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## Fire rages through Twin Towers complex

Three firefighters injured in the fire, which broke out after business hours

By Matthew Tully, Ruth Ann Krause and Karen Snelling  
Staff writers

Merrillville - The State Fire Marshal will sift through the fire-damaged south building of the Twin Towers office complex today, hoping to determine the cause of a Tuesday, July 16th, blaze that has temporarily closed the building.

Firefighters from nine departments battled the blaze, which left the sixth and seventh floors of the building seriously damaged.

Businesses on other floors sustained less extensive damage, but also will be closed temporarily.

No occupants of the building were hurt, but three firefighters were injured battling the blaze, which began about 6:30 p.m.

Two Ross Township Firefighters - Kevin Wright and Michelle Zebracki - were taken to Methodist Hospital's Southlake Campus in Merrillville for treatment and were released. A third, Mike Verbancic, was treated at the scene for heat exhaustion.

Employees working on the seven-story building's higher floors raced down stairs to safety after their offices filled with smoke.

Allstate Insurance employee Phil Marco was finishing work when smoke began streaming into his seventh-floor office through the air vents.

"Within five minutes, our entire floor was engulfed in smoke," said Marco, who questioned why fire alarms were not activated.

Ross Township Fire Service Chief Scott Mann said why the alarms did not sound would be investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Workers pulled three fire alarms, but none sounded even though smoke was pouring in through the office vents.

The alarms are tied to a private firm, which then alerts firefighters. The buildings are inspected once a year.

The alarms are similar to those found in schools, a small, red rectangular-shaped box with a pull-down alarm.

The fire was reported by employees in the building, which houses dozens of offices and shops. Mann said it started in a dentist's office on the sixth floor.

Mann was the first rescue

worker to arrive. He ran into the building and headed to the seventh floor, where initial callers said the blaze had begun. Mann said there was heavy smoke wafting high on the sixth and seventh floors. Other fire crews arrived seconds after Mann and spotted flames bursting out of the sixth-floor windows. The fifth floor was also involved.

Verbancic was one of the first to arrive on the sixth floor. He made his way through the thick black smoke and broke down the door to the dentist's office, where the fire originated. No employees were there.

"Smoke was up to the ceiling," he said.

Ten fire engines responded and as many as 175 gallons of water a minute were sprayed into the building. Crews inside broke out 34 of the distinctive gold-colored window panels.

"We were trying to get all the smoke out," said Mann. "We're in the process of 'salvage and overhaul'. We're trying to save as many rooms as possible."

Reprinted from the Post Tribune



Firefighters had to break windows to battle the blaze on the sixth and seventh floors of the Twin Towers Complex in Merrillville, Tuesday July 16.



Photos courtesy of George Kephire, Photographer, Ross Township Fire Service

The Twin Towers blaze apparently originated in a dentist's office on the sixth floor of the complex. As many as 40 businesses will have to relocate temporarily.

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**Chaplain's Corner**



**Charles J. Baker**

**Today's Prayer**

*Thank you Father, for the Church, a place where we offer ourselves as volunteers in the work of God and as volunteers in service to those in need. Thank you for the opportunity to assist our neighbor and challenges of serving. Thank you for giving us the mental faculties to think with, the physical bodies to act with and the spiritual being to direct us in our endeavors.*

Amen

**Thanks Again**

To all those many wonderful men and women (and a few kids) who helped with another fabulous IFSI picnic, please accept our heartfelt thanks!

**Minute Message**

One of the things different between Catholics and Protestants is their Bible. While both utilize the same books in the New Testament, the Catholic Bible has an additional seven books in the Old Testament, those being Tobit, Judith, First Maccabees, Second Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch. In our humble opinion, the Book of Sirach has more to offer (it stands to reason; there are more than twice as many pages in Sirach than in any of the other six). Notwithstanding that, our Catholic friends have an excellent work in the Book of Sirach, sometimes called Ecclesiasticus (not to be confused with Ecclesiastes).

Sirach was written originally in Hebrew around 200-175 B.C. by Jesus, son Eleazar, son of Sirach and may have been initially called Wisdom of the Son of Sirach.

The book deals with many subjects including the family, the individual, friendship, education, poverty, wealth, law, worship and a host of other things as important today as they were over twenty centuries ago. Space is limited, so we've selected just one of its fifty-one chapters. Let's read it.

**CHAPTER 4**

*My son, rob not the poor man of his livelihood; force not the eyes of the needy to turn away.*

A hungry man grieve not, a needy man anger not;  
Do not exasperate the downtrodden, delay not to give to the needy.  
A beggar in distress do not reject; avert not your face from the poor.  
From the needy turn not your eyes.

Give no man reason to curse you  
For if in the bitterness of his soul he curse you, his Creator will hear his prayer.

Endear yourself to the assembly; before a ruler bow your head.  
Give a hearing to the poor man, and return his greeting with courtesy;  
Deliver the oppressed from the hand of the oppressor; let not justice be repugnant to you.

To the fatherless be as a father, and help their mother as a husband would;

Thus will you be like a son to the Most High and he will be more tender to you than a mother.

**THE REWARDS OF WISDOM**

Wisdom instructs her children and admonishes those who seek her.  
He who loves her loves life; those who seek her out win her favor.  
He who holds her fast inherits glory; wherever he dwells, the LORD bestows blessings.

Those who serve her, serve the Holy One; those who love her, the LORD loves.

He who obeys her judges nations; he who hearkens to her dwells in her inmost chambers.

If one trusts her, he will possess her; his descendants too will inherit her.  
She walks with him as a stranger, and at first she puts him to the test:  
Fear and dread she brings upon him and tries him with her discipline;  
With her precepts she puts him to the proof, until his heart is fully with her.

Then she comes back to bring his happiness and reveal her secrets to him.

But if he fails her, she will abandon him and deliver him into the hands of despoilers.

**SINCERITY AND JUSTICE**

Use your time well; guard yourself from evil, and bring upon yourself no shame.

There is a sense of shame laden with guilt, and a shame that merits honor and respect.

Show no favoritism to your own discredit; let no one intimidate you to your own downfall.

Refrain not from speaking at the proper time, and hide not away your wisdom;

For it is through speech that wisdom becomes known, and knowledge through the tongue's rejoinder.

Never gainsay the truth, and struggle not against the rushing stream.  
Be not ashamed to acknowledge your guilt, but of your ignorance rather be ashamed.

Do not abase yourself before an impious man, nor refuse to do so before rulers.

Even to the death fight for truth, and the Lord your God will battle for you.

Be not surly in your speech, or lazy and slack in your deeds.

Be not a lion at home, nor sly and suspicious at work.

Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give.

Mighty good advice, my friends.

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## From the President



**Richard Glant**

Hello Fellow Firefighters:

I must begin by giving my sincere thanks and congratulations to Districts 1 & 2 for a SUPERB convention. The organization, the schedule and the activities were absolutely GREAT. I am sure if you were there, you found the hotel and its staff to be first-rate. If you wanted for anything and did not ask, that was your own fault. If you did ask, I think you found that what you had asked for was there in minutes, followed by a courtesy call to make sure.

A BIG thank you goes to Bill Howe and Bill Howe, Jr. and their committees for such a good job. I had one of the best times ever at convention. Some of us chose to try the "New Boat", and some of those came back better off than when they left. Me? Well, I think Mr. Trump can afford to pay his fuel bill for a couple days. But it was fun anyway.

It seems that summer just got here, and now it's almost gone. I think my last letter said to watch for children at play since school was out.

Now I must say to watch for children getting on buses, crossing the streets on their way to and from school. Where does the time go? I hope everyone has had a great summer.

My congratulations go to Jack Zeeks and Jack Cox as President and Vice President Elect. I'm quite sure that they will do a great job for the Association. I dare not forget the rest of the newly elected officers; Bill Kinsey, Treasurer; Don Johnson, PRWC; and Don Cushman, PREC. The rest of the re-elected officers are as follows: Tom Hinkle as Secretary, Joe Caudill as PRSE, Bill Howe as PRNW, Jack Kerney as PRSW, and Charles Baker as Chaplain. Congratulations to all.

I just can't close this letter without one last subject. VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, or don't complain to ANYONE. If you don't exercise your RIGHT to vote, you have NOTHING to complain about. Republican, Democrat, or other, it makes no difference. JUST DO IT.

Till next time, thanks.

## Can You Help?

The Historical Committee needs Miss Flame winners from the following years:

1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1985 and 1986.

If you can supply the name of Miss Flame and the district she was from for any of the above years, please contact:

John Davies  
5 Brookside  
Fillmore, IN 46128  
317 246-6220

Thank you for any help that you may be able to offer.

## Continue fire service while attending Vincennes University

The Vincennes Township Fire Department has positions open for Indiana Certified Firefighters who will be attending Vincennes University.

These positions are volunteer and information can be obtained by calling the department at 812-882-4261.

This program will allow people who are currently on a fire department and are certified, to at least the 24-hour level, an opportunity to continue their involvement with the fire service.

Due to limited openings, anyone interested in the program is encouraged to contact the Vincennes Township Fire Department as soon as possible.

The Vincennes Township Fire Department is a combination fire department providing service to the Vincennes Township fire district.

The department provides Fire Suppression and Prevention, EMS, Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response from three stations with eight pieces of apparatus. In 1995, we responded to 600 alarms.

Jack Harker  
District 17-A

## Decatur County Paramedic Injured

On April 11, 1996, Brian Pate, a paramedic for Decatur County EMS, Greensburg, Indiana, along with his wife Jennifer, 3-year-old daughter Danielle, and 5 month old son Andrew, were involved in a head-on motor vehicle accident while on vacation in Florida.

Brian received a pelvic fracture, hip fracture, femur fracture, and wrist and hand fracture.

Jennifer received a femur fracture, a lower leg fracture, foot and ankle fractures, and knee cap fracture.

Both Brian and Jennifer are going to be off work for six months to a year.

Danielle received a neck injury requiring fusion of two of her vertebrae and also an abdominal injury requiring surgery. Andrew was not injured.

Decatur County EMS is currently sponsoring a financial assistance fund for the Pate family.

An account has been set up at Centra Credit Union in Greensburg and there was a benefit hog roast and auction on May 18, 1996 at the Decatur County Fair Grounds with all proceeds going to the Pate family.

If you would like to donate money for the Pates, mail contributions to:

Centra Credit Union, 734 W. Main Street, Greensburg, IN 47240.

Please make checks payable to Centra Acct. # 123714.

For more information or to donate money or items, call Jim Howard or Alan Campbell, Decatur County EMS, Greensburg, (812) 663-1154.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Laney,  
I have been retired from Pine Twp. Fire Dept. for 29 years and I'm going on 90 years, but still active and in good health. Maybe it's the sunshine in California.

I date back to almost the beginning of the IVFA and Dist. 1. I'm always waiting for the paper and interested in the progress of the volunteers.

Keep up the good work and my thoughts are with you always.

Good luck to you from a retired volunteer.

Rudolf Geissler  
Former Pine Twp. Volunteer  
1947-1967

Dear Mr. Laney

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IVFA, the Convention Hosts and the Convention Committee for the wonderful 1996 50th Year Convention in Merrillville.

Thanks for the room that was close and convenient to all activities. It was so easy to get around with my camera and equipment.

Thank you to Eula Bush for her kind remarks and to her and her committee for the work they did to make this a most memorable pageant for all the contestants.

I would further like to thank the following people companies:

Mike Cassie of Midwest Fire & Safety, Indianapolis; Randy Koorsen of Koorsen Fire Protection, Indianapolis; RPI of

Tipton; Jeff Burck of S & S, Fairmount; Phil Shreves of Shreves Emergency Vehicle Sales, Anderson; and Dave Biggs of Biggs Automotive McCordsville, for sponsoring the videos so the Miss Flame contestants could have this lasting memory of the pageant at the 50th Convention.

Again, Thank You to everyone involved.

Charles & Virginia Wilson  
Buckcreek Twp. VFD

Dear Editor,

In 1994, Chief Scott, Saint Mary's V. F. D. Chief Holbert & I started a quest for the formation of the Sugar Creek Fire Dept.

For years we have run 2 fire departments in the same township and mutually responded to the same emergencies.

Finally we realized, for the betterment of the community, the combination of the 2 depts. was a need we had to accomplish.

So, we decided to pool our resources and provide the people with the best qualified response personnel and equipment.

The formation of a Fire Protection District is no small task. Chief Holbert and I spent many, many hours putting together our budgets and needless to say when the State Board of Tax Commissioners gets through with your budget, you know you have been regulated.

Most things went well during the formation process. We didn't have problems with the citizens and the Vigo Co. Commissioners helped tremendously as did the Vigo Co. Council.

Since the formation of the Sugar Creek Fire Department, we have combined our Fireline and

Corporate Structure.

We have too many people to thank individually for help with this project, but on behalf of Chief Holbert, Chief Scott, and myself, we thank you.

Any department wishing to know how to, or the steps to take, to form a fire protection district, I'll be glad to help.

Kevin Stewart, President  
West Terre Haute F. D.

## NOTICE FROM HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Our committee needs to know how many firemen in the state of Indiana would be interested in purchasing a deluxe hard back historical book covering 1946 - 1996.

The book will be sold at cost. We hope to hold the price to \$15.00. We DO NOT want any money at this time.

We only need to know how many books to print.

Please indicate on a postcard how many books you would want and send the postcard to:

Willie M. Parish  
P.O. Box 15  
Francesville, IN , 47946

We need your reply on or before November 1, 1996.

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1&2

April 17, 1996, Liberty Twp. The meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman, B. A. Howe at 7:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Glant.

Guests introduced included President Dick Glant; Past Presidents Mitch Parish and Lawrence Swartz, PRNW Bill Howe, District 9B Chairman Buz Koehler, IVFAA President Phyllis Vargo, District 2 Chairman Ann Moss, Miss Flame candidates, Lisa Vaught from District 1 and Carinne Hughes from District 2, and Gold Card member Julius Demmick.

Department History was given by Chief Lloyd Woodrick.

Program was given by Det. Sgt. Sue Rostow on cults and cult practices.

Roll Call was answered by 63 members from 11 departments in District 1 and 22 members from 9 departments in District 2.

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications - President Glant reported on the outcome of the convention games meetings.

Past President Parish reported on the Emergency Services Picnic that will be held on July 14, in Indianapolis.

PRNW Howe reported on the 1996 Convention and the quarterly Officer's Meeting.

District 2 Chairman Stott again requested that we get our department group pictures and patches to him for the convention display.

Auxiliary District 2 Chairman Ann Moss reported on the Miss Flame competition for the convention.

Old Business - 1996 Convention report was given by Bill Howe, who announced that the next meeting will be May 7, at the Radisson and that the state raffle tickets have been sent out for distribution. The 1996 Convention video was viewed and was extremely well received.

New Business - A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$200 to each Miss Flame candidate from Districts 1 & 2 to help cover expenses to attend the convention.

Good of The Order - It was announced that Liberty Township will host a Pancake Breakfast on April 20, Crown Point will host a Dance on April 27, Washington Township is selling raffle tickets for a Harley Motorcycle and Kouts is hosting a Waterball Tournament on June 1st.

Our next meeting will be on May 15 at Schneider.

The 1996 Convention Parade will be held on June 22nd.

50/50 Drawing winner was Dan Branham of South Haven who won \$72.50.

Attendance Trophy winners were Beverly Shores, District 1 and Lakes of the Four Seasons, District 2.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:10 p.m.

Jerome P Schmitt  
District 1 Secretary

May 15, 1996, Schneider, IN The meeting of Districts 1 & 2 was called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:51 p.m. and followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by PRNW Bill Howe.

Guests included District 9B

Chairman Buzz Koehler, Past President Lawrence Schwartz, Past District 1 Chairman Bob Esserman, 50-year Gold Card Member Julius Demick, District 2 IVFAA Chairwoman Anne Moss, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Bill Cannon, Lee Theisfield, and Bob Mach from Fire Service Supply.

Department history was given by Chief Barry Lane.

Program was given by Bob Mach of Fire Service Supply.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted.

Roll Call was answered by 18 members from 8 departments in District 1 and 43 members from 11 departments in District 2. Treasurer's Report was given.

Communications - PRNW Howe reported on quarterly state officer's meeting and current legislation, 1996 DOT Handbook's are available, Indy Weekend is June 29th and 30th, Dues mailing is out and deadline is July 31st, \$5 is the cost per form for IVFA plates beginning with the 1998 year.

Lawrence Schwartz reported newspapers are in the mail and please give a change of address if you have moved, beneficiaries must be kept up to date on IVFA forms.

Old Business - 1996 Convention Report was given with a reminder the next meeting is May 22nd.

New Business - July meeting will be election of officers for Districts 1 & 2

Good of the Order - June 9th Lake Township Annual Mud Drag; June 1st Kouts Waterball, June 14th Lake Eliza Bingo. Following departments will have pancake breakfasts May 19th Union Township and Shelby and June 22nd Crown Point Ladies Auxiliary.

Lakes of the Four Seasons Cadets have raffle tickets for Hind Quarter of Beef.

The deadline for next paper is July 10th.

Attendance Trophies went to District 1, Merrillville and District 2, Lake Township.

50/50 Drawing was won by Dale Morgan L.O.F.S., \$62.00.

Next meeting is July 17, 1996 at Union Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Lu Anne Schmitt  
District 2 Secretary

## DISTRICT 5

May 9, 1996, Bourbon Fire Department, Bourbon, IN

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Kissinger at 1937 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call: 17 Members representing 10 departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, IVFA President and Bill Kinsey, Northeast PR.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by District Secretary Kent Trickle and were approved as presented.

Communications - Chairman Kissinger reported on the quarterly officer's meeting. Also reported on the new Emergency Response Guide Book which is out and the procedure to be followed to get copies through the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Reported that there would be a Ranger LP gas school in Shelbyville on August 8th.

President Glant reported on a meeting to be held at Bremen on May 19th at 2:00 PM to review the

new guidelines to be followed for waterball at this year's convention.

Also gave a brief report on the up coming convention at Merrillville. Indiana week end at the National Fire Academy is June 29 and 30. Indiana Fire Service Institute family picnic will be July 14th at Westlake Picnic Grounds in Indianapolis.

There has been a new procedure put in place to obtain IVFA license plates for 1998. Each individual will need to send a form in to the state office of the IVFA, along with a \$5.00 processing fee for each plate, to obtain the forms necessary to take to the license branch to get their plates. There has been no change in the \$10.00 additional fee to be paid when they are purchased at the department of motor vehicles.

The new car and clothing allowance to raise each to a minimum of \$100. each goes into affect on July 1, 1996.

Good of the Order - Waterous will be having fire pump schools throughout the state this summer.

The next meeting will be on July 11, 1996 at Chester Township Fire Department in North Manchester, with election of officers.

The September meeting will be at Aubbeenaubbee Fire Department in Leiters Ford and the November meeting will be at the Burket Fire Department.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

July 11, 1996

Chester Township Fire Dept., North Manchester, IN

The meeting was called to order at 1940 hours by Chairman Kissinger. Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplin, led the group in prayer. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

Roll Call was taken with 10 members present representing 5 departments.

Guests were Bill Kinsey, PRNE and Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplin.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as presented by District Secretary Kent Trickle.

Chairman Kissinger introduce our guests and gave them the opportunity to address the group.

Bill Kinsey reported he had been elected Treasurer of the IVFA and would be taking office on January 1, 1997.

Richard Glant was elected to the position of Public Relations North East for next year.

Bill then gave a report on the convention and how he thought it was very well run. Next year's convention will be at Wayne Twp. in Indianapolis.

Bill also reported that the new state office of the association was up and running and could probably answer most questions of the membership. He stated there were approximately 18,000 members in the IVFA. He felt the membership needed to become more active in district meetings to let their chairmen know what their needs were. He stated the IVFA was an important voice for the volunteer firefighters in the State of Indiana.

He also introduced Mr. Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplin, the recipient of the Mr. IVFA award at this year's convention.

Charlie Baker reported on the Indiana Fire Service Institute Family Picnic to be held Sunday, July 14. He said there would be games, food and fun for all.

Chairman Kissinger reported that our 5th District candidate for Miss Flame, Nichole Barden, had won the contest.

He also talked about a new state law for assumed mutual aid agreements with all other fire departments which will aid in federal death benefits.

Election of Officers - Bill Kinsey chaired the elections for the 5th district.

Don Kissinger was nominated as chairman and elected. Kent Trickle was nominated as secretary and elected. Both people were unopposed.

## DISTRICT 6

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Doug Baker. I have recently been appointed by the state President to fill the vacancy of the district chairman. I have been a member of the LaOtta Volunteer Fire Department in Noble County for 10 years. In the past, I have also served as the Secretary/Treasurer for this district.

I appreciate the opportunity of being asked to serve as your dis-

trict chairman and am looking forward to meeting everyone in the district. Some of you I've already met at a couple of meetings.

This district is the largest district in the state of Indiana with 60 departments. There are some ideas that I would like to share with you and look forward to getting together with each department in the district to see what you think about them.

Doug Baker, Chairman

## DISTRICT 9A

The meeting at Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department at Clymers, IN, on May 30, 1996, was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at 7:30 p.m. The prayer was led by our guest Charles Baker, State Chaplain. The Pledge was given and the minutes read and approved.

Other guests present were Mitch Parish, Buz Koehler and Lawrence Swartz.

Roll Call was answered by 15 departments with 33 members responding to 171 alarms.

A program was given by Dee Mauntel on Recruitment and Retention in the Volunteer Emergency Services.

Business included information from Charles Baker on the Appreciation Day picnic on July 14. There will be adult and children's games, antique fire engine muster, swap meet and vendors besides food and drink. Help is needed to run the games, etc.

At the quarterly IVFA meeting of chairmen, several topics were discussed. The new Bill setting a \$100.00 minimum on clothing, gas and car allowance starts July 1, with information going to township trustees.

Harold Stofer reported that tobacco companies will have a 1 million dollar grant program for fire departments starting January 1997. It will be divided into \$500,000 amounts for 2 years.

Ivan Nevil had the new 1996 Emergency Response Guidebooks. They will be coming to departments through their chiefs.

Charles Baker said that there is a proposal to have next year's IVFA convention combined with the IFA and Chiefs' conventions at Indianapolis. The meetings would be separate and the social events together.

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He also commented on concern about correct stowing of air packs and other loose equipment on apparatus. He said that this all needs to be secured.

The new NFPA 1901 regulations coming out August '96 call for anti-lock brakes or auxiliary braking systems on trucks over 35,000 lbs. in weight.

Coming events: Burlington VFD State Certified extrication class coming up in July or August open to all. (This brought up the discussion of the need to add extra support to uni-body cars when cutting posts for roof removal because they will collapse down on victims when the posts are gone.)

Young America is holding a raffle to raise funds for their new fire station.

Delphi is having their annual Firemen's Bash Boat Cruise on June 7.

Harrison Township, Alto is having a Car Show on July 13.

Walton VFD Car Show is August 10.

The next meeting is July 25 at Cutler, Indiana.

Submitted by  
Dee Mauntel, Secretary

**DISTRICT 9B**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Koehler, at 7:55 p.m. at the Reynolds Fire Station in Reynolds, IN.

There were 42 firefighters present and 5 guests for a total of 47 in attendance. There were 190 alarms among the 13 departments answering roll call.

The following items were discussed: Indiana weekend at IVFA is June 29-30; Convention registration; Smoke training trailer available; Public hearing on certification program May 24 at 10:00 a.m.; discussion was held on proposed new certification program; Amendments to By-Laws; additional \$5 fee for license plate form to cover printing and handling in 1998; 1996 Emergency Guide books are out, so turn in the number needed per department; United Tobacco Company donated \$10,000 to IVFA for training; 1997 IVFA Convention will be combined with 2 other organizations; Legislation affecting the fire service; 1996 IVFA allowing 3 votes per department; Registration fee for games at con-

vention has been covered by a \$500 donation; Mileage to and from convention for 1 person per department will be paid; you do not have to be registered at convention to attend the Business Meeting on Friday; also the Firefighters Appreciation Day Picnic is July 14.

Program for the evening was the film "Young Child" presented by the Reynolds Fire Department.

The next meeting will be July 11, at the Star City Community Building with election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Risner, Sec/Treas.

**DISTRICT 11A**

Our May meeting was held at Otter Creek. We had a nice dinner and would like to thank them for hosting the meeting.

We discussed the Mutual Aid Bill, the \$5.00 fee to get a license plate form and convention at Merrillville in June.

Our next meeting will be held at St. Mary's on July 21. We will be electing officers for 96-97.

Had a great time at Convention. We were very proud of our Miss Flame, Tiffany Lingenfelter. I think she and her parents had a great time.

Our congratulations to Diane Harrison. She's the first lady to win the Ollie Sandburg Award. Diane was very deserving of this award. We are very proud of her. She is on the Coolmont Volunteer Fire Department, the wife of Harold Harrison, and the daughter of Jack and Sherri McFarland who is on the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department.

Our picnic, which is in September, will be held at The Hawthorne Park. It will be held on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. (Dogwood Shelter). Hawthorne Park is in the northeast part of Terre Haute. If you are in the area, you know you are more than welcome.

Have a good summer and a safe one.

Bob Hays, Chairman

**DISTRICT 15**

The May 21, 1996 meeting was held at Ft. Branch Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Wargel at 19:45 hours. The meeting was preceded by bratwurst and hamburgers.

Chairman Wargel led the members in the Pledge to the

Flag. Chaplain Barbara Kerney offered prayer.

Chairman Wargel presented a 50 year Gold Card to Charlie Atterberry of the Ft. Branch Fire Department. This was the first 50 year card to be awarded in the district.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the January meeting. The March meeting was cancelled due to a late snow. A motion was made by Bruce Bauer and seconded by Mike Skokeland to accept minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney distributed the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by John Spears and seconded by Alex Smith to accept the report as presented.

Guests introduced included Eric Akerson, VFIS Insurance; Larry Johnston, insurance agent; and Alex Smith, M & S Fire & Safety.

Chairman Wargel announced the Decatur Township Fire Department has 46 Minitor II pagers for sale at \$150.00 each and 78 Minitor pagers at \$50.00 each. All pagers have chargers. They also have a console and power supply for sale.

IVFA dues are due and delinquent after July 31, 1996.

The IVFA Convention will be held on June 19-22 at Merrillville. Jamie Riley will represent our district in the Miss Flame Contest.

The Fire & Emergency Services Appreciation Day Family Picnic will be held on July 14, at Westlake Picnic Grounds, Wayne Twp., next to their headquarters.

The Total Quality Officer Training School Committee is still working on this project. We are trying to schedule a name person in this field to conduct an 8 hour school. The school will be geared to "marketing your fire department to your community."

Public Relations Director - South West Jack Kerney announced Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy on June 29 & 30.

Kerney passed out the Certification Clean-up Rules passed by the last legislature to legally certify Indiana firefighters.

Kerney gave an up-date on the new Firefighter Certification Program.

Information was passed out on the Public Safety Officer Benefit Act, which includes firefighter death benefits.

Kerney passed out information on the side impact air bags

and how they can be disarmed. GM and Ford information will be coming shortly.

Information was also passed out on the explosion of shock absorbers on automobile fires. These devices are being used to keep the hoods and rear deck lids open when in the raised position. A firefighter in Kansas was injured when one exploded and went through his hand.

Kerney passed out copies of House Bill 1235 which states that the volunteer firefighter clothing allowance is now a minimum of \$100. and automobile allowance is also a minimum of \$100. This must be in your Trustees 1997 budget.

New rules were given that will have to be followed to obtain the 1998 IVFA license plates.

Tentative schedules and reservations were passed out for the New Albany Fire School to be held on August 24 & 25.

Kerney asked everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue stated they have a new 3000 gal. tanker they have put into service and now have 12 trained rescue divers.

Wadesville has a new rescue truck in service.

Marrs Township now has 9 firefighters trained in rope rescue.

McCutchenville will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in May.

Pakota Township now have 8 new trained First Responders.

Ft. Branch has put into service a new rescue truck and have applied for a Class "B" certification.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bruce Bauer and seconded by Harry Logan to adjourn the meeting at 21:12 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kerney

**DISTRICT 19**

The District 19 meeting was held at Osgood Volunteer Fire Department on March 27, 1996. Pledge to the Flag was led by Paul Covington.

First Roll Call was taken with 21 men from 10 departments reporting 57 runs.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Paul introduced our guests.

Old Business - A toll-free number has been obtained for IVFA

business. The number is 1-800-692-9458.

There was a lengthy discussion on why bills that concern us are not getting passed at legislation. The consensus of the members present is to bring in our politicians and lobbyists to discuss our feelings and concerns about issues that affect our fire departments. This meeting will be set in the near future.

Paul was sent House Bill 1274. He doesn't have the final writing of it, but will try to have this at our May meeting.

Paul stated if you are making mutual aid runs, you should have a written agreement between your departments.

All but three board members received letters to serve the next four years.

There will be a public meeting on May 24. If you want to attend, Paul has more information.

There are some changes. The NFPA update is included and some other minor changes.

Paul gave an update on classification of firefighters for those who've not been involved or were still unclear on past discussions.

The importance of proper training was stressed by Paul.

Discussion was held on the various OSHA requirements for fire depts. These are important and should be adhered to.

The Indiana Firefighter Association was discussed. Departments need to make their communities aware that this association does not support their departments in any way.

State Convention registrations are now available. There was a brief discussion on convention.

Telemarketing was voted down at the State Officer's Meeting. The vote was 13 yes votes and 20 no votes.

The meeting was adjourned by Paul.

Our next meeting is May 23, at Otter Creek.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Baker

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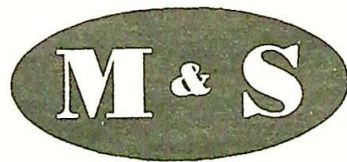
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Scripture - Luke 5, verses 1-4

One day as he was preaching on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats standing at the water's edge while the fishermen washed their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push out a little into the water, so that he could sit in the boat and speak to the crowds from there.

We he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets and you will catch a lot of fish"

As I start my article, there are so many things to write about, Father's Day, The 50th Convention of the IVFA, the 4th of July, etc. And all of these things are based on our faith in God.

We are to show forth His salvation by what we believe. What a man believes affects his behavior.

We need a great faith in the love of God, but we also need to believe in the wrath of God. It is good to believe that there is a heaven, but we must also believe that there is a hell. Only as we believe in our divine origin and our divine destiny by God's grace, will we live the life of faith and service.

At the Memorial Service at Convention this year, we all showed our faith in God by attending, in the beautiful church, and praying to the one who is in charge of our destinies.

The 4th of July is celebrated by most with parades, cookouts and fireworks, but the true meaning goes back to our faith in God, to elect leaders who gave us our independence and a chance to live in such a wonderful country, free of the tyranny of some of the nations of this world.

Father's Day also has a special meaning, it was the forefathers of the country who made it what it is today, that we have the right to worship the way we choose.

**Prayer:**

Dear God, You have given us life, help us to live in such a way as to inspire others.  
Amen

The IVFA has just completed its 50th year, With Districts 1 and 2 working, produced a whole lot of cheer.

The Radisson was nothing but great,

They did a good job of hosting our state.

We honor Vern, writer of the 25 year book,

He had the knowledge and knew where to look.

It took a long time to take in the whole state,

But as time passed, every fireman did relate.

The Historical Committee is composing a 50 year book,

You can't begin to know how much time it took.

The Historical Committee would like to know

How many books you would like to show.

At Convention a good time was had by all,

And we didn't have to worry about a fire call.

I don't know "Howe" all the charges were paid,

But there were "Two Bills" we can never repay.

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

## DISTRICT 12

The meeting was called to order by our Chairman Don Johnson at 7:12 p.m. at the Cartersburg Fire Department.

The Pledge to the Flag was said by those present.

Don introduced our guests and Tim Kittle, Chief, introduced his members present.

Roll Call was answered by 14 members representing 8 departments, along with 9 guests.

Don also reminded us about the grant for rolling equipment for 1996. If the money is not spent, it probably will not be renewed for 1997.

Don turned the meeting over to Toddy Michl for election of officers.

District officers for the 1996-1997 are as follows:

Chairman, John Ross; Co-Chairman, Al Mendel; Secretary/Treasurer, Rosie Johnson, Sgt.-At-Arms, Carl Stagner; Chaplain, James R. Bruner.

Don then took the meeting back for the rest of the business.

It was announced that if you have any problems with Workman's Compensation, contact Bill Kinsey.

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# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FOR  
INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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MARCH 11, 1996

### AUDITORS' REPORT

WE HAVE AUDITED THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (MODIFIED CASH BASIS) OF THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. (A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995 AND DECEMBER 31, 1994, AND THE RELATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED. THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BASED ON OUR AUDITS.

WE CONDUCTED OUR AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS. THESE STANDARDS REQUIRE THAT WE PLAN AND PERFORM THE AUDIT TO OBTAIN REASONABLE ASSURANCE ABOUT WHETHER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE FREE OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT. AN AUDIT INCLUDES EXAMINING, ON A TEST BASIS, EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE AMOUNTS AND DISCLOSURES IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AN AUDIT ALSO INCLUDES ASSESSING THE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES USED AND SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES MADE BY MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS EVALUATING THE OVERALL FINANCIAL PRESENTATION. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR AUDITS PROVIDE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR OUR OPINION.

AS DESCRIBED IN NOTE 1, THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, WHICH IS A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING OTHER THAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

IN OUR OPINION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE PRESENT FAIRLY, IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS, THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS OF INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995 AND DECEMBER 31, 1994, AND ITS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED, ON THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING DESCRIBED IN NOTE 1.

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995

	ASSETS	
	12/31/95	12/31/94
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
CASH in Bank-General Operating Checking	\$240,597.31	\$158,926.99
CASH in Savings-Certificate of Deposit-Bank One	50,000.00	50,000.00
CASH in Savings-Certificate of Deposit-NBD	75,000.00	75,000.00
CASH in Bank - Bridgeport Scholarship Fund	33,681.33	42,741.59
CASH in Savings - Bridgeport Scholarship Fund	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$449,278.64</b>	<b>\$376,668.58</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		
FURNITURE	\$9,813.21	\$9,813.21
EQUIPMENT	13,710.43	13,710.43
LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<u>(23,523.64)</u>	<u>(22,923.64)</u>
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$449,278.64</b>	<b>\$377,268.58</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	\$537.47	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$537.47</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
UNRESTRICTED FUND	365,059.84	284,526.99
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	83,681.33	92,741.59
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS:</b>	<b>448,741.17</b>	<b>377,268.58</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$449,278.64</b>	<b>\$377,268.58</b>

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1995

#### CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

REVENUES AND GAINS:		
DUES	\$216,478.25	\$215,429.00
PROGRAM BOOK	0.00	325.00
CLOTHING	5,884.00	0.00
PAPER ADVERTISING	22,136.55	19,344.65
OTHER INCOME	7,684.68	2,913.00
INSURANCE	30,303.32	34,634.56
BANK INTEREST	10,103.94	8,443.48
CONVENTION	<u>222.39</u>	<u>4,385.00</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES AND GAINS</b>	<b>\$292,813.13</b>	<b>\$285,474.69</b>
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$292,813.13</b>	<b>\$285,474.69</b>
EXPENSES:		
ADD TAKER PAPER	\$4,400.61	\$4,121.16
ADVERTISING INSURANCE	0.00	2,500.00
CLOTHING REPLACEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER'S	577.78	966.02
COMMITTEE EXPENSE	<u>2,790.48</u>	<u>2,751.35</u>

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FINANCIAL STUDY Phyllis Vargo
1996 MISS FLAME Nicole Barden (D5)
HISTORIAN Ann Moss
MISS FLAME Eula Bush, Ch.
LUCKY DOE DOLL Faye Sallee
BY-LAWS Dollie Komoscar, Ch.
JEWELRY Mary Mackin, Ch.
NOMINATING Beth Caudill
PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY Barbara Parker
LOIS BOAZ Miriam Schaekel
PARLIAMENTARIAN Maxine Davies

IVFAA President



Lou Bartlow

Dear Members and Friends, This is the beginning of a new auxiliary year. We have some new officers this year, so get acquainted with them and feel free to call on any of us at any time.

This organization is a great group. It was founded for all auxiliary members to help them in any way we can. My goal while I am president is to see the association grow and prosper, as I know it can.

DISTRICTS 1&2

Crown Point Fire Department - May 2, 1996 Our meeting was hosted by the Crown Point Auxiliary at the fire station with 48 members representing 9 auxiliaries present.

New Business: A By-Law change was read by Dollie Komoscar and will be voted on at convention. Outstanding Member Award was given to Dorothy O'Brien of Munster Fire Auxiliary.

DISTRICT 11A

Our last district meeting was held at Otter Creek #1 Firehouse. We discussed convention and ways to try and make money for the next year.

I'm sorry the only By-Law we had didn't pass, all of our members wanted it. Majority rules, so maybe next time.

We will be having our elections next meeting. It will be at St. Mary's, July 21. This will be the first time the auxiliary will be helping to host the district since they became members.

I want to congratulate and thank all who had anything to do with Convention '96. They did a great job. All of the people in the Radisson were so friendly.

Back to our meeting. Jane Linkenfeller, Our Miss Flame's mother, gave a demonstration on how to make clowns from beads.

Remember - "Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart, rather than a piece of our mind."

See you at our next meeting. Helen Michl, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Here it is July already and the 1996 Convention is history. It was a good one. Districts 1 and 2 did themselves proud.

I am sure that fire departments and auxiliaries are having their summertime fund raisers. It is a really busy time, but what a great season to get out and get it done.

I believe we could attend a fire department function every Saturday night within 50 miles from our home.

We were saddened to hear earlier today that Stan Sallee had passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy to Faye and her family.

District 11B will be having our annual picnic at Raccoon State Park on Sunday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m. We invite all firemen and auxiliaries to come and spend the day.

We will be honoring all past award winners, as well as our district Miss Flames. Bring your fishing pole, if you want, and your lawn chairs.

If your dues have not been sent in, it is time. They were due July 1, 1996. Please send them to the new Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney.

this paper. (See same page) Congratulations to Lou Bartlow, who was elected IVFAA President. Your district is behind you!

I am very happy to share the good news that Lyford Fire Department hosted our July meeting and while there, the ladies filled out their IVFAA membership form.

I am willing to attend any auxiliary meetings, to lend a helping hand. All you have to do is give me a call. I can be reached at 317 665-3213.

Eula Bush, Chairman

DISTRICT 3

The July district meeting was held at Michiana Volunteer Fire Department with nineteen ladies present.

Chaplain Carolyn McCarty, Noble Township Fire Department, offered Invocation and a reading of "A Fireman's Prayer".

Leona Uryga, Michiana Fire Department, reported on the 1996 Convention in Merrillville.

Our district election of officers was held. The officers are as follows: Chairman - Leona Uryga; Secretary/Treasurer - Lucille Cohen.

Treasury Awards were won by Lucille Cohen, Springfield, and Fran Schultz, Michiana.

Original decorated planters by Estelle Mathias were awarded to Dorothy Moffitt, Coolspring Fire Department, Gertrude Peterson, Michiana Fire Department and Charlotte Sly, Noble Township Fire Department.

Our next meeting will be September 18, 1996 at Scipio Township Fire Department. Submitted by Lucille Cohen, Sec./Treas.



Do you know this woman and has anyone seen her lately?

I think this is Phyllis Vargo, the most recent IVFAA Past President to join the "Has Been" presidents club.

But why the boxer shorts? Was she and Richard Glant having a contest?

Advertisement for Tom Frederick, Pierce Fire Apparatus, and Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment. Includes phone number 1-800-382-9788.

# IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Had a great time at Convention.

It was so good to see so many at the Memorial Service. The church was full and they were even standing in the back.

It was nice to have the fresh roses for a change and the fragrance added such appeal to the moment.

The soloist did a great job and had such a great voice. Thanks to Linda Baker for the music she provided.

And to Charlie Baker, your message was wonderful.

And to Father Lantz, you'll always be an important part of the memorial service.

I once again extend all my sincere sympathy to all of those families who lost a loved one and his/her name was mentioned and had a rose placed on the cross.

"Nothing can separate us from His love"

Who, then can separate us from the Love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death?

As the scripture says,

"For your sake, we are in danger of death at all times;

We are treated like sheep that are going to be slaughtered.

Know in all these things we have complete victory through Him who loved us.

For I am certain that nothing can separate us from His love; neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below.

There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God, which is ours through Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Romans 8:35-39

Have a great summer and have faith and remember:  
God Loves You.

## McCutchanville Ladies Auxiliary Benefit Dance

The McCutchanville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be conducting their 8th Annual Square and Round Dance Benefit.

It will be held at the McCutchanville Fire Department Gym located at 9219 Petersburg Road in Evansville, IN.

The date is Saturday, August 17th.

Dancing will be from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be furnished before and during the dance.

An auction will follow consisting of donated merchandise.

A donation for the dance and food would be appreciated.

For further information, please contact Barbara Kerney at 812-867-2641.

Proceeds from the dance will go to benefit the McCutchanville Fire Department.

# Outstanding Member Award



Dorothy O'Brien, right, receives plaque from Dollie Komoscar, District 1 Chairman

Dorothy O'Brien, was recently named Outstanding Member of District 1.

She has been an active member of the Munster Fire Department Auxiliary for 30 years.

During that time Dorothy has held every office as well helping with By-Laws, dances, auctions, bunco, rummage sales, Christmas parties, and anything else that needed to be done.

She is also active in her church, where she does home visiting of members, helps out at the Carmelite Home and is a Eucharistic Minister.

Dorothy is a devoted wife and the mother of four children. She also has five grandchildren, who range in age from 4 years to newborn.

Congratulations, Dorothy.



# IVFA 1996 Legislative Report

During the 1996 Second Regular Session of the 109th Indiana General Assembly, the legislature introduced a total of 948 bills. The House of Representatives introduced 438 bills while the Senate introduced 510 bills. Of the original 948 bills introduced, 253 bills were signed into law and 2 bills became law without the Governor's signature.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Alliance supported, opposed or watched 25 of the original 948 bills introduced this year. A brief description of the legislation enacted affecting the fire service follows:

- SEA 45 This Act allows the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to adopt rules allowing special egress controlled devices which are exit locking systems providing a delay in exiting. Effective on passage.
- HEA 1061 This Act provides that the Department of Transportation must adopt rules specifying criteria for opening or closing public railroad grade crossings including in the criteria use of the crossing by emergency vehicles as well as accident history and speed limits. Effective on passage.
- HEA 1235 This Act accomplished three (3) goals of the volunteer fire service:
  - a. It clarified that volunteer firefighters and their families are entitled to the same insurance benefits when providing emergency services outside the firefighter's usual jurisdiction, including federal death benefits.
  - b. It raises the automobile and clothing allowances to a minimum of \$100.00 each per year. These allowances have not been changed since 1967.
  - c. It raises the medical expense limits under the required health and disability insurance from a minimum of \$25,000 to \$75,000 per firefighters. These benefits are payable generally in excess of medical benefits payable under the units worker's compensation policy, therefore, the increase in cost to the units served by the volunteer fire company should be small.
- HEA 1236 This Act permits the firefighting personal standards and education board to require fire service certified instructors to fulfill continuing education in order to maintain the instructor's certification. Effective July 1, 1996.
- HEA 1259 This Act exempts from the definition of fireworks indoor pyrotechnics which are chemical material clearly labeled by the manufacturer as suitable for indoor use. The Act further makes the use of indoor pyrotechnics legal in front of an indoor or outdoor approximate audience. Effective July 1, 1996.
- HEA 1274 The author's stated purpose of this bill was to protect small charitable bingo games from the large out-of-state operators who have moved into Indiana in recent years. These big operators reportedly operate on the legal fringe and have been draining resources in the communities in which they operate for the local charitable organizations and volunteer fire companies.
 

Under this bill the following changes have been made:

  - a. A qualified organization must be exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c). By its operation, this will eliminate public entities, such as cities, towns, schools and townships from conducting charitable gaming events. However, such events may be held on public property.
  - b. Redefines "worker" to include those who prepare or, assist in conducting, cleaning up after or taking any other action in connection with an allowable event. The impact of this section is somewhat dependent on how the Department of Revenue interprets it in their rules. This provision is significant because the organization cannot pay "workers" to assist with the charitable event.
  - c. It requires each officer of a qualified organization who signs a bingo application to live in the county where the proposed bingo is to be held.
  - d. It allows the commissioner of the Department of Revenue to hold hearings on both new and renewal bingo applications. If the Department receives ten (10) or more protest letters, the commissioner must hold a hearing after notice of the application is published in the local newspaper.
  - e. It provides that the Commissioner must hold a hearing on renewal bingo applications if the operator has been cited for any violations or at least three (3) written complaints have been received.

## New for the Summer of '96 America's Heroes A Limited Edition Print by Denise L. Yeager

This 16 X 20 pencil drawing print depicts the tasks we as firefighters are called to service in times of need. The print was debuted in Merrillville at the IVFA Convention, and is now available to the public.

Cost of print  
\$ 30.00

Double Matted & Framed  
\$ 95.00



For more information about the print or to request a catalog of other items, write or call:

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1832 Chickasaw Dr. • Evansville, IN 47715-6112  
(812) 473-1898

Coming in September :

New Christmas Cards will be available, and the catalog will be accessible on the Internet. The Web Site address will be printed in the next issue.

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**Audited Financial Statement**

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS  
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995 AND DECEMBER 31, 1994.

	12/31/95	12/31/94
CONVENTION EXPENSE	3,346.26	7,012.47
DELEGATES EXPENSE	7,331.20	5,366.80
DISTRICT EXPENSE	9,928.22	9,837.77
DISTRICT SECRETARY EXPENSE	300.00	330.00
FIRE SCHOOL EXPENSE	7,862.50	8,132.50
FUNERAL FUND	5,811.50	6,838.32
INSURANCE-GENERAL	9,418.00	9,622.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	2,200.00	3,658.50
LEGISLATURE EXPENSE	55,658.94	45,149.00
OTHER EXPENSE	1,202.41	3,957.57
OFFICERS ALLOWANCE	12,555.71	8,119.28
OFFICERS EXPENSES-REIMBURSED	4,941.42	11,678.95
OFFICERS MEETING EXPENSE	24,299.42	24,134.64
PAPER EXPENSE	21,796.90	24,436.98
POSTAGE	11,890.90	8,080.00
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	246.40	277.19
PRINTING	514.02	2,714.46
PUBLIC EDUCATION	9,885.12	9,508.67
PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,881.59	2,338.90
SECRETARY'S OFFICE EXPENSE	6,036.34	6,546.31
NSF CHECK CHARGE	261.00	13.00
FICA TAX EXPENSE	2,123.24	1,725.53
LICENSE PLATE COST	2,882.85	1,245.69
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	600.00	600.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>211,742.81</b>	<b>211,663.06</b>
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED ASSETS:	81,070.32	73,811.63
CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	0.00	0.00

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1995

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS:

DUES	\$216,478.25	\$215,429.00
PROGRAM BOOK	0.00	325.00
CLOTHING	5884.00	0.00
PAPER ADVERTISING	22,136.55	19,344.65
OTHER INCOME	7,684.68	2,913.00
INSURANCE	30,303.32	34,634.56
BANK INTEREST	10,103.94	8,443.48
CONVENTION	222.39	4,385.00
BANK INTEREST	2,939.74	2,666.34
CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	3,000.00
RETURN OF SERVICE CHARGES	0.00	48.15
<b>CASH PAID FOR:</b>		
OPERATING EXPENSES	223,142.81	217,090.24
<b>NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$72,610.06</b>	<b>\$74,098.94</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	0.00	0.00
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>72,610.06</b>	<b>74,098.94</b>
<b>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>376,668.58</b>	<b>302,569.64</b>
<b>CASH AT THE END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$449,278.64</b>	<b>\$376,668.58</b>
RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$72,010.06	\$73,498.94
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE INCREASE IN NET ASSETS TO CASH (USED) PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
DEPRECIATION	600.00	600.00
<b>NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	<b>\$72,610.06</b>	<b>\$74,098.94</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
NONE		

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1995

CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

REVENUES AND GAINS:

BANK INTEREST	\$2,939.74	\$2,666.34
CONTRIBUTIONS		3,000.00
RETURN OF SERVICE CHARGES		48.15
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND GAINS</b>	<b>2,939.74</b>	<b>5,714.49</b>

EXPENSES:

BANK SERVICE CHARGES		27.18
SCHOLARSHIPS	3,000.00	3,000.00
DEATH BENEFIT	9,000.00	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>6,027.18</b>

(DECREASE) INCREASE IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:	-9,060.26	-312.69
<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS:</b>	<b>72,010.06</b>	<b>73,498.94</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>377,268.58</b>	<b>303,769.64</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>449,278.64</b>	<b>377,268.58</b>

**NOTE 1:**

BOOKS OF RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED ON A MODIFIED CASH BASIS USUAL TO THIS TYPE OF OPERATION. THERE IS NO UNUSUAL TREATMENT OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS. THE ACCOUNTING THEORY OF RECORDING THE TRANSACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS OF THIS TYPE. ASSETS ARE PRESENTED AT HISTORICAL COST WITH DEPRECIATION BEING ACCRUED ON A STRAIGHT LINE BASIS ACCORDING TO USEFUL LIFE OF THE ASSET. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ARE RECOGNIZED AT THE TIME THEY ARE PAID CONSISTENT WITH THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS THEORY.

**NOTE 2:**

THE CORPORATION IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY AND AS SUCH IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES ON NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACTIVITIES; THEREFORE NO PROVISION FOR TAXES IS REQUIRED.

**NOTE 3:**

THE CORPORATE BANK OF RECORD IS BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR THE GENERAL ACCOUNT. THE ACCOUNT CONSIST OF A GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT EARNING INTEREST AT THE PRESENT RATE OF 1.90%.

**NOTE 4:**

CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-BANK ONE REPRESENTS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 EARNING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 5.35%, WITH A MATURITY DATE OF FEBRUARY 8, 1996.

**NOTE 5:**

CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-NBD. REPRESENTS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT. THE ACCOUNT CONSISTED OF TWO CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$25,000.00 EARNING 4.6% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JANUARY 31, 1997 AND ANOTHER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 EARNING 5.40% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 26, 2000.

**NOTE 6:**

CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 EARNING 5.15% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 3, 1996.

**NOTE 7:**

CASH IN BANK-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS MAINTAINED IN AN INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA EARNING AT PRESENT 1.90%.

**NOTE 8:**

THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. IS ACTING AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE FUND IS A RESTRICTIVE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FUNERAL FUNDS.

**NOTICE FROM  
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Our committee needs to know how many firemen in the state of Indiana would be interested in purchasing a deluxe hard back historical book covering 1946 -1996.

The book will be sold at cost. We hope to hold the price to \$15.00. We DO NOT want any money at this time.

We only need to know how many books to print.

Please indicate on a postcard how many books you would want and send the postcard to:

Willie M. Parish, P.O. Box 15, Francesville, IN 47946

We need your reply on or before **November 1, 1996.**

Remember, don't send any money, just tell us how many books you would like. Thank you.

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# IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETINGS

Ramada Inn  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 5, 1996

President Phyllis Vargo opened the meeting by asking Chaplain JoAnn Hays to lead the group with a word of prayer.

Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaekel then led the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call was given by Recording Secretary Faye Salee. Debbie Freed substituted for District 4, Vi Bruns for Beth Caudill and Barb Kerney for District 18.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. One correction to the minutes was the lady that made the Doe Doll is from Farmersburg and not Farmersville as previously stated. The minutes were then approved.

Miriam Schaekel made a motion not to read the district reports and Toni Sorg seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report. The balance stands approved for audit.

Faye Salee gave the membership report as follows: 95 auxiliaries, 1049 members, 50 individuals, with a total of 1099. We also have dues paid by one auxiliary for 1996-97.

Correspondence was read by Corresponding Secretary Diana Gray from Dollie Komoscar, thanking everyone for their cards and prayers during her recent hospital stay.

Chaplain JoAnn Hays gave her report. Since the last meeting, she has sent 15 get well, 6 sympathy, 1 thinking of you and 1 baby congratulations cards.

She would like to take count of Bibles today. For any of those who do not have theirs, she has them with her today and you may pick them up after the meeting.

Auditing - Maxine Davies said everything was fine. The present committee will audit all books in August and it was suggested that the new committee set in so they will know how it is done.

Games - Toni Sorg said they had a meeting yesterday. Anyone interested in teams should attend the meeting at the Bremen Fire Station, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. Recommendations are printed in this month's paper. They will go by the international rules. There will be firefighter and auxiliary games. You must be a member of the IVFA and IVFAA in order to participate.

Installation - They are ready!!!

Financial Study - Maxine Davies said still no major spending!!

Miss Flame - Eula Bush has 15 girls. They had a meeting last night. Ann Moss found ribbon by the bolt at a real reasonable price and the people that did the shirts for convention will silk screen the print for \$1.35 each. That makes the cost of the ribbon rather inexpensive. So if you are interested in a ribbon for your girl, you may contact her.

Doe Doll - Lou Bartlow said she has \$231.00 turned in today. They discussed printing more tickets, but said it would not take that long to get them, but this way we would not have leftovers. But we would like to see you get out there and sell to every fireman available. We would like to see a good year!! Remember, this is our only money making project for the auxiliary. Lou said she would need help selling the tickets, while she is in meetings. Dollie Komoscar said she had volunteers.

By-Laws - Dollie Komoscar said she only had one turned in. She asked for help during convention. Toni Sorg and Nancy Cushman volunteered to help her.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said she has sold \$375.00 and today alone she sold \$290. making a total of \$555.00 so far. Not bad at all!!! Keep up the good work! She has the Past President's pins. She had three ruby chips set for a cost of \$66.27. While on that subject, Phyllis told us that Mitch had come to her telling her he had lost his Past President's pin and really felt bad. So at the Line Officer's Meeting last night, it was discussed and decided to give him another one.

Nominating - Nancy Cushman said they were ready, no problems.

President's Advisory - Toni Sorg said Phyllis was doing a great job.

Lois Boaz - Marilyn Smith said that with great difficulty they reached a decision. They have 3 bars and 3 patches left. They also have the plaque ready to go for this year.

Parliamentarian - Virginia Wilson said all was O.K.

Other By-Law Committee - Lou Bartlow passed out copies to all officers and explained what it consisted of. She asked that everyone take it home and read it. She would like for all to have your input, in writing, to her as soon as possible so that they can get this done.

Bill Howe from Convention '96 came in to give us some information. All the agenda is in the paper this month. Any function away from the hotel will have transportation provided.

There will be a raffle with first prize being 4 day & 3 night Las Vegas trip, second prize prize, \$500 Saving Bond and third prize \$200 Savings Bond. You may opt to take the cash value of each if you want.

Registration badges must be worn at all times at convention.

There will be a parade on Saturday starting at 1:00 p.m.

Convention meetings will be held at the Radisson on May 22, at 7:00 p.m. and June 2, at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to come and look things over, you may do so.

New business:

Maxine Davies said she wanted to thank everyone for their cards and letters that John received while he was recovering from surgery. Mary Mackin also thanked us for the cards she received. She said it really helps to boost your moral when you are down. Vivian Woodfill was also grateful for her cards.

Dorothy Reiter was very appreciative of all the cards received when her brother-in-law, Max Poling, passed away. She said Marlene was planning on going to convention this year. She was doing pretty good.

Phyllis said we needed to pre-approve expenses. The Koffee Klutch was being handled by her auxiliary, so we did not have to appropriate money for that. Mary Mackin made the motion we approve expenses for installation. Maxine Davies seconded it.

Doe Doll expenses of \$175.00 was made in motion by JoAnn Hays and seconded by Dollie Komoscar.

Past President's expenses were made in motion by Toni Sorg and Mary Mackin seconded it.

We went through some delinquent auxiliaries. There are still some that we do not know if they are still active.

A motion by Ann Moss was made to close the meeting and Leona Uryga seconded it. Mary Mackin made the motion not to read the dis-

trict reports and Wanda Johnson seconded it.

See all of you at convention. Come with a happy smile!!!!

Next State Officer's meeting will be the second weekend of August, 10 & 11. Make your reservations now!!

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### District 6

We met in Johnson Township, La Grange County, on March 17. We had 17 members and 2 guests present from 7 departments.

A surprise bridal shower was held for Angela Stalf.

Convention was discussed and charms and tie tacks were sold. We then joined the men for a game of Indiana Trivia, with groups divided into men and women. The women won!!

### District 11A

We met at Brunet Firehouse on March 17. We had a good turn out. After our meeting, our Vice Chairman gave a demonstration on making rose buds from 2 Hershey's Kisses, wire, florist tape and red cellophane. They were really attractive.

Our next meeting will be at North Terre Haute #1.

### District 11B

The March meeting was held at Madison Township. We had a small group in attendance.

Major topic discussed was the dance. We had another successful one. Michelle Miller from the Lyford Fire Department will be our Miss Flame Candidate again this year.

Our next meeting will be at the Fairview Fire Department.

### District 12

Our meeting was held at Ryan's Steak House. He had 9 members and 3 guest present. Our Miss Flame, Christy Thomas, and her mother, were introduced.

Doe Doll tickets were passed out.

We discussed the convention. Sharon Bray will make the item for the Chinese Auction.

We voted to do the Riley Christmas kits again this year. Barb Webb will be the contact person in charge.

Madison Township Auxiliary will host the May meeting.

### District 13

We met at Buck Creek Fire Department. We enjoyed a pitch-in dinner with the men. After dinner we held our meeting. There were seven members present.

Virginia Wilson said that in November, District 13 will celebrate their 25th Anniversary. In that time, they have only had 3 chairmen. We will try to plan something special at that time.

Radisson Hotel  
Merrillville, Indiana  
June 20, 1996

President, Phyllis Vargo opened the meeting at 2:30 P.M. by asking Chaplain, Joann Hays to lead the group in prayer. She opened with a poem entitled "Time is Precious", followed by a word of prayer.

Phyllis then ask Maxine Davies, Convention Hostess, to come forward and she presented her with a corsage of lavender mini carnations. Maxine in turn, presented Phyllis with a corsage of spring colored flowers, for President.

Phyllis stated that Recording Secretary, Faye Salee, would not be with us for this Convention because her husband was very ill. She said to keep them in our prayers, as they needed all the love and support they can get. Lou Bartlow will be stepping in, in the absence of Faye.

Lou gave the roll call. We had 29 Officers, 2 Committee members and 1 Guest present.

Minutes of the last meeting were also read. One correction was that the silk screening for the Miss Flame's ribbons was \$1.00 instead of \$1.35 as previously stated. The minutes were then approved as read.

Miriam Schaekel made a motion not to read the District reports and Leona Uryga seconded it. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary, Diane Gray read a note from Rosella Bousman and Phyllis had a note from Thelma Lester that she read. Mary Boyd and Mary Stafford stated they went to visit Thelma on Friday and said she talked about Convention.

Ruth Fairfield said she had talked with Catherine Mason and said she was doing well. Still working in her flower garden.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report, which is subject to audit. Chaplain - Joann Hays gave her report. She had some cards passed around for everyone to sign. She wanted to go over the list of the deceased members for tomorrow's Memorial Service.

She only has 2 new Bibles of each left, so in August at the meeting, we will have to discuss ordering some.

Membership - Lou said we have 95 Auxiliaries, 1049 Members, and 50 Individuals with a total of 1099. Remember — you have to get your dues paid!!!

Phyllis handed out some Certificates for new auxiliaries and 15 year memberships. Vivian Woodfill is really working hard to get some new auxiliaries started. She sent letters to departments in her district and have had some replies.

**WE ALL NEED TO WORK ON GETTING NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Auditing - Maxine Davies said the books will be audited at the August meeting.

Lois Boaz - said they were ready to go.

By-Laws - said they are ready.

Convention Committee - Phyllis said they were ready—FOR IT TO BE OVER WITH!!!

Doe Doll - Lou said she had \$548.00 turned in today, and had \$416.00 last meeting. So far, we have \$1215. sold. She said she was handed a note today, stating that a lady offered to donate the doll for next year. Her name is anonymous, so far. But, that is great!!!

Financial Study - Maxine Davies said still no major purchases. She did ask for some clarification on a couple of mileage claims.

One question was, Do district chairman get paid mileage for going to start new auxiliaries? Mary Boyd made a motion to pay mileage. She said times have changed, and we need new members and auxiliaries and if the district chairman is willing to do it, they should be paid. Toni Sorg seconded it. Motion carried.

She also asked about mileage to the State Men's Waterball meeting for the game committee members? Toni stated it was a called State meeting and they are to be paid.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said she has 14 girls. One girl from District 6 had to have emergency surgery and was unable to come. She thanked Joann Hays for making the flowers for the girls. Tonight will be the final; the lucky girl will be crowned.

Games - Toni Sorg, said the drawing will be held tonight. She does not know how many teams they have at this time.

Historian - Carolyn McCarty brought the photo albums with her. She has books 2 & 3 but unable to find book #1. She thought maybe Thelma Lester still has it, but she will look at home again.

Installation - Barbara Parker said she is ready!! Barb also reported on the Chinese Auction. At this time she has collected \$238.00. Got to sell more. We have to beat last year.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said she is HAPPY. She had \$950.00 turned in, and that makes us in the black. She has 64 tacks and 42 charms left.

Nominating - Nancy Cushman said they are ready.

Parliamentarian - Virginia Wilson, said everything is O.K.

Presidents Advisory - Toni Sorg, said she just wanted to say that Phyllis has done a great job. "The best to YOU". Phyllis said she will be glad to join the "Has Beens".

New Business - Phyllis said everyone is TIRED. Remember to come to the Koffee Klutch tomorrow morning. We had to break at 10:00 A.M. for the Memorial service.

Phyllis had a little gift on the table for everyone.

Ann Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dollie Komoscar seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Gray  
Corresponding Secretary

## District Reports:

### District 11A:

Met at North Terre Haute firehouse. We learned how to make clowns from beads. These demonstrations help to make our meetings more interesting.

Next meeting will be at St. Mary's Fire Department.

### District 11B:

Regular meeting was held at Fairview Park. A nominating committee was appointed for the July election.

The September picnic was discussed.

We are going to have mystery stew. Everyone is to bring a can of something to the July meeting.

### District 13:

We met with the men at the Indiana Reformatory Fire Department at Pendleton.

After the dinner, the men went on with their meeting and since there was only 2 of us women there, we dispensed with any business meeting.

The next district meeting will be in August.

### District 19:

The meeting was hosted by the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. Roll call was taken with 4 departments represented.

Upcoming events were discussed.

The next meeting will be at Morris on August 13th.

## Ted Hansen, retired firefighter, dies

By Michael Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

Herlof "Ted" Hansen, Jr. did what he could do while living to help build a memorial to fallen firefighters in Hobart. This legacy will live on in his death.

Mr. Hansen of Merrillville was a retired firefighter who died of lung cancer Monday, July 8,

1996. He was the father of former Hobart firefighter Ted Hansen, III, who died in the line of duty during a fire in April 1995.

The family preferred that donations in lieu of flowers be made to the Hobart Firefighters Memorial, a fund for a memorial for fallen firefighters planned in Merrillville.

"He worked on the memorial as much as his health would allow him, but unfortunately he won't see the memorial, after all," Chuck Hansen of St. John said of his father.

Chuck Hansen drew parallels between his father and his fallen brother. "They were both dedicated to their family, and my father was always only a phone

call away when someone needed him," he said.

Mr. Hansen helped start the Merrillville Fire Department in September 1958. He had been a lifetime member since his retirement in 1991, said his wife, Margaret. Mr. Hansen was also a longtime supervisor at the coke plant at U.S. Steel in Gary, a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve and a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Hansen is also survived by two daughters, Cheryl Feldner, of Schererville, and Theresa Sielski, of Valparaiso, and nine grandchildren.

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July 12, 1996

# 1996 Convention Banquet

Friday, June 21, 1996, Radisson, Merrillville, Indiana

President Glant thanked everyone for attending this banquet and called on IVFA Chaplain Charles Baker for the Invocation. The dinner, served family style, was enjoyed by all.

President Glant called on Convention Chairman, Bill Howe, Sr. who gave thanks to those people who contributed the logo and slogan used in this year's convention.

He then introduced the 50 year plus members who were in attendance, followed by the Convention Committee from Districts 1 & 2.

Chairman Howe called Sue Glant, wife of President Glant to the microphone and presented her with a '96 convention coin necklace.

President Glant presented Chairman Howe with the Convention Host plaque.

President Glant then introduced the 1996 Mr. IVFA, Charles Baker and the 1996 Lois Boaz Winner, Phyllis Vargo.

IVFAA President Vargo introduced the 1996-97 Auxiliary officers.

She then presented the IVFA President Richard Glant with his past president's pin.

President Vargo introduced the 1996 Miss Flame and the 1996 Runner-up.

The Miss Flame Chairperson, Eula Bush presented the Miss Congeniality Award to Shelly Miller from District 11-B.

Immediate Past President, Maxine Davies presented IVFAA President Vargo with her past President's pin and bar.

IVFAA President Vargo presented the Co-Committee Chairmen, Bill Howe, Sr., Bill Howe, Jr., and Larry Stott with gifts and also presented Ann Moss with a gift.

President Glant asked the Bridgeport Scholarship Committee Chairman, Lawrence Swartz to the microphone and to present this year's award winners.

They are: Mycal Mansfield and Jennifer Israel.

President Glant called on Vice President Zeeks to present the 1996 Ollie Sandburg Award to Diane Harrison from Lewis Township, Clay County.

Vice President Zeeks then presented the 1996 Midwest Awards to each of the district winners followed by his thanks to Midwest Fire & Safety for sponsoring this great program.

At this time, Districts 1 & 2 presented a video to those in attendance. This video reflected photos of each department and its members, past and present, from Districts 1 & 2.

Chairman Howe called on LuAnne Schmitt for her comments about this video.

The family of Ted Hansen III, who were in attendance, were honored with a standing ovation from everyone in the dining room in tribute to the fallen firefighter.

Barbara Kerney, along with the Miss Flame Court amused us with a musical skit they had prepared.

Convention Chairman Bill Howe, Sr. presented a check to Treasurer Stofer in the amount of \$790.00 for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Chairman Howe stated that the Demming family was responsible for this contribution.

Chairman Howe, Sr. thanked all the vendors in attendance for their support to this convention.

Bill Howe, Sr. read a letter from an individual who could not attend this convention.

President Glant presented the 1996 President's Award to Sue Glant for her support during the past year.

President Glant introduced the 1996-97 officers of the IVFA who were sworn into their respective offices by Past President and former State Fire Marshal, William Goodwin.

Mr. Goodwin congratulated the special guests in attendance, then read a poem that he dedicated to retiring Gene Stofer.

Mr. Stofer retaliated by entertaining the audience with a few stories about Bill Goodwin.

Ivan Nevil presented a video from the Fire Marshal's office. He honored Joe Smith, who has attended 50 of the past 51 conventions and also Paul Neal. He then recognized Pat Babbs for her past contributions.

President Glant called Jack Cox and Jack Zeeks to the stage and presented Jack Zeeks with his President's pin.

Jack Zeeks then presented Jack Cox with his Vice President's pin.

Robert Widmar from the Bremen Fire Department was called to the speakers stand and President Glant presented Mr. Widmar with a 50 year Collector's Coin.

Mr. Widmar presented President Glant with a plaque from the Bremen Fire Department.

William Howe, Sr. acknowledged Father Duane Lantz for 32 years as the Association Chaplain. Father Lantz gave a short appreciation speech.

At this time, Vice President Zeeks presented Richard and Sue Glant with a thank you gift for their efforts to the association.

William Howe, Jr. held the annual convention raffle.

President Glant called on IVFAA Chaplain, JoAnn Hays to the microphone for the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies

### FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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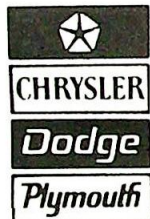
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## DISTRICT 11B

Greetings from District 11B:  
Our July district meeting was held at the Lyford Volunteer Fire Department on the 10th, at 7:00 p.m.  
The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sgt.-At-Arms Brent Bush and prayer was offered by Chaplain Con Mankin.  
Guests included West Central Public Relations Director Toddy Michl and District 11A Chairman Bob Hays.  
At this time we introduced our Miss Flame, Michelle Miller to say a few words and to congratulate her on being selected Miss Congeniality at the 1996 IVFA Convention.  
Also we presented our 1996 Midwest Award to Con Mankin for his many years of dedication to

the fire service of our area.  
Roll Call was answered by 6 departments with 29 members present.  
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as was the Treasurer's Report.  
At this time, we held a general discussion on the legislative results of the last session, the 1996 Convention in Merrillville and the State Officer's Meeting.  
Bill Bush talked of the 1998 convention being held at Terre Haute and hosted by Districts 11A & 11B.  
After much discussion, it was decided that Bill Bush would be the Co-Chairman from District 11B and that after the District 11A meeting later this month, a joint meeting will be held.  
We also passed out the 1996 North American Emergency Response Guidebooks to those departments present. Larry

Bartlow will be getting these books to the rest of the departments as soon as possible. If your department has not received their copies, please make arrangements with him to get them.  
Election of officers for the next year was held at this time and all officers were re-elected. They are as follows: Larry Bartlow, Chairman; Harold Benskin, Vice Chairman; Steve Lane, Secretary/Treasurer; Brent Bush, Sgt.-At-Arms; and Con Mankin, Chaplain. If any of us can be of any help to your department give us a call.  
The next meeting will be our picnic on September 8, 1996 at Raccoon Lake State Park at 1:00 p.m.  
Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. You will need to bring your own table service. Hobo Stew and drinks will be

provided.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.  
Note:  
On May 19, 1996, I attended the Dedication ceremony for the Bridgeton Volunteer Fire Department's new fire house.  
The IVFA Dedication Clock was presented to Bridgeton Fire Chief Dave Gilstrap at that time.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Bartlow, Chairman

## DISTRICT 17A

On Wednesday, May 15, our meeting was held at Elnora Fairgrounds. The Elnora-Elmore Volunteer Fire Department was the host with 6 departments represented by 18 firefighters.  
The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Secretary Pete Carter called the Roll and gave the Treasurer's Report.

A discussion was held about the proposed rule changes for the Board of Firefighting Personal Standards and Education, From Class One and Two to Firefighter One and Two, and also about instructor certification and retesting.

The next meeting will be a Palmyra Volunteer Fire Station at 7:30 on July 10th. This will also be the election of officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

On July 10, 1996 the Palmyra Volunteer Fire Department hosted our meeting. District Chairman Jack Harker called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pete Carter, District Secretary, gave Roll Call which was answered by 5 departments with 13 firefighters present.

A discussion was held about all the awards that the IVFA has to offer. The Family Picnic was talked about.

Also discussed was "SIDS". Every firefighter at the meeting had attended the training.

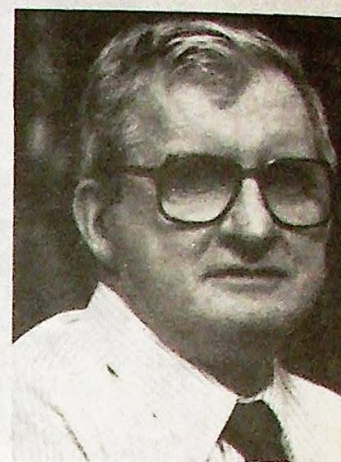
License plates were then discussed.

I would like to thank Jack Kerney and his wife for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Jack Harker, Chairman

## Public Relations Northwest



Bill Howe

July 14, 1996  
Another year has come and gone with the IVFA and the 50th Convention has become a thing of the past. As Co-Chairman of this event, I hope that you enjoyed your stay and that you would like to come back soon. It is our opinion that if you did not attend, you missed out on a good time and your chance to express your opinion at the business meetings that format your organization.

I would like to congratulate the winners of Mr. IVFA, the Lois Boaz, the Ollie Sandberg and the President's Awards, as well as, the Midwest Award winners.

A convention could not be complete without the Miss Flame and her Court. Best wishes to a group of wonderful girls.

The Convention Committee appreciates the vendors that helped to make the 1996 Convention a success. It is our request that you give the future committees the same support that we received. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

This convention elected a new slate of officers that will run the Association for the calendar year of 1997. These people need your support and input to continue making this the best Volunteer Fire Organization in America.

The July district meetings will elect a chairman. The elected chairman is the connection between you and the State Officers.

After you elect your chairman, please don't forget your responsibility. Your chairman can do no better than your support. I would like to invite each department to appoint a couple of members to attend your district meetings and give the chairman your thoughts for his transfer to the quarterly meetings that makes this organization work.

There are some training classes going in the area. If possible, attend some of these that will help you become better and safer at the job for which you have volunteered within your community.

May all your emergencies be small and above all, accident free.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your support and confidence to serve as your Public Relations Director for another year. If I can be of any help to you or your department, please call or send a note.

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IP-01	Youth Fire Prevention I 6-10 Year Old	8 Hours	8/25
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IP-03	NFPA Learn Not To Burn	6 Hours	8/24
IST-01	Instructor First Class	32 Hours	8/17,18, 24 & 25
IST-02	Instructor Second Class	16 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
IV-01	NFA Fire/Arson Detection	12 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
IV-02	Interview & Interrogation	6 Hours	8/24
IV-03	Investigation of Structural Fires	12 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
ST-01	Cults/Satanic Scene Investigation	6 Hours	8/24
TS-01	Advanced Residential Firefighting	12 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
TS-02	Emergency Incident Rehabilitation	12 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
TS-03	Highrise Firefighting Techniques	12 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
TS-04	Tactics For FF in Strip Malls	12 Hours	8/24 & 8/25
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## Fire Prevention Week

# October 6 - 12

# New Marion Township fire truck



Marion Township Trustee John Amsler poses with Rensselaer Fire Chief Marty Shuey and "Pumper One", the township's 54,000 pound, 590-horsepower fire truck.

Marion Township - Rensselaer firemen say the new Marion Township fire truck will fit easily in the fire house, even though the crowd watching its arrival Thursday evening saw it was obviously larger than any pumper truck now in their inventory.

The new truck, a custom 1996 Freightliner-Pierce 2,000 gallon pumper, will replace an aging second-string Dodge.

The Pierce, made in Wisconsin at a space-age computerized factory, includes numerous custom options and modern safety features, said Marion Township Trustee John Amsler.

"This truck is 10 years ahead of anything else on the market," Amsler said.

The Pierce, weighing in at 54,000 pounds when full of water, can carry five firefighters in its four-door crew cab, and its 590 horse diesel engine can push it to a governed 67 mph, said Fire Chief Marty Shuey.

The most important safety feature on the truck is its air-pack seating, Shuey said.

On other trucks, firemen must put air-breathing tanks and masks on after jumping out of the truck at a fire.

On the new Pierce, the air tanks are stored in big holes in the back of each seat in the cab. Firemen strap the tanks on in route to a fire, and jump out of the cab already connected to their breathing equipment, Shuey said.

"When they come out of the truck, they should be packed up and ready to grab a hose and fight a fire. They will already be sucking air when they get out of the

truck," explained fireman Randy Williamson.

Also, the fire truck has a custom-built electric arm that lowers ladders from the tip of the eleven foot tall truck, saving the time of climbing to grab them at a fire, Shuey said.

An automatic box on the left of the truck reveals the "drop tank," a canvas bag used to hold water at rural fires far from hydrants, Shuey said.

The \$186,000 truck will be in service as soon as possible, Shuey said, after custom installations are made for a 120-volt generator, used for lighting, tools and ventilation fans, along with a Hurst-type jaws of life extraction tool.

Reprinted from The Rensselaer Republican

# New Hobart fire station to be ready by mid-September

The new facility will cut response time significantly, according to Assistant Chief Randy Smith.

By Karen Snelling Staff Writer

Hobart - Mayor Linda Buzinec and Fire Chief Ray Ludwig broke ground Tuesday, July 9, 1996, on the site of the city's new fire station.

"We're excited about the start of the station and look forward to

a quick finish," Buzinec said.

The 8,400-square-foot station is being built in the 7700 block of Colorado and is scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

Chester Inc, a general contractor based in Valparaiso, is using pre-engineered steel to erect the station.

Traditional masonry construction would be more expensive, more time-consuming and not as well insulated, said project architect Peter D. Brannen.

The new station, which will replace a temporary station along 83rd Place, will be designed to house five firefighters, one more than a temporary facility.

Ludwig said it will allow the city to improve service to area subdivisions as well as the commercial strip along U.S. 30.

"We're right here. We don't have to rush two to three miles down the road," he said.

Plans to build a fire station along U.S. 30 were scrapped earlier this year because of concerns about safety and traffic.

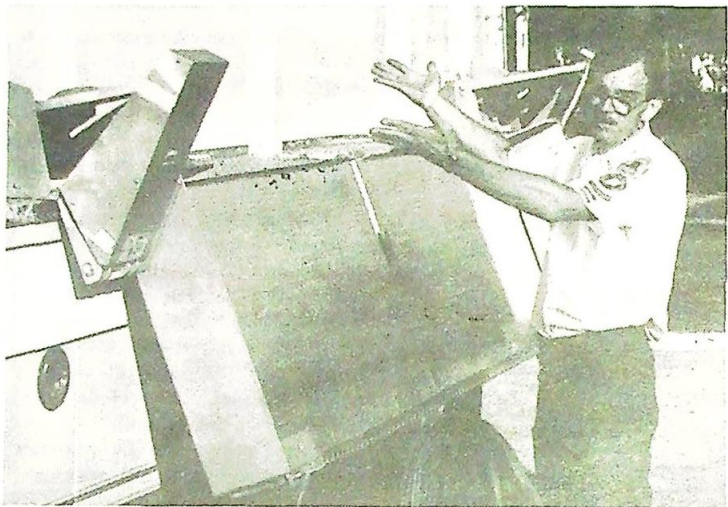
Assistant Chief Randy Smith said a tanker truck capable of carrying 3,500 gallons of water will be based in the new station.

The slower-moving tank now takes about 10 minutes to respond to calls on the city's south end where there are fewer water lines, he said.

Smith said the new location will cut the response time to about 4 minutes.

The one-acre parcel that the fire station will be located on was donated by Jubilee Partnership Ltd., the local affiliate of retail developer Schottenstein Stores Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, which is expected to develop 80 acres that surrounds the station for office and commercial use.

Reprinted from The Post Tribune July 10, 1996



Fire Chief Marty Shuey explains the automatic drop-tank holder on the side of the new truck. At a fire, the truck can flip this device down to reveal a portable water tank.

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### District 12

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Tim Kittle said a company called him to do a raffle for a fund raiser for his department and wanted to know if anyone knew anything about it.

Tim also announced that his department has a 1974 Ford with a 390 engine with 6000 miles on it for sale. If anybody is interested, contact him at Cartersburg.

JoAnn Hays announced that a lady for District 11A won the Ollie Sandberg Award at convention this year. A first for the women.

James A. Bruner is to have shoulder surgery for an injury he received during an emergency run with his department.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mrs. Bruner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

## 1996 IVFA District 18 Fire Prevention Parade

Each year, District 18 holds a parade during Fire Prevention Week in October. This parade is used to spread the message of fire prevention and safety.

This year, the Jasper Fire Department is honored to be the host for the parade.

Fire Prevention Week is held during the week in October that contains the 9th. Why the 9th, you might ask. The reason is that October 9th is the day that the 'Great Chicago Fire' (October 8-9, 1871) was finally brought under control. This fire destroyed four square miles of Chicago, including the business district. About 250 people were killed, 90,000 people were left homeless, and almost \$200,000,000.00 (two hundred

million dollars!) in property was destroyed.

"If Fire Prevention week is the week that includes the 9th, shouldn't your parade be on the 6th and not the 13th?" A very good question, and one I've heard quite often during the planning of this function. This year, it just so happens that the Huntingburg Herbsfest parade will be held on the 6th, so to avoid any conflict, and to insure a great event for both of these celebrations, we decided to have our parade a week later. This way people get to enjoy a parade two weeks in a row, and everybody loves a parade!

Another function of this parade, besides promoting fire prevention and safety, is to select a Miss Flame to represent the 18th District at the IVFA State Convention. Miss Flame is the goodwill ambassador to the state representing not only the entire IVFA, but her district and local fire department as well.

Our parade will be held on Sunday, October 13, starting at 2:00 p.m. (Dubois County Time). Line up will be held on Vine St. between 9th and 13th Streets at 12:00 noon. There will be food and drink stands at the Jasper Public Library, 1116 Main Street. Our parade will start at 13th and Jackson St., go south on Jackson, then around the public square, and then north on Main St. The parade will end at 13th and Vine St. Please park all parade units on Vine St.

It's still not too late to join in the fun! If you want to participate, just call either our Parade Chairman Tom Royer at 812-634-9473 or Jasper Fire Chief Bill Meyer at 812-482-3728.

Come on out and help us make this one of the biggest parades the 18th District has ever seen! Please make plans to join us, either as a participant or a spectator. Help Jasper Volunteer Fire Department celebrate our 100th anniversary, you never know who might show up or what surprises may be in store!

Tom Royer, Parade Chairman

## From the Vice President



Jack Zeeks

Hello Firefighters:

Hats off to Districts 1 and 2 for a great 50th Convention. Everyone involved with this - Take A Bow.

Thanks to all the vendors for a great show and also to the hotel and staff who were very accommodating. There should have been few complaints if any.

My congratulations to Mr. IVFA, Charlie Baker; the Lois Boaz Award winner, Phyllis Vargo; President's Award winner, Sue Glant; The Ollie Sandberg Award winner, Diane Harrison; Miss Flame, Nicole Barden; Miss Flame Runner-up, Alisha Vaught; and all the Midwest Award winners.

Let's start preparing to attend the 1997 convention in Indianapolis.

I want to thank everyone for their support and confidence in electing me as your new President. I will do the best I can as President of this great organization. I am looking forward to meeting old friends as well as making new friends.

Congratulations to your new Vice President, Jack Cox, your new Treasurer, Bill Kinsey and your new Public Relations Director West Central, Don Johnson.

I would also like to congratulate Lou Bartlow, the new President of the IVFAA. Good Luck, Lou.

As the summer is winding down, be reminded you will be seeing those yellow school buses

again with our children and grandchildren on the move. Please be extra careful.

Until we meet again, Carolyn and I both wish you health and happiness.

### LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

- District 2 1996-1998 Term Expires Jan. 1, 1999
- District 6 1996-1998 Term Expires Jan. 1, 1999
- District 18 1996-1998 Term Expires Jan. 1, 1999
- District 21 1996-1997 Term Expires Jan. 1, 1998
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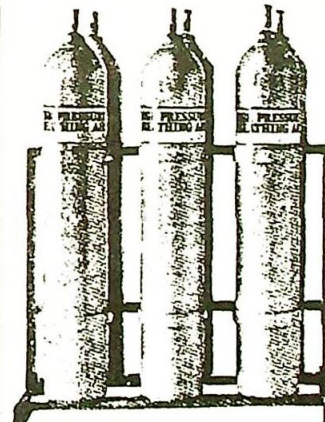
Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

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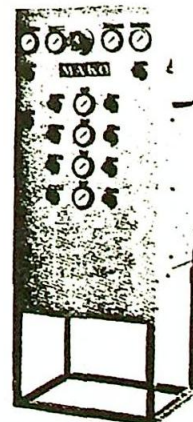
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### FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY PICNIC

This year's event was again a very fun filled and exciting day for some 1100 plus firefighters and EMTs with their families attending the Second Annual Firefighter & Emergency Medical Technicians Family Appreciation Day Picnic. Members representing career, volunteer, instructors, EMTs, inspectors, as well as fire buffs, were among those that attended this year's event.

Lunch was again provided (free) to all attendees thanks to the sponsors of this year's picnic.....

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Additionally we want to thank all those who participated in the flea market that gave our attendees the opportunity to make a purchase of that once in a lifetime buy.

The winners of this year's competition

<u>Challenge</u>	<u>Waterball</u>
1st Place - Wayne Twp. Company #2	1st Place - Penn-South
2nd Place - Madison Twp. Greencastle	2nd Place - New Haven/Adams Twp.
<u>Individual Results</u>	3rd Place- Franklin Twp.
1st Place - Mike Belsley, Dept. Unknown	
2nd Place - Matthew Neher, Bremen	
3rd Place - Mark Sinclair, Rensselaer	

To all that gave of your Sunday to work this event, to all who took time to attend and to those who participated in the games, the INDIANA FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE says, Another Good Job Hoosier Emergency Services, THANKS.....

# Number One in the Nation LOFS Cadets



Lakes of The Four Seasons - They outperformed teams from Alaska to Florida, from New York to New Mexico. And they did it after only two years of forming their team.

LOFS Fire Cadets, a group of 12 - ranging from 14 years of age to 18 years - traveled to Flagstaff, AZ, from June 24-28, for competition in the National Explorer's Leadership Conference. And they came home with the gold and a \$1000 first prize!

Co-sponsored by the LOFS Volunteer Fire Department and the Boy Scouts of America Explorers, the determined dozen raised over \$6,000 on their own to make the trip.

They competed in training drills with hoses and hydrant hook-ups; and the emphasis was on teamwork.

Advisor for the fire cadet program Joe McBride is justifiably proud of this group. "This is an extraordinary group of young people. They go through a screening process to be selected for the group, must be emotional-

ly and morally fit, and maintain a C+ average in school."

"In this particular group, there are two Eagle Scouts and one 10th grade young woman who has already won a four year science scholarship to Evansville," added McBride.

Since its inception in 1994, the program has graduated three cadets to the volunteer fire department.

That first year, the cadets raised \$3,800 to attend the Explorers' Conference and finished fourth in the competition after only two months of training.

The cadets are completely monetarily self-sufficient. They started a salt delivery program in the Seasons and now have 110 customers.

McBride points out that, effective July 1 of this year, the cadets respond to fire calls in the community. They work alongside the regular volunteers with their only restrictions being that they are not allowed to drive or enter a burning structure.

McBride also credits the suc-

cess of the program, the first of its kind in Indiana, to the support and endorsement of Fire Chief Vern Pahl. Serving on the advisory board to the cadets are: Clarence Moss, Ed Krumrie, Ebert Vandervliet, Shannon Christensen, and Mike Parks.

There will be four spots in the cadet program opening up this August 1, as present cadets move on to the volunteer force or travel to college.

McBride encourages those who are interested in making a difference; in becoming part of a successful, competitive team; in giving something back to their community; to apply to the program.

In the case of LOFS Fire Cadets, the old adage "Youth is wasted on the Young" has proved untrue. These young people are making the most of their time and talents.

Submitted by  
Ann Marie Campbell

## Miss Flame Contest '96

This year's Miss Flame Contest as usual was a delight. We started out with 16 contestants, with one withdrawing about six weeks before convention.

Then on the day convention was to start, Kristy Lee Meccia of District 6 became ill so was unable to participate.

That left us with 14 lovely girls. We had a great time throughout the 4 days. Everyone got along well, participated in all of the activities just as they were asked and showed up on time.

Nicole Barden of LaPaz, District 5 was chosen Miss Flame 1996. She is the daughter of Danny and Doris Barden.

The 1996 Miss Flame

Runnerup is Alisha Vaught of Schererville, District 1. Her parents are John and Shelley Vaught. Alisha's mother was in charge of the Pork Chop Barbeque on Wednesday evening. She did a great job!

Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Michelle Miller representing Lyford Fire Department and District 11-B. She is the daughter of David and Patricia Miller.

The Miss Flame Court is as follows:

Karine Huys-Crown Point, Shannon Mahoney-LaCrosse, Cynthia Bultemeier-Poe, April Frazee-Pennville, Jennifer Israel-Burney, Tiffany Lingenfelter-Otter Creek #1, Christina Thomas-Decatur Twp., Jamie Riley-German Twp, Sarah Schwenk-Ireland, Janeta Scheele-Morris and Angela Lister-Sheffield.

After all of the judging was done and it was time to have fun, the girls worked on a little song and dance.

Much to the surprise of most of the people in the room, the girls performed the number "Doing What Comes Naturally" at the banquet. I think they all had a great time doing it. Thanks to Barbara Kerney for her work on this. She did all of the planning and did all of the instruction and practice with the girls. Thanks Barbara and girls for a great job.

Thanks to Barbara and to the rest of the committee, Miriam Schaeckel, Faye Sallee and Ann Moss for all of their help throughout the year and at convention. Also thanks to Ann's committee who helped her.

I also want to thank all of the girls for the pretty flowers and scented candle. You are a very thoughtful bunch of girls.

And to Sara Steckler (1995 Miss Flame) thanks for just being you. You did such a great job of putting the contestants at ease while they were waiting to be interviewed by the judges. Your bubbling personality is delightful. It has been great working with you and I wish you much success.

Several people donated gifts for the contestants this year. Thanks to Jack and Barbara Kerney for the photo albums, Jack and Linda Cox for the gift bags containing Avon products, JoAnn Hays for the special "diddy bags" that were full of nice things and to this year's Convention Committee who gave a ceramic fire plug. Thanks to all of you for your interest and the gifts.

I would like to encourage all districts and fire departments to invite Miss Flame and all of the young ladies to your activities.

I also challenge all districts to send a representative to compete in the Miss Flame contest next year. For applications, you may contact me at 317-665-3213

Eula Bush, Chairman  
Miss Flame Committee

## Fire Safety for Children with Special Needs.

Fellow Firefighters,  
One of the messages I believe in strongly is that all children and all families should be able to prevent injury by fire.

Over the past year, our office has worked in cooperation with the Community Education Department of Riley Hospital for Children and the Pike Township Fire Department of Marion County to develop information sheets on fire safety for children with special needs. These sheets are provided to you in camera-ready form for copying by anyone

in desired quantities.

The sheet on "Fire Safety for Children with Special Needs" is designed for use by anyone who has children with special needs or works with children who have special health care requirements.

Copies of this sheet would be appropriate for parents, special education teachers, Step Ahead Council members, emergency medical service providers, rehabilitation specialists, 911 staff, hospital staff (to provide for parents at discharge), and others.

Please make copies of the Tip Sheet, supplied to your department, for fire instructors in your department to encourage them to promote a fire safety and prevention message for children with special needs.

This sheet outlines practical steps that can be taken by fire instructors to help teach children with special needs about fire safety and fire prevention.

I am proud of these information sheets as they reflect a commitment to reaching all children about the fire safety and prevention message and am grateful to the Indiana District of Kiwanis International for their support to produce these sheets.

Please put these resource tools to work in your community.

For copies of these information sheets, you can contact:

Office of State Fire Marshal  
402 W. Washington Street,  
Room E241,  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

Sincerely,  
M. Tracy Boatwright  
State Fire Marshal

## Letter from 1995 Bridgeport Scholarship winner

Dear Bridgeport Scholarship Committee,

Hello! My name is Crystal James. Last year, I was one of two recipients of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association scholarships you awarded.

I just finished my second year at Indiana University in Bloomington with a major in history and a minor in psychology. My current cumulative GPA is 3.55.

Because of some credits I received through high school, I will graduate from I.U. in May of 1997 instead of May 1998. As I said, I am a history major, psychology minor, but am also fulfilling pre-physical therapy requirements. Upon graduation next spring, I plan to pursue a master's degree in physical therapy.

The financial assistance from the IVFA really made this year much easier on me as a student. I did not have to work as much as I would have otherwise, and thus, was able to concentrate on grades and become involved in extracurricular activities like the national coed service fraternity I am a member of (Alpha Phi Omega) and the Student Alumni Association.

The scholarship truly made a wonderful difference in my pursuit of higher education. Again, thank you so much!! This scholarship is a great reward to students who wish to further their education but may not have the means to do so.

Sincerely,  
Crystal James, I.U. student

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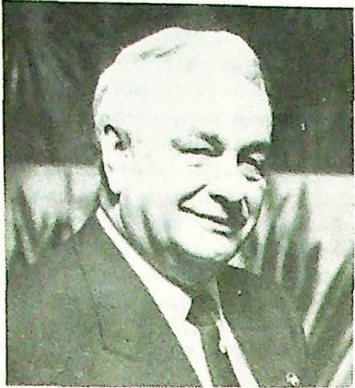
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THANKS - I think. This will be the next to last column as PRNE from me. I'm taking the support I received in my election as Treasurer of the IVFA as a vote of confidence that I can do the job that Gene Stofer did for 30 plus years and — not as a signal that Districts 4, 5, 6, & 7 wanted a new PR man.

Seriously, I want to thank all who supported my bid for the office of Treasurer of the IVFA. I will give my best efforts to maintaining the financial records of the association and making recommendations to continue support of the State Office at One North Capital Avenue in the best interest of maintaining the financial solvency of our association.

For those who didn't vote for me, I'll do my best to convince you that the majority who elected me to the office made the right decision for the association.

I'll need the support of all the association officers & members.

Please understand that I will meet often during the next 6 months with Gene and Lynn in making this transition as smooth as possible. I won't even attempt to learn in 6 months all that Gene knows from over thirty years experience managing the financial affairs of our association, but with his help leading me through this transition, it will be uninterrupted service to our members.

The establishment of our State Office is the only way I could consider taking the responsibility of this office. I believe many members will consider and seek office NOW that we have the clerical help, record keeping capability and communications of our State Office.

The staff and particularly Tami, the Manager/Director of the Indy office knows that the key to success is a combination of speed, accuracy, availability 8 to 5 Monday thru Friday, and most importantly, courteous service to our members. I'm excited to have this opportunity.

Dick Glant, President will assume the most important office of PRNE January 1, 1997. I know he will do a great job.

I hope I will be invited to the district meetings to meet with the friends I've made over the last many years. Thank you for your friendship.

I was most pleasantly surprised when I received the Midwest Award from District 4 where my friends have chosen to "adopt" and look after me. Thank you again.

I hope to see many of you at the IPSI Family Appreciation Picnic, July 14. Last year was great and I believe this year will be even better.

My sincere congratulations to Charlie Baker who certainly deserves to be Mr. IVFA, and to the new officers of our association.

I'm confident 1997 will be a great year.

It's been great being Northeast Public Relations Director.

Thank you.

**Bridgeton V.F.D. Dedication**



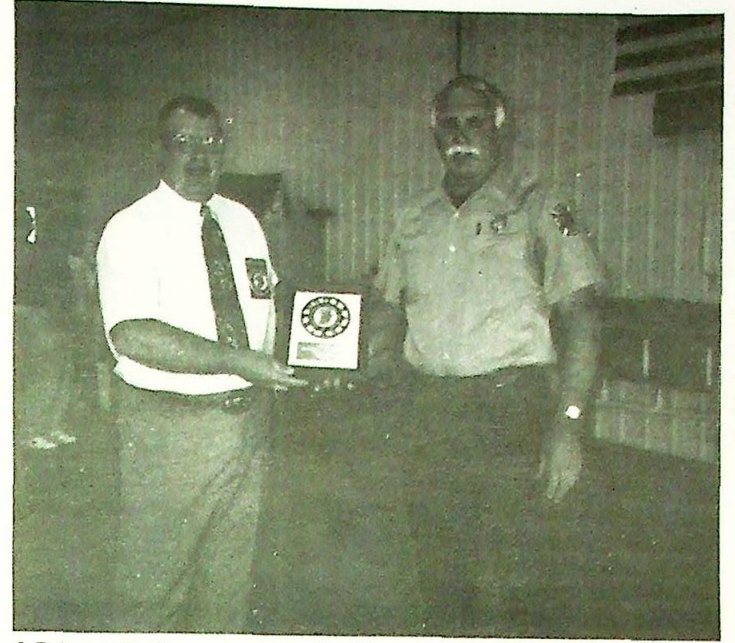
L-R IVFA President Richard Glant; Chief Dave Gilstrap; Imm. Past Pres. Mitch Parish; Dist. 11B Chairman Larry Bartlow; Chaplain Charles Baker

On May 19, 1996, the Bridgeton VFD had a dedication ceremony for their new firehouse. The welcome was given by Chief Dave Gilstrap. Invocation was given by Chaplain Charles Baker. The Pledge was led by Ass't Chief Greg Mager, followed by the

National Anthem sung by Lisa Kneeland.

District 11B Chairman Larry Bartlow presented the department with a clock.

Special awards were presented to all the Charter members of the Bridgeton V.F.D. There were 5 charter members present, and



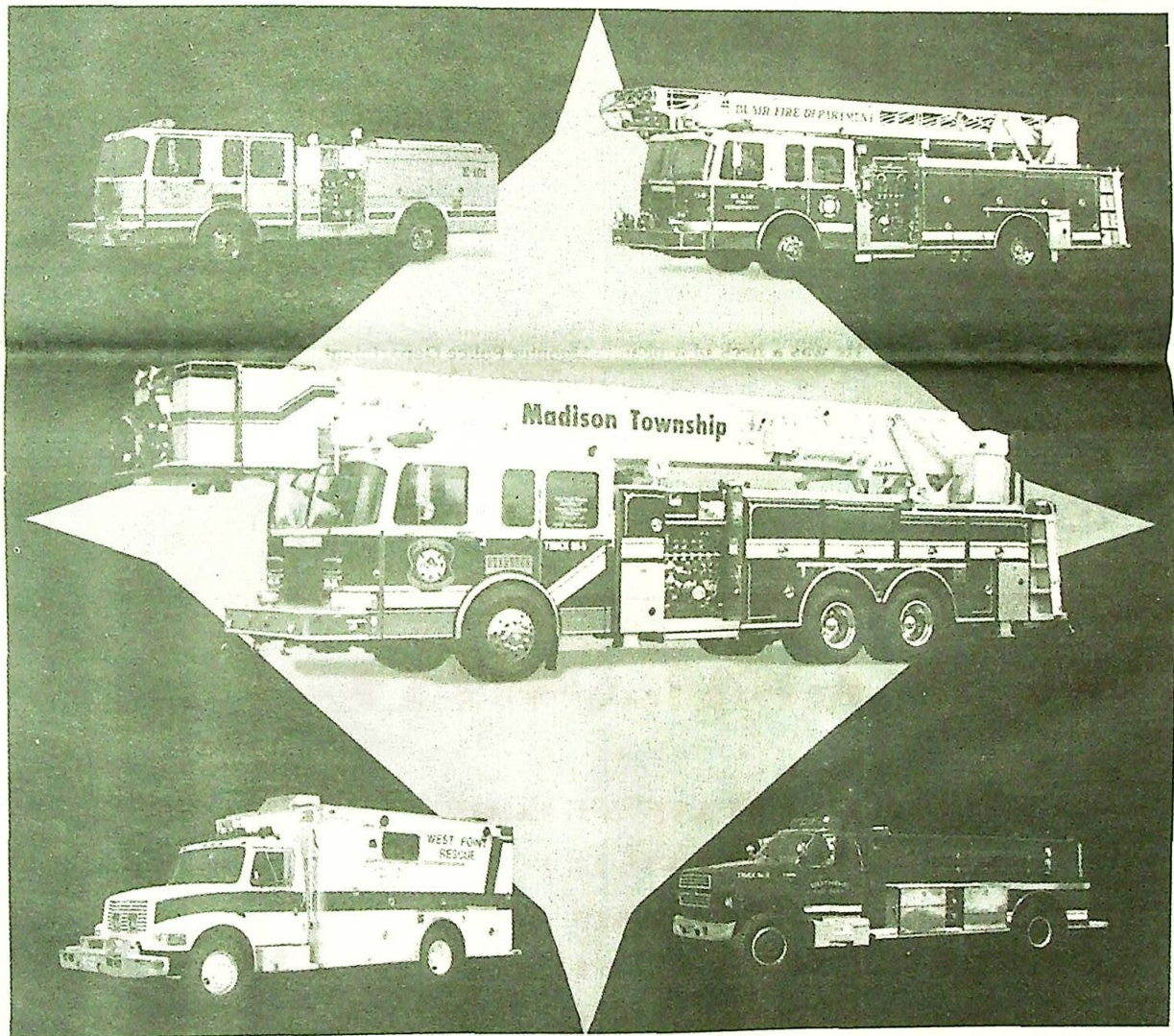
L-R: Larry Bartlow, presenting Chief Dave Gilstrap with an IVFA clock.

the other certificates were presented to family members of the deceased firemen.

A special award was presented to the Gene Hawkins family for their donation of the land on which the new firehouse was constructed. A special stone with a plaque thanking the Hawkins'

family will be placed in front of the new firehouse.

Richard Glant, IVFA President, was the guest speaker. Charles Baker offered a dedication prayer. Chief Gilstrap ended the program by thanking everyone for their help and support of the department.



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# Man dies in pickup-train crash

**Victim is former  
Cromwell Fire Chief  
Alan Hutsell**

By Dave Knopp  
Cromwell - Alan L. Hutsell, a former chief of the Sparta Township Fire Department, died of massive head injuries at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1996, when the pickup he was driving was struck by a CSX freight train, according to the Nobel County Sheriff's Department.

Hutsell, of Cromwell, is the father of Joe Hutsell, former Ligonier police chief, and at 61 was the oldest active member of the fire department.

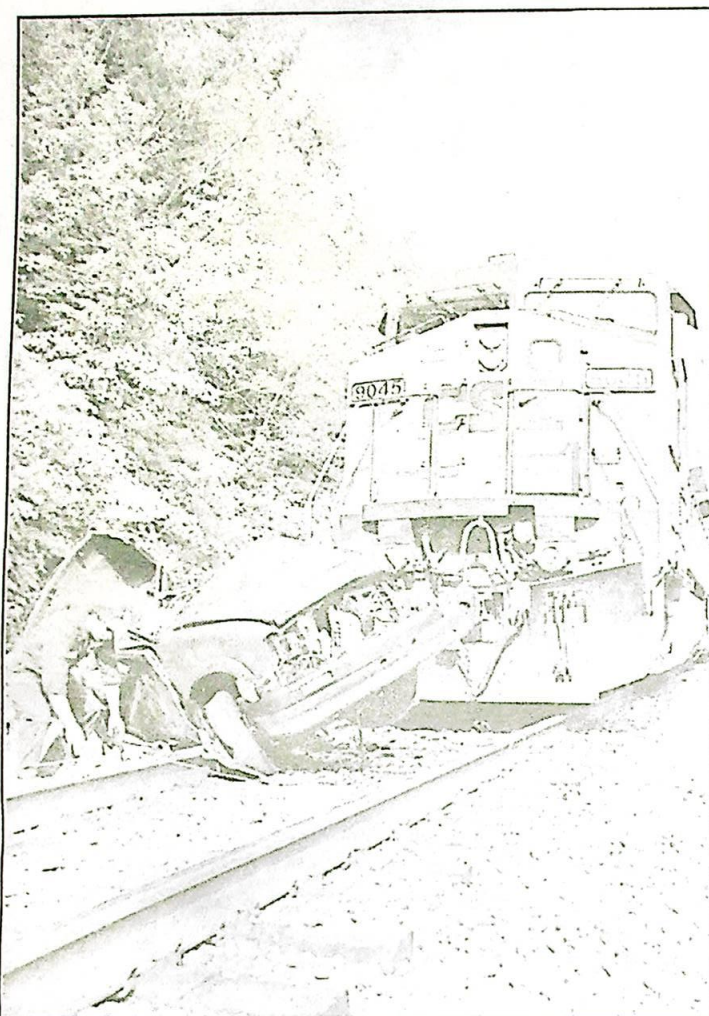
He had been northbound on C.R. 1025W, just west of Cromwell, in a 1995 Chevy S-10, when the accident occurred as he entered the path of the train headed east from Chicago to Willard, Ohio.

Upon impact, the vehicle was destroyed and tilted up sideways onto the protective barrier at the front of the train engine, which braked about a mile before coming to a complete stop between Indiana 5 and C.R. 900W.

The C.R. 1025W crossing is not equipped with gates or flashing lights, but does have "stop" and "railroad crossing" signs along both the north and south approaches.

The engineer driving the train told the investigating deputy that Hutsell stopped at the crossing and then proceeded, despite a light of the train being on and the sounding of its horn.

"He was a good fireman," said Jim Wallace, who served on Sparta Township Fire Department with Hutsell for more than 30 years and used to organize the Fourth of July fireworks with him for Lake Wawasee and



News-Sun photo by Dave Knopp

**FATAL CRASH** - A pickup truck was struck by a train Tuesday morning, July 9, 1996 at the C.R. 1025W crossing. The accident killed the driver of the pickup, Alan L. Hutsell of Cromwell. The train came to a complete stop about a mile east of the intersection.

Ligonier.

"Everybody thought the world of him. He was a heck of a nice guy"

Responding to the scene along with the Noble County Sheriff's Department and fire department were Noble County Coroner Terry Brazzell and personnel

from the Noble County Emergency Medical Service and Ligonier Police Department.

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The News-Sun  
Kendallville, IN  
Tuesday, July 9, 1996

## Juniors Achieve Their Best

For ten years, through the "VFIS Junior Firefighter Excellence Award Contest," VFIS has placed the spotlight on junior firefighters for their accomplishments in the fire service.

Through the years VFIS has had several inquiries from other emergency service organizations as to whether they were eligible to enter this special contest.

Because VFIS is a supporter of all the emergency services, we are proud to announce our eleventh year contest, the "VFIS Junior Emergency Services Excellence Award Contest".

In the more than twenty-five years, VFIS has been in the business of serving the emergency services, we continue to provide benefits to the emergency service field with our many safety and educational materials.

Important to VFIS, is the future of the emergency services. We want to see these organizations develop and grow with devoted individuals who appreciate their community and the people who live there.

We hope training today's

youth for tomorrow's future will contribute to the goal of eliminating deaths and injuries of the public and in the emergency services.

The entry deadline for the contest is December 1, 1996. All applications must be postmarked by this date to become eligible for the contest.

Applications may be obtained by either calling VFIS at (800) 233-1957 or you may write to

VFIS,  
P.O. Box 2726,  
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This is a group award.

VFIS is pleased to announce the following 1995 prize recipients of the "VFIS Junior Firefighter Excellence Award Contest".

First Place: Seffner Mango Volunteer Fire Department, Seffner, FL

Second Place: Clark County Fire District #11, Battle Ground, WA

Third Place: Springdale Fire Department Explorer Post 211, Springdale, OH

Many applications were received and our judges were very impressed with the quality of each junior program presented.

Thank you to those groups who submitted their application and materials for the excellence award.

## Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Fireman

Effective: January 1, 1994

The Paper is of tabloid size, Publisher & Editor Robert Laney, P.O. Box 437, Crown Point, IN 46307.

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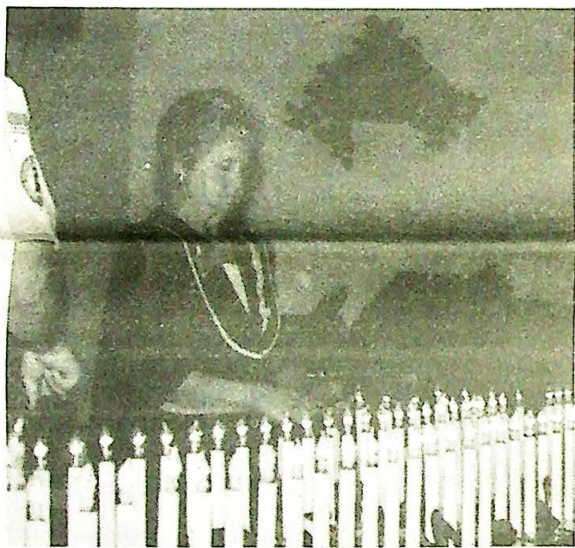
# 1996 Convention



District 2 Midwest Award winner, Dennis Wilkening and his wife Barbara



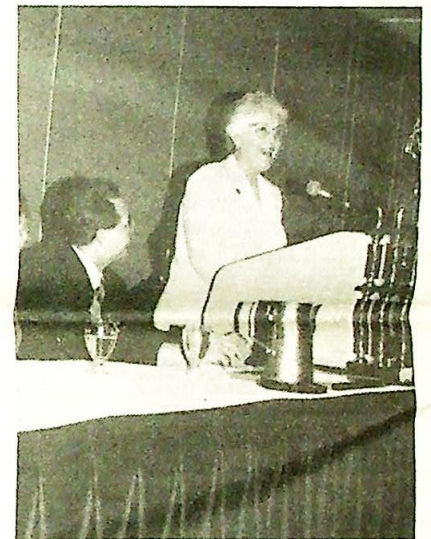
President Richard Glant passes the President's pin to incoming President Jack Zeeks, as Chairman of the Board Mitch Parish watches.



JoAnn Hays lays a rose on the memorial cross during the Memorial Service



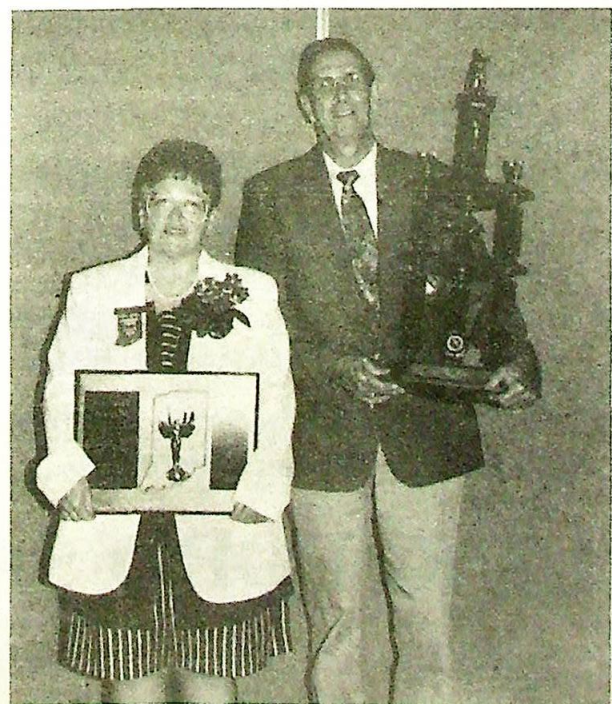
State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright addresses members at the joint meeting



Indiana Fire Caucus Co-Chairman, Senator Sue Landske during the joint meeting.



50 Years of Service. Julius Demik, John Wilson, Myron Smith and Emil Zula



1996 Lois Boaz Award winner - Phyllis Vargo and Mr. IVFA Winner - Charlie Baker

# 50th Anniversary



1995 Miss Flame Sarah Steckler (center) with 1996 Miss Flame Nicole Marie Barden (right) and Runner-up Alisha Vaught



1996 Miss Flame and her court

### 1996 IVFA Convention Games

#### Waterball

- 1. Penn South
  - 2. New Haven-Adams Twp.
  - 3. Lake Hills
  - 4. Breman
- Fairview Park  
Franklin Twp.  
Lake Hills #2  
Kouts  
New Chicago  
New Haven-Adams Twp. #2  
Union

#### Hose Replacement

- 1. Lake Hills #1 34 secs.
  - 2. Lake Hills #2
  - 3. Kouts
  - 4. New Chicago
- New Haven-Adams Twp.

#### Cart Race

- 1. Lake Hills #1 40 secs.
- 2. Kouts
- 3. New Chicago
- 4. Lake Hills #2

Al Mendel  
Games Committee Chairman



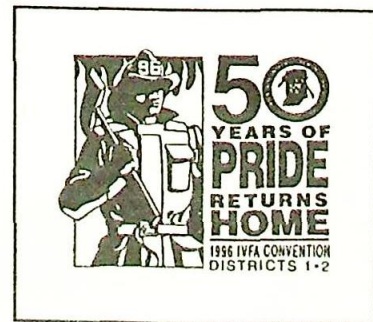
First Place - Hose Replacement  
Lake Hills #1



First Place - Cart Race  
Lake Hills #1



First Place - Waterball  
Penn South #1



# IVFA State Officer's Meeting - June

June 20, 1996  
Radisson Hotel, Merrillville.

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

President Glant called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Larry Stott to accept the minutes as printed in the paper. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a voice vote.

### OFFICER'S REPORT

President Glant passed.  
Vice President Zeeks passed.  
Assistant Secretary Davies passed.  
Chaplain Baker read a recent news article concerning a fireman then passed.  
Assistant Chaplain Lantz reported conducting one memorial service.  
Sgt-at-Arms Bush passed.  
Secretary Hinkle reported he has gold membership cards that need to be distributed to the rightful owners.  
The association currently has 1600 members paid, with 85 departments paid on time.

### PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe explained the agenda for the convention activities.  
NE Kinsey was absent.  
EC Cox passed.  
WC Michl passed.  
SW Kerney passed.  
SE Caudill passed.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORT

D1 Howe was absent, on convention duty.  
D2 Stott passed.  
D3 Uryga passed.  
D4 Ferro passed.  
D5 Kissinger passed.  
D6 Baker introduced a visitor who was with him.  
D7 Sorg passed.  
D8A Fleenor passed.  
D8B Petro passed.  
D9A Cline passed.  
D9B Koehler passed.  
D10 Israel passed.  
D11A Hays passed.  
D11B Bartlow passed.  
D12 Johnson passed.  
D13A Cushman passed.  
D13B Spears passed.  
D14 Ehlers passed.  
D15 Wargel passed.

D16 Hickman absent.  
D11A Harker passed.  
D17B Kluender reported he has information concerning airbags if anyone was interested.  
D18 Daunhauer passed.  
D19 Covington passed.  
D20 Palmiero passed.  
D21 Martin passed.

At this time, President Glant called on Bill Howe, Sr., who made several announcements.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

All past presidents in attendance passed.  
Treasurer Stofer's report was given by Chaplain Baker indicating there was \$306,852.10 in the General Fund balance as of 5-31-96. The Bridgeport Fund has a balance of \$82,250.45.

President Glant reported the convention business meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21st.

### OLD BUSINESS

President Glant remarked about amendments to the SOG that needed to be adopted into the guidelines. The proposed amendments were reviewed.

Robert Uryga made a motion to accept the Sec XVI, Item 5 proposed amendment to the SOG. Seconded by C. Cline. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Jack Cox to accept the proposed amendment to Sec XVI COMMITTEES to add the following line: 6. Audit Committee: This committee consists of Board Chairman, Treasurer, and Four District Chairmen. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Jack Kerney to adjourn. Seconded by Jack Cox. 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 Jack Cox to accept the minutes as printed in the paper. Seconded by Mort Sorg. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Cushman. Seconded by John Ferro. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies,  
Assistant Secretary

## Public Relations Southwest



Jack Kerney

Since the last report, I attended the Indy Fire School. The classes for the two weekends were of top quality.

On May 13, I attended the Greene County Firefighters meeting at Eastern Fire Department. It was nice to see Representative Jerry Denbo at the meeting.

A discussion was held on what Mr. Denbo could do for the volunteer fire departments.

On May 15, I attended the District 17A meeting at Elnora and on May 16, the District 18 meeting at Grandview.

Congratulations to Mycal Mansfield, the daughter of Jim Mansfield from Tell City. She won one of the \$1500. Bridgeport scholarships.

On May 19, my home department, McCutchanville Fire Department, celebrated their 50th year anniversary. Congratulations, and may we have many more years of serving our community.

On May 21, I attended the District 15 meeting at Ft. Branch. Congratulations to Charlie Atterberry, who received his 50 Year Gold Card from the IVFA. This was the first Gold Card awarded in District 15.

During June, I attended the IVFA Convention in Merrillville. Bill Howe and his committee did a great job celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

Congratulations to Charlie Baker for being selected Mr. IVFA and to Diane Harrison of Coalmont Fire Department for receiving the Ollie Sandberg Award.

On July 8, I attended the Greene County Firefighters meeting. It was nice to see that some of the hand-out information that I have been passing out went to some good. One department found out that their insurance did not meet the letter of the law.

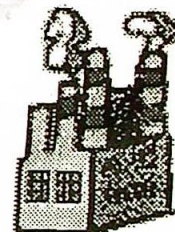
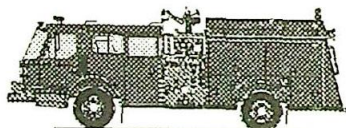
On July 10, I attended the District 17A meeting at Palmyra Fire Department.

On July 14, I attended the Firefighter/EMT Appreciation Picnic. It was a great day for a picnic.

I would like to thank our 1995 Miss Flame Sara Steckler from St. Henry Fire Department representing District 18. You did a terrific job of representing the IVFA.

Thanks to Jamie Riley, from German Township Fire Department, representing District 15 and Sara Schwenk from Ireland Fire Department, representing District 18. All of the young ladies that participated were winners.

Keep Barbara and I informed of your meetings and fund raisers. We would be glad to attend.



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# IVFA State Officer's Meeting - May

May 4, 1996

Ramada Inn South, Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order by President Glant and the invocation was given by Chaplain Baker.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice President Zeeks. President Glant introduced guests present.

## OFFICER'S REPORT

President Glant reported he had attended a seminar in St. Paul, Minn, attended the services for former Recording Secretary Max Poling and went to Washington, D.C. to the institute banquet.

Vice President Zeeks stated he had made a few meetings, his work schedule is heavy right now.

Secretary Hinkle stated the dues notices were ready to be sent out. Currently there are 17,575 members paid with 15,296 paid on time. There are 740 departments paid with 620 departments paid on time. The new system is installed at his home and in service. There are 12 addresses for E-Mail being used.

Treasurer Stofer gave his report through 4/30/96. He also went to Washington, D.C. and spoke on some of the events that were taking place in the capitol that effect the local areas.

Chaplain Baker announced the IFSI Family Picnic will be July 14th at the same place as last year.

Assistant Chaplain Lantz gave his quarterly report stating he had held 3 memorial services and had driven 485 miles.

## PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe reported he had attended all of his meetings, the attendance was increasing.

NE Kinsey announced District 6 had a new chairman. He attended the Max Poling memorial service and the banquet in Washington, D.C.

At this time, President Glant called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Bill Kinsey to accept the minutes as printed in the paper. Seconded by Jack Kerney. The motion carried by a voice vote.

WC Michl reported he had made all of his meetings and that Bridgeton Fire House dedication was coming up.

EC Cox reported the area was quiet. There is a new chairman for District 13B.

SW Kerney reported attending the FDIC meeting, the fire school in Indianapolis and that on May 19th McCutchanville Fire Department will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

SE Caudill reported he made all his district meetings and attended the banquet in Washington, D.C.

## OFFICER'S REPORT CONT.

Assistant Secretary Davies thanked everyone for the cards, calls, letters and visits following his major surgery in March.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported attending Lyford Fire House dedication.

## DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT

D1 Howe reported he had attended several schools, fund raisers and went to Washington, D.C.

D2 Stott reported one death in the district. He attended the convention meeting and also went to Washington, D.C.

D3 Uryga was absent.

D4 Greg Freed, District Secretary reported the district attendance was fair. He also read a resolution for the '96 convention. A question and answer session followed this reading.

D5 Kissinger reported meeting attendance fair. There was one death of a former district chairman. He issued a 50 year card to a member.

D6 Baker introduced himself as the new district chairman. He reported one death in the district.

D7 Sorg reported the annual bake sale at the last meeting. He attended the National Volunteer Fire Council in Texas and also attended the new officer seminar held in Indianapolis.

D8A Fleenor reported the district was quiet, not much going on.

D8B Petro stated the attendance at the meetings was down. There had been one death in the district.

D9A Cline reported the last meeting was good. Was working with a department to join the association.

D9B Koehler stated his own district was quiet. He had attended several district meetings.

D3 Uryga reported that fund raiser program was going well. He also went to Washington, D.C. and said the seminars were well presented.

D10 Israel reported that he too went to Washington, D.C. and enjoyed the trip.

D11A Hays reported 3 deaths in the district. Attendance at meetings was up and attended one firehouse dedication.

D11B Bartlow reported attending one fire house dedication in Lyford and had another dedication coming up in Bridgeton. He expressed concern with the license plate application mailing delays from the executive office to departments in his district.

D12 Johnson stated the district was quiet, not much going on.

D13A Cushman also reported his district was quiet.

D13B Dennis Spears introduced himself as the new dist. chairman.

D14 Ehlers reported one death in the district. The attendance at the last meeting was down and he also went to Washington, D.C.

D15 Wargel reported the last district meeting was cancelled due to the weather. He attended the district officer's school in Indianapolis.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker reported attendance has been good. The district will have a fund raiser on May 25th.

D17B Kluender reported district attendance was normal. He attended the fire school in Indianapolis and went to Washington, D.C.

D18 Daunhauer stated the attendance at the last meeting was good. There were 3 deaths in the district.

D19 Covington reported that the attendance at last meeting was down. There had been one death in the district.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin reported he attended the FDIC meeting. The district attendance was about the same.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Mitch Parish reported he went to Washington, D.C. and attended the legislative hearings while there.

All the other past presidents in attendance passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Stofer spoke on several federal programs currently

being considered and the impact that these programs would have on local levels of the fire service.

The state legislation this year, provided the fire service with new bills being passed. This year was a good year for bills passed that affected the fire service. A question and answer session was held following his presentation.

Editor's Assistant - Howe stated that the current issue was being put together. Would be mailed next week.

The Mr. IVFA Brochures are ready to be mailed. One will go in each ditty bag at the convention and the rest will go to the Sgt-at-Arms for distribution.

Ad Taker - Swartz reported the current issue of the paper had 29 ads plus classified ads. Income from this issue is \$3,470. There are outstanding accounts totaling \$932.60.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Stofer spoke about the contract with the United States Tobacco that was signed at the Austin meeting. Fifty different associations will receive \$10,000 each. A form must be filled out stating what it will be used for. It is a 3 year program for 1 million dollars annually.

The annual auction went very well with almost \$5,000.00 being raised. Kansas City will be the site for the next meeting.

At this time, President Glant called on Eula Bush who verified the Miss Flame Contestant roster by each district.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT

By-Laws - Stofer stated that a few changes had taken place several years ago, Miss Flame expenses, change in the new officers will be entitled to all legal expenses.

An audit committee description, both for the SOG's. Stofer made a motion that we accept the SOG's proposed. Seconded by Buz Koehler. The motion carried by a hand vote.

EMS - Stott reported the committee was looking into the pediatric training and in service hours for paramedics.

Historical - Parish reported the committee was coming along very well.

Insurance - Stofer spoke on an incident that happened in Hancock County.

Awards - Zeeks reported that everything is in order and ready to go.

Standards & Education - Covington stated that the proposed rules are printed. The 24th of May is the hearing date. A board meeting will follow the hearing. Copies of the proposed rule changes were passed out to those in attendance. A question and answer session was held following his presentation.

Convention - Howe reported the convention dates. Rooms are still available. Rates are firm through the 19th. Camp sites are still available. The event schedule was explained. The raffle prizes were announced. He gave the dates for the rest of the convention planning meetings.

President Glant called on Ivan Nevil who discussed a recent survey that was taken as a project to evaluate counties that are served by volunteer fire departments and what percentage of the population was served by volunteer fire departments.

He also spoke on the Indiana Weekend at the Nation Fire Academy. It will be June 29-30, 1996.

He is also working on a new certification sheet.

August 8 will be the only Ranger LP Fire School this year and it will be in Shelbyville.

He then gave dates for the NFA "Train the Trainer" classes in the Indianapolis area.

He also announced that there is a 75/25% unlimited fund avail-

able through the State Budget Agency representative. This is a no interest, 5 year loan payback. This fund is for moving equipment only, no funds for buildings will be authorized.

President Glant recessed the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

## SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Glant with the invocation given by Chaplain Baker.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

IAFC - Wargel passed out a newsletter from the volunteer section of the organization to those in attendance.

President Glant spoke on a packet from the Civil Development Group on telemarketing that every officer received in the mail last week and opened the floor for discussion on the project. Several in attendance expressed their views either pro or con towards this project.

President Glant introduced Al Mendel, Games Chairman who spoke on the information that appeared in the newspaper that was in error and he made a clarification to several items of concern that appeared in the paper.

The next meeting of the waterball committee will be on May 19th at 2:00 p.m. in Bremen. The registration fees and entry fees were discussed.

He also discussed the research he had done towards expenses occurred. Last year, the games expenses were \$1,039. The income reported was \$300.00. There were 18 teams entered in 1995.

Dennis Schavey from the New Chicago VFD presented Al Mendel with a check in the amount of \$500.00 to offset some of the expenses at the games for the '96 convention. This check is to apply towards the Saturday morning team entry fees.

He also recommended changing the title of the team names to Firefighters for the men and Auxiliary for the ladies' waterball.

Proposed Fire Service Convention - Kerney reported on the possibility of combining the agencies into a combined convention.

1997 will be the first year for the program to be held at Wayne Township in Marion County. A lengthy question and answer session followed his presentation. A motion was made by Nelson Ehlers to accept the project and to move forward. Seconded by Paul Covington. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A report on the executive office was given by Gene Stofer. Early stages showed there were problems in the office. He stated it was getting better.

A second report on the office was given by Tom Hinkle. He expressed his concerns in working with the executive office. He gave several incidents of problems he was having with the staff of the office.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buz Koehler. Seconded by Lawrence Swartz. 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 by Jack Cox to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Don Johnson to reconsider the telemarketing program. Seconded by Charles Cline. The voice vote was

17 yes, 20 no. The project is dropped.

Chairman Parish spoke on small claims court to collect the unpaid bills owed the association. A motion by Bill Howe Sr. to allow the paper committee to set the guidelines for filing of claims to collect the debts owed the association. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

A suggestion from the floor to send copies of the IVFA newspaper to the trustees and clerk/treasurers that are directly involved with the purchase of fire equipment. A motion was made by Larry Petro not to open this can of worms. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Discussion of treasurer's report stating there is a \$5,000 expense for license plate forms including mailing costs. A proposed \$5.00 fee per license application form that are mailed to a firefighter. A motion by Nelson Ehlers to publish the application in the paper. For a \$5.00 fee, a license plate form can be sent in for the 1998 plate. Seconded by Joe Caudill. The roll call was taken by Ass't Sec John Davies with the vote as follows:

Dist 1	Nay	Dist 11B	Yea
Dist 2	Nay	Dist 12	Nay
Dist 3	Nay	Dist 13A	Nay
Dist 4	Yea	Dist 13B	Yea
Dist 5	Yea	Dist 14	Yea
Dist 6	Yea	Dist 15	Nay
Dist 7	Yea	Dist 16	Absent
Dist 8A	Yea	Dist 17A	Yea
Dist 8B	Nay	Dist 17B	Yea
Dist 9A	Yea	Dist 18	Nay
Dist 9B	Yea	Dist 19	Nay
Dist 10	Yea	Dist 20	Absent
Dist 11A	Yea	Dist 21	Yea
PRNW	Nay	PRNE	Yea
PRWC	Yea	PREC	Yea
PRSW	Nay	PRSE	Yea
Pres.	Yea	V. Pres	Yea
Treas.	Yea	Sec.	Yea
Chap.	Yea	Sgt-Arms	Absent
Chairman of the Board	Yea		

The motion carried by a recorded vote as indicated above.

The Standard Operating Guidelines allows the association to change the allowance of the secretary and treasurer from 25 cents to 10 cents per member. A motion was made by Jack Cox to authorize this change. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Parish commented on a Internet fee of \$20.00 per month for Secretary Tom Hinkle access in his computer. A motion was made by Bill Howe, Jr. to accept this recommendation. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Jack Zeeks to allow Gene Stofer to handle the reply to the survey from the Democratic Caucus that was received. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Parish stated that Districts 1 & 2 did not borrow any money to start their 1996 convention.

Chairman Parish reviewed the two Standard Operating Guideline changes.

Section XI, Expense and Allowance officers elect shall be entitled to all legal expenses.

Sect XVI Item proposed Annual Meeting Committees, Mileage, Credentials, Elections. Add Audit Committee consists of Board Chairman, Treasurer and Four District Chairmen. A motion was made by Perry Martin to accept the two guidelines. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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

The benediction was given by Assistant Chaplain Lantz.

Respectively submitted,  
John Davies  
Assistant Secretary

# Pershing Township VFD Special Training Program



Eric Roll, right, demonstrates SCBA maintenance procedures for Pershing firefighter Shane Loper.



Pershing firefighter Joe McDermid dons wildland fire suppression gear under the supervision of Lt. Robert Stone

Pershing Township Fire Department recently completed a series of special training programs. The sessions held at the Freetown Fire Station were open to all Jackson County Emergency personnel.

Firefighters attended classes discussing specific hazards and operations in wildland fire suppression.

Fire Chief Richard Blaker addressed proper fireline construction and equipment useage.

Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott taught classes in fire behavior and wildland fire terminology.

"We did a lot of hands on work", said Chief Blaker. "The only way to learn is to experience briars in the face and tree limbs across your fireline. They got a work out."

Robert Stone, a Lieutenant with Brownstown Fire Department and a U.S. Forest Service firefighter, instructed a three hour Wildland Firefighter Safety course. Stone has extensive training

and experience in wildland fire attack.

Stone is a graduate of Hocking Technical College in Canton Ohio with an Associates Degree in Forestry.

Since joining Brownstown Fire Department he has completed Master Firefighter Training in Tactics, Management, and Wildland Fire Suppression. He is a Second Class fire instructor and is a training officer with his department.

Eric Roll of Seymour City Fire Department presented a class on Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

The program made firefighters familiar with the general principles of SCBA use and maintenance.

Roll a six year veteran firefighter, is currently enrolled at IVY Tech in Indianapolis working toward an Associate Degree in Applied Fire Science. He holds Master Firefighter certifications in Tactics, Driver Operator, Management, inspections, and

fire/arson investigation.

Lifeline Helicopter and crew landed in Freetown to complete the series on April 27th.

Approximately thirty County Emergency responders received "Lifeline On-Scene" training.

The crew demonstrated the proper approach procedures for both hot and cold loading into the patient compartment.

Responders were given the opportunity to inspect the aircraft and equipment.

"Our approach to training is to keep people interested by a varied program," commented Deputy Chief Scott, who directs training for the department.

"We are bringing in excellent outside instructors who have a real working knowledge of the subject. They bring a dimension to the schedule that is very beneficial."

"We have a secret weapon in Karen Fleenor, who loans us her video camera and her time to record these sessions," said Blaker.

"When we have outstanding training available, we now can offer it to all our firefighters regardless of work schedules. It has helped make our day-time firefighters feel like a part of the team."

Pershing Township Firefighters Richard Blaker, Marvin Fleenor, Michael Hall, and Angela Fleenor also completed the 8 hour Wildland fire suppression program with Indiana DNR.

The course was held at Seymour City Fire Station and taught by Steve Creech and Robert Stone.

## FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Our committee needs to know how many firemen in Indiana would be interested in purchasing a deluxe hard back historical book covering 1946-1996.

The book will be sold at cost. We hope to hold the price to \$15.00. DO NOT send any money at this time.

We only need to know how many books to print.

Please indicate on a post-card how many books you would want & send the post-card to:

Willie M. Parish  
P.O. Box 15  
Francesville, IN 47946

We need your reply on or before November 1, 1996.  
Thank you.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Don't be left out by not applying for one of the two scholarships given away annually at convention time.

The Bridgeport Scholarship Committee Members were pleased to award a scholarship of \$1,500.00 to MYCAL L. MANSFIELD of Tell City and another of the same amount to JENNIFER R. ISRAEL of Greensburg. We certainly wish both of these young ladies the best as they further their education and become stalwart members of our society.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association through the Bridgeport Scholarship Program is very proud to not only protect and serve our communities as volunteers, but to also provide benefits to our members and their children.

If someone in your family could use financial help in reaching their educational goals, please do not hesitate to apply for our scholarships.

Forms are available from all the elected officers or contact me and I will be happy to send you one.

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# Marshal's Memo July, 1996

It's time once again to get this monthly mailing put together; so here it goes for July.

Indiana Weekend went very well this year. We had many good comments about the programs and the Fallen Firefighter ceremony. We hope everyone enjoyed it and will be looking forward to next year. The weather was terrific, which really added to the weekend.

Our thanks to the Perry Township Fire Department Honor Guard for helping to make it a very classy affair.

By the way, Captain Paul Smith of Perry Township would like copies or negatives of any good pictures that were taken.

On another note, our Juvenile Fire Setters Conference is rapidly approaching. Don't miss out, it's September 21st and 22nd at the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium. (See page 25 in this newspaper for more information). It is \$60.00 for the two days if you get registered before August 20th, and \$75.00 after that date.

There will be parking in the Washington Street Garage for conference participants.

On the fireworks front, we have had two recent developments.

A Delaware County Court has issued a preliminary injunction against my office prohibiting me from requiring Celebration Fireworks, Inc. to have a Certificate of Compliance for each location where that company sells fireworks. Although the injunction only applies to Celebration Fireworks, Inc., it's clear that the judge doesn't see the law as requiring a Certificate of Compliance for each wholesale location, regardless of who's selling the fireworks.

In a second fireworks case, trial has been set for September 10-12, 1996, on the issue of whether a public display permit can be used as a mechanism to sell fireworks not approved for retail sale in Indiana.

In other news, at its July meeting, the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission tabled for 30 days a vote on the new fire code.

This will, in all likelihood, have the effect of killing the fire code for this go round.

I don't know what's going to happen, but we possibly will have to work under the old fire code until at least 1997. Stay tuned for more on this ever changing endeavor.

There is a new product on the market called "On Guard". This product is a window guard to keep children from falling out of windows above the first floor.

This is not a security device and is completely firefighter friendly. On Guard has a quick release mechanism to allow fire fighters to enter or exit a room during an emergency situation. You may start to encounter this product and I just wanted to make you aware of it.

Ivan Nevil tells me he is in the process of laying out the itinerary for the sprinkler trailer for Fire Prevention Week, October 6th through October 12th. If you would like to have the sprinkler trailer during this week, contact Ivan at P.S.T.I. to get on his schedule. The telephone number for P.S.T.I. is (800) 666-PSTI.

Well, I'll close this for now. Please make sure this memo gets to the proper people on your

department. Last month we had some extremely important information on fireworks and we received many calls from Chief Inspectors, Fire Inspectors, etc. who never had seen the memo.

Chief, please don't just read this and discard it. Please pass this on, as it is the only means for our office to communicate with all of the fire service.

Be careful out there! Until next time, Brothers & Sisters,  
M. Tracy Boatwright

## Firefighter dies responding to blaze

Donald "Mat" Matthew Raibley, 19, of Selvin, Indiana and a member of the Pigeon Township Fire Department in Warrick County, drowned after he suffered a seizure and drove into a lake while responding to a fire call.

Matthew, who died Sunday morning, July 21, 1996, was responding to a hose fire in the Yellow Banks recreation area in Selvin, IN, when his vehicle traveled off the road, off the dam and into the lake.

Several people attempted to rescue him, but they were unable to get him out of his pickup truck.

His vehicle was pulled from the lake and he was then flown by helicopter to Welborn Hospital in Evansville, IN.

Over 120 firefighters from thirty departments joined Matthew's family, friends, and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association's Chaplain Charlie Baker in a memorial service on Monday evening, July 22.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at the Boonville Funeral Home, with continued services at the cemetery in Selvin.

A full firefighter funeral was conducted.

Jack Kerney  
PRSW

## Remember Scarlett?

Do you remember Scarlett the cat that saved her 5 kittens from a burning building in New York?

Scarlett has been recuperating at the North Shore Animal League along with her 4 surviving kittens. They are all doing well, even though Scarlett still needs

surgery to rebuild an eyelid burned in the fire and has a few bare spots remaining on her head where the fur has not grown back yet.

They have all now found new homes. Two of the kittens, who have become inseparable, were adopted by a family who have been building a 10 foot cat condo for them in their home.

As for Scarlett, thousands of letters were received asking to

adopt her, but the woman who was chosen had been in a serious automobile accident and her own cat had since passed away. She said she missed her cat so much that she would only have another cat in her life if it had special needs. Scarlett sure filled the bill.

Scarlett's new home will be furnished with 'everything in the pet store that wasn't fastened down' according to her new owner.

# Northeastern Indiana School of Fire & Emergency Services, September 28-29, 1996 New Haven, IN

Course #	Description	Hours	Dates
AM-01	Standard Operating Guidelines for Small Depts.	6 Hours	9/29
AM-02	Fire Officer Combat-Leading The Charge	6 Hours	9/28
AM-03	Firefighter Safety & Survival - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
AM-04	Fire Chief's Responsibilities	12 Hours	9/28-29
AM-05	Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers	6 Hours	9/29
AM-06	Truck Company Operations As Fireground Support	6 Hours	9/29
EMS-01	Emergency Vehicle Driving - Lab Fee \$15.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
EMS-02	Sign Language for Emergency Services Personnel	6 Hours	9/28
EMS-03	Electrical Hazards For The Emergency Services	6 Hours	9/28
EMS-04	Farm Accident Response Safety	6 Hours	9/28
EMS-05	Confined Space Rescue - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
EMS-06	Basic Auto Extrication - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
EMS-07	Advanced Auto Extrication - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
EMS-08	EMS Basic Skills Review	6 Hours	9/28
EMS-09	Wrecker Assisted Semi-Extrication - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
EMS-10	Communication With The Elderly/ Helicopter Scene Safety	6 Hours	9/28
FF-01	Wildland Fire Suppression	12 Hours	9/28-29
FF-02	Strip Mall Tactics - Lab Fee \$15.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
FF-03	Advanced Search & Rescue - Lab Fee \$5.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
FF-04	Rope Rescue & Patient Handling - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
FF-05	Leadership I - Lab Fee \$10.00	12 Hours	9/28-29
FF-06	Backdraft & Flashover	6 Hours	9/28
FF-08	Building Construction Ordinary	6 Hours	9/28
HM-01	Haz-Mat "First Due"	6 Hours	9/28
HM-02	Flammable Liquids-Practical Approach-Lab Fee \$10.	6 Hours	9/28 or 9/29
IP-01	Juvenile Fire Prevention Level I	8 Hours	9/29
IP-02	Juvenile Fire Prevention Level II	8 Hours	9/29
IP-03	NFPA Learn Not To Burn	6 Hours	9/28
IP-04	A Class For The Other Half	6 Hours	9/29
IP-05	Farm Safety For Kids/Train The Trainer-Lab Fee \$10.	6 Hours	9/29
IV-01	Investigation of Structural Fires	12 Hours	9/28-29
IV-02	Evidence - Collection, Preservation & Custody	6 Hours	9/28
IV-03	Bombs & Explosives Recognition	6 Hours	9/28
IV-04	Investigation of Car Fires	6 Hours	9/28
IV-05	Fire & Arson Cause & Origin in Electrical Appliances	6 Hours	9/29
IV-06	Crime Scene & Accident Reconstruction	6 Hours	9/28
IV-07	"Who, What, When, Where & Why" - Death Scene Investigation	6 Hours	9/28

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# 1996 Convention Report

June 20, 1996, IVFA Convention, Merrillville, Indiana

President Glant called the 50th Annual meeting of the IVFA to order and asked Vice President Zeeks to escort the 1995 Miss Flame, Sara Steckler into the hall followed by the 1996 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 thanked all those who are attending this convention and at this time, reviewed the schedule of coming events for the convention.

He then introduced his wife, Sue, the Convention Co-Chairman Bill Howe, Sr. and his wife, Betsy.

Bill Howe, Sr. introduced the management of the Radisson Hotel, Paul Shara and Rachel Vella.

President Glant introduced the IVFAA President, Phyllis Vargo; the Sheriff of Lake County, John Buncich; the Town Council President from Merrillville, Rick Bella; Senator Bill Alexis from the 5th District; Senator Rosanne Antich; Senator Sandra Dempske; Senator Sue Landske; the Fire Chief from Ross Twp, Scott Mann; Indiana Fire Marshal, Tracy Boatwright; Indiana Fire Instructors Assn. President, Dan Lee; the Mayor of South Bend and candidate for Lt. Governor, Joe Kernan; and Stephanie Santos from the M.D. Assn. program.

President Glant called on IVFAA President Phyllis Vargo, who presented a corsage to Sue Glant, then introduced the officers of the IVFAA.

President Vargo introduced the chairman of the Lois Boaz committee, Marilyn Smith who read the list of all the previous winners. The 1996 selection of the committee is Phyllis Vargo.

President Vargo introduced the chairperson of the Miss Flame Committee, Eula Bush, who introduced her committee, followed with the introduction of the judges for this year's event.

Chairperson Bush introduced each of this year's candidates and the 1995 Miss Flame, Sara Steckler. The 1996 winners were announced. The Runner-up is Alisha Vaught from District 1 and the Miss Flame for 1996 is Nicole Barden from District 5.

President Glant introduced the officers of the IVFA and read the names of the past presidents of the association.

He then called on Vice President Zeeks who read the names of the past Mr. IVFA award winners. This year's committee selection is Charles Baker, the Chaplain of the Association.

President Glant introduced Larry Curl, President of the Indiana Fire Services Institute, then called on the Games Chairman, Al Mendel who gave the instructions concerning the games tomorrow.

The meeting was recessed by President Glant.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies

## Tracy Talk

Greetings!

Because of all your tireless efforts in promoting and implementing Learn Not To Burn (LNTB), Indiana continues to receive its share of national recognition.

As a recent example, I was invited to a January conference in Washington, DC to present the LNTB and juvenile firesetters programs we have successfully touted in our Hoosier state.

Through the programs implemented by the organizations involved in "Healthy People

2000" the number of accidental deaths and injuries to America's citizens has continually decreased since the group's inception in 1987.

With ceaseless devotion to decreasing unintentional injury, the group has designated the year 2000 as their target for trimming down today's high injury statistics.

As the only state fire marshal on the panel of approximately 18 injury prevention associations, I was delighted to share Indiana's innovations with the rest of the nation. My thanks to Meri-K Appy from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) for her efforts in involving Indiana in this important national conference.

On February 7, 1996 the Hendricks County Juvenile Firesetters Forum was held. I was happy to speak at this well-attended gathering of community crisis workers, and I strongly urge other counties around the state to address the juvenile firesetters problem by holding regional forums in their area.

In that same vein, the Juvenile Firesetters Task Force is sponsoring the midwest's first regional Juvenile Firesetters Conference in Indianapolis on September 21-22.

The inaugural theme, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child", encompasses the fact that only through the networked talents of community members will our juvenile firesetters receive the education and treatment they so desperately need.

From the police officer to the firefighter to the mental health professional, this conference will have something for everyone. Nationally recognized speakers are interspersed throughout the two-day conference along with breakout sessions focusing on such diverse topics as school fires and adolescents, recognizing abuse and kinesic interviewing.

But hurry. Seating is limited to the first 300 to register.

Last, but not least, it gives me great pleasure to report that we have just received our final order of 1000 sets of Learn Not to Burn K-3 resource booklets.

This order allows us to meet our goal of 4200 sets — enough to educate 16,800 classrooms, a figure slightly higher than the number of classrooms in Indiana as reported by the Department of Education.

The next targeted group will be the preschool program. We're currently working with the Riley Hospital for Children in seeking corporate funding to help us get our preschool children on board.

I would also like to solicit your help in administering and reporting the results of the Learn Not to Burn pre-test and post-test.

We have no way to know how well the LNTB program is working aside from the documented saves, and would greatly appreciate your sharing these figures with the Fire Marshal's Office.

'Til next time, in the spirit of fire prevention and safety,

M. Tracy Boatwright  
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## Ollie Sandburg Award Winner Diane Harrison



Diane Harrison, of Coalmont Volunteer Fire Department, pictured above with Jack Zeeks, is the first woman to win the Ollie Sandburg Award.

Diane is the wife of Harold Harrison and the daughter of Jack & Sherri McFarland of Fairview Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Diane received her award at the IVFA 50th Convention in June, held in Merrillville, Indiana

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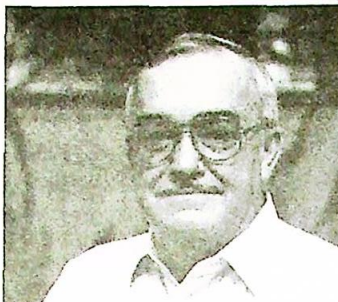
## Districts 1 & 2 Attendance Award



Fireman's Auxiliary District 1 and 2 presented the Attendance Award Plaque for 1995 to the Crown Point Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Pictured (left to right) are Sherry Kozlowski, Michelle Schweitzer, Janet Crane and Marge Baumgardner. Congratulations, ladies.  
Ann Moss  
District 2 Auxiliary Chairman

## Public Relations East Central



Jack Cox

Greetings,  
I think we owe another round of applause to Districts 1 and 2 for making our 50th Anniversary Convention so successful.

Linda and I would personally like to thank them and the wonderful staff at the Radisson Hotel for getting updated messages to us when our son was put in the hospital during our stay.

This was a wonderful convention for me in several ways.

I was elected Vice President for 1997. This to me is a tremen-

dous honor and I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

Secondly, our new KME fire truck was on display at the convention.

This was also a very proud moment for me because Hoosier Fire, The Centerville Fire Department, the Centerville Town Board and myself have been working for over seven years to get this finally accomplished.

And last, but certainly not least, a big Hooray to my wife Linda for winning the Midwest Award for District 13B!

Congratulations also go out to Don Cushman who in 1997 will be the new Public Relations Director for East Central.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer.

See you at our August meeting.



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Not included in these arson statistics are fires attributed to fireplay — fires set by children too young to understand the consequences of their actions (U.S. Arson Trends and Patterns, 1992).

The juvenile firesetting problem is also related to issues such as drug, alcohol, sexual and physical abuse; families in crisis; violence (gangs and domestic); and problems associated with vacant or abandoned buildings.

Firesetting is not simply a fire service problem. It is a difficult situation that requires a village of caregivers to effectively identify and treat its underlying causes. It is a problem that touches each and every one of us on a daily basis.

What, then, can be and is being done to assist the firesetter and his/her family?

The Indiana Juvenile Firesetters Task Force has chosen September 21 and 22 to specifically address the juvenile firesetter issues that affect a broad range of crisis intervention experts, including but not limited to, fire investigators, law enforcement personnel, fire and life safety educators, mental health professionals and teachers.

Plan now to attend the first annual conference dedicated to the juvenile firesetter problem.

But hurry, space is limited to 300. Registration deadline is August 20, 1996.

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# IVFAA 1996 Convention Meeting

Radisson Hotel  
Merrillville, IN  
June 21, 1996

## A.M. SESSION

President, Phyllis Vargo opened the 50th Annual Convention meeting by asking Chaplain, Joann Hays for prayer. Joann first read a poem entitled "Today".

We then had the Pledge to the Flag.

Men from Convention '97, Wayne Township, Indianapolis, came in and handed out pre-registration forms and said it is "Heaven in '97".

If there are any activities away from the hotel, bus transportation will be provided. The host hotel will be the Adam's Mark. Advance registration will be \$40.00 per person. Hotel rooms will be \$74.00 single/double.

Gene Goddard handed out information on the 2nd annual picnic, July 14th. Please try to attend!!

Lou Bartlow introduced the '96 Lois Boaz award winner, Phyllis Vargo.

Eula Bush then brought her Miss Flames in and introduced the new Miss Flame, Nicole Bardon-District 5 and her runnerup, Alisha Vaught-District 1 and her court. They were presented with photo albums donated by Barb and Jack Kerney and ditty bags donated by Joann Hays, Barb Parker and Vivian Woodfill. They also received a gift from Convention Center and charm from the IVFA.

Lou Bartlow read the minutes from the last convention, in absence of Faye Salee, recording secretary. They were approved as read.

Lou gave the roll call. We had 33 officers and committee members, 89 members and 3 guests present.

Chaplain, Joann Hays gave her report. Each chairman has 1 Bible of each in her possession. We have lost 10 members this year. She reminded everyone to pay their dues, and also see that the older members have theirs paid, if they are inactive. That way, should they pass away, they will be entitled to a Bible and memorial service, that they are so deserving of. But those dues MUST BE PAID!!!

Since last convention, she has sent 28 get well, 8 sympathy, 1 thinking of you and 1 new baby cards. At next officers meeting, we will have to consider ordering more bibles.

Lou said we owed a BIG THANK YOU to the Schererville Auxiliary for the Koffee Klutch. It was wonderful!!

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her financial report. The report is subject to audit.

Membership - Lou said we have 95 Auxiliaries, 1049 members and 50 Individuals with a total of 1099. We have 2 Auxiliaries with 12 new members for '96-97.

Games - Toni Sorg said we have 1 women's waterball team and 13 men's. We also have 9 hose replacement and 7 cart teams for tomorrow.

Doe Doll - Lou said we have \$1498.00 in so far. We need to push those tickets.

Nancy Cushman gave the new slate of officers for '96-97.

- President - Lou Bartlow
- V. President - Faye Salee
- Recording Secretary - Barbara Kerney & Nancy Cushman
- Corresponding Secretary - Diana Gray
- Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter
- Chaplain - Joann Hays
- Sgt.-at-Arms - Miriam Schaekel
- Imm. Past President - Phyllis Vargo

Joann Hays and Beth Caudill helped to pass out ballots for voting. Nancy then read the slate one office at a time and asked for nominations from the floor. Each one was cast a unanimous ballot, except for the recording secretary, which had to be voted on.

It was voted that Barbara Kerney is your new recording secretary for '96-97. Congratulations to all of you. We are sure you will do a fine job!!!

Lois Boaz - Marilyn Smith said to keep your letters coming in. If

your lady did not make it this year, try again. There are a lot of deserving women out there!!

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said she has collected in \$1130.00. She has 50 tacks and 35 charms left.

Historian - Carolyn McCarty brought in 2 photo albums. She would like for the new President to appoint a new historian. Carolyn admitted she is a Pile-It (and not the kind that flies), but one who never gets rid of anything, and piles things high. She will do some more looking.

Installation - Barbara Parker said they were ready. She also reported about the Chinese Auction. She says she needs more money!!

Financial study - Maxine Davies said it is O.K. She said all the books would be audited at the August 13th meeting at 3:00 P.M.

President's Advisory - Toni Sorg said she would like to congratulate Phyllis for 2 fine years. She can now enter the Happy Retirement Days. She knows how hard it is to be President for the last year and have to also be so involved in the Convention.

Phyllis said she thought she would dread the day of leaving, but instead is actually looking forward to it. But if you need anything, do not hesitate to call upon her. She stated she was also very honored and proud to be the Lois Boaz winner. She will wear the jacket proudly and hope she upholds the meaning of it!

Parliamentarian - Virginia Wilson said there are no problems.

Eula Bush thanked Virginia Wilson and her husband for the pictures and video for the Miss Flames. They did all of that on their own and the girls really enjoyed it.

Phyllis said it was time to adjourn for Memorial Service. We will reconvene at 2:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION  
Phyllis called the meeting back to order.

Lou gave the roll call. We had 34 officers and committee members present as well as 69 members.

By-Laws Committee - Dollie Komoscar read the by-law that was submitted for change. It is as follows:

- ARTICLE III
- Section 1.
- The Membership of this organization shall consist of:
  - a. Active membership
    1. Wife of an IVFA member
    2. Mother of an IVFA mem-

- ber
  - 3. Wife of a retired IVFA member
  - 4. Widow of an IVFA member in good standing of same organization
  - 5. Daughter of an IVFA member
  - 6. An IVFA member
    - b. Associate member
- Any members of any local auxiliary. Member is entitled to vote, but not to hold office
- c. Honorary members
- Wives of the members of the State Fire Marshal's office, and wives of Fire Equipment salesmen who will be entitled to vote, but not hold office.
- d. Individual members
- An individual member is a member that qualifies under Active membership, but does not belong to an Auxiliary unit, and as such, is entitled to vote and to hold office the same as an Active member.

Changed to read:  
Section 1.  
Active membership shall consist of an active member of a local Fire Auxiliary or Individual interested in the support and betterment of the Fire Services of the State of Indiana

Ballots were passed out and it took a count of 68 votes to pass.

THE BY-LAW DID NOT PASS.  
Officers for '96-97 were then installed by Barbara Parker and Lucy Stofer. Mary Boyd stood in for Faye Salee and Mary Stafford stood in for Miriam Schaekel, in their absence.

Barbara Parker reported we made \$458.00 on the Chinese Auction. Nice job, Barb!!! We beat last year's total.

Phyllis reminded those Past Presidents, Lois Boaz winners and Mr. IVFAs to attend the luncheon tomorrow.

Chinese Auction gifts were drawn. Congratulations to the winners.

Phyllis reminded everyone to pick up their ditty bags on the way out. Everyone will have a gift in it.

The banquet is tonight at 6:30 P.M., with a dance to follow.

Ann Moss made a motion to adjourn and Jackie Rench seconded it. Motion carried.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Diana Gray  
Corresponding Secretary

## IVFA 1996 Legislative Report

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f. It requires that a qualified organization which receives 90% or more of its total gross receipts from charitable gaming events must donate at least 60% of its gross gaming receipts (less prize payouts) to another qualified organization that is not affiliate, parent or subsidiary of the organization.

Despite comments of Sen. Morris Mills on the floor of the Senate, the IVFA's support of this bill was qualified not wholehearted. Your lobbyists testified in opposition to the bill's original draft which dramatically impacted the volunteer fire service in a negative manner. The IVFA did support, however, the motives of the bill's authors to strengthen the ability of local charitable organizations to compete for customer dollars with the big out-of-state operators.

There is still much work to be done in the area of charitable gaming. All volunteer fire companies should monitor the impact of these changes and advise the IVFA Legislative Committee for future action.

## Message from Lois Boaz Award Committee

First, I would like to congratulate our 1996 Lois Boaz Award winner, Phyllis Vargo.

We had a very hard time in making this decision. We had a lot of letters this year. Thank you to everyone who sent them.

But, please, do not stop, just because your lady didn't win this year. There is another year, so "Start Now".

Your committee members for this year are:

Miriam Schaekel, Chairman  
5789 W. 300 N.  
Greenfield, IN 46140

Eva Gottsche  
2084 E. US 40  
Brazil, IN 47834

Phyllis Vargo  
7756 Durbin Street  
Schererville, IN 46375

Please help us to nominate a winner by getting busy and writing your letters now.

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I know someone out there deserves this award.

Miriam Schaekel, Chairman

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# Update From the Hazardous Materials Academy

On a daily basis, I receive a number of questions about hazardous materials refresher training. These questions confirm there is still a major misunderstanding about what 29 CFR 1910.120 or "HAZWOPER" is saying about refresher training. It seems that most of the fire service is still under the impression that you must have eight (8) hours of hazardous materials refresher training per year. This is not true.

Let's first look at what "HAZWOPER" says about refresher training.

**Refresher training. 1**

1. Those employees who are trained in accordance with paragraph (q) (6) of this section shall receive annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain their competencies or shall demonstrate competency in those areas at least yearly.

2. A statement shall be made of the training or competency, and if a statement of competency is made, the employer shall keep a record of the methodology used to demonstrate competency.

So which methodology do you use to show competency? The list is endless and is only limited by your imagination and resources. Below are a few of the methodologies that are used the most.

1. A Structured Class - the number of hours would depend on the level of training. For example, a hazardous material technician would require more hours in the classroom than say a hazardous materials operation level responder.

2. A Competency Based Written Exam - using written question and table top scenarios to prove competency. This method is certainly the one method that requires the least amount of time for the instructor. But it should be pointed out that this method should only be used every other year. Refresher training should have as much hands-on training as possible. Remember, you will retain more if you do it than if you read about it.

3. Mock Incident - This method requires the most amount of work on the part of the instructor. A good mock incident requires a lot of planning. Mock incidents should be as real as possible, while remaining as safe as possible. The plan for the mock incident should include written goals and objectives that spell out what you want the student to know after the drill is over. The mock incident should be video taped and a critique of the incident must be done to make this method of training more meaningful.

4. Equipment Usage Demonstrations - This method is where all of the hazardous materials equipment is laid out in work stations (like in EMT Class). Then the personnel move through each station and demonstrate that they have a thorough knowledge of how the equipment is set up, how it is used and how it is taken down. In the case of monitoring equipment, personnel should also demonstrate how to interpret the information that the monitoring equipment is giving and explain how this information will affect the outcome of the incident.

### Hazardous Materials Master Test

The hazardous materials master test can still be taken as a challenge exam, and as the final test for a hazardous materials technician level class. In both cases, the State of Indiana Skills Check-off Sheet must be completed before the student can take the exam.

It is our goal that by the end of the year that there will be a State Test and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) accreditation for hazardous materials awareness level and hazardous materials operation level offered by the Hazardous Materials Academy.

Note to instructors who teach Hazardous Materials Technician Level courses.

Please send your course information to the Hazardous Materials Academy in writing at least 30 days before your course is scheduled to begin.

I will then assign a course number for your course. This allows us to track what courses are being conducted in the state. Remember, at this time this only applies to hazardous materials technician level courses.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at the Hazardous Materials Academy, 1-800-666-PSTI.

Paul R. Spurlin,  
Administrator

## JACKSON COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS CONTRIBUTE TO L. E. P. C. PROGRAM

The fire service of Jackson County has contributed to the development of a working Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The current group came together in 1995 to revitalize the existing L.E.P.C. Hazardous Materials Emergency Annex to the local Emergency Operations Plan.

"We found that our existing plan was insufficient on nearly every point," commented Rebecca Scott, Committee Chair. "Our people basically started from scratch.

Attention to the need for a working L.E.P.C. was created when Brownstown Firefighter Andy Lockman invited Robert Mauck of F.I.R.E. Inc. into Brownstown for a series of SARA Title III training classes. Those programs trained emergency personnel to minimal levels of Hazardous Materials knowledge.

Then L.E.P.C. Chair, LeRoy Crees recognized the need to incorporate more fireservice expertise into the local project. His foresight resulted in a broader base of representation on the L.E.P.C. from all emergency agencies, police, fire, ambulance, industry, and governmental.

In May, the group received the final draft of the plan with only minor additions required. Planning Committee members were recognized for their outstanding service.

Captain Brad Lucas of Seymour City Fire Department headed the Planning Committee and served as the groups spokesman with area fire departments.

The plan data was correlated and developed into a workable tool by F.I.R.E. Inc. and will be available to area emergency agencies shortly.

Fireservice members on the L.E.P.C. are:

Rebecca Scott, Chair (Pershing Township Fire Department); Brad Lucas, Planning Committee Chair (Seymour City Fire Department); Chief Fred Hines (Seymour City Fire Department); Chief Richard Blaker (Pershing Township Fire Department); Chief Don Schnitker (Hamilton Township Fire Department); Lt. Robert Stone (Brownstown Fire Department); Andrew Lockman (Brownstown Fire Department); Tom Hoene (Seymour City Fire Department); and Bob Beatty (Pershing Township Fire Department).

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1. 29 CFR 1910.120



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## Wanatah VFD Toy & Sports Card Show

The First Annual Wanatah Volunteer Fire Department Toy & Sports Card Show was a success. Held September 24, 1995, during Wanatah, Indiana's Scarecrow Festival, the Cass-Clinton Volunteer Fire Department succeeded in reaching their profit goal. Paid admission was \$466 (\$1 per adult).

With the Firemen, exhibitors and kids, nearly 700 people were estimated at going through the show.

Thirty-three exhibitors displayed farm toys, banks, Nascar, trucks, construction vehicles, sports cards & memorabilia, and much more on a total of seventy-three tables.

Sixteen exhibitors & forty-two tables were toy related and seventeen exhibitors and thirty-one tables were sports card related. The majority of the interest of the attendees was in toys.

Toy exhibitors felt the show was very good for a first time show and look forward to coming back for an even better show this year. Sports card exhibitors said the show was fair and hoped future shows would attract more sports card enthusiasts.

Additional funds were raised selling concessions and raffle tickets for a John Deere Pedal Tractor and other farm toys.

The Wanatah Fire Department will use the funds towards an addition on the Fire Station and to help with firefighting activities.

This year's show will be Sunday, September 29, 1996 at the Wanatah School at US 30 & US 421 in Southern LaPorte County.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults, 11 and under is free.

Tables will be the same price for those registering before September 1, 1996 - \$15 for the first table and \$10 for additional tables.

For additional information, phone (219) 733-2039.

The Toy and Sports Card Show is held in conjunction with the Wanatah Scarecrow Festival which runs Friday, September 27 thru Sunday, September 29, 1996

Submitted by  
Juli Charlesworth and  
Jeff Mitzner, Co-Chairmen

## LOSAP Legislation Included in Tax Bill

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is proud to announce a small victory in its efforts to strengthen the nation's volunteer fire service.

A valuable tool in the retention and recruitment of volunteers is the awarding to long-time members of Length of Service Awards commonly referred to as LOSAPs.

Approximately 150,000 volunteer firefighters in about 37 states currently receive, on average, a \$250 award per year from their governmental or tax-exempt fire districts.

Under current tax law, LOSAPs can be taxed at the time that they are awarded, even if the

volunteer will not actually see the money until he or she retires. This has effectively resulted in a disincentive rather than an incentive, requiring individuals to pay to volunteer their time and effort.

The NVFC has been working to exempt these awards from taxation until such time as the awards are actually received.

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee, at the urging of Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), voted to include a provision exempting Length of Service awards in a larger tax bill designed to provide tax relief for small businesses.

The provision was added as an amendment to HR 3448 and would defer taxation of LOSAPs until the awards are actually paid. It would also exempt the amounts awarded under LOSAPs from FICA and Medicare payroll taxes.

The Committee cited as its reason for this change in the tax code, "it is both appropriate and important to allow for this provision of length of service awards to volunteer firefighters, and other emergency medical (including ambulance services) personnel."

This bill must still go through the full Senate and then a conference committee before it can be signed into law by the president.

The NVFC is urging volunteers to contact their Senators and Representatives to encourage them to support the LOSAP provision and its inclusion in HR 3448.

Dial the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your member of Congress.

For more information please contact the National Volunteer Fire Council at 1-888-ASK-NVFC.

## Reaching high risk groups with fire safety messages

*Reaching High Risk Groups: The Community-Based Fire Safety Program*, describes experiences and evaluation results for local projects conducted in a variety of geographic and demographic areas with differing fire problems. Each community conducted a targeted program using a research-based methodology that combines fire-data analysis, market-research techniques and community involvement to promote fire safety and smoke detectors to high risk households.

Results from seven pilot-project sites suggest the approach outlined in the report is highly effective at reaching high risk households, whose residents are most likely to die in fires. These include low-income or minority groups which can be among the most difficult to reach with traditional broad based public fire education programs.

Using a model developed in Portland, Oregon, pilot projects using the community-based fire safety education approach were conducted by fire departments in Baltimore, MD; Barnwell & Blackville, SC; Peoria, IL; six communities in rural Maine; Albuquerque, NM; New Orleans, LA; and Cleveland, OH. Fire departments in these pilot sites were participants in a multi-year project managed by Rossomando & Associates. Funding was provided by the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

The report details the general approach and provides a funding

guide for fire departments and community organizations interested in conducting community-based fire safety education programs. Key lessons learned through the pilot projects are outlined, including a number of proven techniques for reaching low-income, non-English speaking, and other minority audiences.

The report shows how fire departments can use market research techniques and principles developed by the advertising industry to identify and forge

partnerships with key groups and communications vehicles for successful fire-safety messages. Neighborhood organizations can be powerful allies in fire prevention, as these groups provide access to residents in at-risk neighborhoods.

Free copies of the report are being made available under the auspices of the Tobacco Institute's Fire Safety Education Program. Write: Rossomando & Associates, 1750 Euclid St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 or fax requests to 202/667-2834.

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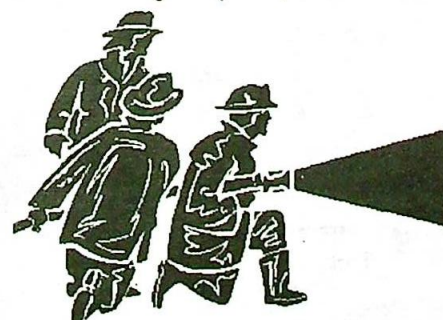
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