



# Newsletter

## May 2023

### **Preconvention Meeting**

The 2023 NOVFA Preconvention was hosted on April 22<sup>nd</sup> by the Bradner Fire Department in Wood County. The featured speaker was retired FDNY Firefighter John Gaine who responded to the World Trade Center Attacks. It was a great day of fellowship and good food. The officers of the association thank the Fire Department for a job well done.

### **Requests for Election into Office for 2023 - 2024**

<u>President</u>	Jerry McKinney	Vermilion FD	Erie County
<u>1st. Vice President</u>	Terry Kuhlman	Lakeview FD	Logan County
<u>2nd. Vice President</u> (one to be elected)	Jerry Houtz Jack King	Wayne FD Green Springs FD	Wood County Seneca County
<u>Secretary</u>	Tim Schroeder	Bowling Green FD	Wood County
<u>Assistant Secretary</u>	Keith Feeney	Perrysburg Twp. FD	Wood County
<u>Treasurer</u>	Charlie Horne	Green Springs FD	Sandusky County
<u>Board of Directors</u> (2 to be elected)	Eric Arquette Doug Ebright Mark Wilhelm	Gibsonburg FD Central Joint FD Put In Bay FD	Sandusky County Wood County Ottawa County

The above names will be placed on the ballot for the 149<sup>th</sup> Convention Meeting at Wakeman Ohio on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Per the Association's Constitution and By Laws, all requests for office have been closed.

### **Requests to Host Association Events for 2023**

<u>Hose Bowling</u>	No Requests	
<u>Preconvention</u>	Put In Bay FD	Ottawa County
<u>Bowling</u>	No Requests	

Convention                      Ada Liberty Twp. FD                                      Hardin County

Fire Muster                      No Requests

Softball                              No Requests

Fun Day Golf                      No Requests

Per the Association's Constitution and By Laws requested events have been closed. All open event requests have been tabled until the Convention Meeting where nominations will be taken from the floor.

### **Constitution and By-Laws Change**

Article XII - Charity Fund Section 2: Eligibility for Membership

CURRENT READING: In the charity fund. Any firefighter, both volunteer and paid, who are members of a fire department or a fire company, who are paid members of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., and Past Officers of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association are eligible to become members of the Charity Fund if they so desire.

AMENDMENT READING: ***In the charity fund. Any firefighter, both volunteer and paid, who are members of a fire department or a fire company, who are paid members of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., Past Officers of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Association's Current Chaplain, are eligible to become members of the Charity Fund if they so desire.***

### **Condolence Cards**

Our association would love to honor your members that have passed away from this good earth at the convention meeting. Enclosed is a condolence card that can be filled out and sent back to Condolence Chairman Mike Gustwiller. The reporting period is from June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023.

### **Convention General Meeting**

The meeting will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in Wakeman. Delegate registration will start at 8:30 am with the meeting starting at 9:00 am. Please plan on attending this important meeting.