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Coronavirus Update March 21, 2020

The current situation facing the country is effecting the association in many ways. The Board of Directors and Officers met today to discuss the future of the way we operate within the By-Laws and Constitution of the organization. Some very hard decisions were passed with great sorrow. The following was passed by the board and officers in a roll call vote with all present voting for the immediate changes:

- 1) The cancelation of all remaining events for the 2020 calendar year.
- 2) The awarding of canceled events to the current hosts for hosting in 2021 with the department's requests to hold them. Currently the Put-In-Bay Fire Department is requesting the Pre-Convention, the Cygnet Fire Department requesting the Convention, and the Liberty Washington Township Fire Department requesting the Fire Muster. The hosts for the remaining events, Bowling, Softball, and Fun Day/Golf will be meeting with their departments to discuss requesting the same events for 2021.
- 3) Accepting requests for office for the 2020 - 2021 year until June 1st 2020. Positions available are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board position is appointed and is the outgoing President. The Charity Fund Officers are also appointed positions.
- 4) Accepting request to host the 2021 association events until June 1st, 2020. We believe that out of respect for the departments that have worked hard in planning for the 2020 events that they should be able to host the same events for 2021. Hose Bowling has been completed and needs a host department for 2021.
- 5) Our By-laws states that the President has appointment power. We are facing an unprecedented era within the association and wish we could go back into time and talk with the officers that had to cancel the convention during the Word War conflicts to see how they agreed to handle the non convention years.

6) If needed the current officers will remain in office for the 2020 - 2021 year. The President will move to the Chairman of the Board position and the others Presidents will move up. Our current Treasurer Rick Arquette has announced his retirement in June during the now canceled Convention. This position will be open on June 20th, 2020.

We, the Board of Directors and Officers are asking for our member's cooperation in the current crisis. Very hard and emotional decisions had to be made for the better of this organization. We offer our thoughts and prayers to all our members and wish good health to all. The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Emergency Services need to remain strong. Please feel free to contact any of our Directors or Officers with your thoughts. All are listed on our website: www.novfa.org

On Behalf of our Directors and Officers

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