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Photos by Byron Jones and Kelly Jay, WTFD
Fellow firefighters pay their respects to Ron Deer, who was killed
in the line of duty in May.

A Final Farewell To

RON DEER

Wayne Township Fire Department Firefighter
killed in the line of duty in May.

On May 23, 1995 Wayne Twp. Fire Department's dispatchers received that dreaded radio transmission. Engine 2 was involved in a vehicle accident. There were 4 firefighters aboard, Chauffer Keith Bryant, officer; Jay Estes, Captain; Rod Lambert and Ron Deer who were both riding in the jump seats.

Keith and Jay both received injuries that allowed them to be released after treatment at a local hospital. Rod and Ron were both thrown from the engine and suffered major trauma.

Rod is still in the hospital and preparing to under go rehabilitation therapy soon. Rod's spirits are very good and his personality will be a great factor in helping him through the next several months. Our thoughts and prayers are with him always and we will all help him to get through this ordeal.

Ron, sadly, passed away on

May 24, 1995 from injuries received in the accident. On May 27, 1995 we laid to rest the first firefighter to die in the line of duty in the history of the WTFD.

Ron will be missed by all of the members of WTFD. Ron's death has brought to life the realism of our own mortality. Each of us will deal with this loss in our own way. However, on May 27, we, as well as members from many other departments, grieved together as we laid a brother to rest after that "Last Alarm".

We would like to thank all of the fire depts., their members, the Marion Co. Sherriff's Dept., the MCSO Reserve officers and everyone who assisted in helping us to give Ron a final farewell. And to Ron "God's Speed".

Trust funds have been established for Rod Lambert and Ron Deers' son, Caleb, at the Greater Indianapolis Firefighters Credit Union.

1300 PLUS

Firefighters, EMTs and Their Families Attend Picnic.

On Sunday July 16th, a very warm, sunny, midsummer day, the Indiana Fire Services Institute hosted its first Firefighter/EMT Family Appreciation Day Picnic with 1300 plus firefighters and EMTs along with their families attending from all over the state of Indiana including volunteers, career, industrial, inspectors, educators, and investigators.

The days events began with the gates opening at 10:00 a.m. and lunch being served at 11:00.

We had over thirty vendors that displayed everything from fire apparatus to table top displays.

A huge flea market allowed several people to leave with some very valuable tools, equipment, and clothing at a very reasonable (in some cases nearly a steal) price. Also displayed were several pieces of antique fire apparatus to allow us to remember the days gone by.

The competition was wild and furious as many members of the fire and emergency services from all around the state came together to compete in the great All-American sport, the HOOSIER FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE, (IFSI's version of the combat challenge).

EMT's were provided an opportunity to show their skill levels as well, as they competed against the clock in an attempt to demonstrate their level of knowledge in an EMT COMPETITION.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the waterball competition due to some circumstances beyond our control. However, we can assure a match for those interested at next year's picnic.

Winners of the Hoosier Firefighter Challenge for the team events were:

First Place - Lawrence Township, Marion County

Second Place - Pike Township Marion County

Third Place - Lawrence Township, (team 2) Marion County

The EMT competition was won by Fulton County Ambulance Service out of Rochester.

Second Place was taken by Wayne Township Co. #10, Marion County.

Congratulations to all who participated in all events.

Entertainment was provided throughout the day with a DJ in the morning hours and with a band in the afternoon playing a variety of tunes from the 50's to the music of today.

Raffles were conducted during the days events with some very

nice prizes being given away such as PSTI training packages; the two free dinner tickets to the fifth annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner to be held in January 1996 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, from IFSI; \$100 cash prize from the IFA; the gift certificates from Sam's Club; the prizes from, IFIA, MSA, Globe, Angus Fire Hose, Drager and many, many others.

At the days end when the count was taken, we had 1300 plus attendees that braved the heat to be a part of history by attending

the first Hoosier Firefighter/ EMT Family Appreciation Day Picnic.

This event was to show our appreciation to those who serve and those who support those serving.

"Thanks to all." A special thanks to all who helped by sponsoring or donating and to the many dedicated workers for making this event possible.

Mark your calendar today for the tentative date of July 14, 1996 and plan to be a part of the second annual picnic. Additional information will follow.



Competing in the Hoosier Firefighter's Challenge



The kids join the fun with a bucket brigade.

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From the President



Richard Glant

Hello Firefighters.

My first statement has to be congratulations Jack Kerney and committee for a job done so well, with all the problems they met along the way. I was very pleasantly surprised that everything just fell into place.

The vendors put on a good show and the hotel and staff were very accomodating. There should be very few complaints, if any!

Congratulations also go out to Jack Cox, your new East Central Public Relations officer and to Tom Hinkle your new State Secretary.

I would like to thank everyone for your support during my past term and for your confidence in my re-election. The job is more demanding than I had thought, but I really enjoy it. I have met so many people and intend to meet many more in this next term.

As summer winds down, be reminded you're about to see those yellow school buses again and kids on the move, so be extra careful.



Photo by: Marty Cade
The memorial plaque and wreath in the front of Southwest Fire District Station One honoring Harry Stapleton, Jr.

HARRY STAPLETON, JR.

Harry Stapleton, Jr. was a full time firefighter with the Wayne Twp. Fire Department when he was killed in the line of duty on May 16, 1975.

On May 29, 1995, Memorial Day, family, friends and fellow firefighters gathered at the Southwest Allen County Fire District Station One on Old Trail Rd. to honor Harry Stapleton, Jr.

The memorial service marked the twentieth anniversary of Harry's death. The service began with an opening statement from Chief Don Patnoudé, in which he stated that we should honor our firefighters and public servants that have given their life in the line of duty.

After the opening statements, a wreath was placed at the foot of

a plaque located in front of the station. The plaque was placed there soon after Harry's death. With a bag piper playing Amazing Grace, firefighters lowered the station flag while the rest of the department's members saluted.

Rev. Leonard King, Chaplain for the Southwest Fire District led the gathering in a prayer. Chief Patnoudé then told those in attendance that there was one final tribute to Harry and that was to dedicate the station's pumper to his memory. The pumper was pulled out of the station where the crowd could see Harry's name displayed on the side of the truck. Chief Patnoudé said that Harry's name will forever be displayed on one of the department's trucks as a tribute to the sacrifice he made for his community.

Many of the friends in attendance took time to exchange stories about Harry and the fire department.

Harry Stapleton, Jr. died as a result of injuries he received when the pumper he was driving to a motorcycle accident was struck at the intersection of Bluffton Road and the Baer Field Thruway. The pumper rolled over and Harry along with two other firefighters were thrown from the truck. The two firefighters, John Hoke and Herman Smith, were both present at the memorial.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

It took me longer than usual to read your front page story, "A Final Fire Call For A Hero" (May, 1995) because of the necessity of wiping tears from my eyes and glasses. What a glorious tribute to our fallen comrade.

You and the writer are to be commended for such a touching story about one of us.

Best Regards,

Mr. Francis Berry

Volunteer Photographer for Cloverdale Twp. V.F.D.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

On June 6, 1995 Midwest Bankers Group Inc. announced the establishment of the Midwest Bankers Group Fire Service Scholarship.

Starting in Fall 1995, they will award at least five (5) \$500 scholarships annually to college students who are either the sons or daughters of active firefighters or firefighters that have died in service to their profession and community.

The awards will be based on a combination of merit and need. In addition to the application, the duty status of the parent must be certified by the fire chief and each applicant must write a fifty-word essay on "Why I feel deserving of this award"

Joe Brown, President of Midwest Bankers Group, was asked why the company is awarding the scholarships. He responded that there were two reasons. One was personal in that his father was a firefighter and he remembered how he loved being a fireman and helping others. In addition he said, "As leaders in the fire truck financing field we feel a sense of duty to give back to the men and women who lay their lives on the line".

Further, Mr. Brown said he hopes these five scholarships are just the beginning and that they could increase the number in the future. He concluded by saying, "Going forward, we will take a portion of our profit on each fire truck financed and add it to the fund."

For an application or further information, please call John Hill, 1 800 800-1776.

Completed applications are due by September 1, 1995.

U.S. firefighter fatalities increase nearly 30%

In May of this year the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released preliminary findings from its latest report showing the disappointing news that U.S. firefighter deaths increased by nearly 30% in 1994. The total number of on-duty fatalities in 1994 rose to 100, the highest number since 1991.

More than half of the increase in deaths in 1994 over the previous year were caused by a single 14-fatality wildland fire incident in South Canyon near Glenwood Springs, Colorado, the deadliest wildland fire in more than 40 years. In all, 36 firefighters died as a result of wildland fires in 1994, making it the deadliest in the 18 years of NFPA's study.

The largest proportion of firefighter fatalities last year (nearly 60%) occurred on the fire ground. The leading cause of death was being caught or trapped, which resulted in 38 deaths, and the second leading cause was stress, causing 33 fatalities. In almost every other year since 1977, the leading cause had been stress.

The firefighters who died in '94 ranged in age from 17 to 68. Forty-two victims were career firefighters, 58 were volunteers.

EVANSVILLE

Come Alive in '95 A Huge Success

June 15, 1995

IVFA Convention

President Glant called the 49th Annual Meeting of the IVFA to order and asked Vice President Zeeks to escort our 1994 Miss Flame, Erin Byam into the meeting room followed by the 1995 Miss Flame Contestants and their escorts.

President Glant called for the posting of the colors from the IVFAA Sgt-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel and the IVFA Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush.

The Invocation was given by IVFA Chaplain Charles Baker followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Vice President Zeeks.

President Glant reviewed the convention schedule and thanked the host district after all their problems.

He introduced his wife, Sue; Vice President Jack Zeeks and his wife, Carolyn; and Convention Chairman Jack Kerney and his wife, Barbara.

Chairman Kerney then spoke to the audience with a few short thank you notes.

President Glant presented Chairman Jack Kerney with the convention host plaque and then called on the IVFAA President Phyllis Vargo who presented President Glant's wife, Sue, with a corsage and thanked those who assisted her this year.

President Vargo then introduced the officers of the IVFAA followed by the introduction of the Lois Boaz Committee. Joann Hays read the list of previous Lois Boaz winners. The Lois Boaz recipient for 1995 is Eva Gottsche.

IVFAA President Vargo introduced the 1995 Miss Flame Committee. Eula Bush introduced each candidate, the judges, and Erin Byam, the 1994 Miss Flame. The 1995 winners were then announced.

The Runner-up is Angela Stalf from District 6 and the Miss Flame for 1995 is Sara Steckler from District 18.

President Glant introduced former State Fire Marshal, Gene Goddard, who spoke briefly; President of the Indiana Fire Services Institute, Larry Curl; former State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin; President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Maynard Masters; and the 1996 Convention Chairman, Bill Howe, Sr.

At this time, President Glant introduced the officers of the IVFA and read the names of the past presidents of the association.

Then he called on Vice President Zeeks who read the names of the past Mr. IVFA Award winners. This year's committee selection for the 1995 award is Larry Ketchum from Hilmon Firefighters Association.

President Glant then called on the games chairman, Al Mendel who gave the games schedule.

President Glant asked Chaplain Baker for the memorial service schedule.

Following several announcements, the meeting was recessed after the Invocation by IVFAA Chaplain Joann Hays.

Friday, June 16, 1995

Convention Banquet

President Glant called on IVFA Chaplain Baker for the Invocation. A delicious dinner, served buffet style, was enjoyed by all.

President Glant welcomed everyone to the banquet and called on Jack Kerney, Convention Chairman for a few short remarks and to introduce his convention committee. President Glant then called on John Buckman, who presented a plaque to Jack Kerney as convention chairman for his leadership in this year's convention, and also presented a beautiful planter to Barbara Kerney for her support and assistance in this year's convention.

President Glant introduced the IVFAA President, Phyllis Vargo, who introduced the 1995-1996 IVFAA officers. Eula Bush introduced the 1995 Miss Flame Runner-up, the 1995 Miss Flame and the remainder of the court. The Miss Congeniality Award was presented to Cynthia Bultemeier from District 7. President Glant then called on Vice President Zeeks to present the 1995 Ollie Sandburg Award to Clyde Gottsche from Van Buren Twp VFD (Clay Co).

At this time, President Glant recognized several guests in the audience and called on Lawrence Swartz, Chairman of the Bridgeport Scholarship Program to present this year's winners, they are: Keli Rae Foust and Crystal Gayle James.

President Glant presented the 1995 President's Award to Mitch Parish. Vice President Zeeks presented the 1995 Midwest Awards to each of the district winners followed by his thanks to Midwest Fire & Safety for sponsoring this fine program.

President Glant presented Lawrence Swartz and his wife, Theda, with a plaque for their guidance and support to him. The elected officers of the IVFA for 1996 were sworn into their respective offices by the former State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin. Bill Goodwin then presented President Glant with a special award. President Glant recognized the 1995 Mr IVFA Award winner, Larry Ketchum.

John Buckman introduced Chief Richard Marinucci, Farmington Hills, Michigan, the keynote speaker for the evening, who spoke on the future of the volunteer fire service. Following this program, John Buckman then presented a slide presentation which was well received by those in attendance. The center table decorations were given to a designated winner at each table followed by a raffle for door prizes.

President Glant called IVFAA Chaplain Joann Hays to the speaker's table to make a presentation to IVFAA President Phyllis Vargo and to give the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies



Lawrence Swartz hands Bridgeport Scholarships to recipients. (L to R) Crystal Gayle James, Keli Rae Fouse and Lawrence Swartz.

CONGRATULATIONS BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Crystal Gayle James of Rome and Keli Rae Foust of West Lebanon were the successful applicants for the Bridgeport Scholarship awards for 1995. They were selected from 48 applicants.

The committee recommends if you did not win this year to reapply for the 1996 awards. Applications are available from all IVFA officers. March 1, 1996 will be here before you know it so get your application now.

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman Bridgeport Scholarship 2665 W. Bunkum Rd. Rensselaer, IN 47978 219-866-7769

State Officers Meeting

Holiday Inn Airport - Evansville, Ind.

June 15, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Glant. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice President Zeeks.

At this time, President Glant introduced the guests present and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Don Cushman to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Tom Hinkle. The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Glant called on Convention Chairman Jack Kerney who gave the schedule for the events for the convention.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Glant passed.

Vice President Zeeks stated that the convention committee was doing a good job.

Assistant Secretary Davies passed.

Chaplain Baker passed.

Assistant Chaplain Lantz passed.

Sgt-at-Arms spoke on the upcoming memorial service.

Secretary Kissell passed.

Treasurer Stofer announced he would speak later.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe passed.

NE Kinsey passed.

WC Michl passed.

SW Kerney passed.

SE Caudill passed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

D1 Howe was absent.

D2 Stott passed.

D3 Uryga passed.

D4 Ferro passed.

D5 Kissinger was absent.

D6 Engle passed.

D7 Sorg passed.

D8A Fleenor passed.

D8B Petro passed.

D9A Cline was absent.

D9B Koehler passed.

D10 Israel passed.

D11A Hays passed.

D11B Bartlow passed.

D12 Johnson passed.

D13A Cushman passed.

D13B Cox passed.

D14 Hinkle passed.

D15 Wargel passed.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker was absent.

D17B Kluender passed.

D18 Daunhauer was absent.

D19 Covington passed.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin passed.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

All past presidents in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor's Assistant - Howe announced that the deadline for news in the next paper is July 10.

Nat'l. Vol. Fire Council-Stofer spoke on the current actions of the council.

By-Laws-Parker announced the committee would meet immediately following this meeting.

Ind. Fire Services Institute-Stofer reported the picnic is set and everything is ready.

OLD BUSINESS

Sgt-at-Arms remarked that he has not received his order for the new meeting cards from the printer.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Stofer introduced Tim Downing who spoke on the facilities of his office in Indianapolis to supply advisory and administrative assistance for the association. A question and answer session followed his presentation. A motion to recess the business meeting was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Larry Petro. Motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to

order by Chairman Parish. He reviewed the presentation made by Tim Downing for his facilities in Indianapolis. A motion was made by Larry Petro to accept Tim Downing's offer on a 6 month basis. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the board meeting and return to the regular meeting was made by Larry Petro. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative-Stofer asked that everyone see the packets that were passed out this morning.

Treasurer's Report - Stofer asked that everyone review the packet that was passed out and he would give his complete report tomorrow on the convention floor.

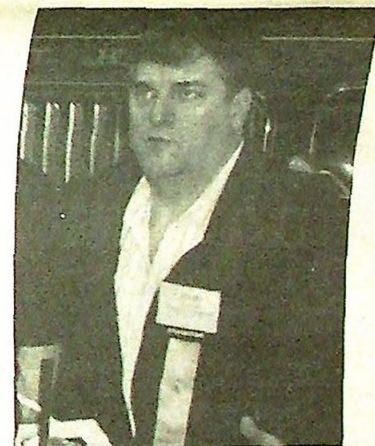
1996 Convention - Howe announced the hospitality room is 258 for those wanting to pick up pre-registration forms.

President Glant conducted a discussion of the openings for the office of secretary and treasurer. Gene Stofer agreed to stay on for a while. Jim Parker agreed to take the office of secretary for one year only.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Baker.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Ass't. Sec.



St. John Fire Chief, John Geary, District 2 Midwest Award Winner

Midwest Award Winner

The Midwest Award winner from District 2 is John Geary, Chief of the St. John VFD.

Since joining the department in 1975, he has held several positions, including Captain, Secretary, District 2 Secretary as well as Chief; a position he has held for 7 years.

In a letter nominating him for the award his fellow firefighters wrote: "John has helped the growth of the department by being instrumental in the purchase of new equipment, turn out gear, and promoting physicals."

"He has many strong qualities, which not only benefit the fire department but the Town of St. John as well."

John received his award at the 1995 Convention in Evansville. Larry Stott, Dist. 2 Chmn.

District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1, 2

March 15, 1995
The meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 8:00 pm in Porter, Indiana. Pledge to the Flag was led by PRNW Howe.
Guests included PRNW, Bill Howe.
Department history was given by Chief Lewis Craig.
The program was given by Don Wilson of the Porter Fire Dept. concerning fireworks and the hazards they create for fire departments.
Roll Call was taken with District 1 having 45 members from 13 departments and District 2 having 12 members from 6 departments.
Minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted.
Treasurer's report was given.
Communications: PRNW Bill Howe reported on current legislation, the 1995 convention and awards, and the Ben Davis Fire School.
Old Business: District 1 Chairman Howe announced that there will be a ceramic raffle to help boost the 50/50 fund.
We had a moment of silence for departed District 2 member Dave Bozell from Lake of the Four Seasons.
It was announced that this year's district picnic has tentatively been scheduled for August 5, with more information to follow.
Good Of The Order: It was announced that pancake breakfasts will be held at Liberty Twp., Lake of the Four Seasons, and Washington Twp. in April.
Burns Harbor will host the Roselawn plane crash program given by Bob Mauch in March.
Porter FD will host an Open house in April.
Wheatfield FD thanked the other departments that supplied mutual aid during the high school fire.
The next meeting will be held on April 19, at Hebron.
50/50 Drawing: winner was Dorinda Gregor of Merrillville who received \$27.50.
Attendance Trophy winners were District 1, Beverly Shores and District 2, Crown Point.
Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:10 pm. Respectfully submitted
Jerome Schmitt, Dist. 1 Sec.

April 19, 1995
Hebron
The meeting of Districts 1 & 2 was called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:53 p.m. Pledge to the Flag was led by PRNW Bill Howe.
Guests included: Past President Mitch Parrish; Past President Lawrence Schwartz; President Richard Glant; Vice-President Jack Zeeks; District 9B Chairman Buzz Koehler; District 2 Auxiliary Chairwoman Anne Moss; Brad Sandburg, State Fire Marshal's Office; Ken Long, Downey Insurance, Past District 1 Chairman Bob Esserman, PRNW Bill Howe; District 1 Chairman Bill Howe; District 1 Secretary Jerry Schmitt; and Dave Wilson Chief of Hebron.
Department history was given by Chief Wilson.
Program: NIPSCO presented a program on Carbon Monoxide Detectors.
Roll Call was taken with District 1 having 31 members from 10 departments and District 2 with 4 members from 11

departments.
Minutes of March meeting were read and accepted.
Treasurer's Report was given.
Communication's: PRNW Howe reminded all departments to get dues paid and also that inactive members will be entitled to receive chaplain's service, grave marker, and a Bible.
The Bridgeport Scholarships are at this time being processed and Lawrence Schwartz is Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
There will be a Public Safety Conference and Expo at the Indiana Convention Center Sept. 15-17.
Porter County is having Fire Prevention/Inspection courses May 13-14, 20-21 and June 3-4, 17-18.
The 1995 Convention Headquarters has been changed from the Executive Inn in Evansville to the Holiday Inn in Evansville.
Dues are due by July 31st.
At this time President Glant took the floor and went through the latest legislation.
Brad Sandburg from the State Fire Marshal's Office did a critique on the fatal fire in Hobart.
President Glant introduced Diana Bell who went over the idea for the IVFA Gumball Machine Program. In this program the IVFA receives 10% of gross profits to go toward educational needs.
New Business: 1996 Convention.
Still need volunteer departments to head up committees.
The memorial service for the convention will be held at Eastlake Baptist Church.
There are still raffle tickets available for the ceramics. All proceed will go toward 50/50 fund.
Next meeting for convention will be held at Lakes of the Four Seasons on May 24th.
Good of the Order: Past President Parrish stated that there will be a Hoosier Firefighter Challenge on July 16th at Westlake Park in Indianapolis.
Hebron has a 3100 gallon tanker for sale.
April 23rd is Lakes of the Four Seasons Pancake Breakfast.
April 30th is New Chicago's Pancake Breakfast.
Lake Eliza is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on May 13th and Bingo on June 14th.
The District 1 and 2 Picnic will be August 5th at Liberty Township.
April 30th is Washington Township's Pancake Breakfast.
A Moment of Silence was held for fallen firefighter Teddy Hansen of the Hobart and Merrillville Fire Departments.
50/50 Award was won by Larry Barneville of New Chicago, receiving \$60.50.
Attendance Trophy winners: District 1, New Chicago and District 2, Lake Eliza.
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. Lu Anne Thomas-Reibly, Dist. 2 Sec.

DISTRICT 7

Nottingham
On May 15, 1995, our district meeting was called to order by Chairman Mort Sorg, who then led us in the Pledge to the Flag.
Roll call was answered by 39 members from 12 departments.
Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Mort reported that since the last meeting we had 3 deaths in the district.
He also reported that the dues have been mailed to all the departments. Check the information carefully to be sure that it is correct.
The National Fire & Emergency Services Caucus dinner was held on April 25, in Washington D. C. President Clinton was present and thanked the fire and other emergency services for the outstanding job they have done.
The IVFA is forming a not-for-profit association, under the IRS Form 501C3, to benefit the association in fundraising projects. The officers would include a President, Vice President, Sec/Treas., President of the Board, 3 PR individuals, and one Past President.
The Indiana weekend will be in June of next year, dates will be announced later. There will be a two week course in VIP work, as well as other classes. All are encouraged to attend.
The convention for 1996 is June the 20, 21 and 22, at Merrillville, Indiana.
Mort gave a report on his trip to the National Volunteer Fire Council Meeting in New York.
Phil Martin spoke on the upcoming Hoosier Firefighter & EMT Appreciation Day Family Picnic, on July 16, 1995.
The next district meeting will be at Ossian. Election of officers will be held at this time.
Had the second roll call and the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Dale Gray, Sec.

DISTRICT 11B

The May meeting of District 11B was held May 10, at Fairview Park Fire Dept. The meeting was called to order by District Chairman Bartlow at 7:00 pm.
We had 8 departments represented by 18 firefighters.
Legislative update report was read and discussed by the membership.
It was also brought to every-

one's attention that the new Dues/Membership forms were mailed and that if your department didn't get theirs, please notify the chairman as soon as possible so we can find out where it is. All dues need to be paid before July 31, 1995. Your benefits expire after that date if not paid.
The upcoming convention was discussed and the changes in schedule explained. Also some questions about the convention were brought up and answered.
The next meeting will be July 9, 1995 at Waynetown Fire Dept. With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

July meeting
The July meeting of District 11B was held July 9, in Waynetown with 22 firefighters present from 7 departments.
Our congratulations to Mr. IVFA, Larry Ketchem, Hilmon Firefighters, for his award. Our congratulations also to Ollie Sandburg Award winner, Clyde Goetsche as well as the Midwest Award winners.
Discussed the Legislative Bills that were signed into law, the Learn Not To Burn Program being set up by the Fire Marshal's office, the upcoming Indiana Fire Services Institute "Appreciation Day" family picnic July 16, and an article about truck safety and the need for training and records.
The election of officers for the next year was conducted by the nominating committee, Jack McFarland, Fairview Park Fire Dept., Nick Swayze, Newport Fire Dept. and David Miller, Lyford Fire Dept. All officers were re-elected to their offices. District Chairman, Larry Bartlow, Vice President Harold Benskin, Sec/Treas. Steve Land, Sgt-At-Arms Brent Bush and Chaplain Con Mankin. If you need any help from these officers don't hesitate to call on them.
Our next meeting is our picnic to be held at Raccoon State Recreation Area on US 36 just east of Bellmore. Bring a covered dish. Drinks will be provided. We will eat at 1:00 pm. Come have a good time, see old friends and make some new ones.
We would like to have all former award winners from our district come, Miss Flame, Midwest, Ollie Sandburg and Mr. IVFA. Hope to see you.
Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 15

The May 16 meeting was held at German Twp. Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Tim Wargel followed by the Pledge to the Flag.
Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave a prayer.
Roll Call was answered by 18 members and 9 departments.
Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the March 21 meeting. A motion was made by Harmon Feathers to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Harry Logan. Motion carried.
Treasurer's report was given by Jack Kerney. A motion was made by Mike Seitz and seconded by Harmon Feathers to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried.
Chairman Wargel stated that he had attended 6 convention meetings as well as the National Fire and Emergency Services dinner in Washington, D.C.
PR Southwest, Jack Kerney stated he also attended 6 convention meetings and the dinner in Washington, D.C. He traveled 2,100 miles the last quarter in his area. He attended two memorial services.
Chairman Wargel stated that he had a very lengthy Legislative Report and that if anyone needed a copy, he could provide them with one. We did not get the license plate fee dropped, but it will be introduced again next year. The definition of volunteer firefighter was changed to reflect our other emergency responses. The revolving loan fund for equipment for volunteer fire departments at low interest passed. There is a possibility of the Federal Government taxing length of service awards programs. We need to send letters and faxes to our representatives.
Newsletter Chairman Barbara Kerney stated that she needed any news articles by July 1 for the July issue.
Convention Chairman Kerney asked Bill Tracy to give his golf outing report. He stated it will be held at Hamilton Golf Course on Wednesday. He has door and hole prizes donated. Kerney stated the fishing tournament is being handled by Chandler Fire Department and they also have their prizes donated. Buses will

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be used to provide all transportation to convention activities off site. The displays will be in the tent on the north side of the hotel. The Beer Bust will be sponsored by Southwestern Fire & Safety. The games will be held at the old airport terminal parking lot. Wargel stated the rules that will be used for the games. There will be no parade, but we will have a District 15 display. The Sock Hop on Saturday is being sponsored by McCutchanville Fire Department. Donna Thompson of McCutchanville stated she has everything she needs. Chairman Kerney went through the complete schedule.

PRSW Kerney stated that OSHA had visited a department in the district. He suggested that all departments make sure their written programs are in place.

Wargel stated that there have been two firefighter deaths in the state.

German Twp. will have an Open House on Sunday, May 21 to dedicate the new headquarters building.

John Buckman showed a preview of the slide program that will be shown at the convention.

The July 18 meeting will be held at Alcoa Fire Department.

There being no further business, Chairman Wargel adjourned.

Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 17B

April 19, 1995

The regular meeting of District 17B was called to order by Luke Kluender at 7:40 pm at Franklin Twp. Fire Department in Freedom, IN.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by roll call. There were 20 members from 6 departments present. Jack Kerney and his wife were also present.

The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Luke discussed the bills in legislation and those that have died.

Also gave information about a problem with HazMat instructors Certification.

Luke passed out information on IVFA benefits and information on what needs to be done in case of a firefighter injury or death.

Jack Kerney gave a report on a department in his district that received 5 citations from OSHA. They were told that no fines would be levied as long as adjustments were made by a certain date.

He also reported that the convention has been moved to the Holiday Inn by the airport. Games are to be held at the old airport terminal parking lot.

There is going to be a Bar-B-Q at Scales Lake. Displays will be open from 1 to 6 on Friday and from 8 to 12 on Saturday. Going to have a 50's-60's Sock Hop. Will have a District 15 equipment

show at old airport terminal parking lot in place of a parade.

There is no new information on the picnic at Indianapolis on July 16 at this time.

Next meeting will be June 21, location to be announced later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

June 21, 1995

The regular meeting of District 17B was called to order at 7:30 pm by District Chairman Luke Kluender at Oolitic Fire Department in Oolitic, IN.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by roll call. There were 8 members from 3 departments present. We had 1 visitor, Marty Carmichal, Representative from Hoosier Fire Equipment also present.

The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Luke gave an update on Bills that had passed in Legislation and the dates they are to take effect. If you would like a copy of these, contact Luke and he will get them for you.

Luke also gave a report on the 1995 Convention and a meeting held at the convention by the Board of Standards and Education. This meeting covered the proposed changes to be made in Firefighter Certification.

Luke stated that attendance at meetings held by the Board so far has been poor. They would like your input, so please attend these meetings.

IVFA will be opening an office in Indianapolis to handle mostly paper work for the IVFA. This is going to be on a 6 month trial basis.

Due date for dues is approaching fast, lets get them in on time.

Elections were held for district officers. Bill Raines made the motion that we keep the same officers that we now have. Motion seconded by Willard Stilles. Motion passed. Luke Kluender President, Paul Smoot Secretary/Treasurer.

State Fire Marshal is starting a program in Indiana called Learn Not To Burn. He would like to have one person from each county that would be interested and work hard on this program. A meeting and training session are to be held at the Marshal's office and also at Perry Clearcreek in Monroe County. If interested in this program, call the Marshal's office for more information.

Upcoming Events: Benefit for Franklin Twp. Fire Dept. at the speedway in Freedom.

Waterball Contest held by Ellettsville Fire Dept.

IFIS Picnic at Indianapolis Westlake Picnic Grounds.

Vincennes Fire School.

Marty Carmichal donated a pair of gloves to be given away. Drawing for gloves was won by Bill Raines.

Next meeting will be August 16, location to be announced later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Paul Smoot, Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

We held our last meeting at Jasonville on Sunday, May 21, at 1:00 pm. They served a very nice lunch and we would like to say thank you.

It's always nice to go back to a department where you haven't been for a while.

Some of the things discussed were the convention in Evansville and the firefighter that was killed while on an emergency run.

The men from Southwestern Fire and Safety were there and said they would be sponsoring the Beer Bust at convention this year and possibly the next four years. Also talked about some legislative bills that passed some that didn't.

Our district was well rewarded at the convention this year. Lois Boaz award was presented to Eva Gottsche of Van Buren VFD and her husband Clyde was presented the Ollie Sandburg award. We are so proud of these two lovely people. They are both Secretary and Treasurer for Dist. 11A.

We held our July meeting at Van Buren VFD in Harmony. We had a fairly nice turnout. There were so many on vacation because of Great Dan plant shutting down for two weeks vacation.

The Midwest award was presented to Steve Downey by Fire Chief Pete Taylor. They are both on the Van Buren VFD. Congratulations, Steve!!

A lovely meal was served and after the meeting, Clyde and Eva were surprised with cake and punch to honor them for their achievements.

The men from Monroe Truck Equipment came and brought a water truck that tilts up so all of the water can get out. The men were allowed to try out the truck.

Larry Schuwacker was there from Southwestern Fire & Safety. They had some boots and other equipment on sale. They also donated a pair of suspenders for a door prize.

Our picnic will be held September 17 at Fowler Park with our original pot of beans. Everyone else is bringing a covered dish. Drinks will be furnished. It will be at 1:00 pm in the barn. Come if you can.

Congratulations to Larry Ketchum from District 11B. He was the winner of the Mr. IVFA award.

Thanks to Amber Wells of Hymera, our district Miss Flame. She represented us well and we're so proud of her. And thanks to her parents, Don and Nancy Wells.

Also would like to say thank you to Evansville for a great convention. You people did a fantastic job. One of the best conventions we have ever been to. Jack & Barbara, you are great.

We are planning to attend the picnic next Sunday in Indianapolis. Sure we will have a good time.

Had our election of officers for 1995-96. They are:

Bob Hays-Chairman, Pete Taylor-Ass't Chairman, Clyde Gottsche-Sec/Treas., Estelle Shidler-Chaplain, Max Harrah-Sgt.-At-Arms.

Hope you are all having a good, safe summer.

Bob Hays, Chairman

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Charles J. Baker



Today's Prayer

O Lord our God,

Increase our faith and zeal, O Lord, as we earnestly and more diligently seek our own salvation and that of our fellow man and woman.

Send forth a mighty call to Thy servants who labor in the Gospel and grant unto them a heart of love, sincerity of speech and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Show us the way, O Lord, to life everlasting and when Thy son comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne and we will know that the day of judgment will be at hand

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen

Good Job, Lee

At the 1995 Annual Convention in June at Evansville, Secretary Lee Kissell chose not to stand for re-election to office. I know it was a difficult decision, as the job has been an integral part of his life for many years, but a man has to do what a man has to do. So, the next time you see or talk to Lee (his position is in place until the end of the year) just say 'Thanks, Lee' for those years of tireless and exemplary work on behalf of this association and its many members.

Minute Message

One of the most intriguing areas of scriptural study has to do with the topic of angels. Many Holy Bible verses deal with the subject, yet they still remain as mysterious as ever. On summer vacation this year, we took a book along entitled "Angels" by Billy Graham. Originally published in 1975 and revised in 1994, it is now available again at most good book stores.

Dr. Graham highlights some interesting thoughts about angels with scriptural reinforcements: they are spirit beings who occasionally assume mortal appearances: they do God's work, but are in rank lower than the Father and the Son: they are not to be worshipped: they attended Jesus at some crucial times in his earthly life: they are with us today as we prepare to enter a new century: and there are bad angels as well as good ones (the former are sometimes referred to as fallen angels or demons).

On the discussion of fallen angels, it is generally assumed that the chief of the lot is Lucifer (Satan) and that his demon subjects oppose God's works here on earth: they occasionally exert control over the forces of nature: they have much to do with the spread of diseases: they influence the unfaithful to do evil deeds: and they are instrumental in the initiation of many sins of men and women.

While the earthly world is still a battleground between the forces of good and evil, the faithful will receive the assistance of God's angels through the power of prayer and divine intervention.

This intercession has been recorded on numerous occasions (See Genesis 19; Joshua 5; Ezekial 8; Daniel 3; Matthew 4 and 18; Mark 13; Luke 2; John 20; Acts 12; Hebrews 1; Revelation 2 and 3; to name only a few).

There have been countless occasions just in this century of God's intervention in peoples lives with the assistance of His holy angels.

One of my favorite passages on the matter of angels is in the last chapter of the Book of Hebrews. The author is explaining to the Jewish converts to Christianity why they should stay the course and press on to life eternal.

The chapter starts with two excellent recommendations for a better way of life: "Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it".

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State Officers Meeting

May 6, 1995 - Ramada Inn, Indianapolis, Ind.

The meeting was called to order by President Glant. The Invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Lantz. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice President Zeeks.

At this time, President Glant introduced the guests present and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Jack Cox to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Glant reported he travelled over 1000 miles since the last officer's meeting. Family illness has slowed him down. He attended the caucus dinner in Washington, D.C.

Vice President Zeeks reported he had travelled almost 1000 miles since the last officer's meeting. He also spoke on the memorial service for Carl Davis.

Assistant Secretary Davies reported attending two district meetings and he attended the memorial service for Carl Davis.

Assistant Chaplain Lantz reported he had held five memorial services and had travelled over 1200 miles.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush spoke on his recent illness and he had attended a convention meeting at Evansville. Also he has expense vouchers available for those attending this year's convention. President Glant explained how the expense voucher worked at the convention for those who have not attended a convention in the past.

Secretary Kissell announced that the dues notices have been mailed. There are currently 17,693 paid members. He also read a list of departments that paid late.

Treasurer Stofer passed out a current budget balance summary and a copy of the audit report for 1994. He also attended the caucus dinner in Washington, D.C. and reported that Wayne Twp (Marion Co.) received an award for their support of the National Fire Caucus.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

NW Howe was absent.

NE Kinsey was absent.

WC Michl reported making all the district meetings. Attended 1 new fire house dedication and also attended the memorial service and funeral for Carl Davis.

SW Kerney reported travelling over 1100 miles, attended four district meetings, two county meetings and the fire school held in Indianapolis.

SE Caudill reported travelling over 1000 miles and that there were two new departments coming back as members of the association.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe reported the attendance was good at the district meetings. He also spoke on a funeral for a member in his district.

D2 Stott thanked Chaplain Lantz for a memorial service and announced that the attendance at meetings was normal.

D3 Uryga reported two deaths in the district, attendance was up and down and he attended the caucus dinner in Washington, D.C.

D4 Ferro was absent at his last district meeting and had not received a report of the meeting to give details.

D5 Kissinger reported one death in the district, attendance was favorable, had 1 death on Friday but details were not available.

D6 Engle was absent.

D7 Sorg reported three deaths in the district, he spoke on a recent fund raiser in the district and reported on a retirement home in the State of New York for Volunteer Firefighters.

D8A Fleenor reported on the Open House of a new station in Somerset and that a clock was presented.

D8B Petro reported two deaths in the district and the district has a new secretary.

D9A Cline reported two deaths in the district and that the attendance was down.

D9B Koehler reported the district was still receiving responses from the legislators on questions sent to them. The district has been quiet.

D10 Israel reported one death in the district, attendance good.

D11A Hays reported he attended the funeral of Carl Davis.

D11B Bartlow stated district attendance was good. There are still license plate problems and Lee Kissell will intervene. He spoke on the solicitation activities of other organizations in the district.

D12 Johnson announced the district activities were slow.

D13A Cushman stated he was working on attendance, the district was quiet.

D13B Cox stated that the clarification on the 24 hour mandatory rule was reviewed at the last district meeting.

D14 Hinkle reported six deaths in the district, he attended the caucus dinner in Washington, D.C. and thanked Father Lantz and Father Baker for the memorial services in his district.

D15 Wargel reported attending 6 convention meetings, 1 district meeting, the fire school in Indianapolis and the caucus dinner in

Washington, D.C.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker reported attending the caucus dinner in Washington, there had been 1 death in the district and attendance at last meeting was good. Also had dedicated one new station.

D17B Kluender reported attendance at district meeting was average. The district activities was quiet. Attended two county meetings and one fire school.

D18 Daunhauer announced the dedication of a new fire house in the district and also two deaths in the district.

D19 Covington was absent.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin was absent.

D6 Engle passed.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Mitch Parish reported attending Dist 11B meeting and went on to the Carl Davis memorial service in Odon. He attended the Caucus Dinner in Washington, D.C., the memorial service at Emmitsburg, Maryland at the Nat'l. Fire Academy.

Lawrence Swartz commented on communications in regard to the current call list. A question and answer discussion was held following his remarks

Bill Goodwin made a few informative remarks to those in attendance.

The remaining past presidents in attendance passed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS CON'T

D21 Martin reported one death in the district and attendance remains about the same.

OFFICER'S REPORT CON'T

Chaplain Baker thanked Father Lantz for covering for him during the recent memorial services that were held. Previous commitments prevented him from going to those services.

He commented on a contract to move an organ for the convention services.

He stated a need to purchase additional grave markers, as the current supply was low. He also announced the "Appreciation Day" for the firefighters, EMT's in the state. It will be held on July 16, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Westlake Picnic Grounds located at 650 N. High School Rd in Indianapolis.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT CON'T

NE Kinsey reported making all district meetings, went to the caucus dinner in Washington, D.C. and was working on a driver's training program.

At this time, Vice President Zeeks introduced Mr. IVFA for 1994, John Johnson who spoke to those in the audience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Stofer spoke on the current legislative session. He reviewed the update report that was passed out. A question and answer session followed his report.

Nat'l. Vol. Fire Council - Stofer reported the Labor Division Bill and the LOSAP bill are two bills that the council were pressing for passage. He suggested that those in this room contact their respective legislators in Washington and have them support these two bills. He announced the next meeting would be held in Louisville, KY on the first weekend after Labor Day.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORT'S CON'T

D19 Covington reported one death in the district. Everything was going well.

Advertisement - Swartz reported there would be 33 ads in the May issue of the paper. The paper was not at press yet.

By-Laws - Parker announced he had a copy of the by-laws finished as per the last convention. Any addition changes will be added as an addendum to the original copy.

Public Education - Parker passed.

EMS - Stott reported that he attended the last meeting, nothing of any significance to announce from that meeting.

Membership - Bruns passed.

Bridgeport - Swartz reported the committee had selected the two recipients for 1995. There were 48 applications received, 8 were not acceptable. He also reported the claim the committee had on file was denied.

Historical - Parish reported the new 25 year book will be printed as it is being hand assembled by the committee. Target date of 1997 is still a true date picture.

Insurance - Stofer reviewed the medical and death benefits as they currently stand. He used a couple examples to prove his point.

Awards - Zeeks reported that everything had been taken care of.

Standards & Education - Covington announced that a public hearing will be held at the convention. The committee had accomplished a lot and it is getting better. A lengthy question and answer session followed his presentation.

The meeting recessed at 8:45 pm until the following day at 9:00 am. SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Glant with the Invocation given by Assistant Chaplain Lantz.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S CON'T

Fire Service Institute - Parish reported that he along with Charles Baker had been made honorary members of the institute. The institute was working very hard on its objectives.

Convention - Kerney reported that the convention headquarters had been moved to the Holiday Inn. SW Fire & Safety will pick up the convention beer bust. A new letter and registration form had been mailed to every IVFA member. All activities were in place. A schedule of events had been revised again. The committee was working out the indifferences with the vendor's organization. A right of refusal to SW Fire & Safety for five years was discussed. A motion was made by Gene Stofer to allow SW Fire & Safety the beer bust for the next five years. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Glant read the rough draft of the petition for the standards and education member appointments before giving it to Gene Stofer to forward on to the association attorney.

Program Book - Swartz reported there were 15 advertisers in this year's book. The deadline is April 22 for ads.

Games - Mendel explained the program and how it was going to be run at the convention.

OLD BUSINESS

Gene Stofer reported that the new papers for the not-for-profit organization have been completed.

President Glant reported that all legal matters with the Indiana Gum Company have been finalized and will be looking for volunteers to assist in the program.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Johnson representing the IVFA on the Uniform Building Codes committee reported working on a lot of changes and he requested input for action by the committee.

President Glant called on Ivan Nevil who spoke on the certification program as it exists in the state. He announced that Wayne Twp will have a "Smoke House" at the state fair this year and volunteers are needed to run this project. He also announced that the Indiana Weekend at the Nat'l Fire Academy at Emmitsburg was a great success.

President Glant asked for open opinions concerning the current place where the officer's meetings are held. A motion by Mitch Parish to stay at this motel for the officer's meeting for 1995-1996. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Bill Howe, Jr. commented that the 1996 convention committee will have a hospitality room during the convention in Evansville. The discussion on program books came up on how many was needed at the convention this year. It was resolved to have 500 printed. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buz Koehler. Seconded by Bill Engle. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parish who called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Don Cushman to accept them as printed. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush stated that more meeting cards and envelopes were needed. A motion was made by Jack Cox that the organization purchase 5000 meeting cards and 2 cases of envelopes. Seconded by Jack Zeeks. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The discussion on a new board of directors for the newly founded Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Education Foundation was brought up at this time. Chairman Parish appointed Richard Glant, Jack Zeeks, Gene Stofer, Bill Kinsey, Larry Stott, Larry Petro, Lee Kissell, Mitch Parish and Frank Daunhauer to serve as the new board. A motion was made by Bob Uryga to accept the names as read. Seconded by Don Kissinger. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Larry Petro. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The Benediction was given by Assistant Chaplain Lantz. Respectfully submitted, John Davies, Ass't. Secretary

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Phyllis Vargo

Dear Members and Friends,
Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer.

I would like to thank District 15 for a very nice convention, you all did a super job. It was very nice to see everyone having such a great time and everything going so smoothly.

I would like to say a special thank you to Jack and Barbara Kerney for keeping me so well informed.

It was also very nice to see a few friends that I hadn't seen for a while. Hope those who were unable to attend because of illness are feeling much better. We missed you.

Districts 1 & 2 are working very hard for next year's convention so everyone will have a great time. They have some great ideas for our 50th Anniversary. Hope everyone will be able to join us in 1996 in Merrillville for "50 Years of Pride Returns Home".

Have a safe and healthy summer.

DISTRICT 4

May 25, 1995
Wakarusa Fire Station
Lite refreshments were served by the host department before our meeting started.

Our meeting opened with our Chairman, Jane Ferro, leading us in the Pledge to the Flag.

We thanked Bill Kinsey, Public Relations Northeast, for the nice canvas shopping bag. It was won in a drawing by Mary Hahn.

Chaplain, Gladys Petterson, read the poem *Somebody Loves You*.

Roll Call told we had 6 members and 2 guests present. The guests were Betty Goddard and District 4 Miss Flame, Brooke Freed.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Loucks.

We went over the report of the May 7th State Officer's Meeting. One by-law will be brought up at convention. We also discussed the 1995 Convention schedule.

Doe-Doll tickets were distributed. We are to provide a craft item to sell chances on at convention.

We were asked to circle July 16 on our calendars, as it is the Hoosier Firefighters and EMT Appreciation Day and Family Picnic, Flea Market and Swap Meet from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Westlake picnic grounds in Indianapolis. A big day with lots going on.

Our next meeting will be August 24, at the Walkerton Fire Station at 8 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.
Mary Hahn, Secretary

DISTRICT 3

District 3 has held meetings at Lincoln, Noble, Kingsford-Union, Michiana, and Scipio Fire Departments.

Various fundraisers have included: pancake breakfasts, bake sales, haunted houses, arts & crafts shows, calendar sales, chicken noodle dinners, fireworks displays, and trash and treasures auctions.

Charlotte Sly, Noble Township's auctioneer, provided lighter moments for the ladies. Scipio shared their celebration of 40 years of service with a decorated cake as part of their refreshments.

During the year IVFA Assistant Chaplain, Duane Lantz and District Chaplain Carolyn McCarty offered moments of meditation.

Our district Miss Flame, Rebecca Rudynski has actively participated in area meetings and events.

Our Chairman, Leona Uryga has attended State Officers Meetings and was appointed to the 1995 Lucky Doe Doll Committee.

Submitted by,
Lucille Cohen

meet. They are just like family.

If you can't come to a meeting, please see that someone from your auxiliary represents you. If you don't have an auxiliary, you can join the State Auxiliary as an individual.

Until next time, remember Good Character, like good soup, is usually homemade.

Helen Michl, Chairman

IVFAA Vice President



Lou Bartlow

Hi Girls,

Convention is over and everyone had a good time and appreciated all that the convention committee did to make it a fun time. Good job, committee.

The Doe Doll was a success and the winner of the doll and the \$100. was Acton Auxiliary. Second place went to Jim Bradford from Lake Station and third place went to Lakes of the Four Seasons.

Thank you to all who helped with this project and made my job easier. Hopefully, we'll do this again next year and maybe we can sell tickets better and make more money. This is the only money making project that the State Auxiliary has, so the whole state needs to get behind this and make it more successful than it already is.

Hope your summer is enjoyable and safe.

Call any of your officers if they can be of help to you. That's what we're here for. Take care till the next time.



DISTRICT 11A

Greetings for District 11A

Another successful convention is over for another year. We thank all the committees and especially Barbara and Jack Kerney. With all their headaches, it couldn't have been any better. They really did an outstanding job! It's always good to see our friends again, after a year, at convention.

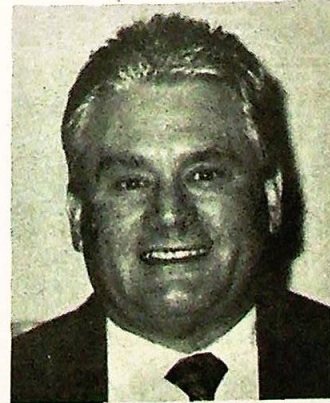
We in District 11A are really happy since Eva and Clyde Gottche won awards, Eva for Lois Boaz and Clyde for Ollie Sandburg. They are two that really deserve these awards. They have been through so much the past year. We had a celebration, in Joann and Bob Hays room, both nights. It was so nice that their two girls and families came down both nights. It was really a surprise to Eva & Clyde.

Congratulations to all of the winners this year.

Our district will be meeting one week early this time because of the big picnic they are having in Indianapolis this year for firefighters and EMTs. We hope to have a good turnout for our meeting. We will be celebrating Eva and Clyde's good fortune with our district. We are having our election of officers, too. We need new people to get involved.

I hope all of your auxiliaries have paid their dues for the year. Dues are delinquent after July 31.

We would like to see more auxiliaries join the state. You really don't know what you are missing. These people are some of the finest people you will ever



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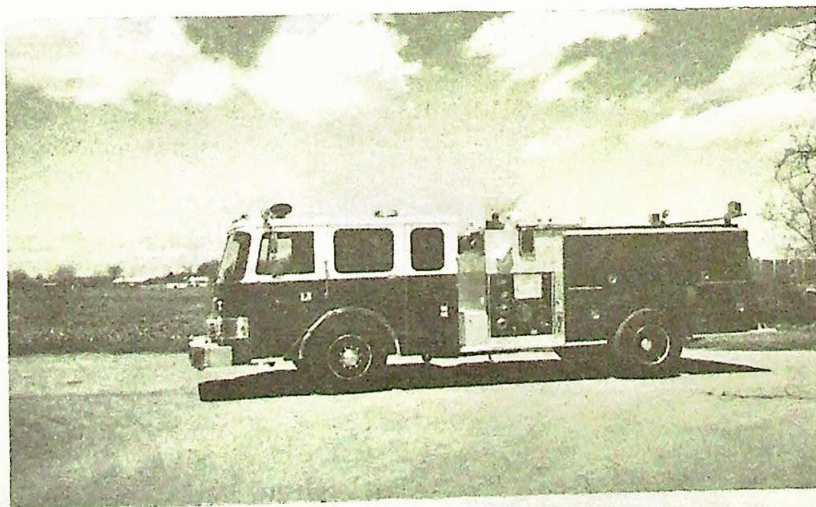
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IVFA Auxiliary State Officers Meeting

May 7, 1995 - Ramada Inn, Indianapolis, Ind.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Phyllis Vargo. Prayer was offered by Chaplain, Joann Hays, and she read a poem about "Mother" for Mother's Day.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel led the group with the Pledge to the Flag.

Gene Stofer came into our meeting to tell us about the "Appreciation Day" family picnic to be held July 16th at Westlake Picnic Grounds located at 465 and US 36, then North 2 blocks on High School Road. There will be a flea market/swap meet and lunch will be served. Games and waterball as well as games for the kids will be provided. Please try to attend.

Roll Call was given by Faye Sallee, Recording Secretary. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

District reports were not read by a motion of Barbara Parker and seconded by Jane Ferro. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter.

Correspondence from Diana Gray was read. Eula told everyone thanks for the cards sent to Bill.

Membership, Faye Sallee, said we have 87 Aux., 1070 members, 39 Individuals with a total of 1110.

Chaplain, Joann Hays said she has sent 7 sympathy cards and 6 get well cards since last meeting.

A memorial service was held for Bob Woodfill. Fr. Lantz gave the service. Joann sent a card and note from the Auxiliary.

On March 16th a Memorial Service was held in District 6, Thorncreek, for Opal Laughman. She was not a member, but her District paid for all expenses. Mary Mackin helped. She had been a past Sgt.-at-Arms.

Joann said she had returned the 6 Bibles to Charlie Baker. They will reimburse us for them. If you have any names that need to be turned in of deceased members, for Memorial Service at convention, please get them to Joann.

Jack Kerney came into the meeting to tell us some information about Convention. He said the host motel will be the Holiday Inn. Displays will be held in a tent. So far, they have about 30 vendors.

The beer bust will be sponsored by Southwest Fire & Safety this year. They have mailed out 18,000 letters to every firefighter for the new registration form and some information. He also gave us a tentative schedule of events. They will NOT have the boat ride. If you have paid for this, you will be refunded your money at registration.

Some of the tours will be Sterling Brewery, Antique Mall, and Ellis Park. Wednesday night the B-B-Q will be at Scales Lake.

Auditing, Maxine Davies, said ALL books will be audited at the August meeting. The only thing should be that Dorothy put a notation on the bottom of her Financial Report at Convention that it is "SUBJECT TO AUDIT".

Games, Virginia Wilson, has nothing to report.

Installation, Barbara Parker, said they were O.K.

Financial Study, Maxine Davies said they met and have approximately \$1300 profit from the last few years. But they want to recommend that we stay as we are, do not give any money this year. They would like to hold off for another year and see what happens.

Miss Flame, Eula Bush, said she has 15 girls, and has everything under control. Something new this year, she will present the girls with a certificate for a bond, then all they have to do is sign and send it to the bank. District 10 will supply the ditty bags for the girls again this year.

Doe Doll, Lou Bartlow, said we have \$125.00 turned in today, with a total sold so far of \$188.00. Make sure you put your District number on the back of the stub. Get out there and SELL-SELL-SELL!!

By-Laws, Dollie Komoscar, said we only have one by-law this year. She read it to us. District chairmen take this back and see how you want to vote on this at convention.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin said the charm and tie tack are here. They will sell for \$5.00 each. She passed one around for us to see. It is a round disc with a Dalmatian setting in a red fire hat on a white background. It is very pretty!!

10 Minute Break

Phyllis resumed the meeting.

Mary Mackin reported she sold \$130.00 of jewelry during break. The jewelry table will be beside the doe doll at convention. Mary would like to have volunteers to work at it. Please let her know if you are available.

Nominating, Ann Moss, said they are ready.

Historian, not present

President's Advisory, Toni Sorg said they are doing fine.

Lois Boaz, Joann Hays, said they are ready to go. She said the 9 days ahead of time deadline was really an asset. They met at Miriam's home and had quite a few letters, but not enough. Next year, get more letters in. There is a lady in each district that is deserving of this award.

Parliamentarian, Virginia Wilson, No report.

Barbara Parker explained the Chinese Auction that will be held during Convention. They will have 17 items. Tickets will sell 3 for \$1.00.

Faye Sallee said we are in need of membership cards. She priced them and 1200 plastic cards like we now have will cost over \$500.00. She can buy 1000 paper cards for \$69.00 and a roll of plastic to cover them for \$5.00. Barbara Parker made a motion to go with the paper cards and cover them. Ann Moss seconded it. Motion passed.

Phyllis said we need to appropriate moneys for Convention. Needed will be for Presidents expenses, \$250.00 for Coffee Clutch, \$300.00 for Miss Flame, Pictures, and Trophies for the womens games, if needed.

Mary Mackin made the motion to go ahead with the moneys and Dollie Komoscar seconded it. Motion carried.

Joann noted that Barbara and Jack Kerney made several trips to pick up Dottie Striegel's case for us, and she feels that they should be reimbursed for their mileage. Joann made it into a motion and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion Carried.

Phyllis presented Mary Mackin, District 6 Chairman, with an Incorporated Certificate for Hudson Fire Dept. Congratulations!!

Toni told of their recent trip to New York to the Nat'l Fire Conference. She and Mort along with Lucy and Gene Stofer went and really enjoyed it. She told us that the New York Auxiliaries have a pro-

ject to supply rocking chairs for the Fireman's Retirement Home. They are also trying to buy individual T.V.'s for them.

Barbara Kerney said she has nothing more to report about convention. She said with all the circumstances of having to change hotels etc., that if everyone goes with an attitude of having a great time, they will.

District Reports, Diana Gray asked that due to the increase in postage rates, if they could be eliminated from the Convention minutes. A discussion followed, and it was decided to omit them, but make sure a copy gets sent to the IVFA paper and to the Recording Secretary. The August meeting will be held the second weekend. Make your reservations now!! Jane Ferro made a motion to adjourn and Leona Uryga seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted
Diana Gray

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 3: Meeting was held on March 15 at Michiana Shores.

Roll Call was answered by 18 members.

A reminder about convention was brought up. A salad bar was served and everyone received a door prize.

Next meeting at Scipio Twp. on May 24th, with an edible auction.

The district aux. voted to give Miss Flame \$200.00.

DISTRICT 6: Met at the Hudson Vol. Fire Station in Steuben Co. on March 16, with 14 members and 1 guest from seven departments present.

Opal Laughman from Thorncreek Twp. has passed away and since she was a past District 6 Chairman, and her dues in State were unpaid, it was voted that the district pay the State Aux. for her Bible. Joann Hays, State Chaplain, gave the service.

We welcomed the Hudson Aux. into the State Auxiliary.

An auction was held after the meeting with the men and raised \$402.00 for the Lemmon family from Sparta Twp.

The next meeting will be at Ligoneer in Noble Co. on May 18.

DISTRICT 7: Meeting was held at Mt. Etna on March 20.

Roll Call was answered by 8 members and 1 guest from 5 depts. present.

Minutes were read and approved. State minutes were read and discussed.

We joined the men for our annual Bake Sale.

Next meeting will be May 15 at Nottingham Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10: Meeting was held at Marietta Fire Dept.

Roll Call was answered by 13 members from 4 departments and two guests were present. District 10 Miss Flame and her mother were our guests.

A discussion was held on the Miss Flame ditty bags and doe doll tickets.

Our money making project for the year was discussed. We will be testing AT&T equipment for 1 day as one project. A garage sale in late summer will be held.

Next meeting is May 17, at Adams.

DISTRICT 11: Met at Wright Twp. for our meeting.

Since they don't have an auxiliary, several wives of firemen served a delicious spaghetti dinner. As soon as we got there, the men had to go. They had a pretty good fire and we couldn't wait any longer, so we went ahead with our meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Jasonville Fire Dept. Lunch will be served.

DISTRICT 11B: We met at Roachdale.

A report was given on the recent Miss Flame Dance. Michelle Miller of Lyford Fire Dept. will represent us this year.

Raffle prize winners were announced.

Eula reported on the new family Bibles to be given by the State.

Next meeting is May 10, at Fairview.

DISTRICT 12: Meeting was held at Decatur Twp. Station # 2 in West Newton.

There were 10 members present.

Officers reports were given and old business was discussed.

Problems with this year's convention were explained and discussed.

Letters for Lois Boaz need to be sent in as soon as possible.

Our Miss Flame, Rebekah Willis will be crowned Mon. March 20, at Greg Twp. Convention.

Charm was discussed. The Chinese auction for convention was discussed. Wanda Johnson will be making a craft item for District 12.

Address was given to members to send recipes to Nancy Cushman of District 13 for cookbook.


Meeting was closed and a game of Bingo was played. A chili dinner was enjoyed.

Next meeting will be May 8, at Madison Twp.

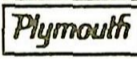
DISTRICT 13: Meeting was held at Charlottesville VFD with 3 members present.

Plans were finalized for the cookbook project. It was agreed to send letters to all district aux. as well as IVFA depts. in District 13 and 13B. Amy Martin will investigate the most economical

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way to get the cookbooks put together. Hopefully we can keep the cost to \$5.00.

Unfortunately, we will not have a Miss Flame this year. Next meeting will be May 18, at Green Twp.

STATE OFFICERS MEETING
Holiday Inn, Evansville, Ind., June 15, 1995

President, Phyllis Vargo opened the meeting by asking Chaplain, Joann Hays to have prayer with the group.

Sgt-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel led the Pledge to the Flag.

Phyllis asked Maxine Davies to the front to present her with a corsage as Immediate Past President. Maxine then presented Phyllis with a corsage for President. They both were very lovely corsages.

Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee gave the roll call. Following that she read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

A motion by Miriam Schaeckel was made to refrain from reading the district reports. It was seconded by Jane Ferro.

Joann Hays read correspondence from Mary Boyd and Judy Hildebrand.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter.

Chaplain, Joann Hays, asked that Faye read off district chairmen again so that they could reply how many of each of the Bibles they have on hand and she could get an approximate count.

A get well card for Lucy Stofer, who recently had foot surgery, was passed around for all to sign.

Joann said since Convention last year she has sent 19 get well, 17 sympathy, 1 50th Anniversary, 1 new grandchild and 2 thinking of you cards. We have had 12 members pass away since convention.

Joann said we have 11 Catholic, 1 New Catholic and 10 Protestant Bibles on hand at this time.

Membership-Faye Sallee, said we have 87 Aux., 39 Indv., 1070 Members with a total of 1109. Last year we had 115 Aux., 125 Indv. We are really down this year!!

Phyllis started to pass out certificates, but Toni Sorg suggested that she wait until tomorrow's meeting when more of the members might be present. Phyllis decided to wait and pass them all out at that time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auditing: Maxine Davies said they will do the auditing of all books in August. It will be done on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Lois Boaz: Joann Hays said they are ready to go.

By-Laws: Dollie Komoscar said they are ready.

Convention: Barbara Kerney was not present. She was busy working on the convention somewhere.

Doe Doll: Lou Bartlow said she has taken in \$362.00 today, and \$278.00 previously, so she has a total of \$640.00 now. Still need to get out there and sell tickets.

Financial Study: Maxine Davies said she has no additional information to report since May, still recommending not to spend money.

Miss Flame: Eula Bush said she has 13 girls. They are a very good group. They all get along fine. Tonight we will find out who the winner is.

Games: E.J. Smith has no information. The drawing will be held tonight.

Historian: Carolyn McCarty was not present.

Installation: Barbara Parker said they are ready to go.

Jewelry: Mary Mackin said the jewelry is selling good. Have sold \$445.00 today.

Nominating: Ann Moss said she is ready.

Parliamentarian: Virginia Wilson said there are no problems.

Presidents Advisory: Toni Sorg said there are no problems. Phyllis is doing a fine job!! Barbara Kerney joined us and Phyllis ask if she had anything to tell about Convention? She felt everything was going pretty well, that they had not had too many complaints. The Banquet meal will be Buffet Style. Menu will be Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Relish Tray, Salad, Pasta

Salad, Fruit Tray, Rolls, Dessert and Drink.

Maxine Davies said she had a question that was ask of her and she was not sure how to answer, so maybe we could help. Can you belong to more than one auxiliary and more than one district? The answer is YES. You can belong to as many auxiliaries as you wish, but you can belong to only one district throughout the state.

Phyllis remarked how great the Bar-B-Q was at Scales lake last evening. The food was delicious. The only problem was the mosquitoes!!! They were hungry, too!!

The tour buses were a great idea, some of us even got a little added feature on the way back to the hotel. Some were given a scenic tour.

Eula asked if it was okay to take the price of the corsages for the Miss Flame out of the expense money. Yes, it has been done that way in the past years. Saves writing an additional check.

Barbara Parker reported that so far she has taken in \$176.00 in the Chinese Auction. She wants to take in \$300.00. We hope she reaches her goal. Drawing will be tomorrow at the end of the meeting.

Since there was no more business, Phyllis wanted to take this time to thank everyone for their help and support. She gave each of us a "pie" to put in our oven after using it. It makes the house smell Good!!

Eula said we should give Phyllis a BIG hand for a job WELL DONE.

Joann gave each a beautiful handmade basket filled with potpourri and a pen with a flower on it.

Phyllis asked that all officers and district chairmen sit up close tonight at the joint meeting.

Ann Moss made a motion to adjourn and Toni Sorg seconded it.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 3: Met at Scipio Twp. May 24th. Opening prayer was offered by Past State Chaplain, Duane Lantz.

Secretary Lucille Cohen called the roll with 7 departments present. Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

There will be two vacancies to be filled in the July election.

Guest, Rebecca Rudynske, Miss Flame, helped with the bake sale.

Duane Lantz reported on the State's First Annual Fireman and EMS Appreciation Day Family Picnic to be held July 16 at Westlake Park in Indianapolis.

Lucky Doe Doll tickets were turned in.

Cards were signed and sent to those that were ill, and having an anniversary. Also a sympathy card was sent to Marie Moore.

Scipio hostesses provided fresh fruit pizza, vegetable pizza and a decorated cake in honor of Scipio's 40th year of service. Each lady present received a planter.

District 10: Met at Adams Fire Station. There were 6 members present, representing 3 departments.

The testing of AT&T was discussed and it was decided to try it again. Marietta will send some gals for the next testing on June 28th.

Ditty bags for Miss Flame were discussed.

Members forgot their donations, arrangements were made to get them.

Doe Doll tickets were turned in.

Next meeting at Burney in August, with election of officers.

District 11B: Tried an evening meeting on May 10, since our regular meeting would have fallen on Mother's Day. We met at the Fairview Fire House with a pretty good attendance.

We voted to give our Miss Flame Contestant, Michelle Miller, \$200.00 to help her and her family with convention expenses. It will be given to her upon arrival at convention.

A nominating committee was appointed for election of officers at the July meeting to be held at Waynetown on Sunday, July 9 at 1:00 pm.

Everyone was reminded to keep the annual picnic in mind to be held at the 1st Shelter in Raccoon Lake Park on September 10, at 1:00 pm.

District 12: The meeting was held at Madison Twp. Fire Dept. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call was taken with 9 members present.

Miss Flame expenses were discussed and also fundraisers.

The convention charm and tie tack were passed around.

Fish Fry will be held July 14 and 15.

Next meeting will be August 14, at Wayne Twp.

District 13: Met at Green Twp. Fire Dept. We enjoyed a pitch in meal with the men, then went our separate ways for our meetings. We had 3 members present.

We reviewed convention items and then worked on our cookbook project.

Next meeting will be August 17, at McCordsville Fire Dept.

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'95
Holiday Inn
Evansville, Ind.
June 16, 1995

A.M. Session

President Phyllis Vargo, opened the meeting by first introducing the Lois Boaz Award winner, Eva Gotche. Congratulations!!

Phyllis called the meeting to order by asking Chaplain, Joann Hays to lead us in prayer.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel then led the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee, gave roll call of districts and departments. We had 41 voting members and 23 officers present

Chaplain, Joann Hays, gave her report as follows: Since last convention, she has sent 19 get well, 17 sympathy, 1 new baby, 2 Thinking of you and one 50th anniversary cards. We have lost 13 ladies in the state this year.

She has purchased new Bibles. She gave us a look at one of the new ones. Crosses in a pocket, handmade by Joann, were passed out to each one attending. She was then excused from the meeting to prepare for the Memorial Service.

Phyllis introduced Barbara Retchum, wife of the new Mr. IVFA.

Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee, read the minutes from last convention. Minutes were approved as read.

Barbara Parker made the motion not to read the by-laws that were presented, as that was old business and Dollie Komoscar seconded it. Motion carried.

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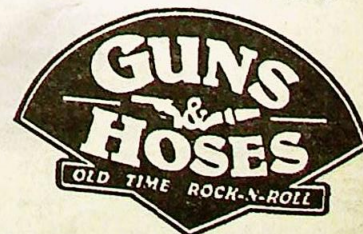
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Auxiliary State Officer's Meeting
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Mr. Bill Howe joined us from Convention '96. He brought some books, registration forms and maps of the area. Convention will be in Merrillville, June 19-22. This will be the men's 50th anniversary of the association.

There will be 3 hotels used for convention. They are the Radisson (this will be the host hotel), Marriott and Fairfield. They are all close together. Try to get your reservations as soon as possible.

T-shirts will be available in July at the picnic and also at the August State Officers Meeting in Indianapolis.

Financial Statement was given by Treasurer Dorothy Reiter. Membership, Faye Saltee said as of June 1st, we have 87 aux., 170 members and 39 Indv. with a total of 1109.

Auditing, Maxine Davies, said the books will be audited at the August Officers Meeting at 3:00 P.M.

Games, Virginia Wilson said we have 10 men's waterball, 1 ladies waterball, 3 hose relay and 4 cart, for the games tomorrow, which will start at 8:00 A.M.

Installation, Barbara Parker said they are ready. Toni Sorg will help her in the absence of Lucy Stofer, who recently had foot surgery.

Financial Study, Maxine Davies said no major spending at this time. Miss Flame, Eula Bush said she would like to reserve her reports until this afternoon, when she will bring the girls into the meeting.

Doe Doll, Lou Bartlow has turned into her so far \$1414.00. Some of the Miss Flames still have tickets to sell. We need to sell more.

By-Laws, Dollie Komoscar said they are ready, but would like to wait until later to read it.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin said since opening of convention, we have sold \$718.00. Only have 38 charms and 89 tie tacks left.

Nominating, Ann Moss, read the list of officers for election. She read each one separately, and asked if there was any nominations from the floor. Since we had time, we went ahead with the election. Your new Officers for 1995-96 are as follows: President-Phyllis Vargo, Vice President-Lou Bartlow, Recording Sec.-Faye Saltee, Corresponding Sec.-Diana Gray, Treasurer-Dorothy Reiter, Chaplain-Joann Hays, Sgt.-at-Arms-Miriam Schaeckel

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!! They will be sworn in this afternoon at the Installation.

Barbara Parker said she needs \$10.00 to reach her goal of \$300.00 for the Chinese Auction.

Barbara Kerney wanted to thank everyone for coming to convention. Some door prizes were awarded at this time. We will take a break at this time to attend the Memorial Service and will re-convene at 1:15 pm. We do not have much this afternoon, so maybe we can get done early.

P.M. SESSION

President Phyllis Vargo, called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. She introduced Tracy Boatwright who told us about the 1st Annual Family Appreciation Day Picnic to be held July 16, in Indianapolis. Gene Goddard and Jim Bruner passed out flyers with the information on it.

The table space for the swap meet is \$40.00. There will be an all day flea market, games for the firemen and EMS and also games for the children. Food will be furnished 11 am to 2 pm. Please try to attend. An ID card or your membership card will be required to attend.

Roll Call was given by Faye Saltee, Recording Secretary. We had 58 present, including guests. We also had 23 officers present.

Barbara Parker said we have \$340.00 in the Chinese Auction. Nice going Barb!!! You reached your goal.

Nominating, Ann Moss said they are ready.

Presidents Advisory, Toni Sorg, said Phyllis has done a great job. She said since it was June, a time for weddings, it was like "for better for worse", "for richer or poorer". She has brought everything together and done a great job.

Phyllis thanked everyone for the love and support that was given to her this year.

Lois Boaz, Marilyn Smith said to send in lots of letters. There are a lot of deserving women out there. But send in more than one letter for each lady.

Parliamentarian, Virginia Wilson said there are no problems.

Phyllis awarded certificates to: German Twp. District 10, 15 years continuous membership, Fairland Aux. District 10, 15 years continuous membership, Kingsford Union District 3, Preble, District 7, St. Joseph Twp. District 6, Sellersburg #2 District 14 and Veetersburg District 11B.

Congratulations to all of you!!!!

New Business:

By-laws, Dollie Komoscar read the one By-Law to be voted on. It is

as follows:

ARTICLE 111

Membership

Section 1. The membership of this organization shall consist of:

- a. Active membership
 - 1. Wife of an I.V.F.A. member
 - 2. Mother of an I.V.F.A. member
 - 3. Wife of a retired I.V.F.A. member
 - 4. Widow of an I.V.F.A. member in good standing of same organization
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 - 6. An I.V.F.A. member

This by-law was submitted by District 7. It was voted on by show of hands and passed unanimously.

Phyllis ask district chairmen to go back to their departments and see why some have dropped out. See if it is a problem with by-laws or if it is internal. Maybe there is some way we can help them. We need to get our membership up.

Joann Hays, Chaplain, explained the benefits you receive in the event of a members death. You MUST have your dues paid to the State to receive a Memorial service and a Bible.

Make sure your auxiliary is paying the older, retired, members' dues for them. Some presume they are paid, and unless it is in your by-laws to do so, they may not be getting paid. This is unfortunate, as they are entitled to this service after spending so much time in the auxiliary. So please make sure you check each department and see if their dues are paid.

Phyllis thanked Joann for a beautiful Memorial service. She did a very good job!!!

Eula Bush introduced the Miss Flame for 1995, Sara Steckler from District 18, and her runner-up, Angela Stalf, District 6. They were joined by their court. A very nice looking group of young ladies.

Eula said they had a nice bunch of girls, and they all got along great. The judges had a very difficult job on their hands, but they did a good job.

Mindy Bush, Eula's niece, made the photograph albums the girls received. They also received ditty bags with some goodies in them from District 10.

The money for the albums was donated by Barb and Jack Kerney.

A handmade cross in a pocket was given to them by the Chaplain, Joann Hays.

Thanks to everyone who donated for the girls.

Installation was done by Barbara Parker and Toni Sorg. The new officers were sworn in, and promised to do their jobs as is required.

Toni said that the Poe Festival will be held the 4th Friday and Saturday of August.

Swiss Days of Berne will be July 28-29.

Door prizes were awarded and also the winners of the Chinese Auction were drawn.

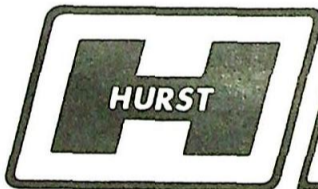
Phyllis reminded everyone to pick up their ditty bags on the way out. These were donated by District 15.

Miriam Schaeckel made the motion to adjourn and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Gray, Cor. Sec.

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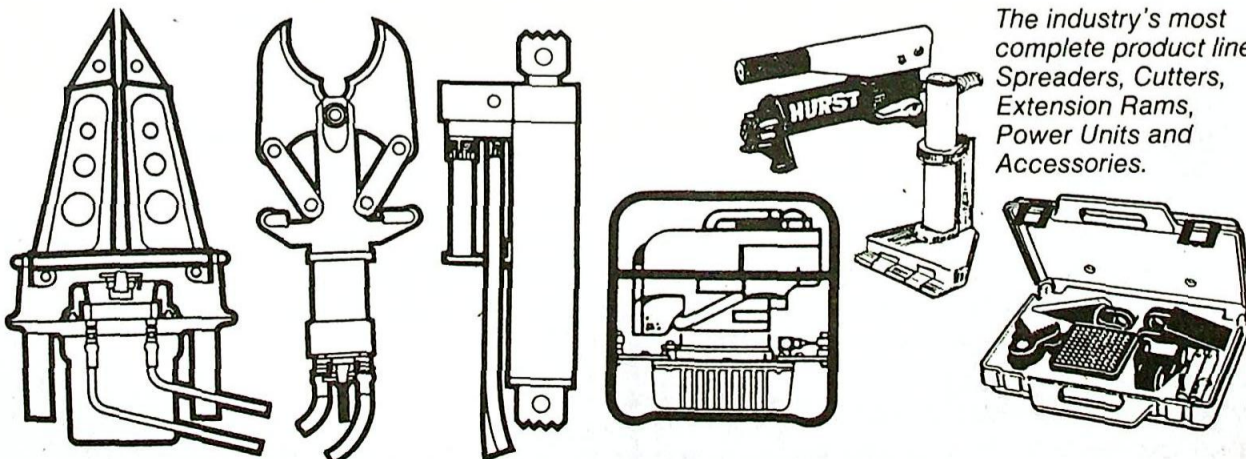
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JoAnn Hays

We put a potted plant in the sunny window. It was a slim, pale thing, not very pretty, but for Julian's sake we gave it care and watered it. The plant seemed to like its warm place in the sun. It grew, but it changed.

Pale cream and green no longer, the leaves of the little sun's gift. Yes, it was being transformed into something beautiful, as it was meant to be.

IS NOT GOD'S LOVE LIKE THAT?

When we come to know God's love for us, a wonderful change takes place. In place of criticism and mere toleration of other people there comes the wine of our acceptance of them in love. Their lives take on new luster and increased beauty.

John 14:27

Peace I bequeath to you. My own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give. This is my gift to you.

Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit and teach us. We ask in the name of Christ, our living Lord and Savior, who taught the disciples of old and us to pray:

"Our Father who art in heavenAmen"

I would like to thank those in Evansville for a very lovely convention. It was really nice and those who were on hand were well organized and so helpful. You were great.

The Bar-B-Q on Wednesday night was fabulous and so was the Beer Bust and Banquet.

I know you're all tired, but now you can all rest and go have fun yourselves in '96.

Jack and Barbara, I love you both and thank you my dear, dear, new firends. Bless you both.

Love and Prayers

A Letter From Pat Babbs

TO: All Fire Service Personnel
DATE: July 11, 1995

I lost one of my best friends today. Have you ever looked back to a person or event that changed the path of your life? Douglas A. Eubanks, former fire chief of Decatur Twp. Vol. Fire Dept, was that person for me. Oh, he wasn't fire chief 26 1/2 years ago when we met. Just a young, enthusiastic volunteer firefighter and fire investigator. Gad, how he loved it!

We worked in the same printing arts complex and ate in the same cafeteria. In one of our conversations, Doug asked what I was doing for the fire service while my volunteer-firefighter son was in Vietnam. Doug said he knew Perry Twp. had a ladies' auxiliary and insisted I

get involved.

That was the beginning. When my son returned safely from Vietnam (bless the Lord), I began going to fire schools, Richmond fire conferences, training classes with him and joined the IVFA Ladies' Auxiliary. I played waterball and bucket brigade at conventions and competitions around the state. The Acton VFD team taught us how. (Of course, we never ever beat them!) I spent six weeks at the National Fire Academy. And I began meeting terrific fire service people across the state and nation.

That's when I also got to know Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal. At another changing point in my life, Bill knew I was selling the typesetting company and asked if I'd be the program coordinator for a new Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. That began another 18+ of the most interesting years of my life, until September '94 when my dog-gone heart didn't beat as strongly as it used to.

Doug's certification number partly indicates his influence. He had to take fourth place behind the State Fire Marshal, Chairman of the Board, and my son. He argued that the number three was better for him. It was probably the only argument he lost with me. He was usually right.

But if Doug Eubanks hadn't insisted, none of this would have happened for me and I probably would never have met all of you. I shall miss his practical jokes, and laughingly warning him of grievous bodily harm which he thought hilarious.

Now they tell me his heart was faulty. He was under stress but still enthusiastic about remodeling his home, stockcar racing a hot little black number in his garage with the look of flames on it, and the fire service.

Tears come and go and I think that maybe I have not told any of you how much your friendship has been appreciated over the years. So let me tell you all now before that last goodbye, whenever it may be. The fire service can be horrendous at times, but it is mostly full of great feelings and joy!

Doug, it will be lonesome knowing you are not there to hear from anymore. But you are out there somewhere with other firefighter brethren to talk shop with. I'll miss you dear friend. Thanks for everything.

Love, Pat Babbs



Penny Burch

Lake Eliza presents award

Districts 1 & 2 presented the Outstanding Member Award to Penny Burch at our May 4th meeting at the Lake Eliza Fire Station.

She helped organize the Cadet program and has continued to work with them the last 3 years. She has also been president of the auxiliary for the past year and a half.

Penny is married to Bernie Burch, Chief of Lake Eliza Fire Department and the mother of two children, a daughter Kelli married to Jeremy Morrison and a son Mike, a fireman at Lake Eliza. She is also the proud grandmother of 7 month old Katherine.

Both Penny and Bernie have been very dedicated to the Lake Eliza Fire Dept. for 15 years.



Sara Gendelman and Erma Kankowski

LOFS Auxiliary Awards

Sara Gendelman and Erma Kankowski were both honored by the members of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Auxiliary at a dinner held at Marty's Place at Ramseys Landing.

Both ladies were given a rose for each of their 25 years of service along with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Congratulations ladies, that's a long time!!

Thomas' Renew Wedding Vows



Martha and "Jake" Thomas along with Duane and Grace Lantz.

On April 15, 1995, Lyle "Jake" and Martha Thomas celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their wedding vows. The couple held the celebration at the Merrillville Fire Station where Jake is a charter member and is still active. Martha is a Past District 1 Auxiliary Chairwoman and also is still involved in the Merrillville Auxiliary.

Traveling from LaPorte to officiate the ceremony was good friend and IVFA Chaplain Duane Lantz. During one of the most touching parts of the ceremony, Chaplain Lantz made a special request on behalf of the couple. A moment of silence was held for their friend and fallen comrade Teddy Hansen III who died in the line of duty on April 13th.

Standing up for the couple were their five children. Some have followed in their parents footsteps and are now actively involved in the IVFA.

Also in attendance were most of the fellow firefighters and auxiliary members of Jake and Martha. They would like to congratulate them on a fabulous 40 years. And from their family, may they have many more years of happiness together.

Crown Point Buys ID Camera



Demonstrating the camera are 1st row (L-R) Dave Caputo, JoLyn Gosser, Pam DeLor, Sherry Abraham and Rick Gosser. Back row (L-R) Lori Caputo, Sherrie Kozlowski, Debbie Van Woerdan, Linda Abraham, Bobbie Gettler, Marge Baumgardner, Joanne Gettler, and Kathy Abramson.

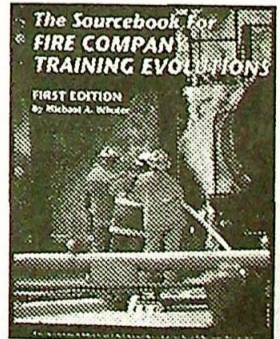
The Crown Point Fire Department Womens Auxiliary recently purchased a photo ID camera for the fire department.

The camera will take a photo and transfer it onto an ID card. Each member of the department will be issued a card to be worn on their bunker gear and to be used as an accountability system.

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"I probably wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the Wayne Twp. Fire Department Ambulance Service".

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She had an allergic reaction to some medication and had to be transported to the hospital. "My doctors told me that if it had not been for the quick response and expert care of the EMTs, I would have probably not survived."

After Mary's experience, she wanted to do something special for all the volunteers who were putting so much effort into providing such a valuable service. She contacted WTFD and asked if there was anything she could do.

That's how she found out about the Child Safety Seat Program. This program provides specially-designed safety seats to use on ambulances.

At an Open House on April 23, 1995, at the American Legion Post #64, Mary Chappell and Post Commander Marvin Deem presented Ken Huffer, WTFD EMS Division Chief, with a check for \$2,500 which the Ladies Auxiliary had raised through many different efforts.

Ken Huffer said the department plans to use this donation to purchase five of the specially-designed seats, to place on each of the township ambulances, plus one on the back up ambulance.

Public Relations Northeast



Bill Kinsey

Congratulations to Pleasant Township Fire Dept. on the dedication of their new fire station, township office and historical hall July 22, 1995. Chief Kent Trickle invited all to attend the dedication and hog roast that followed. The new facility should be a major asset and provide great benefits to the community.

Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department is also celebrating. They are having an Open House and parade July 22, 1995 to observe their 50th Anniversary. Two of their members will receive 50 year gold cards from the IVFA.

As all volunteer firefighters in Indiana should be aware, when an injury occurs, the Chief should complete an Indiana Workers Compensation 1st Report of Injury and submit it to their insurer within 7 days of the injury. Indiana Law states that the department may be fined \$50 for failure to report the injury within 7 days. I had a call today from an insurer threatening to impose the \$50 fine because the Chief had not reported the loss within 7 days. Send the 1st report whether you have any bills from the provider or not. SEND THE 1st REPORT.

The annual IVFA convention is over and congratulations are in order to the convention commit-

tee. They had a monumental task in arranging the convention on short notice after they encountered many problems with the convention hotel and exhibition hall closing, thus necessitating starting from square one. They did a great job!

We have had two volunteer firefighters killed in vehicle accidents this year. Nothing we do can turn back the clock and bring these firefighters back to life. We can benefit from these tragedies by remembering how these accidents occurred and taking steps to prevent a re-occurrence in our own department. We need to do everything possible to prevent such a thing happening again.

We need to insist on more driver training in our departments. Most of us never drive anything bigger than a car or pick-up truck until we climb into a fire apparatus and turn on red lights and sirens and become the operator of an emergency vehicle. Not only does our blood pressure go up and the adrenalin start pumping, but we aim a 30,000 or 40,000 lb. vehicle down the street or road heading toward an emergency. When we do this, we expose ourselves, the firefighters riding the apparatus and the civilians driving on the same streets and roads to our urgency. What a tremendous responsibility we assume when we get behind the steering wheel of a piece of fire apparatus.

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By Jim Barbieri

A mighty roar like a roll of thunder was what they heard.

The sound jarred Poneto Fire Chief Allen Smith, who was working closeby in his Smith Garage & Trucking shop at the 5:50 pm time Friday. Others heard it a good distance away.

Smith and others looked out to the sound's direction.

They saw a tital wave!

There, to the viewers' amazement, was a startling sight.

Erupted and erupting and disintergrating before their eyes was one of the four giant white liquid fertilizer tanks at The Anderson's, the sprawling complex of the former NFM (Norris) Grain & Fertilizer along the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks at Poneto.

Yes, an avalanche of the liquid substance was rolling like a mighty river from the suddenly breached wreckage of a giant half-million gallon tank. The round metal structure, about 60 to 80 feet in diameter and perhaps 25 to 30 feet high, appeared to have exploded from the enormous rush of the giant wave.

The tank was gone, pieces hurled a good distance and the main structure flattened in a heap of twisted metal onto the ground.

The force had been sufficient to hurl large stones right through the walls of a nearby metal building in the complex — a structure of about 30 by 30 feet.

Allen and Derek Smith and others rushed out first with shovels to seek diking off the flow of the rolling river.

The four huge tanks at the west end, far back from Ind. 218, had a large earth dike that had been built behind them to keep drainage flow in ordinary times from the creek on the other side — a small stream that ties to the Rock Creek. The river of liquid fertilizer even spilled over the dike top.

Heavy earth equipment was rushed to the scene.

Wells County Emergency Preparedness (Civil Defense) Director Orville Sullivan of the Poneto area also reponded with a generator. The Poneto Fire Dept. had 2 generators.

Upon deploying of bulldozers, the main flood was contained by arduous action. Yet, much of the flow, literally thousands of gallons, had gone beyond the containment area. The task was to pump it back while stemming its flow.

The fertilizer is what commonly goes on farm fields. It was not toxic to the workers.

The work day had ended at The Anderson's grain/fertilizer complex and fortunately no one was in the immediate area when the tank gave way. No one was injured.

Sullivan, whose belief when hearing the thunder noise, was that something had happened with a train, coordinated a lot of the agency steps as required in a major spill. He was awed by the wreckage.

The streaming fertilizer had made it to the creek, and a quantity, a still small quantity, was into the creek.

The growing work force of firefighters, employees, neighbors and others strove to pump the invading fluid from the creek while tackling it on other fronts too.

An initial action for safety, said Chief Smith, was contacting Indiana & Michigan Power Co. to cut off the power.

Chief Smith and CD Director Sullivan also said the state was notified. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management dispatched specialists from places in the area and far away in the state.

A HazMat officer arrived from Adams County. Further summoned in the chain of actions was the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

People from the agencies were to arrive over the next few hours.

The main action came from The Anderson's headquarters at Maumee, Ohio. They had people rolling in from other plants of The Anderson's.

Sullivan said he was notified that about 30 tanker semis were to be coming from Ohio to remove the lake of liquid.

But, hours later, on a second trip to the scene by this reporter,

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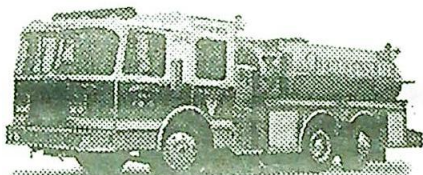
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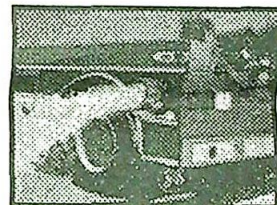
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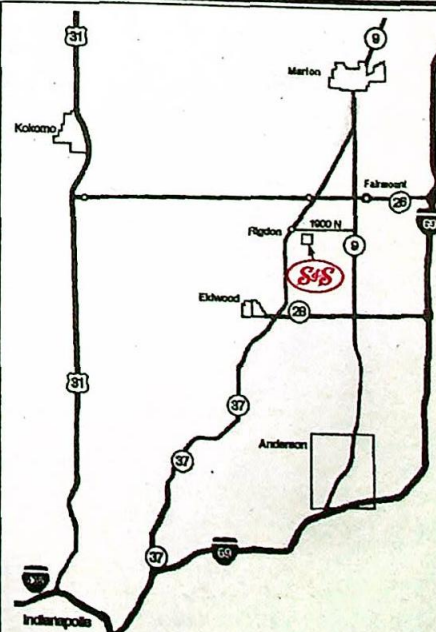
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Tanker Bursts...

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a stream of semi tankers still was inching forward, even after many had been loaded up and gone. Counted then were 23 more tank semis, including 15 lined westward for a good distance on Ind. 218 and 8 on The Anderson's complex in a line back to the blown tank site.

Reported was that the liquid fertilizer was being recaptured and taken to a plant at Logansport, where it would be stored for its intended use.

According to what Sullivan learned, the burst tank at Poneto had been down partially and was not full, although it still had contained a huge quantity, in the hundreds of thousands of gallons.

All this was on the ground because its tank structure was obliterated.

All the electric installations, all the power equipment, pumps and wiring were gone.

Floodlights, powered by generators, were used to illuminate key tasks as the crews and units plodded on the muddy terrain, setting up pumping operations, also powered by generators.

Work went through the night and into the morning. Those helping numbered into the hundreds.

Ed Norris, The Anderson's manager, happened to be out of town. Randy Grandlienard, Operations Chief, led the plant forces, assisted by those arriving from The Anderson's headquarters and other plants.

Food was brought in for people toiling into and through the night.

Sheriff's Department officers and reserves came to assist.

While the Bluffton Fire Department was not called out, Bluffton Fire Chief, Gary Markley

came to the scene to assure availability of help and to view operations for firsthand knowhow on a number of emergency procedures in a spill of this size.

Poneto Fire Chief Smith gave extra attention after the early main containment battle was won, to pumping from the creek area.

It was not known then whether any of the liquid fertilizer had made it or would be making it to the Rock Creek. The state environmental authorities were on the scene to pursue that matter.

No dollar estimates were indicated as the work continued as to extent of the damages and loss, including the cost of operations, but the toll had to be substantial.

Sullivan said no early determination was made on the episode's cause, but that it may have been a weak spot in the structure simply giving way or breaching and then the weight of the liquid turning the opening into a massive splitting wave.

News-Banner, Bluffton, IN
April 1, 1995

Fire Facts: Young and Old at Most Risk

NFPA statistics show that the very young and the very old face the highest risk of dying in a house fire.

The death rates of preschool children 5 years or younger and adults older than 65 years are twice the national average: adults older than 75 triple the national rate; and adults over 85 have a death rate four times the national average.

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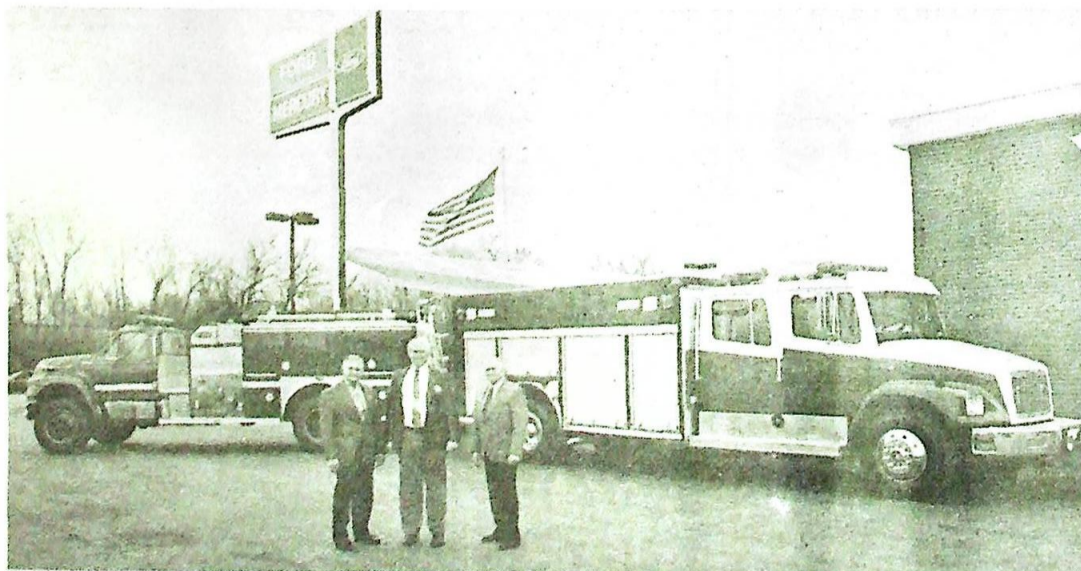
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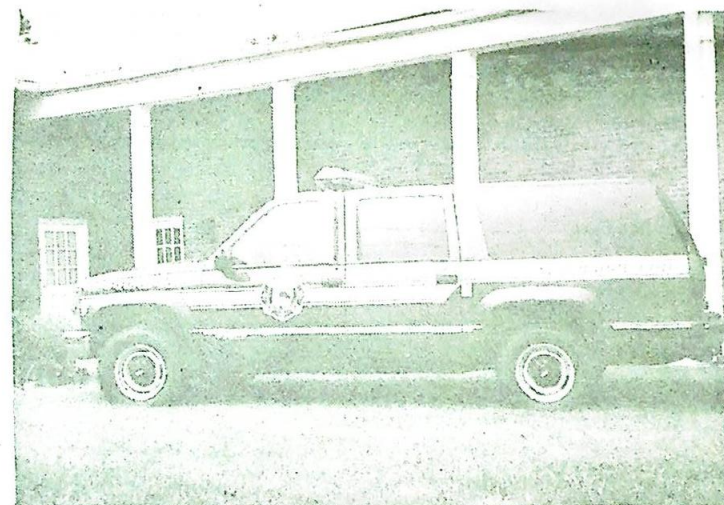
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Newburgh VFD New Equipment



The past 14 months has been extremely busy for the members of the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department. In May 1994, the Ohio Township purchased a Simon-LTI 75-foot aerial truck which was a first for Warrick County.

The purchase of this truck required our members to commit to additional Monday night training to operate the truck properly and safely. Not only was training for firefighting techniques required but driver/operator training as well.

Our fire district not only includes the Town of Newburgh but we also make runs in approximately 1/3 of Ohio Township. In the past few years the township has experienced a tremendous growth in population. Most of the new homes being built are at least 2 1/2 - 3 stories, which limits the use of ground ladders.

The new aerial is equipped with quartz lights, Federal Q siren, electric cord reel, a 400 gallon tank with the capability of pumping 2000 gpm, four 1 3/4" crosslays, bladder foam system, 911 Series seats equipped with airpaks, electric generator, and enclosed cab for 7 firefighters.

In January of 1995, the Town of Newburgh purchased a Simon-LTI Pumper which is compatible with the new aerial. The pumper has a 1000 gallon tank with the capability to pump 2000 gpm. The pump panel is the same as the aerial which helps with training personnel. The only difference between the trucks other than the 75-foot ladder is that the new pumper has a booster line located in the rear of the truck and a 5" suction located on the front bumper.

In August of 1994 the town of Newburgh purchased a new Chevrolet Suburban for use on medical runs and for additional transportation of personnel to fire scenes.

Newburgh VFD now has 43 members on our department, including 16 certified EMTs, 6 certified First Responders and 3 Cadets. We also have a dive team and currently have personnel training for rope rescue.

The support of the township and the town purchasing the new equipment for our department has increased our commitment to continued training and better protection for our community.

By Rhonda Fischer, Lt. Public Relations

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As we travel throughout the state talking to the fire departments' personnel, one of the questions often asked is, "Who's looking for a used fire truck?"

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If your fire department has a used fire truck that you would like to advertise, send in your information and please send only the facts about the equipment. Try to condense the information down to 4 or 5 lines.

If after sending this information to us, your equipment is sold, please let us know so that we can remove it from our list.

Lawyer talk: The office of the State Fire Marshal makes no representations or guarantees as to the condition or serviceability of any fire equipment advertised in the Fire Truck Line. The office does not provide any service other than the listing.

Tracy Boatwright
State Fire Marshal

Convention Report

We would like to thank everyone that came to Evansville for the Convention. We enjoyed all of the good comments from all of you who enjoyed it. It makes it all worthwhile when you hear so many good comments.

I thank my committee for all of the hard work they put into this convention in such a short time. Thanks for all of the rewards you bestowed upon Barb and me. Each and everyone of you deserve the same.

I hope everyone will give the same support to the Merrillville committee for the 1996 Convention.

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To: IVFA Board of Directors and Members

From: John N. Shanks II
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Subject: 1995 Annual Legislative Report

Date: July 5, 1995

It is our pleasure to present the following report summarizing legislation passed during the First Regular Session of the 109th General Assembly which affects the volunteer fire service.

This was one of the most active Sessions in recent history for the volunteer fire service. We followed more than fifty (50) bills which impacted the volunteer fire service. Fifteen (15) bills actually passed and were signed by the Governor. They are summarized below.

The "crown jewel" of the bills which passed was House Enrolled Act 1194. As many of you may recall we lost several bills in the final hours of the 1994 session only because time ran out. These bills were combined this year into one bill authored by Representative Bill Ruppel, a volunteer firefighter from North Manchester. Highlights of the bill are:

- *changes the standard for State Board of Accounts mandatory examination of volunteer fire departments;
- *clarifies how service charges are to be handled for hazmat emergencies;
- *creates a revolving loan fund administered by the State Fire Marshal to enable volunteer fire departments to purchase equipment (loan processing will begin in about a year); and
- *modernizes the definition of volunteer fire department.

On behalf of ourselves and the rest of the firm, thank you for this opportunity to be of service. It is our pleasure and privilege to represent Indiana's volunteer fire service.

BUSCHMANN, CARR & SHANKS, P.C.

IVFA Annual Legislative Summary

First Regular Session 109th General Assembly (1995)

June 16, 1995

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE INDIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB1141 Location of Above Ground Motor Fuel Tanks

Author: Wolkins, Kruzan, Antich

Sponsor: Clark

Last Action: Governor Signed May 1, 1995

Adds a representative from the storage tank industry to the fire prevention and building safety commission. Effective: July 1, 1995; January 1, 1996.

HB1194 New Title Concerning Local Government

Author: Ruppel, Heeke, Kimmel, Bischoff

Sponsor: Wheeler, Landske, Meeks, M. Young, Worman

Last Action: Governor Signed May 1, 1995

The Act provides that for not-for-profit corporations the state examiner may waive examination of disbursements related to public funds if the corporation receives less than 50% of its money from public funds or if the corporation receives at least 50% of its money but less than \$60,000.00 from public funds. (The parameters in the old law had been 25% and \$25,000.00) The act clarifies the ability of a volunteer fire company to assess charges to an owner or responsible party by reason of a hazardous material or fuel spill or a chemical or hazardous material related fire on a public highway including an interstate. The act establishes a fire fighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund which permits loans of up to \$150,000.00 for the purchase of new or used fire fighting or other emergency equipment or apparatus, such loan is to be repaid over a period of not more than seven years at an interest rate of 2% below prime. The revolving fund is initially capitalized with a two million dollar appropriation and may not exceed five million dollars. The act also clarifies the definition of a volunteer fire company to include a company that provides fire fighting, fire protection and other emergency services and requiring that a majority of the members are volunteer firefighters. Finally, the act provides that the costs of required insurance that is shared by multiple governmental units are to be divided pro rata based on population of each of the units. Effective: July 1, 1995 and January 1, 1996 (revolving loan fund). [Note: Because of the rulemaking which must occur to implement this fund, it is unlikely that actual loans will be made prior to July, 1996 despite the best efforts of the Fire Marshal's Office.]

HB1285 Charitable Gaming

Author: Alderman, Alevizos, Budak, Ruppel

Sponsor: Weatherwax

Last Action: Signed by Governor May 5, 1995

Increases the maximum amount of prizes to \$1,000.00 (single event) which may be awarded at a bingo event, charity game night, raffle event, or door prize event before a qualified organization is required to apply for a permit (\$3,000.00 during a calendar year). *Requires a qualified organization that plans to hold more than one bingo event a year to file an annual notice with the department of state revenue. Allows a qualified organization to hold a charitable gaming event outside the county in which its office is located during a convention or annual meeting of its membership. Allows a facility to be rented for charitable gaming activities up to three days per calendar week and allows a qualified organization to pay more than \$200.00 per day for a room for gaming events once a year at its annual meeting. Effective: May 5, 1995.

*Note: Qualified organizations must still file a Form CG-1, Annual Qualification Application and keep records of the events.

HB1416 Liability of Public Officials

Author: Mock, Wolf

Sponsor: Weatherwax

Last Action: Governor Signed April 27, 1995

Provides protection from individual lawsuits for public employees (includes volunteer firefighters). The act provides that if a legal action alleges that the employee acted within the scope of the employee's

employment, an action against the employee individually is barred. The employee may be sued individually only if the government entity alleges as a defense that the employee was acting outside the scope of his employment. A legal action against the employee personally must allege and contain a reasonable factual basis supporting the fact that the act or omission of the employee is:

1. criminal;
 2. clearly outside the scope of the employee's employment;
 3. malicious;
 4. willful and wanting; and/or
 5. calculated to benefit the employee personally.
- Effective: July 1, 1995.

HB1524 Firefighters and Arson Investigators

Author: Gulling, Ruppel

Sponsor: Meeks

Last Action: Signed by Governor May 1, 1995

Provides that an arson inspector of the fire marshal's office hired after December 31, 1993, must complete basic law enforcement training requirements.

Effective: January 1, 1994 (retroactive); July 1, 1995.

HB1547 Open Burning

Author: Pond, Lambert, Lohr, Leuck

Sponsor: Gard

Last Action: Governor Signed May 5, 1995

Allows the open burning of wooden remnants from the demolition of a structure without obtaining a permit from the Department of Environmental Management, local unit of government, or a volunteer fire department. Effective: July 1, 1995.

HB1578 Building and Fire Safety

Author: Keeler

Sponsor: Paul

Last Action: Governor Signed April 24, 1995

Changes the law so that the annual inspection of heating systems in schools is not necessarily required to be made by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the provisions for inspections by the State Fire Marshal's Office for violations of its rules are permissive, not mandatory. Effective: July 1, 1995.

HB1682 Fire Protection Tax Rates

Author: Womacks, Vanleer, Lutz, Larry

Sponsor: Landske

Last Action: Governor Signed May 1, 1995

Allows townships contracting with a municipality for fire protection to appeal to the State Board of Tax commissioners to increase the maximum possible levy of the township to permit a tax rate for fire protection with the township that is fair and reasonable but does not exceed the tax rate imposed by the municipality for fire protection. Effective: July 1, 1995.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE INDIANA SENATE

SB0013 Court Clerks and Public Servants

Author: Weatherwax, Adams, Randolph, Skillman, Young, R.D.

Sponsor: Linder

Last Action: Governor Signed May 10, 1995

Expands the provisions dealing with suits against individuals who are public employees (as contained in House Enrolled Act 1416) so that the term includes attorneys who are either employed or are independent contractors. This act also provides that when a government entity states that the particular employee was acting outside the scope of his employment, the plaintiff has 180 days from the date of that response to amend the complaint to include the public employee individually. This 180 day limit exists despite any other statute of limitations. Effective: July 1, 1995.

SB0022 School Entertainment Inspection Exemption

Author: Meeks

Sponsor: Kruse

Last Action: Governor Signed May 5, 1995

Provides that child care ministries, depending upon their size, are required to meet certain minimal fire prevention and building safety standards, but not to the extent of licensed child care centers. However, notice that they do not meet those same standards must be provided to parents to each child attending the ministry. This bill further provides that Fire Marshal inspections of schools that hold amusement or entertainment events shall be provided at least once a year but that such inspections shall be provided without fee. Effective: May 5, 1995.

SB0090 Good Samaritans and Emergencies

Author: Miller

Sponsor: Frizzell, Alevizos

Last Action: Governor Signed May 1, 1995

Extends immunity from liability to a person who in good faith gratuitously provides emergency care in an emergency situation. (Current law grants a good samaritan immunity only in the case of an accident.) Effective: July 1, 1995.

SB0467 Uniform Anatomical Gift Act

Author: Simpson

Sponsor: Budak, Kinser

Last Action: Governor Signed April 26, 1995

Deals with anatomical gifts. This act requires a first responder including a law enforcement officer, paramedic or other emergency rescuer (which could include a volunteer firefighter) who finds an individual whom that person believes is dead or near death to conduct a reasonable search for information identifying whether the person is an organ or tissue donor or has prepared a written refusal to make such donations. This act also makes it a Class C felony to purchase or sell body parts for transplantation or therapy if the body parts are removed after death the only exception is a reasonable payment for direct costs associated with removing, processing, preserving, transporting or implanting the body part. Effective: July 1, 1995.

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Legislation

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SB0519 Emergency Medical Services

Author: Merritt, Jr.

Sponsor: Ruppel

Last Action: Governor Signed May 1, 1995

Deals with the standards and conduct of emergency medical technicians. The bill defines matters which constitute "basic life support" as deferential from "advanced life support" and then delineates between certified and noncertified personal, who can perform which services and under what circumstances, and defines non-transporting emergency medical services vehicle in conjunction with the emergency medical services system. The bill essentially prohibits the conduct of advanced life support by non-certificated personal excepting only in the case of an emergency as defined by the rules of the commission. Effective: July 1, 1995.

Note: It is our opinion, and that of the State Fire Marshal, that fire trucks do not meet the definition of "non-transporting emergency medical service vehicles". However, other vehicles within a volunteer fire department may meet this definition.

SB542 Fire Protection Territories

Author: Thompson, Simpson, Craycraft

Sponsor: Friend, Turpin, L. Lutz, Ruppel

Last Action: Governor Signed May 1, 1995

Permits the establishment of fire protection territories throughout the State of Indiana. A "fire protection territory" is a combination of two or more local units who join together to provide fire protection to their respective communities. There may only be one fire protection provider. The expenses for fire protection must be established by the units in agreement and then each unit will be permitted to levy a uniform rate on the tax base within its area exceeding the controls if necessary, to pay for the cost of fire protection. However, money raised under this provision may only be used for fire protection. The units in a fire protection territory may, if all agree, incur debt to purchase equipment and create a fund to purchase equipment. In addition, the provider unit may, with the approval of all participating units hold a reasonable operating balance to cover year-to-year carry over expenses. If a unit wishes to withdraw from the fire protection territory, its only obligation to the territory would be for its part of any debt service incurred by the fire protection territory with its approval while it was a part of that territory. If an unit withdraws from a fire protection territory its maximum permissible property tax levy will be the amount of its previous year's levy. Effective: July 1, 1995.

SB0645 Emergency Planning

Author: Gard

Sponsor: Gulling, Kruzan

Last Action: Governor Signed April 26, 1995

Deals principally with planning an implementation of emergency responses to facilities containing hazardous materials but also containing several notifications and inspection provisions for fire departments. This act requires that any facility required by Federal Law to prepare a M.S.D.S. (Material Safety Data Sheet) under OSHA must furnish to the local fire department a copy of the M.S.D.S. and a copy of its emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form. This act also allows a fire department, upon request, to conduct an on site inspection of the facility for the purpose of obtaining specific location information with regard to on site hazardous chemicals. Effective: July 1, 1995.

Copies of these bills are available by contacting IVFA Treasurer Harold "Gene" Stofer.

Assistant Chaplain



Duane D. Lantz

Scripture Luke 20, verse 25
And he said unto them, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's."

We have just passed the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is appropriate that we pay tribute to our country and offer praise to God for His blessings and His guidance upon the founding fathers of our country. Our nation is the envy of the entire world. We are indeed fortunate to be the citizens of a great nation like America.

We have both a Christian and a patriotic duty to help our nation

to be even a better place in which to live, to work and to worship.

We have a responsibility to God to remember our governmental officials in prayer. Our selfish desire for peace and harmony should motivate us to pray for our leaders. Our concern for the welfare of others should cause us to pray for our leaders, and also to take an active part by expressing our opinions of desired changes or concerns in our laws by contacting our elected officials on these subjects.

A few weeks ago we were asked by the Lincoln Twp. VFD at Thayer to give a Memorial Service remembering those who died in the plane crash in Roselawn, and also to honor all of those who were at the scene, volunteers, officials and citizens who gave their best to help in that terrible disaster. Those people will never forget the sight and we should pray for them for their time and unselfish desire to help.

Recently we had a memorial at Cedar Lake for John Shutz who was 92 years old, and one of the founders of that department. He was a very dedicated fireman.

On the 4th of July some of us exploded fireworks. Many of us displayed the flag and others went to patriotic picnics and parades. How many of us stopped to think about what we were really celebrating...The birth of our nation and the freedom which we enjoy today? How many times has that freedom been challenged by rulers of other countries?

We should also be praying for and honoring all of the gallant men and women who served our country—many giving up their lives to keep us free. As we celebrated Memorial Day, how many of us said a prayer for those people and for our leaders who used their strength, knowledge and love of this country to fight for it?

They gave us today, tomorrow and all the tomorrows of our future. They were people like us, like you, like me, but people who for a few moments in time did great things.

We cannot survive as a nation unless we all take an active stand against the things we know are wrong; to teach and guide our children to make this a better world to live in.

Let us remember our Pledge of Allegiance to our country and everything it stands for—Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

As you go to church this Sunday, say a special prayer for our leaders, that God will give them the strength and knowledge to keep America beautiful.

*Oh beautiful for spacious
skys,
For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountains majes-
ties*

*Above the fruited plain.
America, America
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.*

FRENCH LICK VFD SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM

The French Lick VFD has been selected as one of just eight volunteer departments nationally to help develop means of educating the American public about the importance of volunteers to community emergency services.

More than 32,000 U.S. communities depend entirely or mostly on volunteers to provide fire, rescue, emergency medical and other essential services.

"The cost of replacing even half of the estimated 1.2 million volunteers engaged in these services with career emergency responders would exceed \$18 billion," said Donald C. Conley, president of VFIS, a York, Pennsylvania-based insurance firm specializing in coverages for emergency service organizations.

VFIS—represented locally by Timothy R. Downey Insurance, Inc. of Kokomo—is sponsoring the effort, which ultimately will produce public educational tools available to all volunteer departments.

"Volunteers have an important story to tell their neighbors," Conley continued. "But typically, volunteers are focused on responding to emergencies and on their training. They're too busy getting the job done to tell their story. As a result, the public doesn't always know how it can help support its local department, and may not even know that every department needs public support to maintain its services."

"We feel extremely honored to be chosen by VFIS to be 1 of 8 volunteer fire departments in the nation to help model this program," said Barry Wininger, Chief of the French Lick VFD.

The eight departments participating in the program—one department each in California, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington State—will be assisted in developing and implementing individual community relations plans. Over the course

of the program, volunteers will be trained so that the community relations program can continue indefinitely.

"The volunteer fire service is a precious national resource," Conley concluded. "Through this program, we believe that communities will better understand why we must preserve and build the voluntary system."

VFIS serves more than 12,000 Emergency Service orga-

nizations in 49 states through a range of Property and Casualty, Group Life, Accident and Specified Sickness, and Length of Service Award programs. In addition, VFIS offers its clients many educational and training services such as seminars, a video lending library, a subsidized monthly video training program, recording forms and safety posters.

**Wayne Township
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Pictured (from L-R) are Steve Byrne, from Target; Ed McDonald; Eric Callahan; Joe Plummer; Rex Cheek, Team Leader from Target; Captain Roger Wright, Station #9; Angie Everett and Lori Hodges.

On May 23, 1995, once again, as in years past, Target Department Store donated stuffed teddy bears to the Wayne Twp. Fire Dept.

These teddy bears are carried on our ambulances to give to young children who have been injured or are ill. Sometimes this is all it takes to get a young child's attention away

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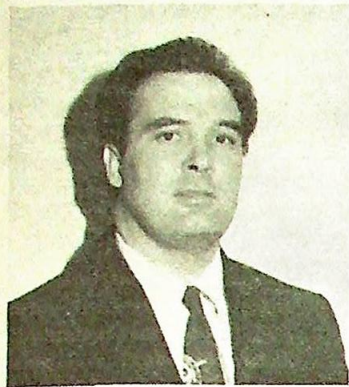
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Public Relations Southeast



Joe Caudill

We all need to get to our district meetings and the State Convention so input can be received and gotten out. We need your input on which way you want the fire service to go and look to the future and the year 2000. You will either get the information or be left behind.

On SB 519, we got an answer from the Fire Marshal and his attorney and ours—they never have said fire engines were covered in SB 519.

I would like to apologize to Dillsboro VFD for misspelling their name in the last issue.

I know it's a festive time, so be careful. Go out and support your neighboring departments and have a good time.

Have a good summer. See you soon.

Hello Everybody.

It was a great convention in Evansville. If you missed it, it was a great time and we got some good information.



Lake of Four Seasons FIRE CADETS

In January of 1994 the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Cadets Explorer Post 420 was formed. The members of this explorer post reside within the Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force fire protection district. Their ages range from 14 to 19. Tim McBride is the Post president, Jason Gikas the vice president, Robert Allen the secretary, Troy Hall the treasurer. Other post members include Bill Gulley, Jason Krampen, Brad Zupan, Aaron Brown and Tim Saco.

To assist these youth in their training and executive decisions are a number of Post advisors all of whom are firefighters or EMTs from the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force. These advisors are Joe McBride, Clarence Moss, Ed Krumerie, Shannon Christensen, and Mike Parks.

In order to function as a productive Explorer Post, the cadets had to take part in many fundraising activities some of which went towards buying fire gear for them to use in their training. One of these fundraising activities was a Pancake Breakfast that received the most profit ever in the history of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force. Another was a carwash held at Ron's Four Seasons Marathon. Both were very successful.

As a result of these fundraisers the Four Season Fire Cadets were able to attend the 1994 National Explorer Leadership Conference during July of 1994 in Bloomington, on the Indiana University Campus. The firefighting competitions were judged by the Fire Chief of the Bloomington Fire Department and the United States Fire Administration.

Some of the events which the Four Seasons Fire Cadets took part in

were the hose roll event, the hydrant event, the broken hose event, the bucket brigade and a quiz over disaster management. They placed fourth in the nation.

All fire cadets receive the same training as regular firefighters. Their training includes radio communications, fire hose streams, water supply with tanker shuttle, forcible entry, ventilation, ladders, aerial ladders, self contained breathing apparatus, search and rescue, hazardous materials, and the operation of all apparatus in service with the LOFS Volunteer Fire Force.

During Fire Prevention week the cadets took part in the "Be Fire Safe, It Starts At Home" program run by Coldwell Banker real estate firm. This program took place in the LOFS Clubhouse parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The cadets talked about fire safety, and executed several demonstrations. Of these demonstrations the ones most liked by the public were the demonstration of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and the aerial ladder on truck number 66.

The LOFS Fire Cadets have pioneered a new type of fundraising program. They have started their own water softener salt delivery business. On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month they deliver salt to customers. The funds received from this are going towards post operating expenses and for the 1996 National Explorer Leadership Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

June 21, 1995

NVFC Supports Service Award Tax Bill

Washington, D.C.—The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) today announced its support for a bill protecting volunteers from an unfair tax burden. The bill, H.R. 1893, was introduced yesterday by New York Representative Amo Houghton. The Council has been fighting for this protective measure for several years.

Approximately 150,000 volunteers in 37 states receive nominal awards under Length-of-Service Award Programs (LOSAPs). The average annual award per individual is about \$250, which is not actually paid until the individual has retired as a volunteer.

Under current law, volunteers may be required to include their awards in gross income for tax purposes while the awards are being earned—long before the volunteers retire and are paid the awards.

Representative Houghton's bill will defer (not eliminate) income taxation on LOSAPs until the awards are paid. It will allow volunteers to pay their taxes based on money they have received, rather than experience the tax without the benefit.

The intention of a LOSAP is to help recruit and retain new members of the volunteer fire service, as well as to show recognition and respect to those individuals who have exhibited a long-standing commitment to a vital, time-consuming, and often dangerous community service.

"If volunteers are taxed before they receive their awards, they are essentially paying the federal government to volunteer as firefighters," said Council Chairman Fred G. Allinson. "Volunteers risk their lives for their communities, and receive nominal rewards, if any. There is no need for them to be paying extra taxes on money they do not have."

The NVFC has been protecting the interests of volunteers for almost 20 years. It succeeded in having a similar LOSAP tax deferral bill introduced in the 103rd Congress.

For more information contact: Art Levy (202) 887-5700

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Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, after the opening meeting.

Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulation shall be disqualified.



Photos by Vickie Lee Altherr, WITFD
Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. Honor Guard at the Lincoln Memorial.

Wayne Twp. Receives Partnership Award

The seventh Congressional Fire Service Dinner was held April 25, 26 and 27, in Washington, D.C. This event proved to be a very emotional one for Wayne Township Fire Department.

The Honor Guard was privileged to present the colors during this celebration, and the Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. received a Partnership Award for their many years of service.



Pictured with the Partnership Award are (standing L-R) Wayne Twp. Trustee, Gene Stofer; Fire Chief, Larry Curl; and Advisory Board Member, Ann Glass. (seated L-R) Advisory Board members Francis Maynard and Ernestine Nicholson.

'You know someone's in trouble, you want to help'

Father and son chiefs reflect on their combined 74-year career battling fires and helping others.

By Melanie Csepiga
Times Correspondent

LOWELL-Families who have generations of firefighters are not unusual.

Families who have father and son fire chiefs may be a different story. Myron and Dale Smith, have combined volunteer firefighting careers of 74 years. Dale is chief of the Lowell VFD. Father Myron was chief of the Munster VFD for 17 years, retiring after a 40-yr stint that began in 1941.

"It must get in your blood," Dale said, "because I work around fire trucks on a daily basis as my livelihood, and I'm still with the department." He sells fire equipment.

Myron got his start by accident.

"When World War II started, there weren't any people in town to be firemen, so you were more or less delegated," he said.

Munster had a new fire truck, but no one knew how to operate it.

"One of the volunteers couldn't get it to go," Myron recalled. "So he asked me, and I drove it to the fire."

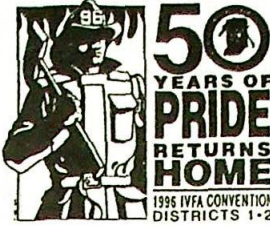
Myron at the time was operating M.C. Smith's Service Garage, just behind the former town hall and fire station.

"I used to enjoy watching the firemen answer calls. At first, I was a little scared, but it gets in your blood."

Myron said he stayed with it because, "I really like people, and I like to do things for the community...Very many times it was frightening. We didn't have breathing apparatus and protective clothing as they do now."

Dale's entry into firefighting at age 18 seemed to be a natural step after having ridden to fires as a youngster with his father. He joined the Munster Dept. in 1961 and served alongside his father for 9 years before moving to Lowell.

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Father & Son Chiefs Continued from page 20

Father and son say they didn't worry about the other when they responded to calls for help.

"I watched my men real close, not just my son," Myron said. "We had some really bad fires back then. Simmons Bedding was millions of dollars, and we had the 1981 arson fire at Munster High School."

Both men recalled the night Munster Lumber Co. burned in February 1962.

It was bad enough to make Dale, then a rookie, rethink his decision to join the department.

"It was 17 below zero...an all-nighter...It was a no-win situation," he said. "We couldn't save it. I've never been as cold since."

Dale has not regretted his decision to stay on, although he took a couple of years off when he and his wife, Ella, moved to Lowell.

"I had promised Ella I would not fight fires anymore when we moved down here (to Lowell)..But I just couldn't stand not being involved," he said.

Dale, who has served with Lowell for 25 years, said a firefighter's family must also make a commitment.

"They have to be ready to give up their spouse to answer a call anytime," he said. "There's never a convenient time to have a fire - birthdays, holidays - but you know someone's in trouble, and you want to help."

Myron said knowing he has helped others has made his career worthwhile.

He remembered a call years ago, before Munster had an ambulance service and relied on out-of-town funeral homes for transports.

"The family had been overcome by carbon monoxide," he said. "I got them on the back porch and used the resuscitator. I saved their lives, actually. ...They never forgot me."

Dale also recalled the gratitude he has experienced.

I had a lady who had slid under a semi (in her vehicle)," he said, adding Lowell firefighters extricated her from the mass of metal.

"She lived, and six months later, she brought a cake to the fire station."



Photo by Mike Rasche/South Gibson Star-Times. Ft. Branch/Union Twp. firefighters work to extricate a 13-year-old girl from the wreckage of her car after it was struck broadside by a dump truck. Firefighters had her out of the vehicle and enroute to the hospital in 29 minutes, where she was admitted in fair condition.

Three fatalities in accidents this weekend Two women die in crashes; boy drowns

By Andrea Culbreth
Clarion News May 22, 1995
Saturday was officially designated as emergency awareness day in Gibson County. A day-long seminar tested the skills of rescue workers, emergency medical technicians and first responders.

But two Friday traffic fatalities tested the skills of personnel before the seminar ever began. And just hours after the workshop ended, authorities were on the alert again Saturday evening searching for five hours for a Mt. Carmel teen who drowned in a fishing accident.

Annamae Lashbrook, 66, Princeton, died at Welborn Baptist Hospital at 6:30 p.m. Friday, after transport by LifeFlight helicopter from Gibson General Hospital. She died of head and chest injuries sustained when her 1991 Ford Crown Victoria was hit by a 1988 ATR dump truck driven by Bob A. Stratman, 39, Elberfeld.

The two vehicles crashed at the intersection of U.S. 41 and

Ind. 168 at 1:27 p.m. Friday. Gibson County Deputy Chuck Finnerty's accident report noted witnesses at the scene said Lashbrook, who was westbound on Ind. 168, failed to yield to the dump truck when she traveled into the southbound lane of U.S. 41.

Stratman was transported to Deaconess Hospital for treatment. A passenger in Lashbrook's car, 13-year-old Nikkie L. Lashbrook of Francisco, was trapped in the vehicle for a time, but extricated and taken to Gibson General Hospital for treatment of lacerations to her leg.

The Indiana State Police, Haubstadt and Fort Branch Town Marshals, Fort Branch Fire Department, Gibson County Emergency Medical Service and Wabash County, IL, ambulance service responded to the accident. The extrication work kept traffic tied up for a time.

Just minutes later, 33-year-old Linda K. Bayne of rural Vincennes lost control of her vehicle while traveling on the gravel River Road near Hazelton at 2:40 p.m.

Bayne was thrown from the car, which then landed on top of her, said Gibson County Sheriff George Ballard. Bayne was extricated and taken to Gibson General Hospital, where she was

pronounced dead by Gibson County Coroner Scott Stodghill.

An autopsy was conducted Friday evening at the Vanderburgh County Morgue. The accident is still under investigation by the sheriff's department and coroner.

Authorities were dispatched Saturday evening to the bayou a half mile east of the Wabash River to try to locate a 17-year-old Mt. Carmel High School junior who was fishing from the bank and slipped and fell into the bayou.

Jeremiah D. Ingram, died when he was sucked through a drain pipe and drowned, accord-

ing to the coroner. Authorities searched the bayou area for five hours before locating Ingram's body at 11:07 p.m. He was pronounced dead 10 minutes later by the coroner.

The Gibson County Sheriff's Department, conservation officers, Owensville-Montgomery Twp. Fire Department, Gibson County Rescue Service, Gibson County Ambulance Service, Hazelton divers, Mt. Carmel Ambulance and Rescue Service, Knight Twp. Volunteer Fire Department and PSI employees took part in the search.

Hearts & Trucks of Firemen

As an old line firefighter with many years of service, you stay late one night to enjoy the quiet of the station.

When you are the last man there - the last man alive, almost - after a day of runs and noise and hustle and bustle, you see the soft, low light in the dispatch office. And you look at the trucks sitting in their bays. You notice the tread on the tires for the first time and the dents in the paint where rocks have flown up and chipped it. And you look at the big old red horse that you near ran to death that day - And you see it also resting, sleeping lightly in its berth.

As you walk slowly around through the engine room during the quiet of the night, you step softly as not to disturb the two red, front-line stallions of the house. The old mare, the mother pump who sees the trucks now standing in her once honored gate, remembers when a benevolent administration gave her these younger sons, one at a time.

The old mare remembers when the now strong seasoned squad wagon came aboard as the brightly painted, untested colt of the department. He was strong and wild. Strange to handle with his cab-over engine that made the drivers go to the center of an intersection before starting their turn. She remembers the time they put him up close to the burning factory, and the old girl laid her lines to him and fed him a thousand gallons a minute so his own paint would not blister, as hers had done in the past. She sucked a plug below vacuum and fed him so he could do his job, and that night, he won his roses.

Oh, how the chief and men praised him, as he relayed his unbroken streams and killed the burning enemy. The old mare had sat farther away down a darkened street, no press photographer's camera recording her diligent duty, with her guts and valves set volume as she fed the glory horse close to the fire. The pump remembers when she held that position and carried the brave young men. She also knows that his status will change in time and he will be moved back into this dusty stall when she is stripped of tools and hose, and sold for junk.

You lean against her off-front fender in comfort, for this old girl doesn't flinch like her younger sons in bays up front. You stroke her with love and compassion for the dashes she has made on streets of ice and held her footing. You thank her for the times she sat and pumped and served.

You remember when she was the strong young rig, and you were the brave young fireman.

There is a fraternity among those who have—felt the heat—felt the cold—been in the black smoke—seen tears and pain—come face to face with and known fear—joy of battle and a job well done—of service.

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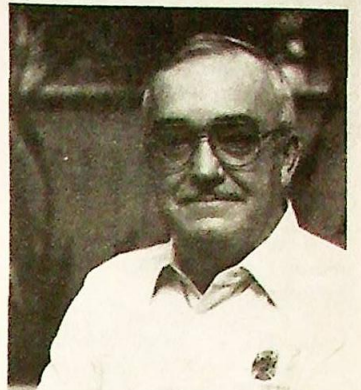
Station 2 has a new 1993 100 ft. LTI Platform aerial truck with 300 gal tank, 1500 gpm pump, two, 1 3/4" Crosslay, one 1 3/4" Bumber Lay, One 2 1/2" Crosslay, 800' of 5", 100' elevated platform & full 1904 equip. compliment.



Wayne Twp. FD, Tactical Ten's 1994 E-One cyclone tilt rescue chassis, Detroit diesel series 6V92 engine, Allison HD-4060P World Trans., Lina 45 kw. gen. w/PTO drive, Hamworthy 8 bank mobile cascade system, 2 each Wilburt "Night Scan" light towers.

This unit responds on all specialized rescues, working fires, night-time fire alarms and night-time P.I. accidents.

Public Relations East Central



Jack L. Cox

The convention in Evansville is now history. It was a great success. Jack Kerney and his committee can be proud of the 1995 Convention with all the set-backs and changes they faced. They reacted and made the best of the situation.

At the convention, I was fortunate to have been elected to the position of PR - East Central. I am looking forward to meeting new people and visiting new areas.

I have had the pleasure of being District 13B Chairman for the past 6 years. I have enjoyed this position and wish the new chairman the very best. Whoever is elected, you have my full support.

To all firefighters, remember, Safety is and should be foremost in our minds.



Station 9's new 1994 Spartan/American Fire Heavy Rescue Vehicle with 60 series Detroit engine, Allison World transmission, 9,000 wt light tower, dual hydraulic pumps, supplying 4 rescue tools at one time, 20 kw PTO generator, Code 3 and Whelen lighting package, Code 3 electronic siren, federal Q2B siren and a 12,000 lb. winch.

Safety Sense

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affect school-age children. The NFPA has invited the Lowe's Home Safety Council, a nonprofit organization founded to enhance the quality of American home life through better knowledge and practice of home safety, to join NFPA in founding the new Safety Sense Curriculum.

Working with them also is the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, the first nationwide movement to prevent childhood injury, whose goal it is to make communities safer for America's children through legislation, education, product modification and public awareness.

Rounding out the development team is a select group of injury prevention professionals with nationally-recognized expertise in the risk areas of traffic injuries, drowning, fire and burns, unintentional firearm injuries, falls and poisoning. Serving as the project's technical advisory group, these experts will provide research data, technical content and appropriate prevention messages for each of the identified risk areas, and review the curriculum lessons developed to address their safety specialty. NFPA plans to develop and field test the Safety Sense modules in 1995-96 and have them available for widespread implementation in 1997.

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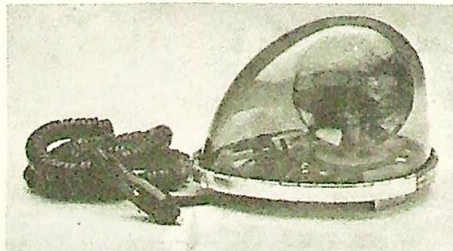
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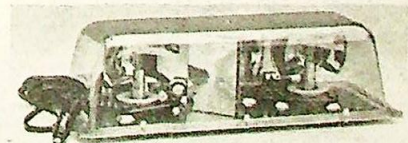
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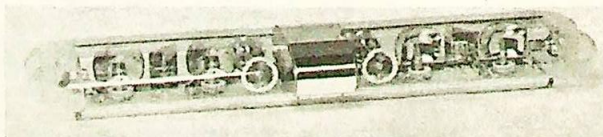
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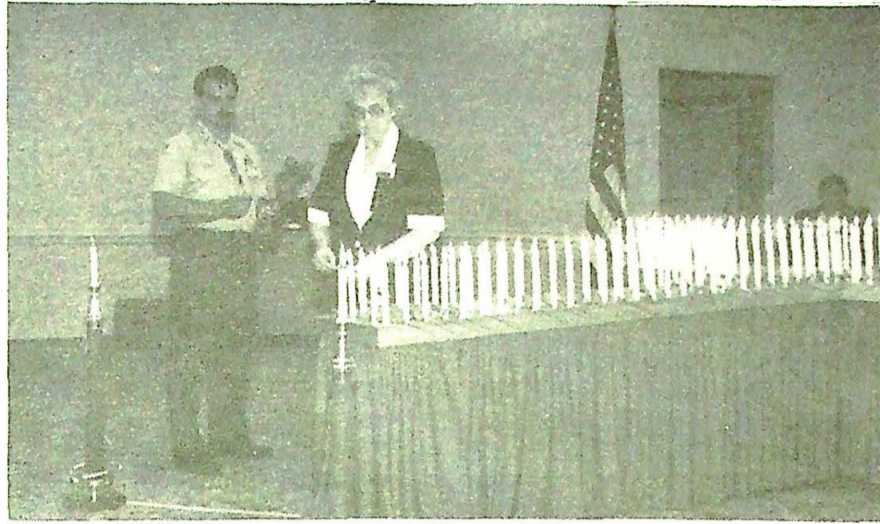
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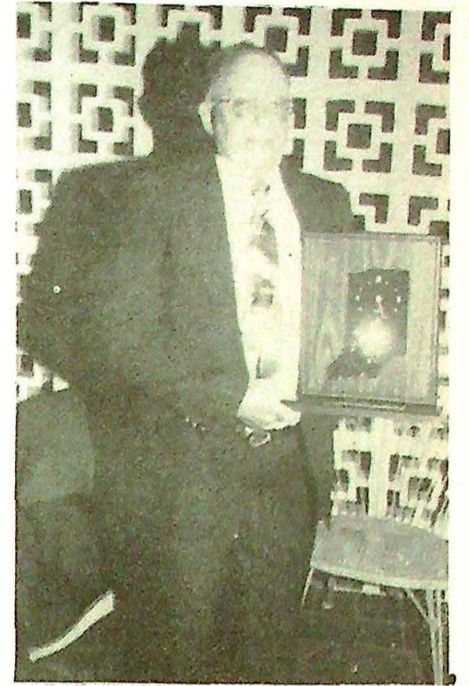
'95 Convention Highlights



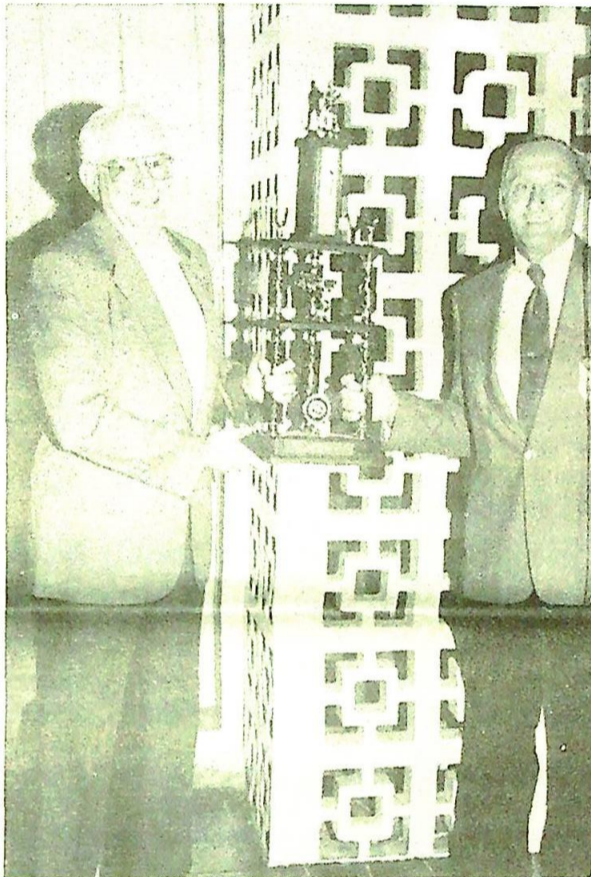
District 18 Chairman Frank Daunhauer escorts Miss Flame Candidate Sara Steckler at the Joint Meeting.



Roses are placed on the cross in honor of members who passed away during the past year.



Ollie Sandberg Award Winner Clyde Gottsche proudly displays his plaque.



Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush presents the Mr. IVFA trophy to this year's recipient Larry Ketchum.



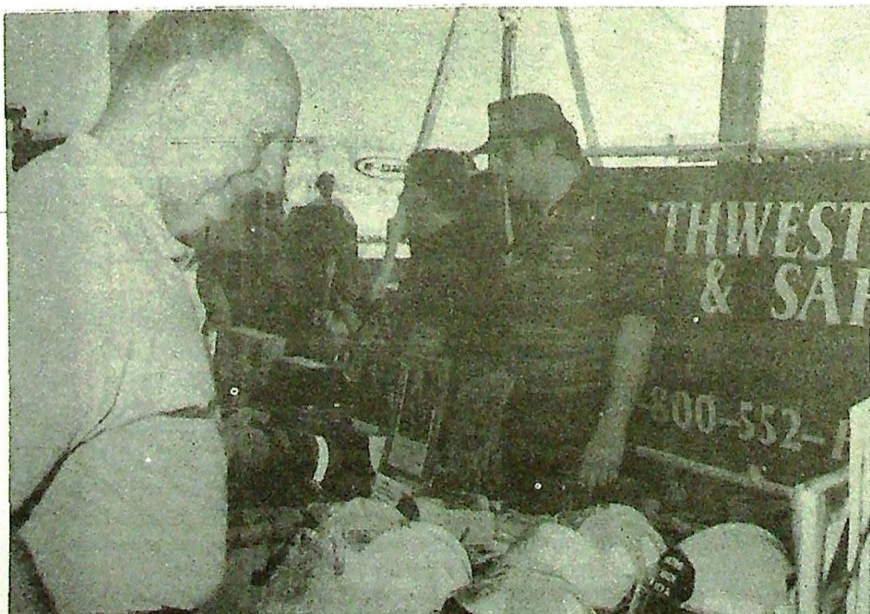
1995 Miss Flame Candidates



Mr. IVFA Larry Ketchum and Lois Boaz Winner Eva Gottsche



1st Runner Up Angela Stalf, 1994 Queen Erin Byam, and 1995 Miss IVFA Sara Steckler pose together for a quick picture after Thursday Night's dinner.



Past President Carl Bruns looks over Southwest Fire & Safety Display.

Miss Flame Contest

This year's Miss Flame Contest was a delight. The 13 contestants couldn't have been a nicer bunch of girls. For those of you who think all teenagers are a problem, you should have been with me at the convention. They all got along well, participated in all of the activities just as they were asked, and they showed up on time. What more can one ask?

The young lady chosen Miss Flame 1995 is Sara Steckler of Ferdinand representing St. Henry Fire Dept. She is the daughter of Allen and Margaret Steckler. The 1st Runner-up is Angela Stalf representing Hudson Fire Dept. Her parents are Larry and Joyce Stalf. Miss Congeniality is Cindy Bultemeier of Poe, the daughter of Leonard and Christine Bultemeier.

1995 Convention Games

Participants and winners.

Men's Waterball

- 1. Penn South
 - 2. Lake Hills #1
 - 3. Franklin Twp.
 - 4. New Chicago
- Bremen
Fairview Park
Lake Hills #2
Marrs Twp. #1
Marrs Twp. #2

Women's Waterball

- 1. LPC

Hose Replacement

- 1. Lake Hills, 40.23 sec.
- 2. Penn South, 50.71
- 3. New Chicago, 52.80

Men's Cart Race

- 1. Bremen, 49.55 sec.
- 2. Franklin Twp., 54.62
- 3. Lake Hills, 55.92
- 4. New Chicago, 59.26



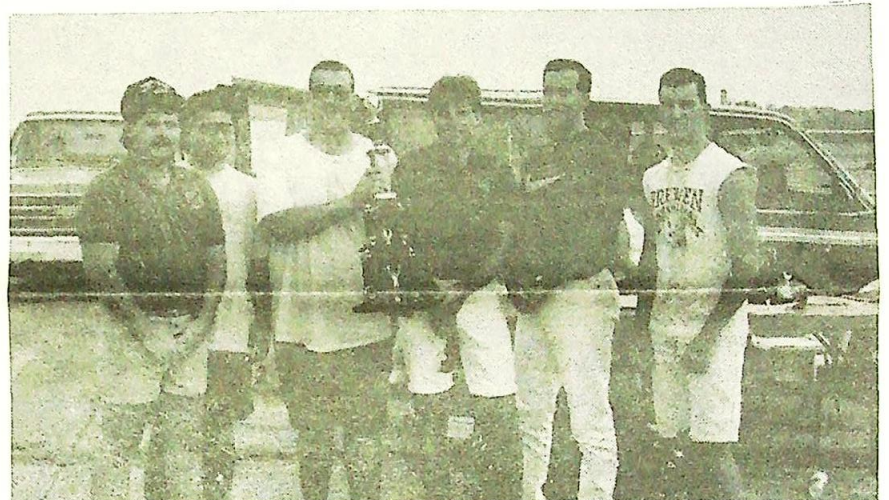
1st Place Waterball & Traveling Waterball Trophy - Penn South
2nd Place Hose Replacement - Penn South



1st Place Women's Waterball



1st Place Hose Replacement - Lake Hills #1
2nd Place Waterball - Lake Hills #1



1st Place Cart Race - Bremen



3rd Place Waterball - Franklin Twp.



2nd Place Cart Race - Franklin Twp.



3rd Place Hose Replacement - New Chicago



3rd Place Cart Race - Lake Hills

NEWS FROM LEWIS TWP. VFD



Lewis Twp. VFD Engine I. This new engine was possible through an Indiana Chamber of Commerce Grant and the hard work of the firefighters who did all the leg work for the grant as well as held several fund raisers to pay the balance of the loan.



Pictured are (left to right) Lucille Simmert, Lavarne Stevenson and Chief Bryan Husband. The ladies were presented T-shirts for their \$1000. donations.

Federal Agency Asked to Correct 20-Year Old Deadly Mistake

July 10, 1995

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) has urged the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to act quickly to reverse a deadly mistake made by the agency some 20 years ago. In 1975—before national fire statistics even were collected, much less used in setting policy—the trucking industry persuaded the FHWA to exempt lightweight vehicles operated by motor carriers safety regulations requiring portable fire extinguishers. The agency's definition of a lightweight vehicle is one with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds or a passenger capacity of under 15 persons. Under this exemption, small passenger vans, such as those used by senior citizens centers and youth camps, would not have to be prepared for a fire. NASFM has formally petitioned the FHWA to promptly remove the exemption.

According to NASFM President Thomas Brace, "The exemption made no sense in 1975 and makes even less sense today. Nationally, we're seeing about 25,000 light truck fires annually." NASFM represents the chief fire official of each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

A National Fire Protection Association study examining the five years ending in 1992 revealed 68 civilian deaths and over \$56 million in property damage from light vehicle fires.

Notes Brace, "Collisions cause just two percent of these fires. Mechanical and design faults, poor maintenance, fuel spills and backfires are more typically at fault."

On-the-road fires are rarely reported quickly enough to allow firefighters adequate time to save vehicles from being destroyed by fire.

"A properly trained driver equipped with a suitable portable extinguisher will save lives, prevent injuries and protect property," Brace said, adding that is still important to call firefighters to ensure that the fire is fully suppressed.

"We regard this as a far more serious problem today than 20 years ago," Brace continued. "Lightweight commercial vehicles today are capable of carrying far more cargo than in 1975, and the cargo is likely to be more flammable.

"We also are seriously concerned about small commercial passenger vans that are exempted, particularly because they are often used to transport vulnerable populations, such as children and senior citizens," Brace said.



Pictured (left to right) Steve Gadberry, Uriah Snyder, Frank Synder and Chief Bryan Husband. Steve, a lineman for PSI, performed CPR on Mr. Synder and saved his life. The Lewis Twp. VFD and the Hymera Emergency Response Team wanted to honor Mr. Gadberry for his quick action to help someone in need. He is truly a hero to this community.

Rally for Volunteer Protection

Washington, D.C. — Dozens of firefighters gathered in the Nation's Capitol today to show their support of the Volunteer Firefighter and Rescue Squad Worker Protection Act (H.R.94 and S. 324). Depts. from all along the East Coast were represented in a ring of fire trucks and rescue vehicles circling the White House Ellipse, within view of the mansion's portico. Signs displayed on the trucks sent a strong message to the President: "Don't Let Volunteers Go Up In Smoke — Support H.R. 94 and S. 324."

Congressman Herb Bateman, sponsor of the Act, said "Fire fighters are shining examples of the kind of community involvement and volunteerism this country desperately needs. I am committed to protecting individuals who volunteer their time, efforts, and sometimes even their lives to their country."

The bill will clarify the Fair Labor Standards Act to allow career firefighters to again volunteer in the communities in which they work, while maintaining protection against employee coercion. Sen. John Warner has introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

NVFC Second Vice Chmn. Steve Ennis echoed Bateman's words. "The Council has been working on this issue for over 8 years now. We will continue to make our voices heard in the White House and on Capitol Hill until career firefighters and rescue squad workers enjoy the same freedoms as everyone else in this

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Marshal's Memo

June 1995

It's time once again for the monthly mailing and we are including in this mailing something that Ivan Nevil found in a publication. He brought it to my attention. It is a great piece entitled "Hearts and Trucks of Firemen." (see page 21) My apologies to the women firefighters out there; I didn't write or title the article, but it's a good piece and I thought you all would enjoy having a copy.

Also in this mailing was a notification of our upcoming workshop on July 22nd for our "Learn Not to Burn" program. This is going to be a great program and, as I have told you before, we're going state wide with this.

Another item we're starting in this mailing is a used fire truck list. It has come to my attention that, from time to time, departments have a need to either sell or purchase used apparatus. So send us information on what you have and we'll publish it in future monthly mailings. (see page 16)

I also have some more sad news to fill you in on. We've lost another firefighter. Ron Deer, a firefighter from Wayne Township in Marion County, who was killed

in a fire truck accident while responding to an alarm at a warehouse. Firefighter Rod Lambert was also severely injured in this accident.

We've had way too many firefighter deaths recently; attending firefighter funerals is not one of the things I enjoy about this job, so please, be careful out there.

Till next time, my Brothers & Sisters,
Tracy Boatwright

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building.

Congratulations are also in order on the dedication of the new fire station at Oaktown Fire Department. The fire department and the community can be proud of the effort that went into this new facility. We hope you will display the IVFA clock with pride.

New equipment has arrived at McCutchanville Fire Department in the way of a new engine. Scott Township Fire Department has taken delivery on a new ambulance. Congratulations to both of these departments.

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the firefighters that gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty since our last paper. Our prayers are with you all.

I encourage all departments to keep me informed of new equipment arrivals, dedications, parades, picnics, fundraisers, or any activities your departments are having. I will do my best to attend. Barbara and I have missed very few.

Volunteer Protection Continued from Page 26

country."

The rally, organized by the NVFC and the Volunteer Section of the IAFC, focused attention on a problem plaguing volunteer and combination fire depts. across the country: an acute safety risk in some areas caused by reductions in available staffing for emergency response. Many areas

that cannot afford to pay for a full-time career fire service rely on selfless career firefighters volunteering their services. The Department of Labor has misinterpreted the Fair Labor Standards Act to prevent these individuals from donating their experience, training, and leadership abilities to other depts. The Dept. of Labor has ruled that civic-minded career firefighters cannot volunteer because the Fair Labor

Standards Act prohibits an employee from volunteering to his or her employer. For example, if a county employs an individual as a career firefighter, that firefighter cannot volunteer, even if the volunteer company is several towns away from the career department where the individual regularly works.

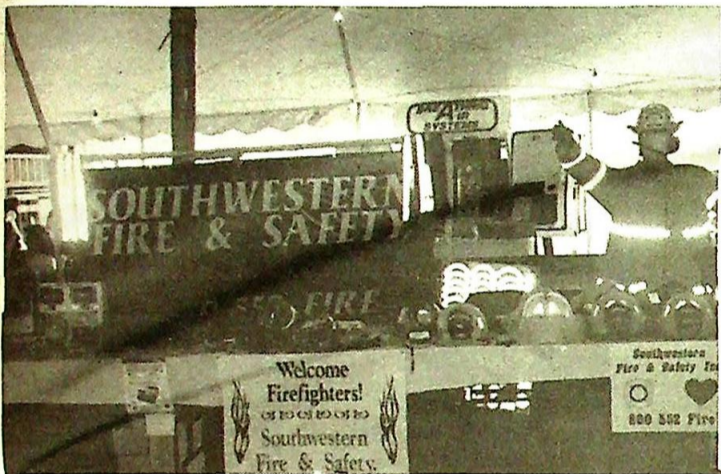
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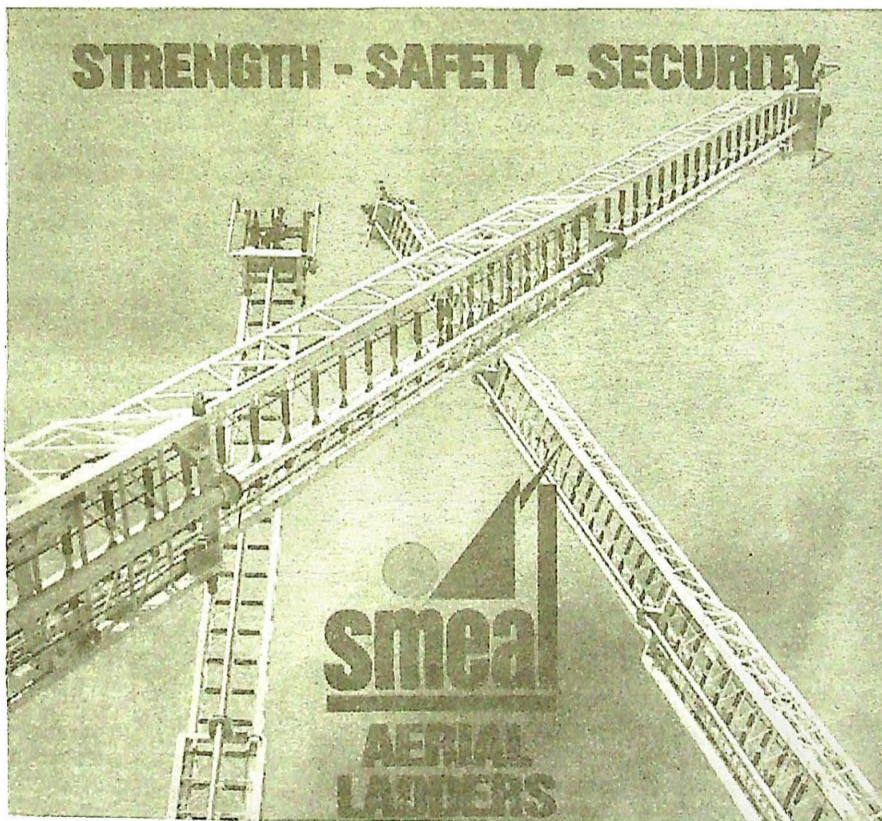


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LARRY D. KETCHEM

Hilmon Fire Chief

June 15, 1995, is a day Larry D. Ketchem, Chief of the Hilmon Firefighters, will not soon forget. That evening, at the IVFA Convention, he was named Mr. IVFA 1995. For the first time in over fifty years, he was speechless, much to the amusement of his family and friends.

Larry was born into the fire department. His father, Bert, served as Chief of the Odon-Madison Township Fire Department for over 30 years and Honorary Chief for 10 years, making him a lifetime member of the IVFA.

Larry became interested in fire fighting at an early age, but formally became a member of the IVFA 30 years ago. At age 16, he joined the Odon-Madison Twp. department and served there for 11 years. Due to a job transfer, he moved his family to Montezuma in 1967 and became a member there two years later.

He held every line office while serving with the Montezuma Fire Department, Inc., including 16 years as Chief. During this time, membership grew, and the department purchased three new trucks. He was instrumental in forming a central county dispatch for all but one of the nine fire departments in Parke County. In 1976, Larry was the recipient of the first Fireman of the Year Award, an award given by his peers for outstanding service. He was again bestowed this honor in December of 1991.

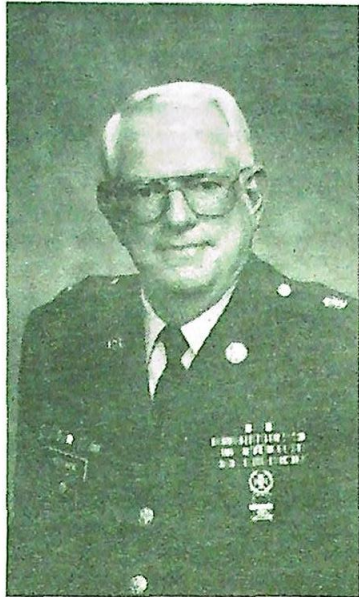
During the Blizzard of 1978, Larry and his department played a crucial role in transporting stranded motorists and home owners to safety. Many people received needed medical supplies via snowmobiles and 4-wheel drive vehicles. One pregnant woman was taken from her rural home to the hospital on the back of a snowmobile. An elderly couple traveling from Illinois was transported to the Command Center/Firehouse by tanker. All of this was coordinated by Larry Ketchem.

When the Wabash River flooded in March of 1985, the town council turned total control over to Larry. Crews worked around the clock sandbagging the river banks and levies. Crews from the nearby Rockville Training Center were contacted to assist in the efforts. All of this was done under Chief Ketchem's watchful eye. Several homes and much property were saved through their efforts.

Other local departments call on Larry for his advice and assistance. Whether it be a pump problem or suggestions on truck specifications, Larry is one of the first ones contacted. He is often called upon to teach fire schools ranging from 24 hour to Firefighter First Class.

Larry, himself, has over 800 hours of training. He is Master in Tactics, Arson, and Instructor. His men were some of the best trained in the Parke-Vermillion County area. In 1987, Larry played a crucial role in the formation of the Parke-Vermillion County Firefighters Association, designed to aid in training and large quantity buying power. Through this organization, over 200 firefighters have received training ranging from 24 hour thru First Class Certification. He has served on the Board of Directors since the Association was established.

Larry realized early on while serving as Chief of the Montezuma department that tax-



Larry D. Ketchem

tion money and donations were not enough to fund the prospering department; therefore, he initiated fundraisers to help equip the department, along with helping to form a ladies auxiliary.

Under Larry's guidance, the dept. achieved a "Class 5" insurance rating for the town and a "Class 8" rating for the residents of the twp. This saved the residents of these two areas a great deal of money on fire insurance.

Larry has served on and chaired many committees, including the 1986 State Convention held in Terre Haute. Besides being named Fireman of the Year, he has also been the recipient of the Midwest Award for District 11-B (where he served as vice-chairman one year), and the 1987 Oliver Sandberg Mental Attitude Award.

Since 1992, Larry has served as Chief of the Hilmon Firefighters, Inc. This department works closely with the Hillsdale Community Fire Department.

Chief Ketchem's theory has always been family first, work second, and you volunteer for the fire service. The only problem with his theory was it seemed like his devotion to the fire service almost equaled that of his family.

Larry is a leader in other roles beside the fire service. He has been employed as the Director of Safety at the Newport Chemical Activity (formerly known as the Newport Army Ammunition Plant) since 1990, during that time there have been less than three lost-time accidents, something he is very proud of. He is also a Division Command Sergeant Major of the 38th Infantry, under the command of Major General James A. Barney, headquartered in Indianapolis. This command makes him the number one soldier over 16,000 troops.

Larry has been married to the former Barbara Edmondson for the past 36 years. They have two daughters who have also been involved in the fire service family. Jodi, was the 1982 IVFA State Miss Flame. Jill, was the 1984 State IVFA Miss Flame First Runner-Up. Barbara was the 1986 Lois Boaz Award Winner. Son-in-law, Anthony currently serves as a Lieutenant with the Hilmon Firefighters. The other son-in-law, Larry, is also a member of the Indiana Army National Guard. Throw in two grandsons, Jared and Heath, and you have a complete fire oriented family.

Once again, congratulations to Larry D. Ketchem, Chief of the Hilmon Firefighters, Inc., the 1995 Mr. IVFA Award winner.

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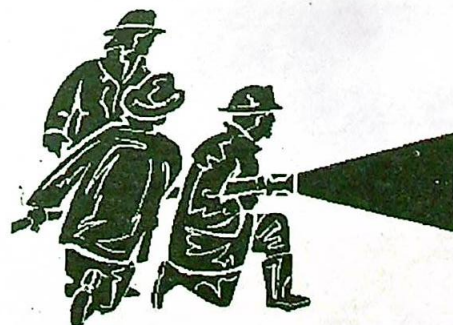
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