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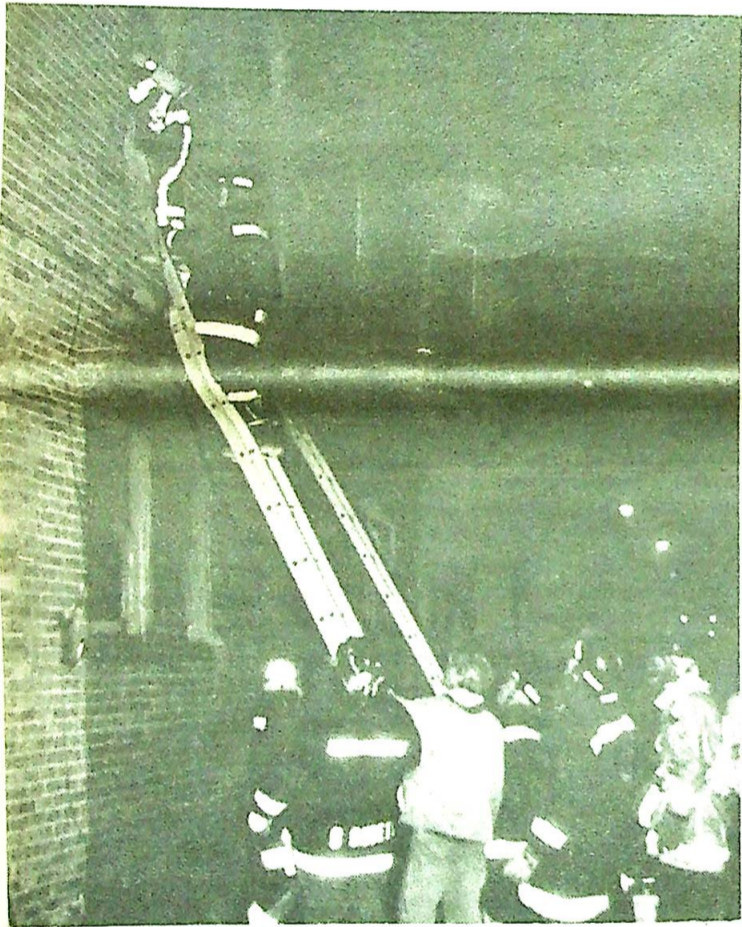
APRIL 1990

## ARSON IN DECATUR

March 1990 in Decatur, Indiana saw 6 fires of suspicious origin. Arson is one of the ugliest words to anyone who knows the horror of fire. Fortunately, thanks to the dedication of the community service providers and some state investigators, a suspect is in custody.

The following is an account of the events that led up to the apprehension of the suspect. Chief Garry Sheets especially wanted to mention the assistance of Walter Reiter, James Hitchcock and Dennis Brinkman, of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office, investigation division. Chief Sheets said, "I want these guys to get credit as they did a lot of work right along with our local officials and volunteers. It took everybody's help to stop these fires before anyone was injured or killed."

### Bicycle-Riding Chief Apprehends Arson Suspect



Firefighters from Decatur, Monroe and Preble fought the March 21st fire in downtown Decatur.

March 25: Fires in two trash dumpsters.

March 25: Shed fire.

The March 25th fires required firefighters to be on the scenes from 12:22 a.m. to 1:57 a.m. Sunday.

The apprehension of Urbina occurred at 9:19 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of W. Monroe St. as Sheets was making patrols on his bicycle.

Sheets reported that he had seen Urbina while on patrol Saturday night, then saw him several times Sunday night. Urbina, Sheets said, appeared to be acting suspiciously, as though he was nervous.

When Sheets finally caught up with Urbina, he said he asked Urbina to identify himself, but Urbina refused. Urbina asked Sheets to identify himself and, when Sheets did so, Urbina started to leave.

However, Sheets immediately used his radio to call for police assistance. Deputy Police Chief Dick Noack, who was helping Sheets patrol, along with three other firefighters, arrived at the scene within one minute and quickly placed Urbina in custody.

Noack's written report of the capture says the suspect "was attempting to walk away from Sheets. I pulled across the west-bound lane of traffic and stopped. When the male subject observed me, he immediately stopped."

During a search for weapons, according to Noack, a glass containing a petroleum product fell to the ground beside Urbina. Later, Noack reported, a piece of paper saturated with gasoline was allegedly given to police by Urbina as he emptied his pockets. Noack revealed that Urbina "had a strong odor of gasoline on his person when he was detained on Monroe St."

Chief Sheets said he, five other firefighters, and a city police reserve officer put in over 80 hours of patrol duty starting last Thursday night and running each night until Urbina was caught. Most of the patrols were done on foot.

session of explosive or flammable substances.

This morning, Chief Sheets reported that Urbina has confessed to setting six fires, including a blaze which caused major damage to a large downtown building last week. No one was injured in any of the fires.

The six fires in question include:

March 10: Trash dumpster.

March 14: Shed fire.

March 20: Trash dumpster fire.

March 21: Fire in the vacant downtown building on W. Monroe St.

Reprinted from the Decatur Daily Democrat, Decatur, Indiana.

Thanks to the efforts of a bicycle-riding fire chief who, along with five other firefighters who assisted city police in recent days, a Decatur teenager was apprehended Sunday night for allegedly setting six fires in the city in the past two weeks.

Arrested by city police after apprehension by Fire Chief Garry Sheets was Rigoberto Urbina, 18. He is being held in the Adams County Jail without bond facing one count each of arson and pos-

## 1990 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, June 13

Registration - Noon to 8 PM

Grand Wayne Center - Across from Whistler Ballroom

Displays - Noon to 8 PM

Grand Wayne Center - Whistler Ballroom

Outside Displays - Calhoun Street

GM Tours - Noon and 5 PM

Bowling Tournament - 3 PM, 5 PM & 7 PM

Pro Bowl West

### Thursday, June 14

Registration - 8 AM to 8 PM

G.W. Center - Across from Whistler Ballroom

Displays - 8 AM to 8 PM

G.W. Center - Whistler Ballroom

Outside Displays - Calhoun Street

Miss Flame Judging - 8 AM until complete

Nuckols, Fransworth, & Foster Rooms - Hilton

G.M. Tours - 9 AM and 12 Noon

Miss Flame Luncheon

Botanical Conservatory, Calhoun St.

Men's Officers Meeting - 1:30 PM to 3 PM

G.W. Center - Pike Room A

Women's Officers Meeting - 1:30 PM to 3 PM

G.W. Center - Pike Room B

Midwest Beer Bust - 4 PM to 6 PM

Calhoun Street - Front of Hilton

Opening Meeting (Joint) 7 PM

Anthony Wayne Exhibit Hall-West

Dance - 9 PM to 12 PM

After Opening Meeting - Anthony Wayne Exhibit Hall-West

### Friday, June 15

Registration - 8 AM to 6 PM

G.W. Center - Across from Whistler

Displays - 8 AM to 5 PM

G.W. Center - Whistler Room

Koffee Klutch - 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM

G.W. Center - 1st Floor Gallery

Men's Meeting - 9 AM to 10:45 AM

G.W. Center - Anthony Wayne-East

Women's Meeting - 9 AM to 10:45 AM

G.W. Center - Pike Rooms A & B

Memorial Services - 11 AM to 12 Noon

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Lunch (Your Choice)

Men's Meeting - 1:30 PM to Closing

Anthony Wayne Exhibit Hall-East

Women's Meeting - 1:30 PM to Closing

G.W. Center - Pike Rooms A & B

Banquet - Doors Open at 6 PM

Anthony Wayne Exhibit Hall

Dance Following Banquet

Anthony Wayne Exhibit Hall & Whistler Ballroom

### Saturday, June 16

Registration - 7 AM

Lincoln Life Parking Lot - 2 Blks SW of Hilton

Games - 8 AM to 12 Noon

Lincoln Life Parking Lot

Parade - 3 PM

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



LEE KISSELL



Time certainly goes by quickly. Seems like I just did the dues mailing job for 1989, but that was twelve months ago. It is a sizeable job and this year it is going to be extra difficult. We are moving to Lawrenceburg on April 7, so things are in a mess right now.

As I write this hasty article, my office is all but dismantled. I am on my computer because the IVFA computer is now just a heap of cables and hardware piled up in a corner of my tiny office. It's late in the evening of April 5 because I just returned from the District 19 meeting. I should have been home packing up, but I hate to miss a meeting.

For those of you that have moved to another home, you know what we are going through! We sold our house the first week it was listed, so we had to find another quickly. We chose Lawrenceburg due to it being closer to our jobs and the things we do most often. We also needed a larger house and I really needed a LARGER office. My new office will be about twenty by twenty-six feet, so I will finally have some room to work in.

Please note my new address and phone numbers. I am giving Bob (Laney, editor) a note to have him place it in the newspaper in big print. If you missed it, send your mail to me at 8 Meyerfield Place, Lawrenceburg, Indiana 47025. The IVFA phone is 812-537-5500 and my home phone is 812-537-2111. Try the IVFA line and leave a message on the recorder as usual if we do not answer.

Please get your dues paid promptly. That means in my office no later than July 31 to remain eligible for the Bridgeport benefits. If you don't have your billing by the second week of May, something is wrong. Before you call me, make sure it did not get into the wrong hands or is laying around waiting for someone to ask what to do with it. CALL ME if you are sure you didn't get the envelope. Don't wait until the last week of July and then panic because you don't have it.

It's now midnight and I need to disconnect my computer and get it boxed up. First thing to move is the food, next is the computer gear, and then everything else as we get time. Well, I am ready to pull the plug. Somebody, call me so I know the new phones work at Lawrenceburg!

Lee Kissell  
IVFA Secretary

From  
Your Chaplain  
Duane Lantz



SCRIPTURE: Luke 1 Verses 26 through 38

The following month God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin, Mary, engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Congratulations, favored lady! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and distrubed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

"Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to wonderfully bless you! Very soon now, you will become pregnant and have a baby boy, and you are to name him 'Jesus.' He shall be very great and shall be called the Son of God. And the Lord God shall give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he shall reign over Israel forever; his kingdom shall never end!"

Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin."

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you; so the baby born to you will be utterly holy—the Son of God. Furthermore, six months ago your Aunt Elizabeth—the barren one, they called her—became pregnant in her old age!

For every promise from God shall surely come true."

Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever He wants. May everything you said come true." And then the angel disappeared.

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There is a little snow on the ground, the crocus have come and gone, and the tulips are getting ready to do their thing. We see the Newness of Life all around us. The scripture tells us about the Newness of Life. Mary was going to become the Mother of Jesus.

Why don't we do something different this time and honor our Mother. There are so many Mothers who belong to the IVFA. My Mother went to her eternal rest on April 16, 1983. I have many beautiful memories of my Mother. One that comes to mind was corn husking on Saturday, coming in the afternoon with the second load. You could smell the baking bread and biscuits from the corn crib. Boy, were those hot biscuits good. Mother had another use for her rolling pin, getting us out of the kitchen and unload the corn.

Mothers have a thing about cleanliness and order. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" and "A place for everything, and everything in its place." As long as we slept under her roof we lived by those rules or had a perfectly miserable existence.

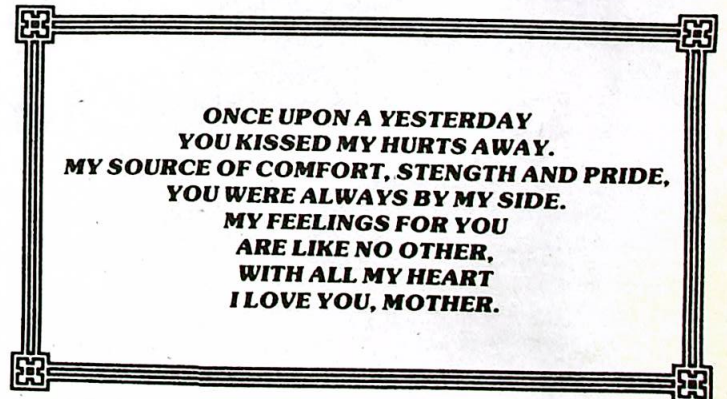
Mother also helped keep our hearts pure by memorizing Bible verses. "If you fill your mind with Good, you won't have much room for filth." She had no question about what was pure and what was filth, either. She called them like she saw them, and the longer I live, the more I think she was right.

Spring housecleaning always brought a week of upheaval for us all, and once it was done Mother was happy and content.

Mother always knew when we were sick. She mixed a little of this and a little of that, gave it to us with love, and we were better in no time.

All of you who still have your Mothers, be sure to tell them how much you love and appreciate them this Mother's Day. It will mean more to them than any gift you could get them.

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This Sunday go to the church of your choice—you'll like it.

Your Chaplain,  
Duane Lantz

## STATE OFFICERS MEETING

February 3rd and 4th, 1990

Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis

The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz. The pledge to the flag was led by VP Ivan Nevil. President Lockhart introduced the guests that were present: Kent Davis, filling in for Carl Davis. The new District 20 Chairman, Tony Palmiero, and Don Westwood sitting in for 17B District Chairman Jack Zeeks. The roll call was taken by Secretary Lee Kissell with a quorum present.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

President Lockhart reported on the meetings that he has attended with the state fire marshal, he also had attended 4 district meetings and that he tied the knot at the alter 2 weeks ago.

Vice President Nevil in his report, stated that he had attended 12 district meetings since the last officers' meeting. He has made all of the meetings north of U.S. 40. He urged that all district meeting notices be mailed to him. He also stated that he attended the EMS Commission meetings.

Chaplain Lantz reported that he had attended some district meetings, also he had attended and conducted several memorial services since our last officers' meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer Stofer seconded by Duane Lantz to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected and received in the mail. The motion carried by voice vote.

Rec. Secretary Davies reported that he had attended 4 district meetings and asked that he be notified of more district meetings.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report as of January 31, 1990. A motion by Jim Parker seconded by Bill Howe to accept the treasurer's report as given. Motion carried by voice vote.

Secretary Kissell reported that 16,217 members have paid year to date. There had been 22 departments not paid this year that were on the records for last year. He also reported that he had received only a few scholarship requests.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush stated that all requests for supplies have been filled.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS

EC Jackson gave an updated report of the activities in his area. WC Michl reported of attending a Civil Defense meeting in Indianapolis and had also traveled to Putnam County to visit a department there.

NW Howe stated that he had attended all the meetings in his area. He also reported that he had attended the funeral of Past President Bernie Jostes.

NE Kinsey stated that he had attended a conference at Wayne Township and was present at other meetings in Indianapolis. SE Richardson was absent.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

D1 Esserman was absent.

D2 Davis passed.

D3 Bentley announced there would be a HazMat class upcoming in his district. They are working on a Edith House project also. He also reported there had been 2 deaths in the district.

D4 Rick Vandergrift filling in for Ferro reported that everything was going well in the district.

D5 Glant reported that the attendance figures were up at the district meetings. He also reported 3 deaths in the district.

D6 Mackin announced the meetings in the district were going well and the attendance had been good.

D7 Sorg gave a report on the district Miss Flame Contest and that the attendance at the district meetings was good.

D8A Fleener gave an updated report on the activities within his district.

D9A Sutton reported on the activities in the district.

D9B Parrish announced that the attendance at the district meetings was up and that there had been 2 deaths in the district since the last officers' meeting.

D10 Neal gave an updated report of the activities in his district and there had been 1 death in his district.

D11A Myers stated there will be a fire school in his district in April, and that there had been 2 deaths in the district.

D11B Osborne announced that there will be a department in Putnam County that will be joining the association.

D12 Johnson stated there is a fire school in the works.

D13A Nulliner reported on the upcoming schools within his district.

D13B Cox was absent.

D14 Nelson announced that he had a department join the association. The attendance at the district meetings has been good. There had been 1 death in the district. He had given out 3 gold cards.

D15 Seitz reported that there would not be a Miss Flame from his district this year. There will be a fire school in March with 12 classes scheduled. The attendance at the district meetings had been very good.

D16 Atkins was absent.

D17A Engle reported on the activities in the district. Lawrence Swartz, Immediate Past President, introduced Max Brody and his guest attending this meeting.

D17B Westwood sitting in for Jack Zeeks, gave a report on the district meeting stating that the attendance had been good.

D18 Heneisen reported there will be a fire school in the district and there had also been 1 death within his district.

D19 Bruns sitting in for Hildebrand gave a report on the last district meeting held.

D21 Martin announced that the attendance at the district meetings had been good. He thanked all the officers who had attended his meetings. He also reported that a new department from his district joined the association.

All past presidents in attendance passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ivan Nevil, Education, gave a report of a PR School Program that is upcoming in the near future. The cost of mailing the material is a great concern to the committee at this time. He also gave a rundown of the contents of these schools.

President Lockhart reported on a meeting held in Indianapolis at Wayne Township following the last officer's meeting. The attorney of

the association was in attendance at this meeting. The fire marshal refused a meeting that was outside of his office. The meeting was then held in the fire marshal's office. A discussion of the problems concerning the delays in the certification of schools held was a part of this meeting. Statements from the marshal's office was that the IVFA wanted a 45 day turn around time from Pat Babb's office. This was not guaranteed by the fire marshal's office. It was stated that we are not in a position to demand anything from the fire marshal's office. President Lockhart commented on the project of the state building fire trucks from used state trucks and selling them to fire departments located south of highway U.S. 40. President Lockhart also spoke of the possibility of aiding the Indiana Instructor's Association by helping putting on their fire schools with our assistance. President Lockhart requested permission from those in attendance, to approach the other fire services for a Political Action Committee Organization.

Jim Parker, Public Education, announced that he did not have a report at this time.

President Lockhart announced the National Fire Caucus to be held in Washington, D.C. in April. He recommended that Vice President Ivan Nevil and Chaplain Duane Lantz represent the IVFA at this meeting. The meeting was recessed at 9:30 p.m. until the following day at 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 4, 1990.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Lockhart with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Gene Stofer, Legislative Committee, reported that there had been 1500 bills introduced at this legislative session; there were 600 bills to get finished before adjournment. He then gave an updated report on each of the bills that pertained to the interest of the organization. He announced that the Brick and Mortar Academy was dead for this year.

Vice President Nevil read a letter from the Governor concerning the Governor's Emergency Advisory Group dealing with hazardous material incidents.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS CONTINUED

D18 Hildebrand reported on the activities of his last district meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Gene Stofer gave an updated report on the current activities of the Dale Corporation.

Bill Howe, Editor's Assistant, stated that the IVFA paper would be out shortly. He announced that March 20th is the deadline for information for the next paper.

Gene Stofer, National Volunteer Fire Council reported that the next meeting of the council will be held in Coralville, Iowa on April 20-22, 1990.

Ivan Nevil, EMS Commission announced that the Pilot Study Program is going forward as planned. The 7 projects now are in an active status.

Lawrence Swartz, Bridgeport Fund, announced that there will be an article in the next paper concerning qualification in this program.

Ivan Nevil, Awards, reported that he still has not received all of the names from the districts for the Midwest Awards.

Mitch Parrish, Historical Committee, passed.

President Lockhart commented on the possibility of updating the historical book since it only covers the first 25 years of the organization.

Tim Downey gave an updated report of the committee meeting held on February 3rd.

President Lockhart reported that a committee had been formed to study the length of service award. The committee consists of: Gene Stofer, Lawrence Swartz, Ivan Nevil, Mitch Parrish, Jim Parker, Bruce Neal and Bill Engle.

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## A NOTE FROM THE VICE

Well, legislation is over for another year. I believe that the association was very successful in the number of bills that we sponsored or supported this year. Congratulations are in order for Gene Stofer, John Shanks and Steve Bushman and all other personnel who helped in any way. Thank you.

As this article is being written before the IVFA sponsored seminars are completed, no report can be given on the success or failure of them. I just hope that if you had the opportunity to attend that some useful information was provided. I would also like to thank Don Abbott, Stan Gibson and Jerry Nulliner for their cooperation in the instruction.

Plans are progressing for the upcoming convention in Fort Wayne. If you have not make your reservations or pre-registered you still have some time to get it done. The deadline is May 31st. After that date a substantial rate increase goes into effect.

As part of the business this year, there will be two resolutions presented for either your adoption or rejection. Please be there and let your concerns be known. It is your association.

At this time, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your Vice President this past year. We have traveled

several miles and a lot of new friends have been made as well as renewing some prior friendships that we had.

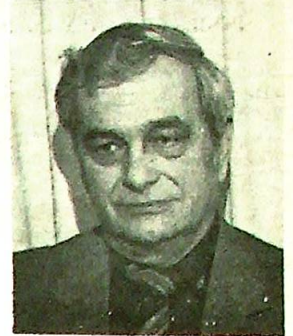
I wish each of you the best. Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

Respectfully,

Ivan Nevil

Vice President IVFA

## PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHEAST



BILL KINSEY

From the Northeast:

The Northeast P.R. area held its NFPA 1500/SARA 1910.120 seminar at Columbia City, March 24 with about 60 persons in attendance. Those who attended are now better prepared to cope with the management and safety of their fire departments and firefighters. Those who didn't attend, and that is the majority of members and departments in this area, must already know everything there is to know about firefighter safety and O.S.H.A. law.

Firefighters, your life may depend on your knowledge of the hazards discussed at these P.R. Area seminars.

The Indiana legislative session is over for this year and some good and some bad for the fire service will result from the legislature's actions.

The legislature amended the statute to allow two (2) blue lights to be mounted at bumper level in/on the front of volunteer firefighter cars in addition to the top mounted blue light as supported by the IVFA but, as it seems there are some who can't wait until the effective date of the change. These people usually are the same people who cry FOUL when police enforce the law or the public criticizes volunteer firefighter responsibility. I wonder why?

I was pleased to attend the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Dept.'s dedication of their new fire station. You have to have seen what they had for a fire station to appreciate how that department feels about getting into their new station. They now have a great new station that anyone would be proud of. This happened because they used all of the available methods to get it. Grants, donations, volunteer labor and community support made this great achievement possible. Congratulations, Chief Ridenbaugh and Monroeville volunteer firefighters!

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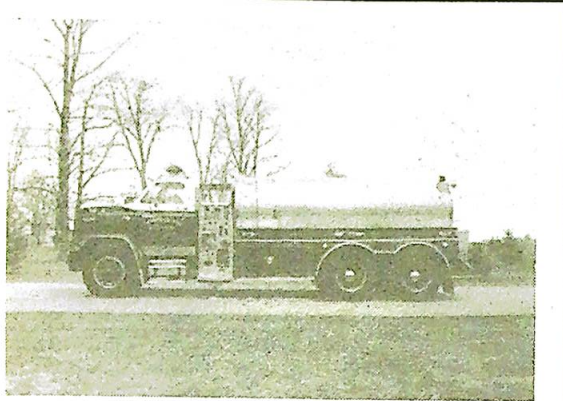
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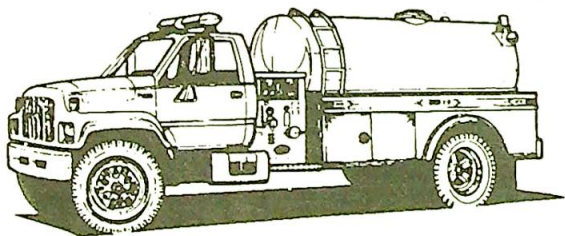
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# District Meetings...



## DISTRICT 20

Greetings to all District 20 fire departments. I have been temporarily appointed as the District 20 Chairman and Jerry Liston as the Secretary. Jerry is a member of the Cicero Fire Department and I am a member of the Atlanta Fire Department. Jerry and I are hopeful that District 20 will again be a strong voice within the IVFA. By the time you are reading this in the paper, we will have had our first meeting. The meeting was held at the GTE building in Westfield. The main objective of the first reorganization meeting was to discuss what and how we are going to do business.

I feel that the IVFA is an important organization for the fire service. It is through organizations such as this that our efforts will make an impact on State Officials. Legislative issues are passed or denied without our knowledge. We must make our viewpoints known to these officials. The IVFA is a perfect organization in that our viewpoints can be openly discussed with other fire departments, EMS and other organizations. Through the strength of our membership, the IVFA will be able to make our opinions known, but they can't do this effectively if we don't take an active role in the organization.

I have seen a tremendous amount of departmental pride within District 20. Let's extend this pride by joining forces and becoming one voice within the fire/EMS service. Jerry and I are looking forward to the things that can be accomplished by joining forces.

Please feel free to call or write to me. Since you are reading this newspaper you are already a member of the IVFA. What we need is for you to contact those individuals who are not members and have them join our group. Remember—STRENGTH IN NUMBERS—We can make an impact on laws that are passed, but only if we join together!

My phone number is 317-292-2510 (and like most firefighters I'm not home—I'm out getting trained—so leave a message.)

Respectfully submitted,  
"Tony" Anthony Palmiero  
District 20 Chairman  
Jerry Liston  
District Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A

District 8A had the March meeting on 3/14 at the Upland Fire station. There were 29 members from 12 departments attending.

Bill Pape, the secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasurer's report.

IVFA Vice President, Ivan Nevil, was introduced to the members. Ivan elected to address the group after the 8A business discussion.

A meeting schedule from the months through November was distributed. Copies will be mailed to all departments not at the meeting.

It was announced that the July meeting at Washington Township will be election of officers for District 8A.

The chairman read a letter from Ron Pence from the Swayzee department. Ron included material from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The information from Gilbert L. Holmes, Commissioner, concerned a special license plate for Volunteer Firefighters. Effective in 1991, organizations which provide community service may apply for special plates. Ron suggested this should be handled on a state level. Ivan Nevil reported the state officers were aware of this service.

David Marshall, from Center Township, announced that he is making plans to have a Waterous Pump school on June 5 at 7 p.m. This was the only time available as the company would be in this area on that day. A location is still being considered and there will be more information later.

Ivan Nevil gave a report on the legislative program and the activities on the state level. There were several questions and comments on the legislation. There was a discussion on Hazardous Material Schooling and on the scheduled East Central PR school to be March 25.

The second Roll Call pointed out some interesting fire and emergency calls.

The next 8A meeting will be held at Van Buren on May 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Robert E. Fleener

## DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:45 p.m. at the Brook Volunteer Fire Department in Brook, Indiana.

There were 6 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 32 with 120 alarms among the 10 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Need for news for the paper, Miss Flame Contestant from Monticello, Bridgeport Scholarship Fund eligibility, 1990 IVFA Convention June 13-17 at Fort Wayne, understanding the OSHA Final Rule Seminar sponsored by the Indiana Fire Instructors Association on Jan. 20-21, Incident Command Seminar by Alan Brunacini in Chesterton Jan. 20-21, National Fire Academy's "Indiana Weekend" March 10-11, Master Tactics Class sponsored by Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department on Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18; Indiana Fire Inspectors Association Meeting Feb. 7 in Rensselaer at 7 p.m., Nominees needed for Ollie Sandburg Award, Mr. IVFA, and Midwest Award.

## DISTRICT 3

The regular meeting of District 3 was held on Thursday, April 19th, 1990 at the Bass Lake Fire Station.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:45 p.m. by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 25 members representing 9 departments in attendance along with 5 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Ray Okeley.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers, Secretary, IAAI; Mitch Parrish, Chairman 9B; Ted Bombagetti, Fireman's Store; and George Walda, Superior Fire Equip.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report stands at \$1640.51 in the EDITH fund, \$149.50 in the savings account and approx. 3,500.00 left from convention money.

Communications: Chairman Bob presented us with the two resolutions to be brought up on the convention floor.

Committee reports: Prevention, Gary Ekert - passed. Edith House, Pete Sass - not present. It does not sound like the prison will be able to build it this year. More next month. Promotion, Tim Sandy - not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Guests: Bill Howe, PR Northwest, reminds us of the state fire school this weekend and next.

Convention is June 13, 14, and 15. Get reservations and registration in ASAP.

NFPA 1500. The seminars went well in the state. It looks like this will become law. Bill has more pamphlets if anyone needs them. I.O.S.H.A. states that they will inspect all fire departments in Indiana by the end of 1990. Be ready! The things they are looking for are Building codes, SOG's, records for everything.

The nominating committee is working on next years state officers, if you have any input contact one of them.

The paper should be out on time. All information for the next issue should be in by June 20.

Mitch Parrish, Chairman District 9B, just glad to be here.

Bruce Yonkers, Secretary IAAI, Glad to be here. He has applications for state and national organization membership.

Ted Bombagetti, Fireman's Store is available for help if anyone needs it.

George Walda, Superior Fire Equipment, just glad to be here.

For the Good of the Order:

There was one death to note in our district. 22-year-old Mark Turner from Center Township.

Second Class Fire Schools around the district as follows:

Westville 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m., contact Dave Osika.

Kingsford-Union each Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

OSHA Haz-Mat Training throughout district as follows:

April 29 at North Judson Fire Station, 8:30 to 5:00.

May 6 at Knox Fire Station, 8:30 to 5:00.

First Class School on 2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30 p.m. at Scipio Twp., contact Dave Kaufman or Pete Sass.

Coming Events:

North Judson Pancake Breakfast - Apr. 22nd.

Scipio Twp. Pancake Breakfast - April 22nd.

Springfield Twp. Pancake Breakfast - May 5th.

Lincoln Twp. Firemen's Ball - May 26th.

Bass Lake Fish Fry - May 26th.

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## DISTRICT 12

District 12 held a meeting in Danville at the Hendricks County Firefighters Association on Jan. 24, 1990.

Guest speaker Lt. Steve Golden of Hendricks County Sheriff's Department presented a proposal of the Enhance-911 to the Firefighters Association. The County's Board of Commissioners and County Councilmen will be taking this proposal under consideration.

Indiana Bell representative Robert Sterrett used a simulator to demonstrate how the system is utilized, and illustrated how this

system would be an advantage to the police, fire and ambulance services.

Mr. Sterrett also mentioned possible teletype capability for the speech impaired person and explained that the system is updated every 24 hours at midnight for new phone installation.

It would take 18 to 24 months before the system could go on-line, if the county chooses to sign the contract.

James Tharp  
Vice Chairman,  
District 12

## From the SOUTH EAST

Dear Fellow Firefighters:

We had an IVFA Fire School April 1st at Ivy Tech in Madison. We had a very good turn out. Stan Gibson did a good job.

Attendance at district meetings has not been as good as it could be. We need more interest in the districts and more attendance at district meetings. This is where you find out what is going on in the legislature and what is going on around the state.

I have been unable to attend all of the meetings these past few months because of my wife's illness in November and major surgery in February. I have also had two surgeries since January. We are both recovering and doing well and I hope to be back at work soon. Thanks to everyone for their cards and letters. I appreciate your concern.

Hope to see everyone at the 1990 Convention.

Roy E. Richardson  
Public Relations Southeast

## DISTRICT 11A

The March meeting for District 11-A was held at the Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department. I must compliment the department and auxiliary for the fine meal and delicious desserts.

I have visited several departments in the District and recently, Janet and I attended a dinner at Hymera, where Harry Carpenter was honored for his many years of service and 26 years as Chief of that department.

For those of you who do not attend district meetings, you are missing something special as there is always plenty of good food and fellowship.

It is hard to believe that convention time is getting near, certainly looking forward to the good facilities in Ft. Wayne. It should be a good one.

Until next time, best regards.

Robert Meyers  
District 11-A Chairman

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## DISTRICT 14

There is not much to report from the 14th IVFAA District at this time. Attendance at district meetings has been very small and not much business has been conducted.

I would like to thank everyone at this time for their calls, their thoughts, prayers and cards during my illness in November and surgery in February. I am now feeling a lot better and have just returned to work. It was great hearing from all my good friends at a time when I was feeling so bad. Thanks again.

I hope to see everyone at the 1990 Convention.

Nancy L. Richardson  
14th District Chairman  
IVFAA

## DISTRICT 7

District 7 of the IVFAA met on March 19, 1990, at the Berne fire station. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. Roll call was answered by 22 ladies representing 6 departments and one guest—our Miss Flame 1990, Beverly Sorg.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read with a balance of \$332.50.

The minutes of the last state officers meeting were highlighted. Tony answered a few questions on Convention 90, and encouraged everyone to register. Ditty items are needed—anything is helpful.

We will be having a 50/50 drawing at our meetings, it was felt that it adds a little spark.

President Dorothy Reiter then read the latest newsletter from the IVFAA president, everyone enjoyed it, and thanked Tony for doing a great job.

We joined the men for a short film on Granary Explosions. We then had a super bake sale with our Miss Flame handing out the products. Everyone had a good time.

Our next meeting is May 21, at Bippus.

Thank you,  
District 7 Chairman  
Dorothy Reiter

## DISTRICT 11A

Auxiliary District 11-A held our March district meeting at Prairie-ton Volunteer Fire Department. I must say that Department treated us royally. Thanks Prairie-ton! We had a nice turnout but it could certainly have been better. Those departments who don't attend are missing out on a lot. Fellowship being foremost, but so much can be learned at these meetings, I do hope you all will consider attending your district meetings in the future.

Convention is fast approaching, so get ready to go and enjoy. Bob and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Summer is just around the corner and this is a busy time for families but let's not forget our "family" of Volunteers. We need your support. May God Bless one and all.

Janet Meyers  
District 11-A Chairman

## DISTRICT 6

The January meeting of the District 6 IVFAA was held at Washington Township, Allen County with 25 members from 9 departments and 3 guests present. The State President, Toni Sorg, and four Past State Presidents were also in attendance.

Judging for Miss Flame was held with Kelly Dwyer from Aboite Township being crowned and Kimberly Kreiger from New Haven was Runner-up.

A very interesting book review was given by Ms Glendora Greulich. She reviewed two books and one was "All I Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten," a most delightful book.

The March meeting was held at Union Township, Whitley County with 14 members from 6 departments, two individuals and 4 guests.

Convention was discussed. Registration forms were passed out and Nite Shirts shown.

The "Gift and Craft Shop" of Columbia City showed us how to make a silk floral arrangement with a basic pot, a hat and a grapevine wreath. Later they taught us to make bows. Some of us are all thumbs and some of us are pretty talented and picked it up quickly.

The May meeting will be at Shipshewana, La Grange County with the drawing for the three gifts for the Miss Flame fund.

Mary L. Mackin  
District 6 Chirman

## DISTRICT 10

The 10th District IVFAA meeting was held February 19, 1990 at Marietta Fire Station. There were 17 members and 6 guests present from 5 auxiliaries.

After a delicious pitch-in dinner, Barbara Parker called the meeting to order.

10th District Miss Flame, Chasity Morris, was at our meeting along with her father and brother.

Let's all get out and sell Doe Doll Tickets! The 10th District sold the most tickets last year (249). See if we can do it again.

Nancy Neal reported on the State Officers meeting and upcoming convention at Fort Wayne.

Our next meeting will be at Adams, Monday, May 21, 1990. Everyone get out and attend. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Dinsmore

## A GOOD EXAMPLE



Reprinted from the Decatur Daily Democrat, March 8, 1990, staff photo.

Decatur Fire Chief Garry Sheets and Baker & Schultz Co. president John Schultz are shown with St. Joseph Catholic School third grader Francisco "Pancho," Gutierrez recently as they thanked him for timely action to prevent major fire loss at the Baker & Schultz firm. "Pancho," son of Agustin and Alicia Gutierrez, 614 Schirmeyer St., saw smoke coming from a building on Feb. 17 and quickly reported it to John Schultz, who called in the alarm. Though the building suffered substantial damage, it will be repaired. Chief Sheets gave "Pancho" a certificate and a medallion. Schultz said, "Without Pancho's quick action, a brand new building would be destroyed. Pancho didn't get excited; he did what is right." Both men said the youth's actions are a good example for others.

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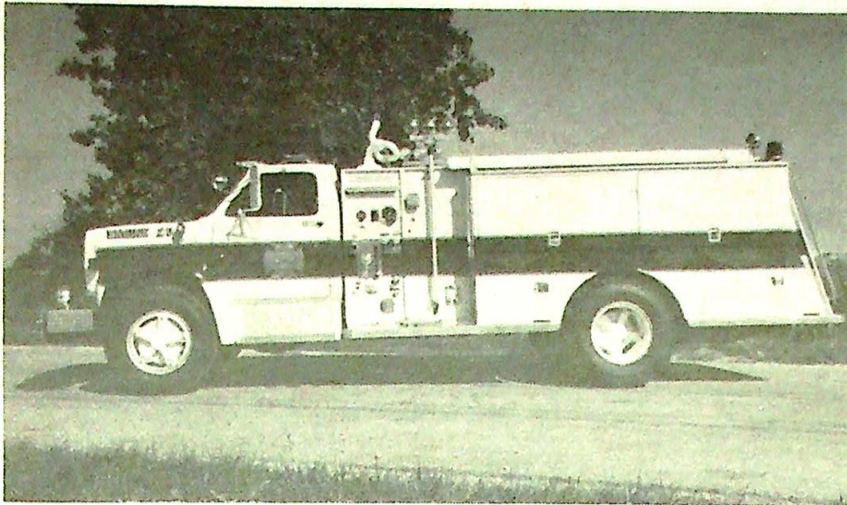
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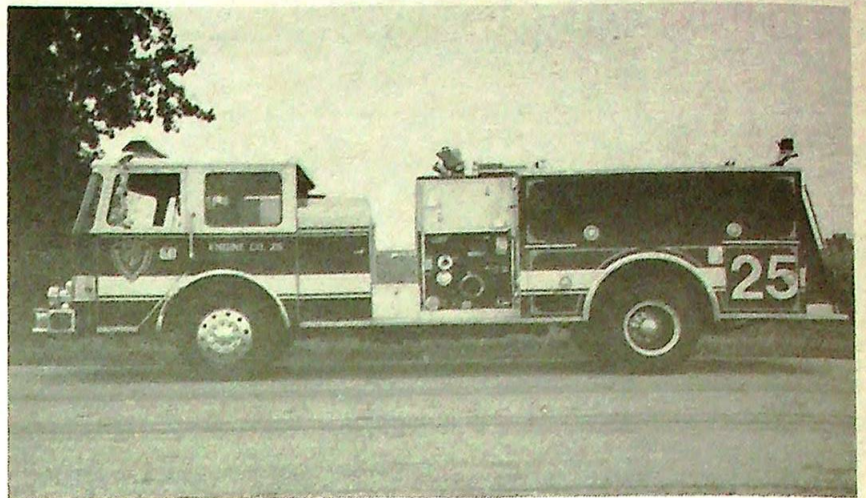
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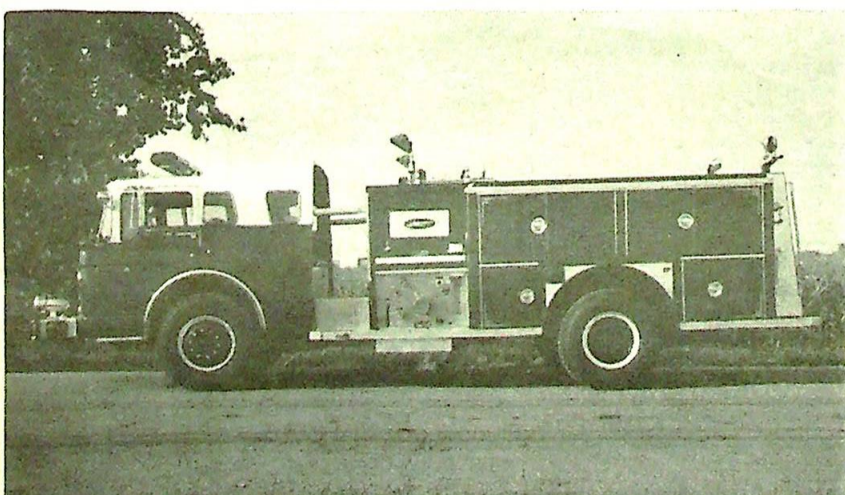
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**L. J. (TODDY) MICHL**

Hi everyone,

Spring is supposed to be here according to the calendar, but the weather is quite cool at this time. I'm ready for the warmer weather to come.

Our seminar on NFPA 1500-1501 will be over by the time this is published. I'm hoping to have a good showing of firemen, since it will be held at DePaw University. We were fortunate to get the auditorium in the science and math building at a time when spring break was on. If anyone misses this seminar and enough members still want it again, let us know so we can schedule another later on.

I went to District 11B's meeting in Filmore and it had a fair attendance. They had an informative demonstration put on by Public Service. District 12 had their meeting in Danville and had a good number present. The following Wednesday, I went to Westfield, north of Indy for the first meeting, in some time, for District 20. Tony Palmiero is trying to get the District going again, so please, if any of you in his District can come to the next meeting it will really help. His next meeting will be in Fayette, in Perry Township, May 16th at 7 p.m.

My District 11A had our meeting in Prairieton, we had a fair attendance. I wish I knew what to do to get more departments at these district meetings. If one person, from each department, came to the meetings, this would be great. Talk it over at your department meetings, get someone to come to these meetings. I'm sure you would learn something. If you had 24 members in your department, each member would only have to go to a district meeting but once in four years. This way your department can get information on what is changing in the state and federal laws governing Volunteer and paid Fire Departments. Enough said, see you at your next meeting!

L.J. "Toddy" Michl  
Public Relations West Central

**PUBLIC RELATIONS  
SOUTHWEST**



**CARL O. DAVIS**

From the South West:

Congratulations to you, Bob and your staff for 25 years of publishing the best firemen's paper in all states. I know it is a hard job to put out our paper without any articles from the field. But keep up the good work and we will try to get news in on time.

Thanks to the Jasper Dept. for hosting the Occupational Safety and Health seminar. Sure was a bad day but a fine turnout made it all worthwhile. Thanks to Jerry

Nulliner and his wife for a good job.

Sorry I did not get to the 15th District Fire School or meeting but will try to make it to the next one.

Missed the 18th meeting as I had just got out of the hospital and didn't think I should try the trip. Hope to be at the next meeting.

Don't forget the dates of the 1990 convention dates June 13-16, 1990. If you have not sent in your pre-registration and motel forms, better do it now and save half on the door price.

I had a nice meeting of the 17A District at Worthington Dept. and several items were brought up and several ideas talked about. 17A next meeting will be at the Bloomfield Dept. on May 16, 1990 at the J.C. building.

That is it for this time. Hope to see you at the district meetings soon.

Carl O.  
Public Relations Southwest



**Bill of Rights  
Passes House**

Feb. 23, 1990 WASHINGTON. The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology this week approved the Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill of Rights, sponsored by Congressman Curt Weldon (R-PA) and cosponsored by over 250 other Members of Congress, including Science Committee Chairman Robert A. Roe (D-NJ) and Majority Whip Bill Gray (D-PA).

The Congressional Fire Services Institute says the Fire Service Bill of Rights was passed by the Committee with no opposition. Congressmen Doug Walgren (D-PA) and Sherry Boehlert (R-NY) both spoke in support of the bill as providing important programs to help the fire and emergency response community.

"If there was still any doubt, this demonstrates that a united fire service constituency can be a powerful force in promoting fire safety legislation at the federal level," Weldon said.

Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), an original cosponsor of the bill, stated, "This is an innovative piece of legislation that will increase public safety without spending any taxpayer dollars. The programs created by this bill will continue to expand the training and fire prevention programs established in the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974."

The House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage will be holding hearings on the Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill of Rights on February 28, 1990. Weldon will testify on the importance of supporting the fire service through the programs established and funded by the Fire Service Bill of Rights.

**LAST CALL TO  
1990 CONVENTION**

Hello Everyone!

Just think, Convention is just around the corner. The Allen County Firefighters and Auxiliary members are glad to be your hosts for this year's convention, which will be Wednesday June 13th through Saturday June 16th, 1990. Headquarters will be the Hilton Hotel, Downtown and the Grand Wayne Center. As of now the Hilton is fully booked up, so all other reservations will be sent to the Holiday Inn, downtown. This is located two blocks east of the Hilton.

To date we have 24 pieces of apparatus for the outside display and 30 booths of inside displays. I think this is one of the best displays we've had in a long time. All this credit goes to Chief Dan West of the Hometown Fire Department.

Due to some unforeseen prices, such as the price of a keg of beer quoted to us at \$195 per keg, there has been a change in the price of the beverage badge. We haggled it down to \$165 per keg which does include serving, licensing and liability insurance, but we are sorry to say that the price of the beverage badge is now \$8.00.

When we want the convenience of having a convention under one roof, as we are, we will find that the cost to our members will probably be higher than when you can negotiate with several places. I think this is some food for thought for whomever is planning to bid the 1992 convention.

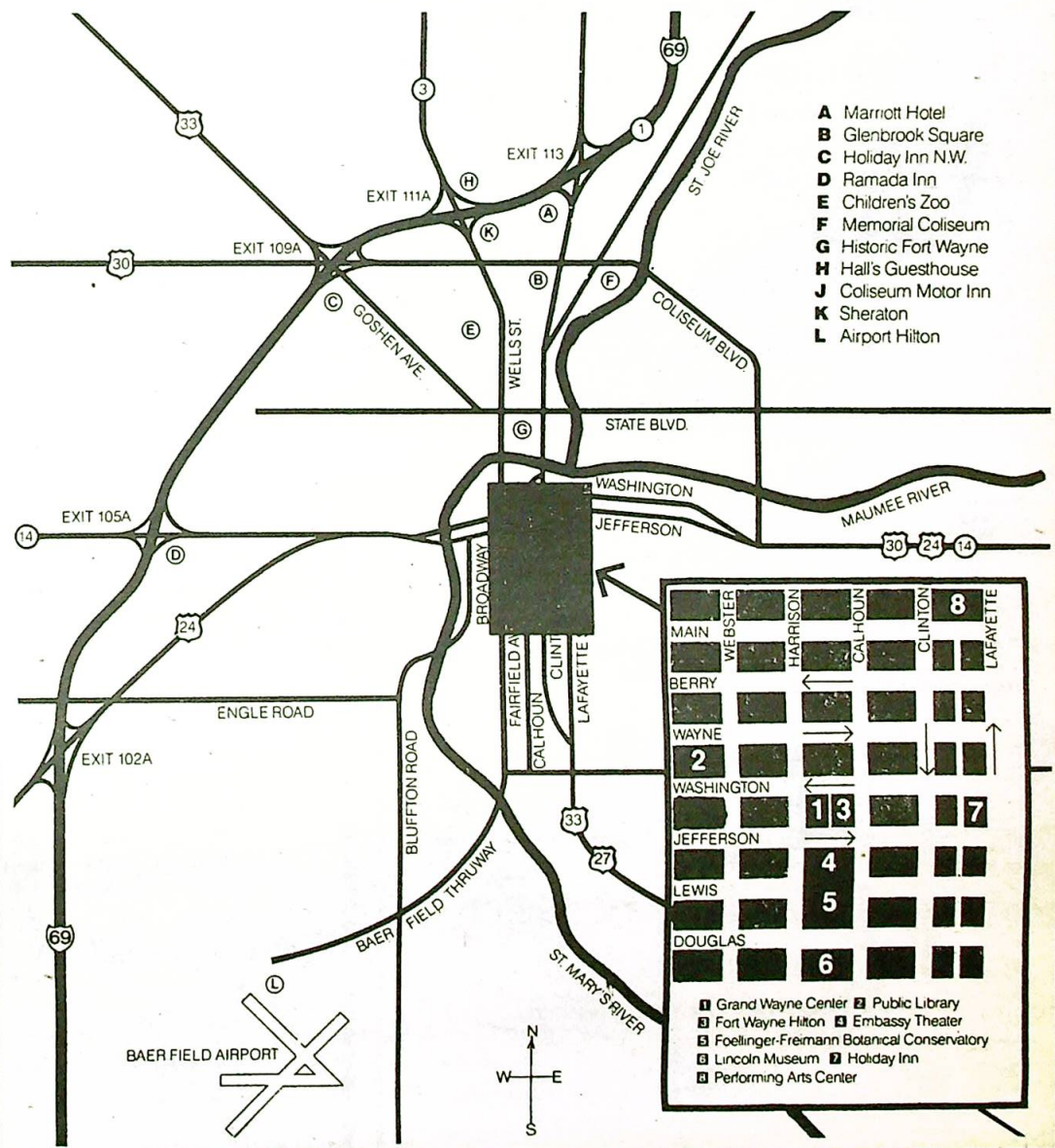
All departments in the state of Indiana should have received tickets for our convention raffle. We would encourage you to sell these, if enough revenue is raised here, we could possibly lower the beverage badge again. The first and second prizes are Power Wheel battery operated fire trucks, third prize will be an 19" color TV from Magnavox, fourth prize is \$250 cash and fifth prize is \$150 cash. So please sell these and get the money to us as soon as possible.

To date we have only 350 registered for convention. This is way down from past years. I can only encourage you to register and come meet some of your old friends and make some new friends, too. Registration is \$20 per person until May 31. After that date, the fee is \$40 per person. This includes the banquet. Without the banquet, the price is \$10 per person until May 31st. After that date the fee will be \$20 per person.

Until we can meet in June at Convention in Fort Wayne, remember "Don't Get Caught in Your Nightie in Ninety."

Mike Mackin,  
Convention Chairman

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From the Office of the State Fire Marshal

# MARSHAL'S MESSAGE

**TO: ALL FIRE FIGHTERS**  
**FROM: STATE FIRE MARSHAL DUGAN**

Almost a month ago the 1990 General Assembly drew to a close. The laws had been made. All that remained was to have the Governor's signature.

As Indiana's Fire Marshal my major concern was the bills that would affect the fire service. What had transpired in this 1990 session that would ultimately have an affect on the Indiana fire fighters.

The first bill that I would like to discuss with you is Senate Enrolled Act 290. This bill which was signed by the Governor on March 20, 1990 will establish the public safety institute.

I think that most common question asked of me, is what is a public safety institute? Is it just bricks and mortar or will it affect training as you as fire fighters now know it? My answer is relatively simple, it is up to each individual fire fighter in how they wish to utilize this facility upon its completion.

The public safety institute could afford the opportunity to be the big link which has been needed in the different areas of the public safety service providers. This could cause an upgrade in training and coordination to enable public safety providers to achieve any level of advanced certification.

The public safety institute is intended to, and will be able to provide much needed **advance** training to any public safety service provider on a **voluntary** basis, (the key to this sentence is voluntary) this **will not** be mandatory. It will be a **choice**. A choice that all other careers have enjoyed for a long time. The choice of furthering your education in your chosen field. As with any field you may stop at the level of achievement you desire. Master classes **will** be provided on the **local level** as they are now and have been in the past.

So the public safety institute is an option, and a great opportunity for the public safety providers throughout the state of Indiana.

Next month I will enclose in the mailing a complete report on all the bills that have a direct or indirect affect on the fire service.

I feel it is my responsibility to keep you as informed as I can on the bills that affect you, but I would like to have as much information as I possibly can before I send out the report to you. I am aware that many of you have called the office on House Bill 1393 (concerning under ground storage tanks) and the affect it is going to have on you. By next month I hope to have a better overview of this program and will pass this information on to you. In the meantime however, if you have questions on either of the previously mentioned bills or any other, feel free to contact me.

## 1990 IVFA CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

June 13 - 16

GRAND WAYNE CENTER, Fort Wayne

Pre-Registration Fee: \$20.00 Per Person with Banquet  
 \$10.00 Per Person without Banquet  
 (Deadline is May 31, 1990)

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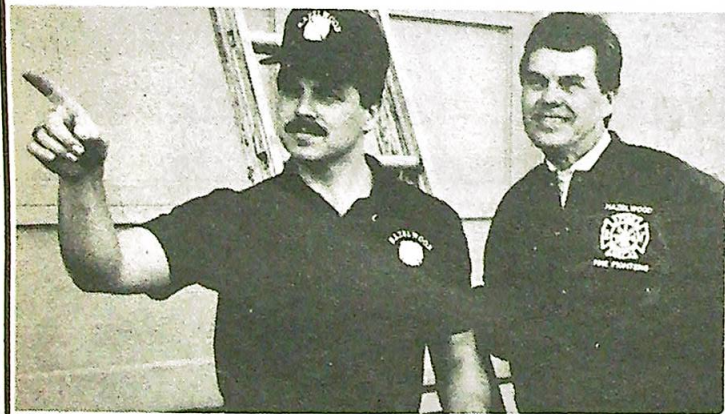
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# DISTRICT 3

The regular meeting of district 3 was held on Thursday, Feb. 15, 1990 at the Michiana Shores Fire Station.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 p.m. by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 11 members representing 7 departments in attendance along with 2 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Andy Bjornberg.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest and Bruce Yonkers, IAAI secretary.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Bob reported the financial status of the state association and the Bridgeport fund. The association membership now stands at 15779.

**Committee Reports:**

EDITH. Pete Sass - not present. Chairman Bentley stated that the hitch is now on. He should have it moved by the last weekend of the month. He also advises that we now have a second trailer that may be used as a smoke house for training, etc.

PREVENTION. Gary Ekert - nothing new.

PROMOTION. Tim Sandy - Advised us of several ways to do the PR. Ways mentioned included printing a paper such as the IVFA paper. He requests ideas and

more input before he takes action in any other direction.

Guests: Bruce Yonkers, Secretary IAAI. There will be a special meeting at the State Fire Marshal's Office on February 24.

Bill Howe, PRNW. Announced the Leadership Conference to be held at Lawrence North High School on February 24 & 25.

Brought us up to date on current legislation. Copies were distributed.

Bill advised that the IVFA continues to work on improving communications with the State Fire Marshal. There have been several meetings. The association has made requests including limiting the turn-around time for certification paper work to no more than 45 days and having at least monthly meetings. The marshal has agreed to the meetings but scheduling is not yet complete.

Bridgeport scholarship applications must be in by March 1.

The first claim for a death benefit was filed for the Line-of-Duty death of a 66-year-old Chief from Dalesville.

If you are planning to go to the convention, you need to get your pre-registrations in ASAP.

The Standards Commission is in the process of up-dating all of the Master Categories. It appears that they will all be considerably more difficult.

Announced a state sponsored training session to be held in Rensselaer on April 2nd. The class will run from 8:30 to 5:00. Topics to be covered include NFPA 1500, 1403, 1002, and OSHA Haz-Mat requirements.

Names for nomination of Mr. IVFA need to be to the past 3 winners by April 1st.

Names for the Ollie Sandberg mental attitude award need to be to the Vice-President by April 1st.

If you did not receive your IVFA paper by now you should let Chairman Bentley know about it. He has a current printout for all departments as to membership status etc.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Bentley reported on the State Officers Meeting. There is a move to create a pension plan for all state officers. This would provide incentive to hold the offices. There are many pros and cons. The first year would cost approx. \$30,000. There was also talk of making something available for all members, however, we would not be able to do this on the \$7.50 annual dues. There were then many ideas talked about including a savings plan versus a pension plan or annuity. A motion was made by Andy Bjornberg and seconded to have our chairman support any movement to fit our needs. The motion carried.

The state association continues its efforts for better contact with the Governor and is thinking of establishing a Political Action Committee as a means to that end.

Bob asked for information from the departments that are experiencing delays on class scheduling. The association will try to assist if documentation is forwarded to the chairman. For the Good of the Order. There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district.

Second Class Fire Schools around the district were announced.

There was a motion to advance Miss Flame \$100.00, carried.

Coming Events: Lincoln Township Firemen's Ball May 26th.

There was no program presented due to the inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted, David G. Kaufman Secretary

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Entries should be returned by June 1st, 1990.

# IVFA SECOND ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNEY

The IVFA 1990 Convention will be in Fort Wayne.

Last year in Evansville, for the first time, an Earlybird Bowling Tournament was held. Participants had a great time.

This year, Allen County Firefighters are sponsoring the bowling tournament. It is a FUN tournament. There are prizes for nearly every participant. High rollers and Low rollers have an equal chance at the big money. It will be a handicap tournament.

Register in advance so we can plan for you or register when you arrive on Wednesday. Squad

times are 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

For the most fun at the 1990 Convention, COME EARLY. Be ready to Bowl. Be ready to have Fun. Information on the tournament and pre-registration are listed below.

The Allen County Firefighters, IVFA and Pro Bowl West at 1455 Goshen Road, Gateway Plaza, Ft. Wayne, Indiana will be your hosts for the 2nd Annual Firefighters Tournament.

The event is open to all members, members families and guests. Entrants must be over 18 years of age.

### DIVISIONS:

Doubles (one man and one woman). \$20.00 fee per couple.  
Men's Singles - \$10.00 fee.  
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You may enter either or both.

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- 6.00 prize money

\$10.00

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Averages will be figured after 3 games. All averages and handicaps will be checked against print-outs. 200 scratch and 90% handicap. Handicap added to each game.

### SQUAD TIMES

Wednesday, June 13 at 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

Walk-ins will be accepted until 15 minutes before each squad's starting time. Pre-registration will assure your time. Remember, if you are bowling in both doubles and singles, you will be bowling 3 games in each and must pick two different squads.

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**DISTRICT 3**

The regular meeting of District 3 was held on Thursday, March 15th, 1990 at the North Judson Fire Station.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:36 p.m. by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 22 members representing 9 departments in attendance along with 7 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Ray Okeley.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers, Secretary, IAAI; Lawrence Swartz, Past State President; Ivan Nevil, State Vice President; Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; Mitch Parrish, Chairman 9B; and Ted Bombagetti, Fireman's Store.

Chairman Bentley introduced the guests.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Committee reports: Prevention, Gary Ekert - not present. Edith House, Pete Sass - The trailer is now at the Kankakee Twp. Station. An estimate of supplies needed to complete is \$1,600.00. Tim Sandy advises that he believes the Prison will assemble the house for us. Motion was made and seconded for Pete to go ahead and get the supplies necessary to complete construction. - Carried.

Communications: Chairman Bentley requests all present to call Congressman Hiler on the information received from L. Curl reference the Firefighters Bill of Rights. The telephone number is 1-800-854-4537. This is an important piece of material and deserves our time.

Guests: Bill Howe, PR Northwest, the legislation that has made it is attached. Note the many comments. Bill and Ivan Nevil, explained how these particular bills may affect us.

There will be two resolutions brought up on the convention floor. One dealt with expense allowances and the other again deals with changing the association name from firemen's to firefighter's.

Convention is June 13, 14, and 15. Get reservations and registration in ASAP.

Ivan Nevil, State Vice-President went over the bills in more detail and spoke about C.I.S.D. Teams on a state wide basis. We will have a program on this at the District 3 meeting at Scipio Township in May.

Advised that McClain Specialty Vehicles has filed Chapter 11. If you have anything against them you should join the suit.

FMC is no longer making fire apparatus. Shreeves has a contract to handle parts for the next 25 years.

Lawrence Swartz, Past President, talked about the seminar to be held on April 7th at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer. This will cover the aspects of OSHA and the fire service. They will be going over NFPA 1500 and associated materials.

Lincoln Township at Thayer in District 2 will have the Fire Service Management course presented on June 23 & 24, June 30 and July 1, July 21 & 22, and July 28 & 29.

The Fire Instructors Association Bookstore has moved to Kendallville. The new telephone number is (219) 347-4748.

Wayne Township is putting a slide program together from Indiana. If you have anything get them to Larry Curl ASAP

Mitch Parrish, Chairman District 9B, just glad to be here.

Duane Lantz, State Chaplain, been very busy all over the state.

Respectfully submitted,  
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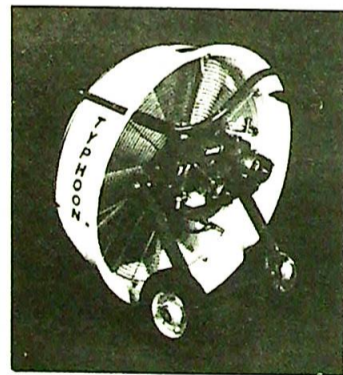
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### **IDEM Develops Policy on Underground Tanks**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has developed a basic notification policy regarding underground storage tank (UST) closures. Tank owners or operators must notify the UST Section of IDEM at least thirty (30) days before a proposed closure of a regulated tank. Some of the items required in this notification include the method and date of closure, the number and type of tanks to be closed, and the contractor performing the closure. For tank owners considering closure, a standard form for providing this information is available from IDEM, according to John Gunther of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Certain types of USTs are not subject to IDEM tank regulations. Therefore, closures of some USTs do not require notification to IDEM. Two of the more commonly known exempt USTs are farm tanks under 1100 gallons and on-site consumption heating oil tanks. It should be noted that the heating oil tank exemption will soon be modified by U.S. EPA.

When IDEM receives notice about a proposed closure, a confirmation letter is sent to the tank owner or operator. This letter: (1) documents the proposed closure date, (2) states what the site assessment and soil sampling requirements are, and (3) requests that the local responding fire agency and the State Fire Marshal's Office are contacted about the tank closure. If contamination is found during a tank closure, the tank owner or operator is required

to notify IDEM within 24 hours. Cleanup of the site can then proceed. After gathering information about the site and the extent of contamination, IDEM sets whatever cleanup goals may be necessary.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management currently uses the September 23, 1988 federal (EPA) rules in regulating USTs in Indiana. State environmental regulations are being drafted by IDEM and will be available for public comment before becoming part of the Indiana Administrative Code. The draft regulations will be published in the Indiana Register either the first of May or June of this year. A public comment period extends for one month after this publication date. An informal public hearing on the draft regulations is normally held in the third week of the month of publication in the Register. Copies of the Indiana Register are available through public libraries that subscribe to it. Information about the Indiana Register, including how to order copies of certain pages, is available through the Legislative Services Agency at (317) 232-9557.

For information about UST closures within a specific fire protection area, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office or IDEM. Information about other State environmental policies and procedures regarding USTs is also available to fire agency personnel from IDEM. Contact John Gunter at (317) 243-5089.

## **FEMALE TRAINEE**

Reprinted from the April 30, 1990 issue of *The Times, Hammond, Indiana*. Written by Diane Calderone Jostes, *Times*-correspondent.

**CEDAR LAKE** - Whether her title is fireman, fireperson or firewoman, Jennifer Cochran isn't worried because she is well on her way to becoming the first female on Cedar Lake's Volunteer Fire Department.

The petite, blonde, 23-year-old store clerk is working to complete her second class certification in firefighting and already has been out in the field putting out grass and house fires.

At first glance an outsider would wonder just how she can wear the heavy gear, which weighs 10 pounds, used by firefighters. But after talking to her it is easy to see there is a strong determination to succeed.

Chief Dennis Wilkening said there can be no special treatment because Jennifer is a female. She must prove herself like everyone else who wants to be a part of the 32-member department.

Long hours of study with a notebook full of things to remember are part of her schedule these days.

Details about kinds of fires, equipment, safety procedures, trucks, gauges are all part of the training. Jennifer said it's a lot to learn but it's been a great experience.

Wilkening said although there have been only men on the department in the past, it's not because of male chauvinism.

"We never had a serious applicant apply," he said. "Once a

woman called and asked what firemen were paid. When I told her it was a volunteer service she thanked me and hung up."

She never called again.

But men also have asked and backed away when they found there was no salary.

Wilkening said Jennifer and the three other trainees are all working hard to complete their one-year probation.

Assistant Chief Keith Schillo said their studies don't end when the first year is up. He said learning about firefighting requires continuing training programs, especially when hazardous material is involved.

But Jennifer is not deterred.

She said she is eager to learn and ready to put in as much time as it takes to become a good firefighter.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17th, 7:30 p.m. at the Scipio Twp. Fire Station.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:08 p.m. to a meal of barbecue and the trimmings. A program on farm accidents was then presented by Randy Aby of Bass Lake V.F.D. and Starke County EMS.

Mr. Childress won the 50/50 and we added \$15.00 to the treasury. Mike Jones won a flashlight set and Dan Culver won a belt buckle; both prizes were donated.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### **Junior Firefighter Excellence Award Announced**

The Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service, Inc. (VFIS) has announced the 5th year of their Junior Firefighter Excellence Award.

VFIS is concerned about the future of firefighting. Junior firefighters are the future of firefighting across America. Not only are junior firefighters associated through fire companies, the Boy Scouts of America devised an Explorer Program for teenagers to become involved with community progress.

To escalate the enthusiasm of our young firefighters, VFIS offers a Junior Firefighting Excellence Award Contest. This year is the fifth year of the contest with previous winners from Washington, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maine, Ohio, California, Georgia and New York. VFIS has had a terrific response in the past, receiving entries from 49 states.

The winners of the contest are awarded \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third. Not only do they receive the money, they also are given a top-quality engraved plaque. All applications must be received in our York, Pennsylvania office by December 1, 1990.

The public can be very proud of their young male and female cadets. The time they spend on fundraising, community projects, and assisting firefighters before and after fires develops leadership, discipline, confidence, self-esteem and a high respect for community cooperation.

For contest applications and/or further information concerning this program, please contact VFIS at P.O. Box 2726, York, PA 17405 or telephone 1-800-233-1957 and ask for Tamela Monroe.



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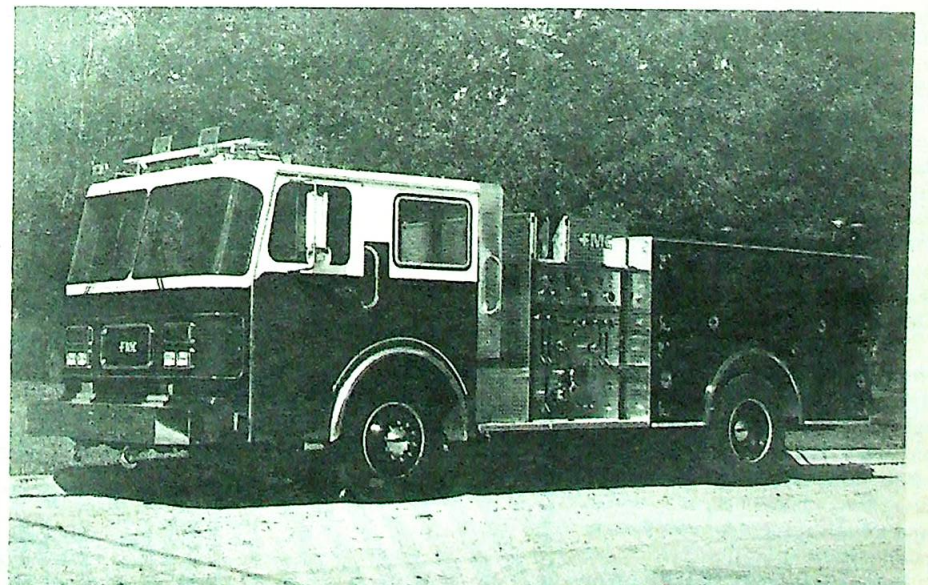
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## FOREST POND RETIRES AFTER 26 YEARS

Reprinted from the Warren Weekly, Warren, Indiana

Forrest Pond has retired from the Warren Volunteer Fire Department after 26 years. Nineteen years he was the Chief.

The Salomonie Mills fire in 1975 is the biggest fire that Forrest recalls fighting. The Lodge fire just fifteen years ago threatened the entire town for a time because of its location. In twenty-six years of service Forrest never missed a meeting of the department. He also attended many district meetings, state meetings and kept himself up to date on new methods and regulations.

In 1988 he received the Mid-West award (seventh district). This award is given yearly and honors service and dedication of personnel.

The downtown fire station, built in 1946, was replaced during Pond's tenure. The new station, Forrest says, was badly needed in order for the community to have adequate protection.

When Forrest joined the department, firemen were called to fires by the telephone operator, who received the call and activated the siren. The firemen arrived at the station and got the location from the operator.

Today the volunteers are paged by the county dispatcher who gives the location to the firemen as they receive the call.

Forrest's wife Alice, stated that she was grateful to see Forrest retire. She appreciated his spirit in helping the community, but will now appreciate the no-interrupted-sleep by fire calls.

Like an old fire horse, Forrest will no doubt continue to be interested in the fire department and will have that urge to run in case of fire. But with no siren or pager to alert him, he will be able to retire more easily.

Forrest intends to continue his work as a carpenter. But now there will be no interruptions for fire calls. The service as Forrest has given to the community, is what makes towns such as Warren, the garden spots of America... Warren Weekly commends Forrest for his dedication and hard work over the years.

## Guidebook Helps Small Communities Prepare for Haz-Mat Emergencies

WASHINGTON, DC Hazardous materials accidents. Most people think they happen in the big city, never the small town. But, these accidents can and do occur all across America, in even the most remote rural areas.

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The guidebook is part of a self-training package for small town officials that includes a video focusing on small community case studies and a user's guide to assist in conducting training sessions.

*Accidents Will Happen* examines hazardous materials legislation, local responsibilities in providing or contracting for chemical emergency services and technical assistance resources available to help protect your community.

"Local elected officials play a major role in ensuring that their communities are adequately protected should a chemical accident occur," said Jeffrey H. Schiff, NATaT's executive director. "Our guidebook will help local leaders develop an effective and affordable emergency response system."

*Accidents Will Happen* is the second self-training package produced by NATaT under a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

The cost of the guidebook is \$6 for NATaT members; \$10 for others, plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Volume discounts are available. Cost of renting the video for a two-week period is \$20 for NATaT members; \$40 for others, plus \$5 postage and handling. Each video package

includes a copy of the guidebook and user's guide. Purchase of the video package is \$50 for NATaT members; \$80 for others, plus \$5 postage and handling.

Send a check, money order or purchase order to the National Association of Towns and Townships, 1522 K Street, NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20005. Additional information can be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling (202) 737-5200.

The National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) is a non-profit membership organization serving local governments in 13,000 towns, townships and small cities throughout the country. In addition to serving as Small Town America's voice in the nation's capital, NATaT provides economic and community development support to small towns and rural areas. Through its National Center for Small Communities, the association conducts research and develops educational materials on issues that affect grassroots governments and the people they serve. The association is the developer of the highly acclaimed Harvesting Hometown Jobs training package on economic development; *Why Waste A Second Chance?*, a small town guide to establishing a recycling program; *Treat It Right*, a guidebook on building and financing a wastewater treatment system; and *Accidents Will Happen*, a small town guide to planning for hazardous materials response. The next guidebook will focus on financing grassroots government.

### CART RACE RULES INTERNATIONAL WATERBALL INC. REVISED SEPTEMBER 22, 1988

#### GENERAL:

1. The playing field shall be 100 feet in length.
2. A team shall consist of 6 people, men and women's teams competing separately.
3. There will be 4 runners and 2 riders.
4. All participants must wear protective head gear at all times during the race.

#### JUDGING:

1. There will be 3 judges present during each run. They will be positioned as follows: Judges 1 and 2 will be located at each end of the 80 foot central zone, judge 3 will be located at or near the beverage stand. The judge located at the lead/finish end of the 80 foot central zone will signal the start and finish of the run and will serve as the reporting time for that run. The remaining judges will serve as back up timers and note any penalties accrued during the run.
2. Vice presidents, whenever possible, will preside as judges.

#### CONTEST:

1. All 6 participants will start from a predetermined location away from the cart.
2. Upon the signal to start, all contestants proceed to the cart and the positions assigned to them by the team captain. Runners pull the cart and riders the length of the playing field to a beverage stand. The stand shall hold 6 cups of beverage (to be the choice of and supplied by the participants) containing no less than 8 ounces.
3. Each participant shall consume 1 cup of beverage and then place the empty cup up side down on the beverage stand.
4. Participants return to their position on the cart after drinking and proceed back down the field.
5. The front rider must ring the bell and activate the siren and signal light the entire time the cart is in motion. NOTE: ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REMAIN ON/PULLING THE CART WITH-IN THE 80 CENTRAL ZONE.
5. Upon exiting the 80 foot central zone, the rear rider pulls 50 feet of 1 1/2" fire hose from the reel on the back of the cart and connects one end to a predetermined water supply (pressure of which shall be constant throughout the contests and be no greater than 70 PSI).
6. The front rider removes a straight bore nozzle (gated or non-gated but to be the same for all contests) from the storage box on the cart and connects it to the other end of the 1 1/2" hose previously laid. The front rider calls for the line to be charged and attempts to knock a target ball off a 3 foot stand 25 feet from the tip of the nozzle (with the hose stretched to its full length).
7. The lead end judge signals the end of the run when the ball hits the ground after being knocked off the stand with water pressure.

#### PENALTIES

1. A 5 second penalty will be added to the run time if the front rider fails to ring the bell or activate the siren and signal light in either direction (possible 10 second penalty).
2. A 5 second penalty will be added for each beverage cup not completely drunk.
3. A 5 second penalty will be added for each beverage cup not returned to the beverage stand. NOTE: IF THE BEVERAGE STAND IS KNOCKED OVER DURING THE RUN, A 30 SECOND PENALTY WILL BE ADDED. IF THE STAND IS NOT PICKED UP AND THE CUPS RETURNED TO THE STAND, AN ADDITIONAL 30 SECOND PENALTY WILL BE ADDED.
4. A 5 second penalty will be added for each dropped helmet.
5. A 5 second penalty will be added each time a rider is off the cart within the 80 foot central zone.
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### The Volunteer Fire/Emergency Services in the 90s

The Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service, Inc. (VFIS) has announced that a teleconference, scheduled for May 23, 1990, will focus on "The Volunteer Fire/Emergency Services in the 90s". Officials of the sponsoring organizations, VFIS, National Volunteer Fire Council and Congressional Fire Service Institute, said the presentation will include both pre-taped segments and live panel discussions. An important feature, they report, will be a question and answer period using a call-in system.

Nationally known representatives of the fire service will participate in the satellite broadcast, including Congressman Curt Weldon, Pennsylvania; Chief Jack Snook, Valley Fire and Rescue Dept. (Aloha, Oregon); Chief John Buckman, German Township Fire Department (Evansville, Indiana); Bruce Piringer, University of Missouri Fire/Rescue Training Institute (Columbia, Missouri); John McNichol, Congressional Fire Service Institute (Washington, DC); James Monihan, National

Volunteer Fire Council (Lewes, Delaware); and other prominent fire service leaders.

The program will address such topic areas as the legal impact of standards and regulations on volunteers, motivating and recruiting, training programs for volunteers to meet the 90s, managing the 90s volunteer organizations, and activities in Washington to assist the fire service.

This program is the first of two teleconferences scheduled by VFIS for 1990. It will be broadcast on Wednesday, May 23, 1990 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The facilities at the public broadcasting station, WITF of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, will be used to make the satellite program available through Westar 5 system, Channel 4, 2 Cross and Audio frequency 6.2 - 6.8 MHz.

For more information on the next teleconference contact: Tamela Monroe or Ray Hawkins at VFIS. Call 1-800-233-1957 outside of Pennsylvania.

## DISTRICT 9B

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District 9-B Chaplain Keith Getz held a short memorial for Herman Schuette of the Brook Volunteer Fire Department.

Program presented by the Brook VFD was the video "Plan To Get Out Alive."

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting is March 8th at the Brookston Volunteer Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. slow time/7:30 p.m. fast time.

### FOLLOWING MEETING

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8 p.m. at the Brookston Volunteer Fire Department in Brookston, Indiana.

There were 7 guests present. Total firemen present numbered 51 with 54 alarms among the 12 departments answering roll call.

District 9-B Chaplain Keith Getz held a short memorial for Robert Long of the Brook Volunteer Fire Department.

Items discussed were: Need for news for the paper, nominee for the Midwest Award, 1990 IVFA Convention and Bowling Tourney, Miss Flame Contestant from Fowler, Bridgeport Scholarship Fund eligibility, Workmans Comp. Insurance, Legislation for 1990, IVFA sponsored seminar covering NFPA 1500, 1501 and 1403 at St. Joseph College in Rensselaer April 7, Federal Death Benefit, 2 Resolutions for 1990 IVFA Convention, Ollie Sandburg Award, pamphlet available from the Indiana Fire and Building Service, Bridgeport Death Benefit, L.P. Gas School sponsored by Amoco Oil on May 8 at Griffith, Fireman's Bill of Rights, State Fire School April 21, 22, 28 and 29 at Indy, IFIA Bookstore to move to Kendallville, District 3 Meeting March 15 at North Judson at 7:30 p.m.

Program presented by the Brookston Fire Department was a new video on Foam Application.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Next meeting is May 10 at the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

Sec./Treas.  
Dennis J. Risner

## Fire truck-Car Collision, 1 Dead

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins, H-T Staff Writer

MITCHELL—A Mitchell woman was killed Thursday morning, March 15th, after the car she was driving collided with a Marion Township firetruck on its way back from a misreported traffic accident.

Cheryl A. Pinnick, 23, was pronounced dead on the scene from massive head injuries after the accident which occurred at approximately 8:15 a.m. on a two-lane stretch of Ind. 37 three miles north of Mitchell.

Two Marion Township firefighters were injured in the accident, which caused \$10,000 in damage to the firetruck. Assistant fire chief David R. Burton, 40, of Mitchell, was in stable condition in the intensive care unit at Bedford Medical Center with chest injuries, cuts and bruises.

James R. Wedgewood, 65, also of Mitchell, was treated for cuts and bruises and lower back pain and released from Bedford Medical Center. A Marion Township firefighter, Wedgewood was a passenger in the fire truck.

Pinnick was driving north on Ind. 37 when she approached the intersection of Old Ind. 37 near Big Red Auction Barn and Brisco Mobile Homes, according to troopers Mark Clephane and Kent Hawkins of the Indiana State Police, Bloomington post.

A Mitchell school bus turning left onto Old Ind. 37 was stopped in the road, Hawkins said. There

were no students on the bus. Pinnick passed the school bus in a bypass lane on the right, and as she was pulling back into the driving lane, lost control of the car; drove left of center and collided with the firetruck head-on.

The firetruck was on its way back from responding to a report of an accident farther north on Ind. 37, according to Hawkins.

At 7:47 a.m., Hawkins said he went to a minor traffic accident near the intersection of Ind. 37 and Wesley Chapel Road, which he reported as not needing further assistance.

At 8:04 a.m., Lawrence County police received a call which appeared to refer to a second accident somewhere in the vicinity of the first, Hawkins said.

Lawrence County police dispatched the Marion Township firetruck, which arrived at the accident near Wesley Chapel Road a few minutes later, Burton and Wedgewood left the scene after determining there was no second accident. The fatality occurred as the firetruck was returning south on Ind. 37.

No alcohol was involved in the accident, Hawkins said. Because of the type of collision, the fact that Pinnick was not wearing a seatbelt made no difference, he added.

Both vehicles were traveling at about 45 miles per hour; Hawkins said the wet conditions might have contributed to the accident.

### INDIANA STATE MERIT SERVICE GENERAL INFORMATION

**PURPOSE:** The Indiana State Merit Service provides a method of selection and advancement based upon merit without regard to political, racial, social or religious considerations. Employment affords job security, promotional opportunities, liberal vacation and sick leaves, and many other employee benefits.

**SELECTION:** The State Personnel Department conducts examinations in order to establish employment lists from which vacancies in the State Merit Service are filled. The names of the eligibles with the highest scores are certified for each vacancy, and the appointing authority makes the selection from the top seven (7) available eligibles. Names of eligibles are removed from the active register for reasons specified in 3 IAC 2-6-3 which include: failure to reply to a letter regarding consideration for appointment within five (5) working days or to a telegram within twenty-four (24) hours, failure to appear for a scheduled interview, failure to accept appointment when offered, waiver of an offer of position, failure to report for duty by the prescribed time, declining salary offered or inability to work prescribed hours.

**APPLICATION:** Applications are submitted to the Indiana State Personnel Department, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room 109, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Applications must be filled out accurately and completely. A separate application form is required for each job classification. The exact title of the job classification must appear on the first line of the application form. Applications may be obtained from the State Personnel Department or from any Department of Employment and Training Services' office. If a written test is required, qualified applicants will receive a notice of examination one (1) week before the examination is held.

**EXAMINATION CENTERS:** Written examinations will be scheduled in the following cities: Anderson, Bloomington, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Hammond, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Madison, Marion, Michigan City, Muncie, New Albany, Richmond, Seymour, South Bend, Tell City, Terre Haute, or Vincennes.

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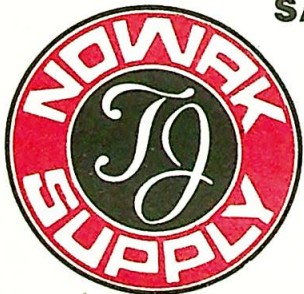
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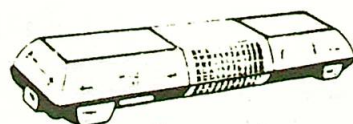
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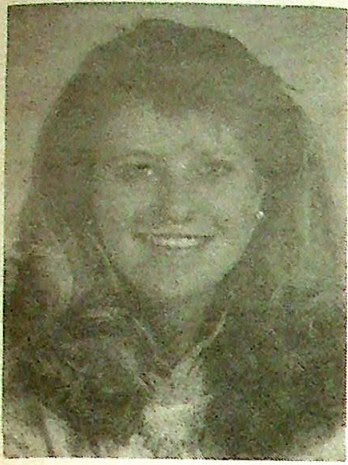
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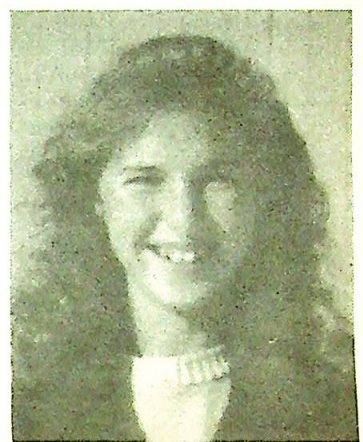
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### Congratulations

District Miss Flame Winners. The district Miss Flame contests are now over and there are 14 lovely girls going to the state convention.

The Miss Flame committee is looking forward to meeting you at convention.

We are there to help and guide you through those few exciting days.

Again, congratulations and good luck at convention.

Miss Flame Committee

## STATE OFFICERS MEETING

*State Officers, continued from page 3.*

Gene Stofer, Insurance, also commented on the committee meeting. He stated that this program must be started at the meeting in May. Proposals are 10 years in service to be vested. The start date of the policy will be May 1, 1990.

President Lockhart read a letter from the Dale Corporation subject of which was the announcement of an additional member to the sales staff. President Lockhart also stated that all officers must have a black and white picture taken and sent to Editor Bob Laney.

Mike Mackin, 1990 Convention Chairman, gave a rundown of the times of the various activities planned for the convention. Al Mendel, Games, announced that the cart race rules have been changed and have been updated by the International Waterball Association.

### NEW BUSINESS

Bill Kinsey commented that the outlines for program certifications from the task force are in and are ready for presentation to the commission for their approval.

President Lockhart acknowledged receipt of letters from Lee Kissell and Paul Hildebrand and their comments to him. He encouraged others to write him with their comments and opinions.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Hildebrand, seconded by Charles Sutton. Motion carried by voice vote.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Mitch Parrish called the meeting to order. A motion by Bill Engle seconded by Charles Sutton to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approved them as received in the mail. Carried by voice vote.

Bill Howe made a motion to allow the newly appointed length of service committee a target figure of \$30,000 to work with. Seconded by Bill Kinsey. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Parrish announced that the next officers' meeting will be held here at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel on May 5th and 6th.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported there were situations where Bibles and grave markers were not given out together. Anyone having extras of each should advise him, he would like to get this corrected.

A motion to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz was made by Bill Howe, seconded by Bill Kinsey. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies  
Recording Secretary

*PR Northeast, continued from page 3.*

I also attended a pancake and sausage brunch at the Poe Volunteer Fire Department, the Peanut Brittle Capital of the Midwest. With less than half of their operating budget provided by tax support, Poe continues to show it can be done. Poe has learned it takes a compatible combination of youth with strength and enthusiasm and maturity with experience. They effectively use the experienced members along with the youthful members. Many departments could learn from Poe's effective use of both youth and maturity.

Who says David can't beat Goliath? Ken Baker, Fire Prevention officer of the Bluffton Fire Dept. took on a giant and won! A toymaker that duplicated a gasoline can for a toy withdrew manufacture of the dangerous toy after Ken got a great amount of T.V. and newspaper coverage to convince the toymaker how dangerous the toy could be. What a winner!

Thanks to John Ferro, Dick Glandt, Dick Mackin and Mort Sorg for turning loose the troops to contact U.S. Representative John Hiler of South Bend to convince Mr. Hiler to support the Firefighters Bill of Rights. Rep. Hiler now knows there are volunteer firefighters in his district. Good job.

I look forward to going to Washington D.C. for the National Fire Service Caucus April 17, 18 & 19. Indiana's fire service has to make itself heard at all levels of government. Your IVFA is sending a delegation to this event to represent you.

**When you're feeling blue, and don't know what to do, Visit another volunteer fire department's fund raiser, and find out how you can be a trial blazer.**

Allen County Firefighters are ready for the 1990 IVFA convention. Make sure you are ready.

Don't forget the Fun bowling

tournament Wednesday afternoon and evening to start your convention. Many departments are registering early so all of the members from their department can bowl together and add to the competition and fun. There's a nasty rumor circulating that I'll be standing in front of the pins and you can throw your balls at me, but, you'll never know unless you register to bowl for fun. Lots of prizes guaranteed. T-shirts, bowling ball, bowling bag and more than just prize money to take home with you. See you in June.

Best Wishes  
Bill Kinsey  
Public Relations Northeast

## POLE FIRE

CHESTERFIELD—A utility pole caught fire Thursday (March 29) evening along County Road 400E.

This caused a chain of events that led to a widespread blackout in the suburban area north of Chesterfield.

More than 300 homes and businesses were without power, some throughout the night.

The problem started around 7:20 p.m. when Chesterfield firefighters were dispatched to a burning utility pole at 1700 N. 400E.

"The pole burned through and the transformer blew, and I mean blew," said Assistant Chief Danny Butler. "After that we had the biggest Fourth of July display ever."

Butler said three sections of power lines between three poles came down after that. One line, he said, struck a gas meter to a residence at 1735 N. 400E.

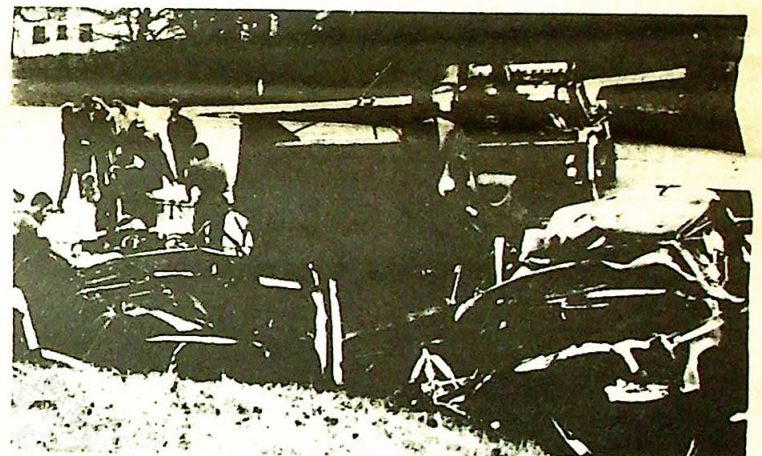
He said sparks from the arcing line charred some floor joists at the home and caused an undetermined amount of damage.

The area affected is between Highland High School and County Line Road, south from Cross Street to the north part of Chesterfield. About 330 customers were without power, said Terry Hall, Elwood area manager for Indiana Michigan Power.

Butler said power was restored to most homes north of County Road 200N by around 10 p.m.

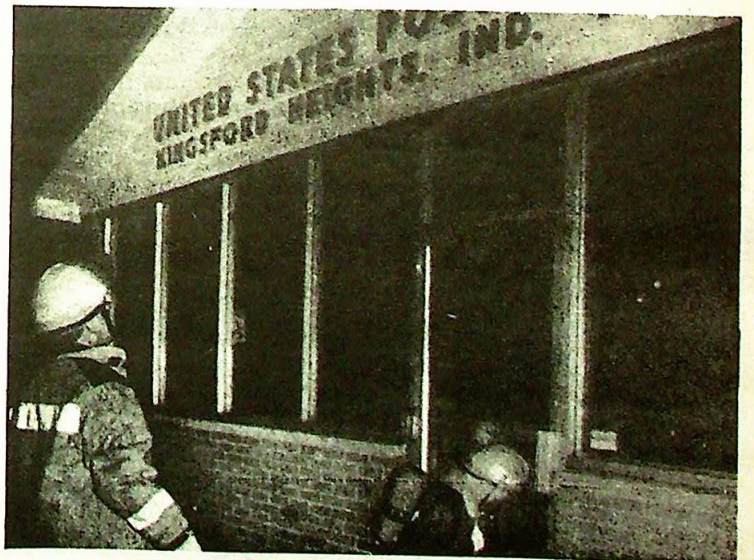
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## FATALITY



The tank portion of the Marion Township Volunteer Fire Department brush truck is lifted from the Volkswagen Rabbit of Cheryl Pinnick as members of the Bedford Fire Department extrication team work to free her from the vehicle. At the right is the cab of the fire truck which was broken by the impact of the collision. Pinnick died of multiple injuries and two firemen were transported to Bedford Medical Center for treatment. Tribune photo

## KH Post Office Fire 'Suspicious'



The Kingsford-Union Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Kingsford Heights post office, at 9:45 Friday, April 13th, to battle a blaze that kept firefighters there for more than two hours. LaPorte County Police, who also responded, are calling the fire "of suspicious origin." The brick frame building suffered smoke and water damage; no damage estimate was given. Kingsford Heights Postmistress Barbara Dygulski said the office will be open Monday to collect tax forms before the midnight deadline. - H-A photo by Bob Wellinski

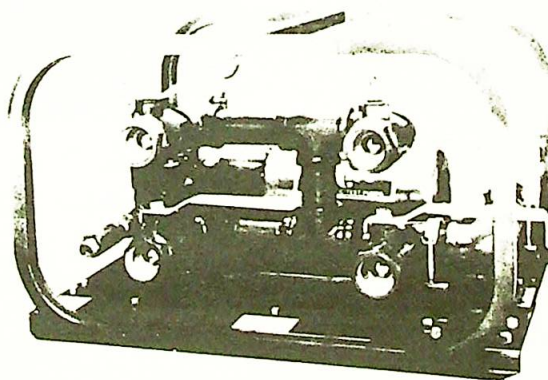
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## \$3 Million Dollar Fire in Delphi



30,000 TONS of cobs went up in smoke in Delphi in December. 3 million, five hundred thousand gallons of water were required to bring the blaze under control.

Dear fellow firefighters: The Delphi Fire Department has sent the following facts and pictures of the fire that occurred at the Anderson Elevator in Delphi, Indiana.

We found out just what mutual aid can mean from neighboring VFDs. From something as simple as corn cobs, we all learned about helping one another, the danger in even common commodities and first-hand experience of fire tornados.

Thank you,  
Bill Randle  
1st Asst. Chief  
Delphi Fire Dept.

In the early morning of Monday, Dec. 11, 1989 an enormous pile of corn cobs was ablaze at the Andersons Grain Elevator.

The statistics for this fire are impressive.

There were 30,000 tons of cobs in one pile which was approximately 180 feet wide by 420 feet long by 110 feet to 120 feet high.

Firefighters put water on the fire for 151 hours starting at 5 a.m., Monday, Dec. 11 to 12 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17.

Efforts were concentrated on the end nearest the grain elevator. By doing this, a wall of ice many feet thick was formed on the cobs to keep the heat off the grain elevators, only 210 feet distant.

The air temperature ranged from 15 degrees to 3 degrees, which aided the fire suppression effort.

The fire itself was so hot that snow melted for 350 to 400 feet around the cob pile.

Ten percent of the cobs were saved by the use of four payloaders and six trucks.

Thirteen fire departments contributed to the firefighting effort. They were: Carroll County; Delphi Tri-Township FD, Burrows FD, Rockfield FD, Camden FD, Flora FD, Burlington FD and Cutler FD; White County; Brookston FD and Monticello FD; Tippecanoe County; Buck Creek FD. Clinton County; Rossville FD, Frankfort FD and Michigantown FD.

The Monticello and Frankfort departments contributed the use of equipment. Cutler, Rossville, and Michigantown departments supplied manpower. The other departments listed sent both equipment and personnel.

Eleven other organizations gave additional assistance. They were; Carroll County REMC, Carroll County Sheriff's Dept., Carroll County Civil Defense, Cohee Construction, Franklin Construction, Delphi Limestone Quarry, the Anderson employees, C&C Energy Co., Stanley J. Clark Co., State Highway Dept. and the Delphi Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary who put in 133 hours to feed the firefighters.

Three million five hundred thousand (3,500,000) gallons of water were used, of which two million two hundred thousand

(2,200,000) gallons were hauled in eleven tankers from the city of Delphi, three miles away.

The elevator has a fire pond from which one hundred eighty thousand (180,000) gallons were pumped. As the water ran off a dam was built in the ditch next to the railroad and the water was reused. From the dam, approximately one hundred eighty thousand (180,000) gallons were pumped back into the fire pond and six hundred twenty-five thousand (625,000) gallons of water from the ditch were pumped back onto the fire with three portable pumps.

There were a few spot fires in the woods nearby that were handled by firemen. In over 2,521 total hours by firemen there were no injuries! The fire trucks (equipment) was used for a total of 1,083 hours with no accidents!



Fire tornado swirls skyward.

There were two break-downs, one tire on a tanker and one clutch on a tanker. Delphi firemen had a total of 1,322 man hours, and 558 truck hours, and 116 portable pump hours. Delphi's pumper unit #502 is a 1000 GPM pumper and it pumped a total of 103 hours and put on a total of 3,534 miles on the speedometer.

The Andersons Management Corporation repoded to the handling of the fire with the following letter.

Dear Chief,

As you know, everyone here at The Andersons is extremely grateful for the professionalism displayed by you and your team of emergency response personnel and for the assistance provided by the community during the recent fire at our Delphi facility.

Now that the fire is out and we have time to reflect, we are better able to appreciate the actions that were taken and the sacrifices that were made. On behalf of Tom Wagener, Mike Fahle, and the entire staff of the Technical

The total cost of the event is well over three million (\$3,000,000) dollars at the time these statistics were compiled.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Schock, Fire Chief  
Delphi Tri-Township  
Fire Department

Services Department in Maumee, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for all of your efforts. We strongly believe that your leadership was the key to the successful resolution of this unfortunate event.

The assistance that you and the community provided is just another example of why we are so proud to be a part of the Delphi community.

Thanks again. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Schmidt, Manager  
Safety, Health &  
Environmental Protection

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## FIRE SERVICES NETWORK

With over 360 Members of Congress on the rolls, the networking ability of the fire service of the United States has achieved a perspective and potential never before imagined, according to the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

The Congressional Fire Services Institute, organized to support the communications needs of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, has initiated a two way network of communication to enable fire service personnel from around the country to become active, functioning, and interactive parts of the legislative process.

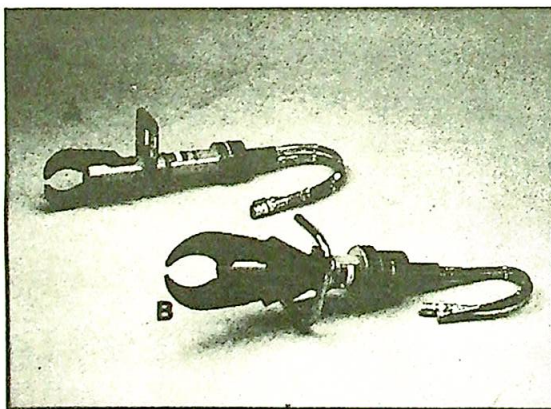
The Congressional Fire Services Institute - State Liaison Committee, chaired by Mason Lankford, is a network of recognized fire service leaders. Serving on a volunteer basis, they will coordinate communications between the fire service community and the Congressional Fire Services Institute, which in turn provides information to the Caucus.

This network will be involved in three basic activities.

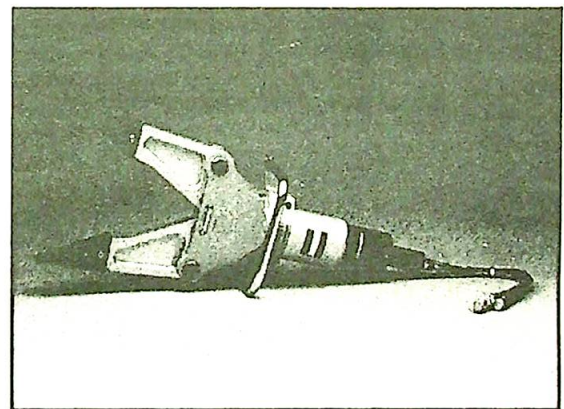
1. A group of three leaders will coordinate the activities of the Institute in approximately 15 states. This will require attendance at the State association meetings where Federal legislative activity is discussed.

Members will be expected to make presentations in their assigned areas to motivate membership and keep the communications loop open.

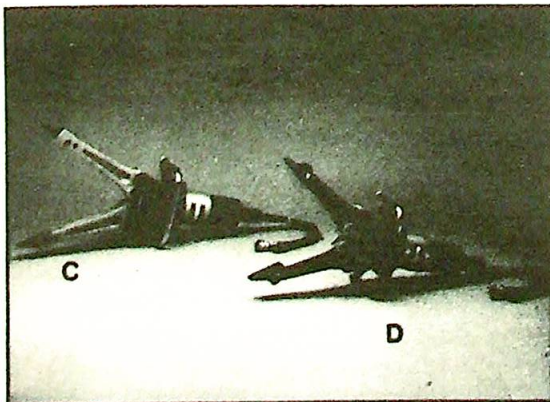
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## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration

Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other emergency response personnel face numerous unique circumstances where they are at risk for exposure to blood, body fluids, and other potentially infectious materials. Their awareness and active protection against infectious diseases is vital to the health of these public servants and to the communities they serve.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), is perhaps the most widely publicized disease affecting emergency response personnel. Hepatitis-B, however, poses a much greater occupational health risk, as each year 20,000 health care workers become infected and at least 200 health care workers die of work-related Hepatitis-B infections.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) feels strongly that all health care workers, particularly firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and other emergency response personnel, be offered immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as Hepatitis-B. The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) agrees and has mandated this for all employees covered by OSHA regulations.

Hepatitis-B is only one of the vaccine-preventable diseases that emergency response personnel need to be concerned with. According to the current Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices Guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control, "All persons providing health care to older adolescents and adults in private offices, clinics, hospitals, HMOs and other health care settings should be provided with immunization against influenza; with pneumococcal, Hepatitis-B,

measles, and rubella vaccines; and with tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, when indicated." Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and other emergency response personnel fall into this group and should be afforded this protection.

The USFA Office of Firefighter Health & Safety is actively responding to the impact of infectious diseases on the fire service and other emergency response professionals. In August, we held a "Second Forum on Communicable Diseases" with emergency medical and infection control experts, fire service professionals, physicians, attorneys, and allied Federal agency representatives. We spent three days discussing infection control curriculum development, vaccination, related legal issues, pending Federal legislation regarding occupational exposure to infectious diseases, employee rights, and models of fire department record-keeping of exposures. We reviewed the progress of the 1988 Forum recommendations, and developed new recommendations for the coming year. Detailed findings and recommendations have been published in the USFA Report on the Second Forum on Communicable Diseases, which is available from:

**The United States Fire Administration  
Office of Firefighter Health & Safety  
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It is up to each emergency response agency to ensure that all emergency responders have the training, equipment, and protection to do their job safely. When they are saving lives, they must first protect their own. Make certain that your professionals can do just that.

Sincerely,  
Edward M. Wall  
Deputy Administrator,  
U.S. Fire Administration

### NETWORK.

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2. Support at the state level is essential to the success of the Liason Committee. A strong fire service leader has been selected to co-ordinate activities within each state.

3. The network will be compiling up-to-date mailing lists of fire and rescue departments from all 50 states. This information will be stored in a data base that will be updated each year. This information will be shared with any Member of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus who requests the information. The names and addresses of all Fire and Rescue Journals will also be maintained.

The following is a list of the members of the fire service liason network.

- Alabama - Bill Langston
- Alaska - Leigh Gallagher
- Arizona - Herb Hoey
- Arkansas - Sheldon Richardson
- California - James McMullen
- Colorado - Dean Smith
- Connecticut - Wayne Sandford
- Delaware - Lou Amabili
- Florida - Fred C. Stark, J.C. Robertson
- Georgia - Harold G. Thompson
- Hawaii - Battalion Chief Julio Agcaoili
- Idaho - Clare D. Harkins
- Illinois - Bill Baylor, Greg Berk
- Indiana - Gene Stoffer
- Iowa - Bev Hollar
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- Vermont - Wayne Babcock
- Virginia - Carl Cimino
- Washington - John Anderson
- West Virginia - Everett Perkins
- Wisconsin - Simon L. Hertzler
- Wyoming - Gary Bare

## Clearing the Smoke

March 1990

Are you aware... that SARA Title III is not a coffee cake in the dairy section of your supermarket. The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education advises that in the past year, fire departments have been inspected by OSHA and received non-compliance citations. Some items are: failure to have a written SOP for hazmat incidents; failure to have a copy by the radio dispatcher; failure to have back-up alarms on apparatus; failure to sign the cascade log after filling air bottles; failure to have hazardous materials training; or failure to have records to prove it. Keep Records!!! Below-standard turnout gear has been cited and is a problem with no easy solution for some departments.

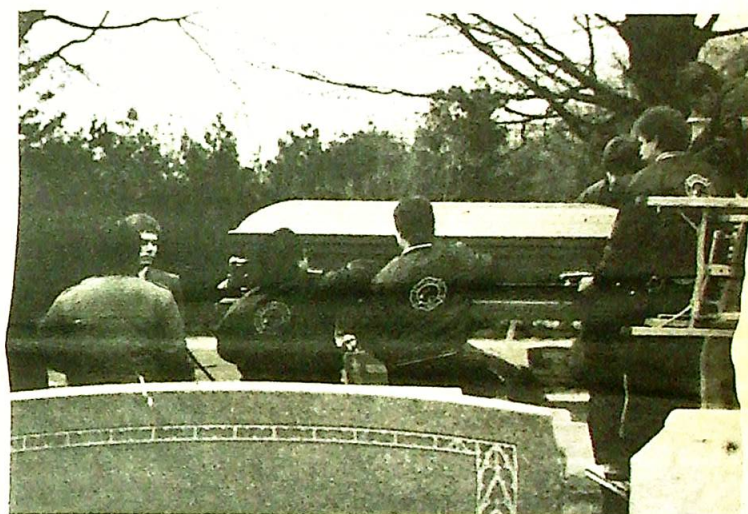
Points being overlooked by fire departments is a health standard which says firefighters must prove their physical fitness as not having emphysema, heart disease, or epilepsy, and the requirement that airparks are worn during interior structural firefighting and hazardous materials incidents. When in doubt on an OSHA rule, call the Indiana department of labor,

IOSHA office, 317-232-2693.

Fire chiefs, certified instructors, hear ye... your signature is important on applications and needs to be legible and identifiable. On voluntary certification applications, there is no "pass/fail" on written tests. Written tests are computed on the basis of one point per answer and converted to a percentage for reporting. Birthdates, date joined fire service, and Social Security number are all necessary to establish and track certifications for each firefighter. Full given names as Charles J. Grinch are preferable, rather than nicknames. It is also helpful when women indicate their last names have changed through marriage.

Task forces for Master Firefighter categories... find the NFPA objectives in every subject to be stair steps of I, II, III, and IV. Each task force is wrestling with how to accomplish the Master categories in the best interest of Indiana fire service. Driver/operator and Hazmat task forces are scheduled for their first meetings. Public hearings will be held on each category before considered by the Board for final adoption.

## Raymond W.J. Tarnow Laid To Rest



Raymond W.J. Tarnow was given full honors by the Scipio Volunteer Fire Department.

Raymond W.J. Tarnow was a charter member of the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department, joining the department in 1953. Ray was chairman of displays and the banquet for the 1959 Convention held in LaPorte. Ray and I cut a lot of wood together, both of us have wood stoves. We potted our own flowers for the cemetery and made grave blankets for the winter.

Ray was a Master Fire Fighter and never missed a Third District meeting. The Knox Volunteer Fire Department was his favorite department to visit. In our own department, Ray had a special knowledge, knowing right from wrong, and if you didn't agree, his voice would make you believe.

He had a special love for antiques, a roll top desk was his pride and joy. Hand lanterns, all types of old hand tools were in his collection.

His daughter, Margaret and I shared a promise, made to his wife before her death that we would look after him. He was in his daughter's home, and I was at his side at the time of his death.

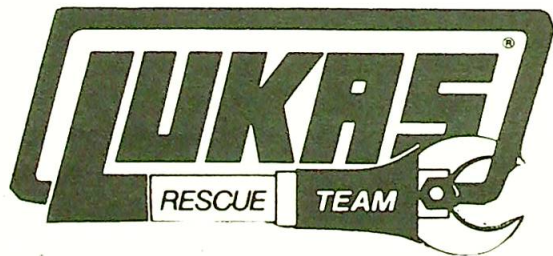
He was a special friend to me, and I will miss him.

Ray was taken to his final resting place on the fire truck as the picture indicates.

He will be missed in both the Scipio Volunteer Fire Department and at the Third District meetings.

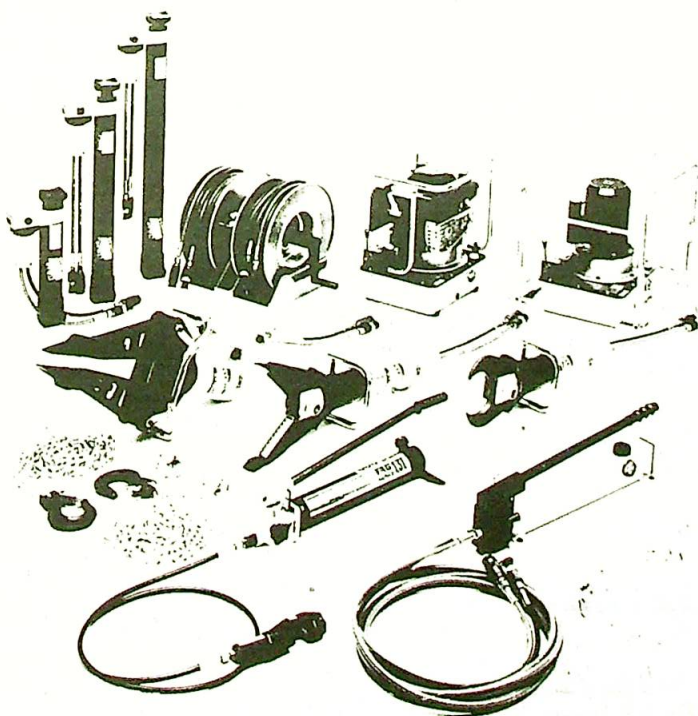
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### Retiring Fire Chief Harry Carpenter and Hubert Samm Honored



Retiring Fire Chief Harry Carpenter and retiring Fireman and EMT, Hubert Samm were honored February 13, 1990.

Hubert Samm who has been on the department for 20 and a half years was presented with a plaque from the Fire department. Hubert has also worked on the rescue squad since it came into existence in the early 80s.

Harry Carpenter was presented with a plaque from the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, and presenting the award was Robert Meyers, District 11A Chairman. Harry received a United States Flag from Congressman John Meyers and a plaque from the Fire Department. Harry received this recognition for his 26 years as Fire Chief and 28 years on the department. Harry was also recognized for a rescue he had made of a little boy who was in a boat in a strip pit. This recognition came from Tom and Hellen Higgins of Hymera, parents of the little boy.

Thank a lot, guys, for your many years of service.

Clay Shidler, Pres.

Hymera/Jackson Twp. VFD

### Ken Baker Wins One For Kids

BLUFFTON - A toy criticized by a Bluffton firefighter because it resembles a gasoline can is no longer in production, a spokesman for the California toy company said last week.

Production of GasCan/Mountain Service, manufactured by Lewis Galoob Toys Inc., of San Francisco for use with its MicroMachines miniature vehicles, was dropped several months ago, a company spokesman said Thursday.

When closed, the plastic mountain service station resembles a gasoline can, though smaller. The toy is red and comes with a diagonal "gasoline" decal. The cap on the toy operates an elevator when the case is unfolded.

A child could unscrew a real gasoline can thinking it was a toy, said Bluffton Fire Inspector Kenneth L. Baker.

Galoob had heard from three or four firefighters' organizations regarding concerns about the toy. The company did not believe the toy was unsafe but decided to discontinue it anyway, said Steven Klein, executive vice president and legal counsel for Galoob.

Baker, who had written the toy company and the state fire marshal's office questioning the safety of the toy, was pleased to hear the toy was discontinued but said he is still concerned.

"There's still a bunch of them in the pipeline. At least we can make the public aware of the danger.

"What really has me concerned is we, as adults, are complacent about gasoline. This toy is teaching that same complacency. My plea is, if you're a parent, don't let your kids play with it," Baker said.

A gas can with the cap off can emit vapors that can reach an ignition source and then flash back to the can, causing an explosion. A gallon of gas is the equivalent of six sticks of dynamite, Baker said.

Gasoline is also a health hazard, he said. Breathing gasoline vapors may cause dizziness, headaches and lack of coordination, and respiratory arrest in more severe cases. If the liquid enters the lungs, it will cause severe irritation, coughing, gagging and, later, signs of bronchopneumonia. If swallowed, gasoline can cause irregular heartbeat, Baker said.

Children's Palace in Fort Wayne has not carried GasCan/Mountain Service since Christmas, operations manager Debra Funk said.

One woman expressed her concern last week regarding the safety of the toy, but that has been the only feedback from consumers, Funk said.

The Bluffton K mart, where Baker bought his sample, has received no complaints and was not aware of any concern until approached by the media, assistant manager Annette Goehring said.

The store has only one of the toys left, and any decision to remove it from the shelves would be made by corporate headquarters, she said.

The GasCan/Mountain Service toy has not been a big seller compared to the MicroMachine cars, Goehring said, and both are losing out to the current rage: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Reprinted from the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, Sunday, April 1, 1990. By Doug Haberland, staff writer.

### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Fire Service Training, Oklahoma State University, has released details of its upcoming 1990 Oklahoma Public Fire Education Conference. The event will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the Kensington Sheraton, Wednesday through Friday, August 8 through 10.

Excellence—in topics, speakers, facilities and logistics—is the hallmark of this conference, as reflected in remarks from past attendees. The program is designed to provide each participant with strategies to identify local issues and solutions to fire and life safety problems, sponsors explain. An expanded program for 1990 enables participants to customize their individual workshop schedules, including offerings targeted for veterans as well as novices.

Major program elements of the 1990 conference include an in-depth report on juvenile firesetters, an examination of links between fire prevention and other public health issues, a presentation on gasoline burn injuries, and a brief on social trends of the 1990s.

In addition, a two-day pre-conference seminar, Instructional Techniques for Public Educators, will be conducted at the conference site on August 6 and 7. This seminar will focus on communication skills for the fire educator, information about how adults and children learn and how

to motivate them, the four-step method of instruction, public speaking, instructional methods, and effective use of visual aids. This pre-conference program addresses the objectives contained in the National Professional Qualification Standard 1041 for Fire Service Instructors.

The best part of the conference, according to Oklahoma's fire service training manager Nancy Trench, remains the opportunity to share with other public fire educators the joy of success, the disappointment of efforts that fall short of goals, and the personal dedication to saving lives from fire. "Our conference recognizes the importance of this network," she explains, "and nurtures it throughout your time at the conference."

The conference serves a state, regional and even national audience of fire educators. Participants from 23 states and Canada traveled to Oklahoma for last year's program.

Write for more information about the Oklahoma Public Fire Education Conference, educational program elements, registration details and special conference hotel rates, to Fire Service Training, Fire Building, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078-0114, or call Cindy Finkle, conference coordinator at 415/744-5727.

### FREE FIRE AND ARSON GUIDE AVAILABLE

A free guide, *Fire and Arson Investigators' Field Index Directory*, has been published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration.

The 165-page directory lists organizations in the areas of investigation resources, commercial and residential construction and vehicle manufacturing.

Among organizations identified are those in such relevant fields as

explosives and firearms, fraud, medical science, building structures, equipment and operations, appliances, home construction, and personal and commercial vehicles.

Copies of the directory, FEMA publication #FA-91, are available from the U.S. Fire Administration/FEMA, P.O. Box 70274, Washington, D.C. 20024.

### CHESTERTON SEMINAR



Shown left to right: Chief Walt Pliske, Ass't. Chief Warren Highwood, Chief Alan Brunacini, and Lt. Kurk Keiser.

The Chesterton Volunteer Fire Department's Incident Command Seminar was a huge success. The two day event was taught by Chief Alan V. Brunacini of the Phoenix, Arizona Fire Department. Chief Brunacini has been a member of the Phoenix Fire Department since 1958 and was appointed Fire Chief in 1978. He is Chairman of the National Fire Protection Association's Board of Directors. Chief Brunacini chaired the NFPA Fire Service Occupational Safety and Health Committee when it presented Standard 1500. This document has set the standard worldwide for fire fighter safety. Chief Brunacini holds degrees from Oklahoma and Arizona State Universities.

Chief Brunacini covered all ten sections of his book *Fire Command* thru lectures, slides and videotapes. Fireground Safety was emphasized throughout the seminar. Although the members of the department made this seminar a success, a special note of thanks should go to Lt. Kurk P. Keiser who was in charge of the seminar and Firefighter Dan Galvin who was the liaison between the Fire Dept. and Chesterton High School where the seminar was held.

This seminar attracted Firefighters, Police Officers, EMS and HazMat personnel from Indiana and five surrounding states. Over 300 people attended.

### Hearings Held On Mobilization Act

WASHINGTON. The Congressional Fire Services Institute reports that the House Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms and Energy held hearings Mar. 14 on H.R. 3955, the "National Fire Forces Mobilization Act," sponsored by Congressman Claude Harris (D-AL).

H.R. 3955 would authorize \$100 million to better equip and train forest fire firefighters for local and national fire emergencies. 50% of the funding would go to small, rural volunteer fire departments, and the other 50% would go to state forestry agencies. All federal funds would require state or local matching funds on a 50-50 basis.

Speaking on behalf of The National Association of State Foresters, Mr. C.W. Moody, the Alabama State Forester, testified that "A full partnership of Federal, State and volunteer fire agencies can minimize rural homes and forest acres burned and resultant damage caused by uncontrolled wildfires."

Congressman Harris asked the Subcommittee to consider H.R. 3955 as an amendment to the 1990 Farm Bill, a 5-year reauthorization of federal farm programs.

To contact Congressman Harris' office, call (202) 225-2665, or write to 1009 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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## Three People Die in Dillsboro Home Fire

Reprinted from the Versailles Republican, written by Linda Chandler

A trailer fire in Dillsboro took the lives of three people early Wednesday morning (Jan. 24, 1990). One man escaped and two children were rescued by neighbors from the early morning blaze.

Patricia Price, 30, and two of her children, Charles Price, age 6 and Mary Price, age 4, perished in the fire. Two other children, Sherry Price, age 5 and Richard Price, age 7, were rescued by two neighbors. A male companion, Richard Root, 21, living with the family, jumped out a window to safety.

According to Robert Heitmeyer, Fire Chief of the Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, the call came in at 2:18 a.m. that a trailer was burning at the Dillsboro trailer park. When firemen arrived at the scene the trailer was fully engulfed in flames. The two children had already been rescued by two neighbors, Roger Shelton and William Burman. (IVFA editor's note: A third neighbor, Coleen Shelton was also credited with the rescue of the children and all three citizens were awarded plaques for heroism from the Dillsboro VFD at a city council meeting in Dillsboro.) Carbon monoxide fumes and the intense heat prevented the firemen and neighbors from rescuing the others trapped inside.

Heitmeyer stated "The fire started in the front of the trailer and went towards the rear." The bodies were found near the rear of the trailer.

William Burman, a neighbor who lived behind the Price family was one of the first people on the scene. Burman stated "I was asleep on the couch, when I heard screaming and the sound of breaking glass, I saw the flames and ran outside." Richard Root had jumped out a window and was screaming for help and yelling that five more people were trapped inside.

Burman then saw Roger Shel-

ton, another neighbor trying to pry open the back door of the burning trailer. Shelton yelled to Burman to get something to help pry off the door. Burman returned with a tire tool and with that they were able to open the door.

Against the intense heat and heavy smoke, Shelton started to crawl into the back of the trailer. Burman held on to his leg in case he needed to be pulled out. Shelton found 5 year old Sherry Price and pulled her to safety. Then, according to Burman, Shelton crawled in again and found 7 year old Richard. The child was not breathing when Shelton pulled him from the blazing trailer. Shelton then administered CPR to Richard and was able to revive him.

The Dillsboro Emergency Unit arrived on the scene and treated the children and Root for smoke inhalation. They were transported to the Dearborn Co. Hospital where they were later released.

Tony and Theresa O'Neal lived next door to the Price family, and their trailer and car were heavily damaged by the fire. However, the O'Neals along with their two children and nephew were able to escape.

Theresa O'Neal stated "My dog woke us up with his barking, then we heard screaming, we saw the flames and ran to my mother's." O'Neal's mother lives in another nearby trailer and is also the manager of the trailer park.

Chief Heitmeyer stated that 21 firemen fought and contained the fire and remained on the scene for 8 hours. The Aurora Fire Dept. was called to stand by at the Dillsboro firehouse. They arrived with 10 men and a pumper but did not assist at the blaze.

According to Heitmeyer the fire has been ruled accidental and originated in the area of a plastic trash container in the front of the trailer, however the exact cause is not known.

The Price family had moved to Dillsboro from Hamilton, Ohio 2 weeks before the fire.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME



Lt. John Kephshire EMT-PM, Public Information Officer from Union VFD submitted the following update on the fire and provided the picture from the Vidette-Messenger.

After an investigation by Union fire officials and representatives of State Farm Insurance, the cause of the fire occurring at 571 North Co. Line Road on Feb. 11th was determined to be accidental in nature. The home, owned by Dr. Kersaw Aggarwal was actually two separate two-story houses, joined together by an enclosed breezeway. The fire began in the northwest bedroom when ashes from a cigarette ignited bed clothing. The home owner attempted to drag the burning blankets outside, and in doing so, ignited other furnishings in the north portion of the home.

Reprinted by permission from the Vidette-Messenger, written by Ken Kosky.

UNION TWP.—On Feb. 11th, ashes from a man's cigarette apparently ignited a cloth covering a nightstand, spreading into a blaze that destroyed portions of a large home Sunday.

Before the man realized the cloth was on fire, it had already spread to clothing on his bed. The fire, which began at 9 p.m., spread rapidly and destroyed about half of the house located at 571 N. County Line Road.

The man who may have started the blaze, whom firefighters did not have listed on their records, apparently tried to pull the flaming garments from the house, but

On arrival of Hobart firefighters, the fire was already through the roof of the north house and was threatening exposures, including a detached garage, small barn, smaller home next door, and the main south portion of the home. Union firefighters arrived on the scene within minutes of the Hobart department, and command of the incident was assumed by the Union department.

Lines were taken inside the south home and a defensive position was established in the breezeway between the two homes. Tankers from Ainsworth-Deep River, Lake Eliza, and South Haven assisted the two Union tankers to establish a water shuttle, and extra firefighters from all departments as well as Lake Station rotated in protecting exposures.

that caused the fire to spread. His fingers were also burned.

The man, whose identity is unknown, refused medical treatment at the scene.

Fire officials said they don't know how long the man tried to fight the fire on his own before authorities were notified.

Union Township Volunteer Fire Department Captain John Kephshire said the emergency call first went to Hobart firefighters. The home is actually in Union Township, so Union firefighters took over a few minutes later.

Those two departments were assisted by firefighters and equipment from South Haven, Lake Eliza, Lake Station and Ainsworth. An estimated 40,000 gallons of water were used be-

The fire was brought under control at approximately midnight with the last of the mutual aid departments being released by one o'clock. Five units from the Union department remained on the scene until four-thirty to overhaul the north building.

A total of 69 firefighters, manning twenty pieces of apparatus were involved in the suppression of the fire. Besides the homeowner, who refused medical attention, there were four firefighter injuries reported, and none of these required transport to a medical facility. Approximately 40,000 gallons of water were used during suppression and overhaul activities. The estimates on the damage to the structures and contents have not been made available by the insurance company as of this report.

tween the six departments, Kephshire said.

Kephshire said the house is actually divided into two separate living quarters, and firefighters contained the fire to the half of the house it originated in. The other side of the house may be livable with some work, he said.

Kephshire said firefighters remained on the scene for about nine hours putting out hot spots, and most firefighters were gone by 5:30 a.m. They were called back at 8:30 a.m. as one of the hot spots re-ignited, Kephshire said.

Kephshire said it appears the house is owned by a local physician and leased to one or more tenants. No damage estimates were available.

## Lapel Ambulance Service

Reprinted from the Anderson Herald/Bulletin. By Terry Wilson, H-B correspondent.

LAPEL—Upgrading Lapel's ambulance service was the primary topic of discussion during the Town Council meeting Wednesday (March 28) evening.

Several concerned citizens met in the council room to voice their views about the town's aging vehicles.

Currently, the service has two ambulances. One of them is 13 years old and the other is 15. Of the two, only one is still in use. The problem was brought to a head when the good vehicle was down for repairs recently and a loaner was needed.

Those present expressed concern that the town used funds to purchase a new tractor for the utilities department instead of upgrading the ambulance service.

Town council president Terry Rich explained that monies for the utilities are budgeted in a different fund than those for the ambulance service. Money for ambulances is drawn from the general fund, whereas the tractor was purchased with funds already earmarked in the utilities budget, he added.

Rich said that the council currently is seeking financial assis-

tance from the Indiana Bond Bank to purchase a new emergency vehicle.

John Ford, representing the fire and ambulance service, expressed his view that the process was taking quite some time and was concerned that the safety of the community and the surrounding townships could suffer.

Rich explained that the procedure used by the Indiana Bond Bank made it necessary to use a bid system. This system had the drawback of being slower but was needed to keep costs down, he said, adding that the Indiana Bond Bank also meets only once a month to review loan applications and this further slows the process.

Questions were raised about the townships sharing the expense since they benefit from the ambulance service.

Rich explained that they would be included in the research to find ways to repay any loan needed to purchase a new vehicle. But, he noted, the billing to the individual recipient of the service would probably have to take up the slack.

Following the meeting, Ford stated that the public could contribute voluntarily by contacting the ambulance service. He added that the donations would be greatly appreciated.

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## From the Auxiliary President

Hello Friends,

Spring has finally arrived. Everything is taking on a new look. The trees are changing to a bright green and OH YES the grass is green and growing!

The IVFAA is growing also. We see some younger gals joining the Association. Make them feel welcome and encourage them to continue coming to meetings. Attendance at meetings makes for a stronger organization.

Convention is rapidly approaching. The Allen County Firefighters will be ready to greet you and welcome you to Fort Wayne. Wednesday will see the beginning of activities with the GM Tours and the bowling tournament. Thursday will see the official opening of convention and the Miss Flame contest. We have 14 lovely girls competing for the title of Miss Flame 1990. Friday will usher in the annual meetings, Memorial service and banquet. Saturday will bring us the games and parade. I encourage everyone to have a good time in Fort Wayne and cap off the activities by participating in the games and parade on Saturday. A

Reminder - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31, after that date registration fees will double.

Spring also brings us the return of many fire schools. Encourage your spouse and sons to attend these schools. The fire schools offer a wealth of knowledge. They will be learning better ways to suppress fires as well as greater measures of fire prevention. This knowledge will enable them to better protect themselves as well as you and me.

This is the completion of my term as your President. I wish to thank you for having given me this opportunity and I can only hope that I have lived up to your expectations. During the last two years, I have met many new friends. Each of you have left a mark in my life. Each little mark is like a flower placed into a bouquet. The last two years have become a huge bouquet for me to ponder over and enjoy.

In closing, I wish to say THANK YOU, TAKE CARE, and GOD BLESS.

Sincerely,  
Toni Sorg  
IVFAA President

## Shorewood Forest Fire

A fire, reported in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 7th, caused three persons to flee a home in Shorewood Forest prior to being brought under control by three area fire departments.

The fire was reported to the Porter County Sheriff's Department at 1:35 a.m. and the Union Volunteer Fire Department was immediately dispatched to the fire, located four miles west of Valparaiso in rural Union Township. As the first Union unit arrived on the scene, a request for assistance from Lake Eliza was made due to visible flames from the roof of the two story colonial style home.

Attack lines were advanced to the second floor of the residence where fire was encountered in a bedroom and hallway. Firefighters on the initial attack were able to cut off and confine the fire until additional Union units arrived to provide back-up support. The fire was found to have vented itself through the bedroom roof and was spreading into the ceiling area. Lake Eliza firefighters assisted the Union personnel in pulling the areas of ceiling affected, but were hampered in their efforts by the construction of the home. A common wall separated the bedroom from the three and one half story cathedral ceiling living room and the fire was progressing over the living room.

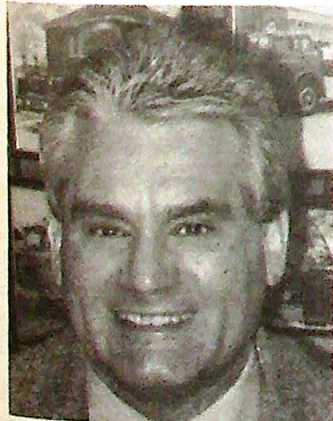
Additional assistance was requested from the Ainsworth-Deep River Fire Department to provide relief for Union firefighters. As crews were rotated to prevent fatigue, the ceiling over the living room was finally opened up and

the fire cut-off from the rest of the structure. By rotating the crews, the fire was declared under control at 2:50 a.m. without any injuries reported.

The home, owned by Mr. Amarjit Kochar was occupied at the time of the fire by 13 year old Aaron Kochar, the family housekeeper Mrs. James Jackson, and her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Kochar were out of town on a business trip. Mrs. Jackson woke from sleep to what she thought was the alarm clock, but upon realizing that it was a smoke detector, woke her husband, who in turn woke Aaron, who was asleep in an upstairs bedroom across the living room from the room where the fire originated. All three escaped without injury.

Due to salvage operations performed by firefighters while suppression activities were still being conducted above, many antique pieces of furniture were not damaged. Preliminary damage estimates have been set at \$100,000 for the contents and \$260,000 for the structure. The structure has been valued at slightly over one million dollars by insurance company officials. The fire started in an upstairs bedroom which was completely destroyed along with the ceiling in the living room. Heavy smoke and water damage were also evident in the living room and the rooms directly below the room of origin. The cause of the fire was still under investigation as of this writing.

Submitted by Lt. John E. Kepshire  
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## The U.S. Fire Administration Meeting the Challenge

It is hard to believe, but the United States has one of the highest fire death rates per capita in the industrialized world. According to the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), 2.3 million fires occur in a typical year, accounting for more than 6,200 deaths, 100,000 injuries and over \$10 billion in property damage. At least 80% of these deaths occur in family residences.

At the Federal level, USFA has been working since its inception in 1974 to reduce these statistics by helping the fire service reach the general public with effective fire safety education programs. USFA, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is comprised of four offices which work closely together to reduce the incidence of fire and fire injury in this country: Office of Fire Prevention & Arson Control, Office of Firefighter Health & Safety, Office of Fire Data & Analysis, and Office of Policy & Coordination.

Office of Fire Prevention & Arson Control. USFA develops public education and technical assistance programs for high-risk populations and fire and allied service professionals. Using NFIRS, the data collection system created by USFA, USFA monitors fire trends and actively responds with creative public education campaigns targeted to specific high-risk audiences.

Office of Firefighter Health and Safety

USFA's Office of Firefighter Health and Safety participates in a wide range of activities which are intended to lessen the incidence of trauma and disease among the firefighting population. From funding research and development efforts for protective clothing and equipment, to supporting an ongoing mortality study of firefighters in the Northwest, who suffer a high incidence of respiratory disease and brain cancer, by the Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington, this office is devoted to better protecting the firefighter.

To address increasing concern about occupational exposure to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis-B, USFA conducted two (1988 and 1989) Forums on Communicable Diseases at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Fire service representatives, medical and infection control professionals, emergency medical technicians and legal experts discussed salient issues and presented recommendations to USFA. Progress on these recommendations has included an open letter to all EMS providers; development of a training curriculum for the National Fire Academy; and position papers promoting Hepatitis-B vaccination.

Office of Fire Data and Analysis  
This USFA division ensures ef-

fective collection of National fire data; develops a data bank of accurate and retrievable information; and analyzes data to highlight trends and emerging problem areas. It supports the operation of the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) which collects and analyzes incident data from all over the country. For more than ten years, NFIRS has helped at least 13,000 fire departments learn how to collect and use fire statistics for priority setting, fire department management, and local fire prevention and education.

Office of Policy and Coordination

The Office of Policy and Coordination oversees management and administrative activities of USFA and also conducts programs dealing with fire and rescue service management capabilities. USFA is also working to improve communications for the volunteer fire service through a cooperative effort with the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Conclusion

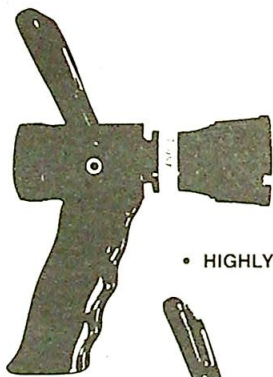
USFA currently has more than 50 projects under its wing, from public education and firefighter protective gear research and development to residential fire sprinkler installation and fire data analysis. These programs are developed in direct response to articulated requests from the fire service, other Federal agencies, and community service groups.

To receive information on USFA programs, please write to the USFA/FEMA, P.O. Box 70274, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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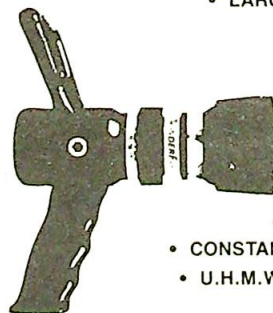
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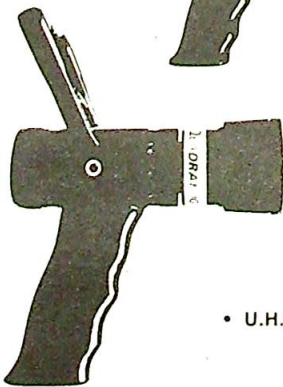
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## Why Did These Young People Die?



Reprinted from the March 27, 1990 LaPorte Herald-Argus, written by Bob Wellinski.

Life seems so unfair at times. Things happen so suddenly that all a person can do is wonder why.

Death is one of those things in life that nobody can explain. Whether by natural causes, accidents or even violence, death leaves us no ready answer. Young or old, everybody is so vulnerable.

Being a member of the Center Township Volunteer Fire Department and also a staff photographer at the Herald-Argus, I see death and suffering more than I care to. Over time you tend to develop a thicker skin. But these things still get to me. After these types of emergency calls, I go home and wonder why. Or a few "what ifs."

What if this person would have gone a different route? What if that person would have left just a second earlier or later? Why didn't he do as his doctor told him? Or one that I ask myself quite a bit: Why did God take him or her?

This past weekend a friend and fellow firefighter was laid to rest.

On March 21, Mark Turner, age 22, two months short of graduating from Indiana State University, suddenly died due to natural causes.

But Mark's death dislodged memories that reminded me how unfair life can be—of how two other good friends, in the prime of their lives, were taken away from their loved ones for no apparent reason.

—Jack McMurray, 25, murdered by a gunman in 1983—He left a pregnant wife and a close, loving family. This was a guy with whom I could talk about different things. He taught me to have a positive attitude and really enjoy life. He had many goals in life. The fact that I was the one who first spotted his body made his death that much harder to accept or forget.

Why did this happen? Almost seven years later, I still don't have an answer.

—Steve Hoskins, 38, killed in a motorcycle accident in 1988—He left a wife and two stepchildren. This man, a LaPorte County paramedic, dedicated his life to saving lives. As a former emergency medical technician myself, I know he saved and helped a countless number of people.

Why was he taken away from us when he had so many more years of help to give? Still, no answer.

And now Mark Turner.

Why him? Mark was so young. He'd been through so much; he deserved to enjoy his life.

Mark even had managed to get his private pilot's license a couple of years ago. He was talking about commercial flying and was about

to receive a degree in aviation management.

This young man had physical handicaps. He had his share of surgeries—and more. He probably went through more than anyone has or could ever go through.

But he didn't let it bother him. Almost like it was no big deal. Life goes on.

Around the fire department Mark was, as Chief Ron Prast stated at his memorial service Friday, "a big inspiration to all of us." He couldn't do as many physical activities as the other guys could, but he definitely made up for it in other areas.

To the friends and especially the families of these three young men who were taken at such young ages, I pray for God's comforting hand to help you.

To these three friends, thanks for the memories. You'll be missed and never forgotten.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Perry Township, Inc./Box 13 Ambulance Service was gaveled to a close on January 14, 1990 following forty years of volunteer service to the township.

The volunteer organization was founded in 1950 with paid chauffeurs being hired in the late 50s and dispatchers in 1961. The combined volunteer/paid group, under a volunteer chief, fought fires and responded to emergency calls, side-by-side, until January 1981 when more emphasis was placed on paid personnel as opposed to volunteers.

With their fire fighting opportunities diminished, the volunteers sought other ways in which to serve the residents. Box 13 was established and a used ambulance refurbished by the members and put into operation on July 2, 1981. Later a second ambulance was added and thanks to the generosity of the township residents, a new, state of the art, ambulance was purchased in 1985.

Box 13 has responded to over

7,000 calls for assistance, taught CPR and First-Aid Classes and conducted blood pressure screenings. All monies available to the organization were the result of donations and fund-raising efforts by the members. There was never any tax money involved.

Recent membership drives have been ineffective and there has been an erosion in members to the point where the organization was no longer able to maintain the in-service hours they were committed to provide. During the past six months numerous attempts were undertaken to reverse the situation but no solution was found. It was with a great deal of anguish that the decision to close was finally reached.

The organization wishes to thank their loyal supporters and requests that the green volunteer phone stickers be removed from all telephones. Please contact the paid Fire Department at 787-6600 for all emergencies, both fire and medical.

Larry Andry, Chief  
VFD, Perry Twp., Inc./Box 13

## Perry Twp. VFD & Rescue Service Gavels to a Close

### District 11A Fire School



Three departments in District 11A took part in a Second-Class Firefighting School. They were Lewis Township, Shelburn/Curry Township, and Hymera/Jackson Township. Pictured from left to right are those who participated in the class:

Front row: Jack Shipman (instructor), Estel Shidler, Marty Hatfield, and Clay Shidler.

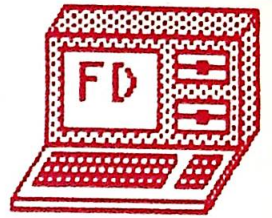
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