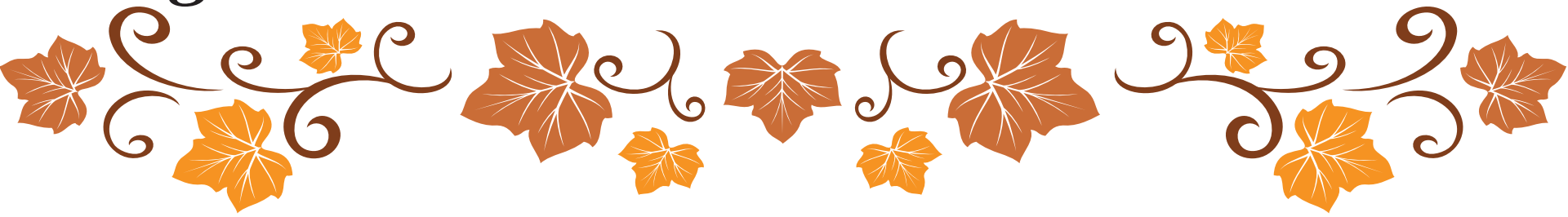


Chief Lykens and Chuck Gunter



Left to Right Brian Lykens, Chuck Gunter, Chief Lykens, Kevin Lykens, & Jeff Biehl PREC

Congratulations to all our Award Winners!





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.

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Members On Military Leave Updated 2/11/21



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Banter, Blake Andrew	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Liberty Center	IN
Barton, Steven Daniel	Prairie Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Brookston	IN
Blanton, Jake Thomas	White River - Hazleton V.F.D.	Hazleton	IN
Blevins, Bobby	Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Richmond	IN
Bloom, Stephen Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Colgate, Nicholas Michael	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Dickerson, Michael Ryan	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Middletown	IN
Doane, Joshua Tanner	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	Shoals	IN
Garrett, Layton Christopher	Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Quincy	IN
Garver, Jeron Blaze	Clinton City Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Clinton	IN
Gill, Gary Dwight	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bloomington	IN
Gillett, Matthew Steohen	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc	Pacifica	CA
Holland, Rick L.	Utica Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Anderson	IN
Hollingsworth, Brian Lee	Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Bluffton	IN
Johnson, Franklin Delano	Jefferson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Goshen	IN
King, Jacob Davis	Highland Twp. Fire Dept.	Bloomfield	IN
King, Odis Ray	Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.	Mitchell	IN
Kirby, Michael S	Oolitic Vol. Fire Dept.	Oolitic	IN
McCoy, Jason Evan	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Fort McCoy	WI
McCoy, Timothy Russell	Roanoke Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hubbard	OH
Miller, Tracie Jeanette	Columbia City Vol. Fire Dept.	Columbia City	IN
Mustin, Devin	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Myers, Aaron Dean	Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.	Covington	IN
Osgood, Cody Michael	Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Farmland	IN
Pemberton, Cean L.	Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.	Victoria	TX
Perez, Lidia Lizania	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	Porter	IN
Pugh, James Christopher	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
Real, Christian Joe	Daleville-Salem Twp. Fire Terr.	Daleville	IN
Rhea, Owen Parker	Cambridge City Vol. Fire Dept.	Cambridge City	IN
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Sears, Matthew Douglas	Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Battle Ground	IN
Service, Matthew Shane	Amity Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.	Edinburgh	IN
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Tharpe, Riley Cole	Trafalgar Vol. Fire Dept.	Mountain Home	ID
Thompson, Courtney Loraine	Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept.	Beaufort	SC
Uffelman, Conner James	Poe Vol. Fire Dept.	Fort Wayne	IN
Vance, Eric Robert	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
Walters, Joshua	Culver-Union Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	Culver	IN
Weaver, Michael D.	Ligonier Vol. Fire Dept.	Ligonier	IN
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 14

Submitted by Richard Lee Cannon Sr., District Chairman



2023 IVFA Angle Award Winner & 2023 Miriam Schaeckel Award Winner



2023 IVFA Angle Award winner Erica Stoffragen and 2023 Marium Schackel winner Tammy Heishman

Miriam Schaeckel Award winner for 2023 Tammy Heishman District 14

50-Year Gold Card & Pin Awarded



IVFA District Chairman Rick Cannon giving a 50 year gold card and pin to Phillip Meredith of Hanover Township Fire Department

***Congratulations
to all our Award
Winners!***



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 15

Paul Campbell, District Chairman - submitted by Steve Anderson



50-Year Gold Cards & Pins Awarded



Tuesday July 18th, the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association recognized 2 Buckskin firefighters with their Lifetime membership Pins and Gold Cards for 50 years in the fire service. They also received a copy of the House Resolution passed during the 2023 legislative session.



Left to right Larry Englehardt and Larry Cromer

McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department, Evansville Labor Day Weekend Firefighter I/II training



3 volunteer firefighters led by 3 instructors conducted various skills on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Firefighter I/II entanglement drill training with McCutchanville Firefighters at the Evansville FD training facility. It was 90 plus degrees and the 3 students had their PPE on for most of the 9 hours of training. McCutchanville FD is to be an above minimum trained firefighters who practice their skills repetitively. Good Instructors who care about the ability of the firefighters able to perform their skills in life and death situations and ensure that everyone goes home. Physical fit activities, search and rescue, wall breach and Denver drill were other training skills conducted.
Submitted by John M. Buckman III, Grandfather, Photographer, Author, Trainer, Fire Chief (Retired). IAFC President 2001-2002

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17A

Submitted by Sam Emery, District Chairman



50-Year Gold Card and Pin Awarded



Tony Wichman presented with his 50-Year Gold Card with Jack Kenney Past President, Sam Emery 17A District Chair and David Gray Washington VFD Chief.



Jack Kerney Past presents Larry Waggoner, Lyon VFD with his 50-Year Coin

10-Year Pin Awarded



Logan Dant Loogootee VFD was presented his 10-Year Pin

MacQueen Award



Larry Waggoner Chief VFD was presented MacQueen Award by Sam Emery 17A District Chair. and MacQueen Representative, Mike Folley

Lyons VFD Pins Awarded



Members of the Lyons VFD received Pins from Sam Emery



Bridgeport Scholarship Awarded



Natalie Rose of Vincennes Twp. FD receives The Bridgeport Scholarship from VP Ross Emery.

Congratulations to all our Award Winners!



Honorary Member Recognized



William Alvarez becomes a Honorary Member of the Loogootee VFD pictured with Chief Eric Thomas.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 17B

Submitted by Tammy Wright, District Chairman



17B Miss Flame Peyton Goodrich represents us very well at Convention



Elections this year at Brown County Fire...
 Re-elected Chairman Tammy Wright
 Vice Chairman Dia Goodrich
 Secretary Treasure Doug McCaffry
 Been a very busy last few months
 Submitted by 17B Chairman Tammy Wright

2023 MacQueen Excellence Award



Our McQueen award winner Nick Kelp from Brown County Fire.

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Doug McCaffry of Shawswick Township Fire took advantage of grain bin training at Convention



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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 18

Submitted by John Smith Asst. District Chairman & Nicholas Waninger District Chairman



Joint training session held by three departments.



On Sunday, 30 July members of the Huntingburg and St. Henry VFDs joined with Holland VFD (Dubois Co. Dist. 18) members for a joint training session on extrication tactics involving a school bus. Two buses were provided by Holland firefighter Greg Englert. Holland Fire Chief Corey Weiler said, "all three of our departments have students that attend the same schools, (Huntingburg and Holland Elem. and Southridge Middle and High School). Chances are that if an incident involving a school bus were to happen, more than one of our departments may need to be called. The more that we train together, the better we will work together." *Photo and article provided by Dist. 18 Vice Chairman Smith*

2023 MacQueen Excellence Award



David "Smitty" Smith of the Birdseye Volunteer proudly received his trophy for the 2023 MacQueen Excellence Award. David was fire chief for 33 years and is a distinguished member of his community.

150 Years of Service



At the meeting of 9 September of the Lost River Twp. VFD, 6 member were recognized for a total of 150 years of service to the department and community. Receiving the IVFA 25 Year Service Pin were LRTVFD members pictured (l-r).

Kyle Turpin, Drexel Turpin, John Kettinger, Dale Brown, Larry Sherfick, and David Schneider
Photo and information supplied by Dist. 18 Vice-Chair Smith

District 18 Parade and Miss Flame Contest



Cloudy skies and cool weather did not deter people from lining the streets of Holland as the Holland Volunteer Fire Dept. hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 15 October. Over to 50 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local businesses and civic organizations, paraded the streets of Holland as part of this year's celebration.

Photo Right: Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2023 Katlyn Betz, gave her farewell address. State Miss Flame Alexxys Standish aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

Photo Above: The 5 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 2024 is Molly Goffinet (left) Molly is the daughter of Glenn and Tabitha Goffinet. She is a junior at Perry Central High School and represented the Anderson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. The First Runner-Up title went to Ava Verkamp (right), Ava is the daughter of Heather and Kevin Verkamp. She is a sophomore at Forrest Park High School and represented the Schnellville Volunteer Fire Department. Ava was also chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants.

Article and photos submitted by Dist. 18 IVFA and IVFAA



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

Submitted by Don Fultz District Chairman



2023 MacQueen Excellence Award

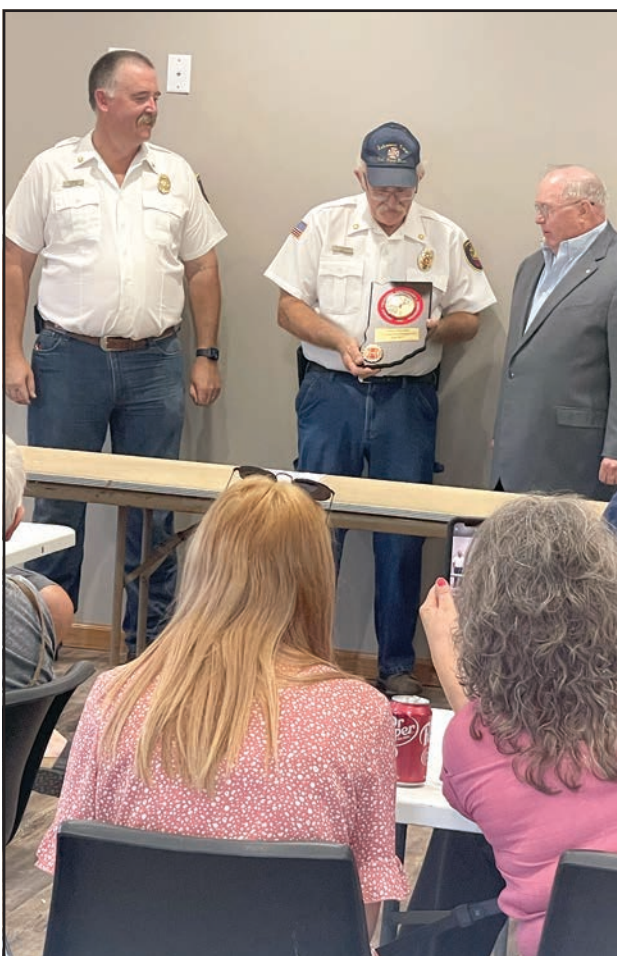


Thomas C. Smith receiving the MacQueen award, presented by Gary Davis for district 21 with Don Fultz.



MacQueen volunteer Firefighters, Don Fultz and Gary Davis taking photo with Thomas after receiving award for district 21.

Johnson Township Dedication Plaque Awarded



Gordon Phillips receiving a new station dedication plaque for Johnson Township in district 21 with Don Fultz.

50-Year Gold Cards Awarded



Gordon Phillips receiving his gold card from Don Fultz with district 21.



Alan Hale (middle) with Chief Aron Fife(right side) and Don Fultz (left side) receiving his gold card. This is Rossville VFP with district 21.



"PFAS AFFF Collection Update"

Indiana has a free program that allows you to easily get rid of potentially toxic firefighting foam stored at your firehouse. Over the past year, the State of Indiana has invested in a program that helps reduce your risk of exposure to toxic chemicals from firefighting foam containing per/polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS). PFAS is often called a "forever" chemical because of its inability to naturally degrade and its toxic impact to humans, wildlife, land quality, and water resources.

PFAS exposure can contribute to poor health outcomes in first responders, including greater risks of certain forms of cancer. The U.S. EPA is evaluating classifying PFAS as a hazardous material and has submitted a proposed rule to drastically limit PFAS levels in drinking water. Due to these concerns, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (DHS) began a collaborative effort to collect and properly dispose of PFAS-containing AFFF.



IDEM and DHS have collected and properly disposed of 34,239 gallons of AFFF from 235 fire departments at no cost to those departments. Half of the collected foam came from Volunteer Firefighting Departments (VFDs) which have limited funding sources making

the costly disposal of AFFF difficult. IDEM will continue to offer FREE pickup and disposal of PFAS-containing AFFF through December 2024. Municipal and VFDs are encouraged to take advantage of this free opportunity to turn in any remaining AFFF they have prior to that date.

To begin the free AFFF collection process, please utilize the QR code below to access the DHS foam collection site and complete the survey (or go to dhs.in.gov/fire-and-building-safety/foam-program). For additional information, please contact IDEM Environmental Stakeholder Inclusion Coordinator Herb Engman at hengman@idem.IN.gov or 317-508-3215.

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What Is A District Meeting?

- A place to gather information.
- A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.
- A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.
- A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.
- A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.
- A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.
- A place to let everyone around you know what fund raisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

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WEBINARS

EVENTS

October 13, 2023

Keep an eye out every Friday for the National Volunteer Fire Council's weekly Training Times email to help you prepare for trainings in the weeks ahead.

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Voices Live - EMS Scene Safe: Situational Awareness for Scene Safety
November 7 at 3pm ET

Webinar on Junior Firefighter Programs
November 15 at 4pm ET
Presenter:
Ellen Yarborough

Roundtable Talk: Working with State Fire Training Directors
November 29 at 2pm ET
Presenters:
Ken Willette (moderator), David Bullard, Jim Kieken, Lisa Pine, and Reid Vaughan

Get ready for Grant-Writing Season

As year-end approaches, many departments are finalizing budgets and seeking funding for 2024. Several federal grants, including AFG, SAFER, and FP&S, typically open early in the calendar year. The NVFC has many resources to help you prepare and submit grant proposals:



NVFC Funding Resource Center

Virtual Course: Grant Writing for the Fire and Emergency Services

Video: NVFC PPE Series: Securing Grants for PPE

Stay tuned for more resources and guidance in the coming months!

Register for an Upcoming Hazmat Training in SC, FL, or IA



The NVFC, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, is offering FREE hazmat train-the-trainer courses to help first responders gain the knowledge and skills they need to train others in their communities on hazmat safety and response. No previous teaching experience required! Upcoming in-person trainings include:

Owensboro, KY, Oct. 29 (part of the Green River Fire School)

Orangeburg, SC, Nov. 4-5

Clearwater, FL, Nov. 10 (part of VCOS Symposium in the Sun)

Altoona, IA, Jan. 28 (part of the Annual State Fire School)

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