



# IN THE NEWS



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Stan Gifford** was recognized and presented a certificate on May 24, 2018 for his Outstanding Service to Grantfork Fire Protection District and his local community. Stan has served the Board of Trustees for 21 years and most recent years were as President of the Board.

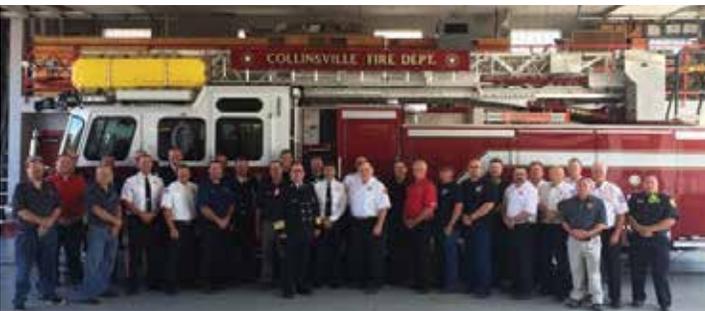


**Benjamin D. Dowty** (19), of Claremont, passed away on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Lawrenceville Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 8, 1999 in Evansville, IN, the son of Steven D. Dowty and Kristina M (Smith) Smith.

Ben was a graduate of the Class of 2017 at Richland County High School where he was active in the FFA. Ben enjoyed hunting, fishing, and any activity that was outdoors. He was a member of the Claremont Coon Club and took pleasure being a guide. Ben was a proud member of the Christy Volunteer Fire Department. He had a passion for being a fireman, even as a child he would dress up as a fireman. IAFFPD sends their deepest sympathies to Ben's family, friends, loved ones and Fire Department Family. Memorials can be made to the Christy Fire Protection District.



**Al Yancey, Jr.**, Fire Chief with Minooka Fire Protection District was recently elected to represent Illinois with the International Fire Chiefs Association Volunteer Combined Officer Section Board of Directors. While the election results are unofficial until the FRI Annual Meeting held in August, the IAFFPD sends their congratulations to Chief Yancey for this professional achievement! The VCOS provides chiefs and chief officers who manage volunteers within a volunteer or combination fire, rescue or EMS delivery system with information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism.



**Grant News:** The OSFM and Gov. Bruce Rauner announced the recipients of the Small Firefighting and Ambulance Service Equipment Grant Program. One hundred fire departments and nonprofit ambulance services across the state received grants for the purchase of safety equipment, protective clothing, breathing apparatus and other needed tools. The money for this grant comes from the Fire Prevention Fund. The grants total \$2.2 million, with each recipient receiving up to \$26,000.

our job to ensure they have the equipment needed to stay safe. This grant ensures fire departments are better equipped, allowing first responders to more effectively and safely do their jobs."

### State Fire Marshal Matt Perez discussed the grant's importance.

"This year we had over 400 fire departments from across the state apply for a grant," Perez said. "The requests for grants totaled over \$9 million. We had \$2.2 million in funds to award and we ensured that the neediest stations across the state received the money to ensure the safety of the men and women that protect their cities. It is imperative that we continue to find ways to aid the men and women that respond first in a disaster and always put the lives of others before their own."

This year, research conducted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) Research Center led OSFM to evaluate new needs. The research on cardiovascular and chemical exposure risks faced by firefighters prompted the inclusion of gear washers as acceptable purchases in this year's grant application cycle.

Most Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts, township fire departments, and stand-alone, nonprofit ambulance service providers were eligible to apply. All fire department, fire protection district and township fire department applicants were required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying.

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