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## Dynamic Duo

Veteran firefighters Bill Bush and Larry Ketchem win prestigious award for service to community



By Patricia Pastore  
Two firefighters, who fought blazes together at nearly every major fire in Parke and Vermillion Counties for almost thirty years, recently stood together again as State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright presented each with a statewide service award.  
Earlier, Larry Ketchem had a smug grin on his face when he and his long-time friend, Bill Bush, attended the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Convention banquet in Terre Haute in June. He knew Bush was slated to receive the state's highest honor - the Governor's Meritorious Service Award - for his 37 years of work as a fireman.

And Ketchem didn't know what was behind the sly smile his daughter, Jodi Rohr, sported. She knew a big surprise was in store for her dad, too.  
After helping him prepare documents sponsoring Bush for this award, she was among those who documented Ketchem's 43 years as a firefighter and submitted his name for the same honor.  
Just days before the June 18 banquet, Rohr learned Bush and her father would get golden medallions from the governor.  
"Our family and the Bush family has done everything together for almost forty years," Rohr said.  
"Instead of going on vacations

to Disneyland, we went to firemen's conventions with our parents. I don't know anything but fire service. The conventions are like a big reunion. I just hope my kids can have the same experience that I had growing up."  
Bush, known as the mayor of Bono, met Ketchem in 1959 when they were both members of the Indiana National Guard.  
Then Ketchem, now of Montezuma, was a member of the Oden Volunteer Fire Department, where his father, Bert Ketchem, served as fire chief for more than 50 years.  
"When we travel, we travel as a family," Bush said. "When we get somewhere, we each get a suite of

rooms. It will soon be forty years that our families started getting together for various activities."  
Bush said he was stunned last month when Boatwright called his name for the Governor's Service Award.  
"It was one time I didn't know what to say," he said. "Usually, I can talk about anything."  
Ketchem didn't fare much better, Rohr said.  
"You know he's surprised when he is speechless," she said. "These guys love to talk."  
Ketchem, 58, who retired April 28 as Safety Supervisor at the Newport Chemical Depot, is Fire Chief of the Hilmon Firefighters, Inc. of Hillsdale.  
Bush, 60, a former chief of the Dana Volunteer Fire Department and now a member of that group, retired last week from Applied Extrusion Technology of Terre Haute.

the Parke and Vermillion Firefighter's Association for the purpose of educating firefighters.  
"In the first eighteen month period, we certified 84 volunteers as first- or second-class firefighters," Ketchem said proudly.  
He said that instruction was provided at no cost to the various fire departments.  
"Today, that education would cost \$150 to \$200 per person," Bush said.  
Neither Ketchem or Bush plan to leave fire service, but each has family members in place to take over when they finally retire as firefighters.  
Ketchem's son-in-law, Anthony Rohr, is Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department's Assistant Chief and Bush's son, Brent Bush, joined the Dana Volunteer Fire Department eleven years ago.  
Another generation of Bush and Ketchem firefighters is in the making today.  
Bush has three grandchildren, and Ketchem has four. All seven are "growing up" in the fire service, Jodi Rohr said. She said it is not uncommon to see any of these children sporting a smaller version of a firefighter's hat or attending meetings and conventions with their parents and grandparents.  
"Being in the fire service is a family affair," Bush said.  
"Our wives, children and grandchildren - everybody gets involved."  
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Thursday, July 2, 1998

## Advance VFD wins national contest

By Dawn Pearson  
Reporter Staff Member  
The Advance Volunteer Fire Department took First Place in all three categories at the National Extrication Competition and Learning Symposium held in May in Rockford, Illinois.  
Not only are they national winners, but the team will now get the chance to become international winners. This September, the team will again compete.  
They won First Place in both categories, Limited and Unlimited, and First Place overall, which places them in the top 24 best teams internationally.  
"I was just hoping for us to place," Caldwell said. "It's like winning the NBA championship, we feel great about this. It's a tough competition."  
Advance won with fewer men and fewer resources than most of the teams entered in the competition.  
"The teams that placed second or third have over 100 paid firemen," Caldwell said. "We're a small town volunteer fire department without the resources the other ones have. This just shows the county how fortunate we are to have this quality of fire and rescue guys."  
The Advance guys are the only team in Boone County to ever win such an honor and only one of

three teams in the state to compete in this year's competition.  
The extrication competition requires the team to retrieve a rescue dummy from a damaged car, simulating a real life accident scene.  
Mike Caldwell, who served as team commander, said the two-part competition has a twenty minute time limit and is judged on tool knowledge and technique, as well as patient care, vehicle stabilization, and much more.  
Each team draws a "hidden" scenario out of a hat for both their Limited and Unlimited pit. The scenario is indicated by a number, so the team has no idea what type of accident scene they will be expected to work on.  
In the Limited Hand Tool category, only chisels, saws and non hydraulic tools are used," he said.  
"In the Unlimited category, power hydraulic tools may be used."  
Caldwell says he played on the Western Boone football team when it won the state championship in 1988, but this win was better for him.  
"Winning the state football title was fantastic," he said. "We were so excited, but winning this felt ten times better. It's unbelievable. We still haven't taken it all in. It's great. We were the smallest volunteer force to compete,

not to mention win."  
What worked for this small town fire department was practice and teamwork. They also added a paramedic to their team, instead of using a firefighter.  
Mike Caldwell said, "We practiced a lot, but mostly we made it more like a real street situation by adding Dwayne (a paramedic for Boone County EMS), someone who rescues lives all the time. We also just work so well together."  
By working well, Caldwell means communicating with each other and knowing what the others will and can do in a life-threatening situation.  
"If we see an unsafe situation, we all react to it, immediately," he explained.  
"We know how to handle dangerous situations and we know each other's strengths."  
Judges for the competitions were from the United States and Canada.  
The Advance VFD has twenty-six volunteers who work very hard to maintain as high a level of training as possible.  
The Advance Fire Extrication Team consisted of Mike Caldwell, Joe Watts, Josh Ford, Dwayne Morrow, Chip McMann and alternate Jim Caldwell.  
Reprinted from the Lebanon Reporter  
Tuesday, May 19, 1998

Ten years ago, the duo found a way to upgrade firefighters' training in the two-county region and at the same time bring firefighters together when they weren't working a mutual-aid fire.  
Bush and Ketchem recall working together in 1988 to form

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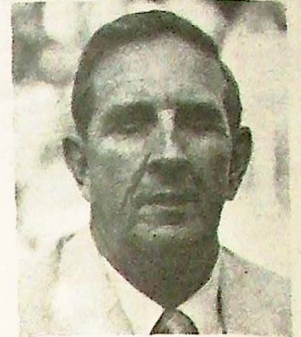
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*In Jesus Name we pray,  
Amen*

**Minute Message**

The Firemen were beat.

The previous night's fire at the Lull and Holmes Planing Mill had left the site and traveled to a fuel yard nearby; it burned all night and sapped the strength of those responding. There were only sixteen engines serviceable in the department but the blaze was finally under control.

Summer had been extremely dry. Drought conditions prevailed on into autumn and the heat of summer remained.

An unlikely series of events were about to transform the lives of thousands from business as usual to a disastrous event of tremendous proportions. What started as a small barn fire in 30 minutes became a multi-alarm blaze due to missed alarms and mis-directed apparatus.

Chief Robert Williams thought the fire might burn into the previous nights scene and burn itself out, that is until a flaming spear pierced the roof of St. Paul's Catholic Church and ignited the massive structure. In another hour or so the fire started generating its own wind and began to move rapidly, crossing the river dividing the city.

People began to pick up their belongings, jamming streets, hindering the fire apparatus being relocated in a futile attempt to halt the conflagration.

One individual persuaded the mayor into using blasting powder to blow up buildings in the fire's path, but these explosions only succeeded in removing window glass and allowing the buildings to ignite sooner and burn quicker.

By one o'clock the following morning, Mayor Roswell Mason dictated a message that was telegraphed to all available cities: "Chicago is in flames-send help!" Shortly after, the courthouse bell sounded its last gong and crashed into the basement. The hands on the huge clock fused at 2:05 that Monday morning, October 9, 1871.

Being a mayor without an office, he soon packed up and left the area, accompanied by tens of thousands of other refugees.

Still the fire roared on, moving faster than a man could run, taking block after block and knocking out the waterworks. Without that precious resource, firefighters were helpless to hinder the roaring inferno.

It would be hours before much help arrived, but steamers, men, and horses from Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Detroit, New York City and Indianapolis, to name a few, were loaded onto rail cars for the dramatic train ride.

It brought out the best and the worst in people, as these events have done almost from year one. Many acts of bravery and heroism were recorded, and as many acts of looting, pillage and mayhem.

The fire burned all day Monday and into early Tuesday morning, finally exhausting itself on the prairie north of town at 2:00 a.m. Over 17,000 homes were destroyed; hundreds of stores, shops and factories and a total dollar loss exceeding 200 million, most of it not covered by insurance.

Worse, over 300 people died in an area a mile wide by five miles long, most of the city.

But Chicago managed to rebuild, spurred by publisher Joseph Medill of the Chicago Tribune who printed a newspaper two days later with the editorial headlining, "Let the watchword henceforth be: Chicago shall rise again!" Mr. Medill would later be elected mayor and seriously promoted fire prevention efforts. Eventually they would name a fireboat after him.

In 1922, Congress established National Fire Prevention Week. From that time on, every week that has the dates of October 8-10 in it is set aside as National Fire Prevention Week.

Be sure to help your community and fire department this October by lending your support to these very important efforts.

God bless you all.

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## From the President



### Jack Zeeks

Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I hope everyone who attended the 1998 IVFA Convention had a wonderful time. I believe we owe a big thank you to Districts 11A and 11B and all of the committees for a spectacular convention.

Also, a thank you to all the vendors for a great show and the hotel and staff who were very accommodating.

My congratulations to Mr. IVFA Bob Meyers; Lois Boaz Award winner, Ann Moss; Ollie Sandburg Award winner Max Harrah (it was really a pleasure to have Mr. Sandburg on hand to present his award); Governor's Award winners Bill Bush and Larry Ketchem; President's Award winner Carolyn Zeeks; and to all of the Midwest Award winners.

ners. You were all deserving of these awards.

Congratulations to the two winners of the Bridgeport Scholarships.

A special congratulations to our new Miss Flame Anna Cardinal, and a special thanks to all of the Miss Flame contestants. You're all winners.

A special thank you to State Fire Marshal M. Tracy Boatwright for presenting the Governor's Awards.

I want to congratulate our new IVFA President-Elect, Jack Cox; Vice President Jack Kerney, Sr.; PRSW Jack Harker; and the new President of the IVFAA Faye Sallee.

Now is the time to start planning for the 1999 IVFA convention in Columbus. I know David and his crew are really working hard getting everything in order.

By the time you are reading this, our schools will be back in session and those yellow school buses will be back on the road with our most treasured prizes on board, our children. So, please be careful.

At this time, I want to thank everyone throughout the state for your friendship and support as your President for the past two years. It is an experience Carolyn and I will never forget. Thank you.

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

## Poe VFD mourns the loss of Wilbert Gallmeyer

Wilbert C. "Whip" Gallmeyer, 77, Ossian, died Tuesday, July 14, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn. They had two sons and two daughters.

Wilbert was a retired Wells County farmer, a former employee of Nine Mile Sawmill, and a former carpenter.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church (Friedheim) and a member of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department for more than 50 years, serving as fire chief and trustee.

He was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, of which he was a former district chairman.

Wilbert was the First Ollie Sandburg recipient. He was a Midwest Award winner and was active in Waterball, encouraging many young men. He served as a timer at many of the state meets.

Poe VFD members will remember "Whip" as someone who always had a smile on his face.

## Letter to the Editor

I attended the Annual IVFA Convention in Terre Haute. While there for the second time, I was approached by someone on one of the committees and told that someone I knew from one of my departments had been nominated for either the Mr. IVFA Award or the Lois Boaz Award, but had not won the award because they had only received two letters of nomination. If I wanted this person to win next year, I had to solicit lots of letters to be written on their behalf.

There is nothing I would like more than to have someone I know win one of these awards, but at what cost? These most precious awards have become nothing more than a popularity contest. I know one case where someone was provided with all the information they needed to write a letter for someone they only barely knew.

This contradicts everything that we stand for as a volunteer organization, dedicated to community service. Do the committees even read the letters, or do they just count them and whoever gets the most letters wins.

If they want a popularity contest, then we can just paste everyone's picture to a coffee can and whoever gets the most votes wins.

What we are doing is a disgrace to those who created these awards and to the memory of those in which the awards are

given. The number of letters received and who is nominated should be kept in strict confidence by the committees. Soliciting of letters should be discouraged, not encouraged. The number of letters received should not be a deciding point. A single letter should be enough to show a person's achievements.

There are more outstanding volunteers than will ever receive any award and most of the most deserved will never be a Mr. IVFA or Lois Boaz Award winner, because they would never allow such campaigning to go on in their behalf. And most of the latest recipients probably did not realize what went on in their behalf, and would not have approved if they did.

We know how great our volunteers are every time we see the smiles on the faces of the people they help or read a letter in our local paper praising them for being there when needed and giving of their time unselfishly.

It's great to recognize these outstanding people, but an award won because you had the most letters solicited for you doesn't even compare to an award received because you were found to be a truly outstanding volunteer.

I challenge everyone to take a hard look at what we're doing with these awards. Are they what we really want them to be? I don't think so. I know we're better than that. Is this the kind of legacy we want to leave for our next generation of volunteer firefighters?

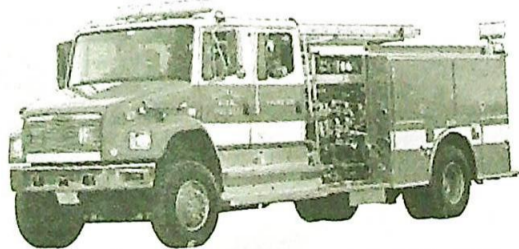
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## BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Ms. Holly Sue Williamson of Evansville and Ms. Amanda Marie Nelson of Crown Point were selected as the finalists for this year's scholarship awards of \$1,500 each.

We thank everyone that participated in the scholarship program this year. If you were not a winner and the need is still there, please secure a new application and try again next year.

Now is a good time to get prepared. Applications are available from any IVFA officer.

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1&2

March 18, 1998

Kouts Volunteer Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Buz Koehler.

Guests included Past President Mitch Parish; PRNW Buz Koehler; Past President and Southwestern Fire & Safety Dale Smith; IVFAA District 1 Chairwoman Martha Thomas, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss.

Kouts Fire Chief Don Sutter gave a brief history of the department.

Sgt. Bill Gardner thanked all for the help during the snow emergency.

Stewart McMillian from Task Force Tips gave a program on firefighting and nozzles.

Roll Call was answered by thirty-three members from District 1 and thirty-four from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by New Chicago, District 1 & Lake Eliza, District 2.

The minutes were read by Jim Bradford, District 1 Secretary. One correction was made concerning treasurer's balance.

PRNW Buz Koehler went over Senate and House Bills and reminded everyone about FDIC Volunteer Night on March 21.

Mitch Parish had several announcements:

Mr. IVFA is due by March.

He would like to see more people take advantage of the Bridgeport Scholarships.

There will be 500 copies of the 50 year history books printed and will be \$20 each.

PSTI contact is Lawrence Swartz.

Duneland Fire School is non-profit, so take off \$5 per class.

Bill Howe talked about the convention in Terre Haute on June 17-20. Registration before June 1 will be \$35, after June 1, \$40 and asked District 1 to please come and pick up smoke detectors.

Treasurer's Report was given. Clarence has patches for \$2 each if you need them.

Communications - Clothing allowance must be in to the Central Office within sixty (60) days.

Old Business - None

New Business - Lake Hills VFD had a death of a firefighter. A moment of silence was observed in her memory.

If you have a death in your department and need a memorial service, please contact your district chairman. Checking to see if a San Pierre firefighter would like to take the Chaplain position.

Dennis Shavey from New Chicago made a motion to give \$200 to each Miss Flame for convention and Tom Orrell from Beverly Shores seconded it. Motion carried.

Good of the Order - New Chicago VFD Pancake Breakfast is March 29, 7 a.m. - noon. Lake Station VFD Pancake Breakfast April 5, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lake Eliza Auxiliary is having an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11 at 1 p.m. Four Seasons dinner/dance is March 28 and Pancake breakfast on April 19. Duneland Fire School is April 4 & 5 and the test out is March 28 & 29.

Merrillville Auxiliary will be at fairgrounds on March 21 & 22 serving pancakes & BBQ.

Next meeting will be at Chesterton VFD on April 15th.

50/50 drawing - \$94 collected

\$47 won by K. Kuebler from Kouts VFD. Dale Smith donated two cups won by Ed Broadway from New Chicago and Chad Ralph from Lake Station and a hat that was won by John Shavey from New Chicago.

Motion made by Dennis Shavey and seconded by Larry Crosby to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Crosby, District 2 Sec.

April 15, 1998

Chesterton Vol. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe at 7:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by District 2 Secretary Susan Crosby and approved.

Guests included PRNW Buz Koehler.

A history of the department was given by a Chesterton firefighter.

Christie Simpson from Health Occupations of America asked for a donation for the national competition in Orlando, Florida. Motion made by Skip Highwood and seconded by Ron Good to pass the hat. Motion carried. Collected \$95.25. A motion was made by Dennis Shavey and seconded by Larry Crosby, to donate \$25 from the 50/50 drawing. The motion carried.

Roll Call was answered by fifty-seven members from District 1 & fifteen members from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by Liberty Township, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.

Treasurer's Report was given.

Chairman Bill Howe reported on an up-coming conference and seminar.

The Miss Flame candidates will be at the next meeting.

Bill reported the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute is full for the convention.

Check membership forms for correct beneficiary and address.

Ollie Sandburg and Mr. IVFA nominations must be in by May 1.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported on a bill sent to the governor for his signature. Discussed IVFA license plates again.

Three deaths were reported since the last meeting. Chuck Russell from Lake Station, Arthur Hokanson from Porter, and Don Underwood from Liberty Township. A moment of silence was held in their honor.

Good of the Order - Lake of the Four Seasons Pancake Breakfast will be April 19. Liberty Township also will have a Pancake Breakfast on April 19. Crown Point will have a dance April 25. Lake Station plans a dance on April 25.

A program was given by Tim Sandy from IOSHA. Under OSHA rules, you are an employee. By November 7, 1998 departments must have written programs for respirators, they must have training, and show proficiency annually.

Hepatitis shots must begin within ten (10) days of going on department. Medical records must be retained for length of service, plus thirty (30) years.

The 50/50 drawing was held with \$119 collected and \$59.50 won by Johnnie O from Dyer.

The next meeting will be in District 2 on May 20th at Wheatfield Fire Department.

A motion was made by Ron Good from Lake Station and sec-

onded by Ron Rogers from new Chicago to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by, Jim Bradford, District 1 Sec.

## DISTRICT 3

April, 1998

Our business meeting was held at Bass Lake and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by the Bass Lake Fire Chief.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was given and approved.

Steward Becker of MSA gave the program and showed us some safety equipment including a new camera. He explained the improvements that have been made from the time it was developed and also how to use it during a search and rescue. For those interested in purchasing one, there is a place in Merrillville that services them.

Dave Kaufman brought down a tanker and showed it to those present. He described all those little goodies we like on a truck. He also talked about the warrantee and the transfer of it if someone else decided to buy it.

Heather Garwood, our district Miss Flame, gave a short report and thanked everyone for inviting her to their meetings and said it was nice meeting all the new friends.

Duane Lantz also thanked the Bass Lake Fire Department for inviting us to their new station, which everyone should see. It is a very nice station. Good work put forth made this station look great. Good job to you guys at Bass Lake.

PRNW Buz Koehler mentioned the convention coming up and that the Holiday Inn is sold out. He also gave a report on the bills pending and the one that passed.

Bob Uryga is going to check on a retirement pension for the volunteer firefighters. He will discuss this at a later time.

Our meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. See you next month.

May, 1998

Our meeting was held at the Coolspring Fire Department. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was also read and approved.

A card of thanks was received from Betty Shamp whose husband passed away. Also Ed thanked the departments on the Stark County Honor Guard for the help they gave.

As of July 1, 1998 you don't have to advertise about HazMat response.

Convention Committee will be at the convention in Terre Haute to help bring next year's convention up north. There were twenty-nine applications for the Bridgeport Fund. Two were accepted.

We need to have at least one name from each department for the Ollie Sandburg Award.

District Secretary Ed Ritter is to call the host department so they know it is their turn to have an event. Some departments didn't know that they were the host.

Coolsprings Fire Department has a First Responder truck for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

There will not be a meeting in June. See you all at the convention in Terre Haute.

Respectfully submitted by, Ed Ritter, Secretary

## DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 5

May 14, 1998

Location: Bremen Fire Department, Bremen, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Chairman Don Kissinger, with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call was answered by fifteen members, representing nine departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, PRNE.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by district secretary Kent Trickle.

Communications Chairman Kissinger reported on a request by the National Volunteer Fire Council for information concerning EMS supplies exchange by hospitals. Discussion followed on various methods now being used.

July 12th the Fire Service Picnic will be held at Wayne Township. If attendance does not pick up it will be canceled in the future.

Those present were reminded of the annual convention in June.

Richard Glant talked about various awards and the scholarship and the requirements for them. Above all, dues must be paid on time.

He also reported on the legislative bills and the failure to pass those which would be favorable to the fire service. The one which did pass was one concerning career firefighters being able to serve as a volunteer on another department.

A short discussion was also held on mandatory insurance which is to be in place for volunteer firefighters.

Smoke detectors were handed out to Lapaz, Tippecanoe, Bourbon, Aubbeenaubee, Kewanee, Syracuse, and Bremen which are to be installed in a home within their district. These were provided by the Indiana Insurance Institute along with the IVFA.

Election of Officers will be held at the next meeting.

Bremen discussed a fund drive they were having for Cairns Iris Helmets.

Good of the Order:

May 24 - Pancake & Sausage at Kewanee from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

June 6 - Tenderloin Supper, N. Manchester Fire, 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

June 6 - Fish Fry, Tippecanoe Fire Department 4 to 8 p.m.

June 13 - Fish Fry, Argos Fire Department 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

July 4 - Pork Chop & Chicken Bar BQ, Syracuse, 10:00 until sold out.

May 30 - Marshall County Fire Association will hold a stag night in Lapaz.

Next meeting will be held July 9th at Syracuse Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours, with refreshments being served by the host department.

July 9, 1998

Syracuse Fire Department The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Kissinger at 1938 hours with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call was answered by nineteen members representing eight departments.

Guests included Richard Glant, PRNE.

Minutes of the previous meet-

ing were read and approved by District Secretary Kent Trickle.

Chairman Kissinger reported the convention went very well. He reported that Jack Cox will be the Association President in 1999 and he also gave a report on the other officers who were elected.

He also reported that Richard Glant was the Midwest Award winner for our district.

Election of officers was held for our district. Richard Glant conducted the election. Don Kissinger was nominated and re-elected as District Chairman.

Cam Kissinger was nominated and elected Secretary for the district. Current Secretary, Kent Trickle, thanked the district for their support of him over the last three years, but due to other commitments, he felt it was time to let someone else serve the district.

A list of IVFA Gold Card Members, as provided by the state office, was reviewed.

Chairman Kissinger also had a copy of a proposed rule change from the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education for review.

A discussion was held on attendance at district meetings and what we could do to get it up.

It was also reported that it was not too soon to start working on the Midwest Award, Miss Flame contestants, Ollie Sandburg Award and scholarship applications for next year.

The next meeting will be held at Pleasant Township Fire Department in Laketon, Indiana on September 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours, with refreshments being served by the host department.

## DISTRICT 6

The last district meeting was held at Ligonier Fire Department where we went over the questionnaire about the IVFA.

The program for the evening was presented by Jan Harkner on Northern Indiana Search and Rescue K-9 Search Team.

The July 16th meeting will be held at Corunna Fire Department in DeKalb county with the election of officers.

The district picnic will be held at Ashley Fire Department, just west of I-69 on Indiana 4 at 12 noon with a carry-in dinner. Games will follow.

I would like to thank Miss Kimberly Smith from New Haven, Adams Township for representing our district at the Miss Flame Contest at the 52nd Convention in Terre Haute.

Also, we should thank Districts 11A & 11B for hosting the convention. Get Ready to help District 10, who is hosting the 53rd Convention next year at Columbus, Indiana.

I would like to congratulate all the new officers who were elected at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by, Mike Mackin, Chairman

## DISTRICT 7

May, 1998

The meeting was held at the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department with Chairman Mort Sorg opening the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call was answered by eighteen members representing eight departments. We also had two guests present.

Mort reported on the activities going on at the convention. He also reminded us that the dues billing has been sent out to the departments, so make sure everyone checks to see that the information is correct.

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Mort reported on his trip to Texas for the National Fire Council.

The Indiana Fire Service Institute will have an appreciation picnic on July 12, 1998 at Indianapolis.

Ivan Nevil reported on computers from the Indiana Gas Company. He brought us up to date on training courses scheduled for certification review.

Richard Glant said we need more letters from fellow firefighters for the awards that are given. There are a lot of deserving firefighters out there.

It was reported that after July 1st, departments do not have to advertise their charges for fire runs.

The next meeting will be held at Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department on July 20th.

Second Roll Call was taken and then the meeting was adjourned. Refreshment were served.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dale Gray, Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 9A

May 28, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at 7:30 p.m. at the Grissom Air Reserve Base Fire Department.

Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department was the host department. Their Chief, Dave Betzner, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Roll Call was answered by eighteen members from twelve fire departments with response to 114 alarms.

Guests included PRNW Buz Koehler, Lawrence Swartz, and Charlene Davis.

The minutes were read and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Names were turned in of those who received the free smoke detectors at the last meeting. Two more detectors were given out.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Buz Koehler discussed the

membership packet each department received. Minor changes can be made on the print-out list, but major changes, such as change of beneficiary, need to be made on the membership form.

He had a job description for the Public Relations office.

The Bridgeport Scholarship fund amount is growing because of the money from the license plates.

The historical books will not be ready until August.

NFPA 1200 will come up again and we will have to watch this in the future and respond appropriately.

He had copies of 29CFR 1910:134 on Respiratory Standards.

"Two in, two out" is not needed for a rescue.

Rapid Intervention Teams are not mandatory.

In the Fire Marshal packet that went to fire chiefs recently is a form to use to advertise once in your local newspaper in order to charge for response to fires and these can be used starting July 1, 1998.

Lawrence Swartz reported on the process of scoring the Bridgeport Scholarship in order to arrive at two winners. Each page of the application is graded on a scale of 1 to 10 and the highest numerical scores win. SAT scores need to be noted on the application.

Firefighter memorial donations have added to the fund. \$3,000.00 death benefits come out of this fund, also.

He said it takes around three weeks to put the newspaper together due to checking out news items, etc.

Make sure address changes are in because they have to pay for every newspaper returned.

Buz talked on the Ollie Sandburg and Mr. IVFA awards. Very few letters are received and he stated that there are many firefighters deserving of these awards. The same person can be nominated the next year, if that they don't win.

Dee Mauntel had information on the Burn Camp. It will be \$650 per child for the week camp. It starts in 1999. Volunteers are needed and they will be trained.

If a child in a jurisdiction is injured, the fire department there could sponsor that child and provide the family with information on the camp.

On the question of a deadline for the license plate, the form is in the newspaper. Send it in 30

days in advance of your renewal with \$5.00 to the IVFA central office.

It says 1999 on the form, but you could change it to 1998. You must pay fees according to weight class of your truck if it is over 7000 pounds.

Chairman Cline told of a person using a red light on their personal vehicle. Only if a fire department owns the vehicle or you lease your vehicle to them can you use a red light. There would be insurance questions on this.

Chief Don Smith of the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department said they have an equipment truck and a mini-rescue pumper for sale.

Russiaville is having a festival June 4, 5 & 6.

Delphi Fire Department's Fireman's Bash is on Lake Freeman June 5th.

Harrison Township Alto-Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the Fire Marshal's "Church Arson Prevention" program on June 29th in Kokomo.

The next meeting is at Rock Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department on July 23rd. Brian Alkier will give the program.

Chief Betzner introduced Assistant Chief Jim Hooper of the air base fire department. He said that their new fire station will be finished soon. The burn pit for training will have a mock-up of an air craft in it. The fire will be fueled by LP gas and departments training there will pay for the gas they use.

They will also have a 2-story smoke tower available for us.

Two crash vehicles demonstrated their volume and reach with water turrets. They can go 70 mph and the tires have sensors that automatically inflate or deflate as needed to take turns. It would take around a million dollars to replace one of these trucks.

A cold buffet was served. Respectfully submitted by,  
Dee Mauntel, Sec/Treas.

## DISTRICT 9B

May 14, 1998

The regular meeting was called to order by Secretary Skinner at 8:05 p.m. at the Francesville Fire Department in Francesville, IN.

Bill Howe, District 1 Chairman, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Don Koebecke gave the Invocation.

Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Roll call was answered by the following: Buffalo/Liberty Twp., 1; Francesville, 9; Medaryville/Whitepost Twp., 5; Remington, 2; Rensselaer, 2; Star City, 4; and Winamac, 2. Total firefighters present was twenty-five from seven departments with fifty alarms.

Guests included Bill Howe, District 1 Chairman; Larry Stott, District 2 Chairman; Perry Martin, District 21 Chairman; Clarence Moss, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer; Harv Lanning, Schererville VFD; Brian Alkire, Sheffield Township VFD, Judy Elston, Salem Township Trustee; Bob Volmer, Salem Township Advisory Board; Demaris Koebecke, Francesville Town Clerk; Pam Balouth, Francesville Town Board; and Mark Hering, Francesville Town Board.

The minutes were read approved.

Old Business: Bill Howe discussed the current legislation affecting the fire service and the burn camp for the children. Bill also shared the names of the Bridgeport Scholarship award winners.

Mitch Parish discussed the need for all members of the fire service to get involved with the awards programs. The nominations for the awards this year were not very high at all.

Secretary Skinner will be working on getting packets out to our district departments as to what the requirements are for the different awards that are given annually.

Chief Parish introduced his department and guests.

New Business: IVFA invoices are going to change. The invoices will now start using a different numbering system instead of our Social Security number.

Good of the Order: Anyone wanting information about the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Cadet program can contact the department a 219 988-2834 or 4039.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The program for the evening was presented by Brian Alkire, who is a member of the Sheffield Township Fire Department. Brian's presentation consisted of the events that led up to the burns he received during a structure fire almost two years ago. He also shared the recovery process he has had to endure.

The presentation was very inspirational and it showed the

courage that is deep down inside each and everyone of us.

July 9, 1998

Goodland Vol. Fire Dept.

The regular meeting was called to order by PRNW Leymone "Buz" Koehler (filling in for Chairman Brettin) at 8:00 p.m. He then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by the following: Brook, 1; Fowler, 3; Francesville, 2; Goodland, 14; Monon, 3; Remington, 1; Rensselaer, 3. Total firefighters present was twenty-seven representing seven departments with a total of 76 alarms. Four guests were also present.

Guests included Linda Baker from Midwest Fire & Safety; Mike Hudson, retired Rensselaer firefighter; Mitch Parish, Past President; and Buz Koehler, PRNW.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

New Business - Mitch Parish and Buz Koehler discussed new state legislature that passed, to include firemen being excluded from jury duty, defibrillators, firefighters on multiple departments, license plate fee increase by the state. It was also noted that it will cost \$650 to sponsor a child at the state burn camp for a week.

Old Business - License plate dues are due by July 31, 1998. We are going to start assigning committees to look into awards decorations due to the lack of interest by member departments.

Good of the Order - It was noted Jack Cox is the new IVFA President and Jack Kerney is the new Vice President.

Chief Don Lah of the Goodland Volunteer Fire Department introduced the members of his department.

Chief Don Lah then presented a plaque, on behalf of the Goodland VFD membership to Roy Rhoades for the unselfish commitment of 27 years of meritorious service with their department.

Elections of Officers - Buz Koehler announced that July was election of officers for our district. He then conducted the election. Randy Denton nominated Donald Skinner for Chairman. Seconded by D. Luke. With no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. All present were in favor of the nominations and Donald Skinner was declared Chairman.

The floor was then opened for Secretary/Treasurer. Donald Skinner nominated Randy Denton for the position. Seconded by J. Lape. With no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. All present were in favor of nomination and Randy Denton was declared Secretary/Treasurer for our district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Program - The program for the evening was presented by Kyle Conrad, a member of the Brook Volunteer Fire Department. Kyle is currently running for State Representative, District 25. Kyle discussed the importance of voting and voicing our opinions to our legislatures to ensure the volunteer fire service continues to be recognized and supported by state and federal governments alike.

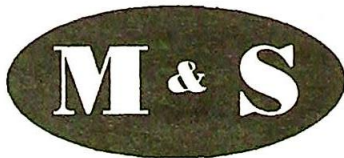
Respectfully submitted by,  
Donald Skinner, Chairman

## DISTRICT 10

Our last meeting was held at Marletta Volunteer Fire Department on May 20, 1998. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Israel. David

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### District 10

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thanked Marietta for hosting the meeting and for the great meal. David then began the Pledge to the Flag.

First Roll Call was taken. Minutes of the last meeting were read.

David discussed the dues packets for the IVFA membership. Past President Jim Parker also mentioned that the new membership cards would have their own number and the organization would no longer be using the member's social security number.

David then discussed the convention in Terre Haute and mentioned that anybody interested in going should go in order to get ideas for the convention in 1999, which is being held in District 10 at Columbus, Indiana.

We discussed up-coming classes like Indiana Weekend July 18-19. There will also be a Confined Space Seminar at Camp Atterbury on July 8-12.

The family picnic at Wayne Township will be held July 11-12. Second Roll Call was taken.

Antique tractor pull will be held on June 7, weigh-in from 9-11, pull at 12 noon at Burney Volunteer Fire Department.

Annual Golf Scramble at Greensburg Country Club on June 30.

Lifeline training on May 30 and a fish fry on June 5 & 6 at Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

The 50/50 drawing held with a \$11 split. Ruffled off a small gear bag and a golf tee bag donated by Ed Stone from Boone Fire.

Our next meeting is at Clarksburg VFD in August. Come join the fun and good food.

### DISTRICT 11A

Convention '98 in Terre Haute is now history. Many hours of work by many people helped to make it what it was. If the results can be based on comments made to me, those many helping hands made it a 98% success. A big tip of the fire helmet goes out to Bob Meyers, Bill Bush, and all the tired members of the Convention Committee.

Don Wells and his committee are now in the process of completing the arrangements for the picnic. In case you have forgotten, or haven't heard, we are the host of District 11B at this year's picnic to be held on September 20, 1998, at Deming Park in Terre Haute. The time to eat is still 1:00 p.m. with the other 'happenings' to follow. Please plan to be in attendance and enjoy the afternoon together.

This will probably not be new to some of you, but the new program in the IVFA computer failed to print out the new dues rosters for the departments in Districts 11A & 11B. The lists were printed and mailed out, so all departments should have received theirs by July 15. If you did not, I suggest you call 1-888-808-IVFA and verify your mailing address with Amy. At least you'll find out where it was sent.

Also check VERY CLOSE the information printed with each name. It seems some info may have gotten confused in the transfer from the old to the new program. Understanding the short time from then until the 31st of July, an agreement was made that those departments in Districts 11A & 11B would have the month of August to return their monies and still be counted as paid on time. Please, don't drag your feet. Get your rosters and monies in as soon as you can.

We have been made aware of a couple of fish fry dates in the near future. September 12, Sandford

and September 19, Carbon.

Congratulations to our newest 'red coat', Bob Meyers. That coat sure looks good on you. In case you missed it, Bob is Mr. IVFA for 1998.

Congratulations also go out to our own Max Harrah upon winning the Ollie Sandberg Award. In case you missed this one, Ollie got to be there to make the presentation.

Please be advised that Carolyn and I will be going on vacation September 5 thru 13, 1998. Please remember to ask His traveling mercies during this time.

Respectfully submitted by, Red Morris, Chairman

### DISTRICT 11B

Greetings.

Our July meeting was held at the Fairview Park Fire Department on the 8th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt.-At-Arms Brent Bush and Prayer by Chaplain Con Mankin.

Guests included District 11A Vice Chairman Don Vermillion. Congratulations to our district Midwest Award winner, Sherry McFarland. Also congratulations to our Miss Flame Brandi Miller for winning the Miss Congeniality Award this year and all the award winners at convention. You are very deserving winners.

Roll Call was answered by seven departments with seventeen members present.

The 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 and what we as a district need to do to get the attention and support of our legislature.

Bill Bush talked of the 1998 convention and we hope you all enjoyed our efforts to put it on, as we had a good time.

Elections of officers for next year was held at this time, and they are: Larry Bartlow, Chairman; Jack McFarland, Vice Chairman; Steve Lane, Sec./Treas.; 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 20, 1998 at Deming Park in Terre Haute. We eat at 1:00 p.m. This will be a joint picnic with District 11A. Bring a well-filled picnic basket, your lawn chairs and plan on a fun day with old friends. Drinks will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Up-coming events in the district are:

July 18 Fish Fry at Lyford  
July 23-25 Ernie Pyle Days at Dana

July 25 Fairview Park Celebrity Auction

Respectfully submitted by, Larry Bartlow, Chairman

### DISTRICT 12

Congratulations to our district Midwest Fire & Safety Award recipient, Rex Goodwin from the Danville Fire Department. Rex has served as a volunteer fireman with this department for 18+ years.

He is active in his church and community and is the type of person that would give you the shirt off his back or the food off his table if you needed it.

He has also worked as a fireman at the 500 Mile Race Track in Speedway for six years, at the IRP track, and the new 16th Street Race Track.

Even his military time was

spent as a fireman. To say the very least, this man has fireman blood running in his veins. His dedication and endless sense of humor keep the gang at the station smiling and laughing, but with respect for all he does. Congratulation, Rex.

The Midwest Fire & Safety Award is a wonderful way to recognize someone within your department who has put in a number of years as a volunteer, who is active in their church and community, and who you feel deserves to be recognized for all they do.

As Chairman of District 12, I am accepting nominations for candidates for next year's award. If you have someone within our district you feel deserves this award, please submit a letter to me immediately, so your candidate will be considered for the award. My address appears in this newspaper. (see page 2)

The next meeting of our district will be held at Paragon Fire Department at 1900 hours on Monday, September 21, 1998. You all come!!

Respectfully submitted by, John Ross, Chairman

### DISTRICT 13A

Dear Fellow Firefighters,

Thank you to Districts 11A and 11B for an outstanding job on the state convention in June. It was very enjoyable and for being first-timers, my wife and I thought that it was very educational and informative. I recommend to all of you out there to get involved and enjoy what the IVFA and IVFAA have to offer.

Our last meeting was held at the Fortville Volunteer Fire Department and we had a discussion on legislation, burn camp, and surplus fire equipment.

The meeting was followed with a program presented by Chief Warren White of Warren Township on methamphetamine labs and the fire service's safety when dealing with these hazardous situations. Many of these crime scenes are showing up in rural areas as well as the cities and are also in mobile units on the roads in vans, semi-trailers and vehicles, which could affect many of us who are unaware.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new departments into our district. They are Wayne Township VFD of

Noblesville and White River Township VFD of Cicero, formerly of District 20. We are looking forward to meeting you and working together!

Our next meeting will be at Buck Creek Township VFD on July 16th.

Hope to see you all soon and have a safe summer.

The district would like to especially congratulate Virginia Wilson of McCordsville, on her Midwest Award. Way to go!!

Respectfully submitted by, Timothy L. Martin, Chairman

### DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

### DISTRICT 14

It was good to meet all of my old friends and meet new ones at the convention in Terre Haute. I would like to thank the Convention Committee for a job well done.

Our next district meeting will be at Hanover Fire Department October 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a live demonstration of Barricade Fire-Blocking Gel. (see following article) This demonstration was put on at the convention in Terre Haute and it works. You need to see it.

You need to come out to your district meetings and hear what is going on around the state. We need your input.

There will be a free \$20 drawing for those in attendance at the next meeting.

See you there.  
Roy E. Richardson, Chairman

To District 14 members:

We (CKS Company, Inc.) will be attending your district meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 1998 at Hanover, Indiana at 7:30 p.m.

We will be speaking, showing a video, and demonstrating Barricade Fire-Blocking Gel, which is a recently new product that when combined with water makes a thermal barrier gel that blocks flames, extreme heat, and can be used as an exposure protection, suppression, extinguishing and non-rekindling agent. Using Barricade allows the firefighter to extinguish fires faster using much less water, making it ideal for rural departments.

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### DISTRICT 15

The May 19, 1998 meeting was held at Boonville Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barr at 19:40 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney offered the prayer.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Guests introduced included Ken Bowes from Sternberg E-One and Ivan Nevil from Public Safety Training Institute.

A representative from Indiana Southern Railroad gave a presentation on "Operation Life Safety."

Roll Call was answered by six departments with seventeen members present.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the March 17th meeting at General Electric. A motion was made by Harry Logan and Seconded by Richard Bruner to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney distributed the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the report as distributed.

Old Business - The district waterball contest will be held on August 1, 1998 in Owensville at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Jack Kerney and seconded by Barbara Kerney to charge a registration fee of \$5 per team. Flyers will be sent out by the secretary to each fire department in the district.

New Business - Dues notices have been sent out by the State IVFA office. Any dues received after July 31, 1998 are considered late.

Warrick County Fire School will be held on September 26 & 27 at Alcoa.

The July meeting will be Election of Officers.

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# IVFAA President



Faye Sallee

Bang! Bang! Ooooh! Ahhhh! Just a few sounds heard at the 52nd Annual IVFA Convention. The Hog Roast and fireworks highlighted the opening of the convention.

Districts 11A and 11B did a fantastic job with convention this year. Didn't hear any negative comments. The Thursday night thunderstorm stopped a few activities, but Mother Nature controlled that.

The ladies had a good meeting and great fun with the Chinese Auction and door prizes. The banquet at the Hulman Center was wonderful. I would say this year's convention was a good memory maker.

I want to thank the ladies for electing me President and I will try my best to work for you. Congratulations to all the IVFA and IVFAA officers for next year. Now it's time to get to work. If I can be of any help to your auxiliary or district, please let me know.

Try to stay cool!!!!

## DISTRICTS 1,2

Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Auxiliary held their election of officers. Officers were elected to two year terms. The new officers are: President, Julie Blades; Vice President, Lorraine Brown; Secretary, Barbara Shoemaker; and Treasurer, Sue Casten.

The Board of Directors consists of Barbara Wilkening, Viola Rose and Cheryl Gilbert. We are going to assist the men at the district meeting in July to be held at the Cedar Lake Fire Department. We are also having a picnic in August.

Our next meeting will be August 10, 1998.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Susan Carten, Treasurer

## DISTRICT 3

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 6

The May meeting was held at Ligonier Fire Department in Noble County.

We joined the men for a very interesting and informative program on Search & Rescue with K-9 dogs, given by Jan Harkner. If you missed it, you really missed a good program.

By the time you read this, you will have a new district chairman. I hope you will support her as you have me. I have enjoyed the last eight years as your chairman.

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at Ashley on August 16th for our picnic. This will be a carry-in dinner at noon with games following.

Our Miss Flame Kimberly Smith, representing New Haven Adams Township Fire Department will be there to present trophies. Come join us! The September meeting will be

at Johnson Township in Wolcottville on September 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Mackin, Chairman

## DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 11A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 11B

Here we are right in the middle of summer. As I write this, it has been a hot one today. Just what I waited for all winter.

The 1998 IVFA Convention is now history and I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed District 11A and 11B's hospitality. We tried really hard to make the convention a success and a fun time for everyone.

Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were very good choices. We are now looking forward to and making the plans to go to Columbus in 1999.

It seems as though every fire department in the district has or is having fund raisers this summer. About every Friday and Saturday night one can go eat somewhere in the district. I love it, but I have trouble keeping my cooking range dusted, though. It is great to see fire departments and auxiliaries working at fund raisers. It is also important to get community support and when they see departments working hard the community support usually happens.

District 11A is hosting the joint 11A-11B picnic this year at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20th at Deming Park in Terre Haute.

In addition to all the members of the districts, a special invitation is being extended to all award winners in the districts (Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Miss Flames, Ollie Sandburg, Midwest Awards, President's Award). The invitation is also extended to any other interested persons. All one has to do to attend is to bring a well filled picnic basket and lawn chairs and plan to have a good time of renewing old friendships and visiting.

If you have any memorabilia, photographs or something that you would like to share, bring it.

Attention auxiliaries, if you haven't sent in your dues, it is time. They were due July 1 and delinquent September 30. Now is a good time for any new auxiliaries to join since it is the beginning of the fiscal year. If you have questions or need help organizing, just give me a call at 765-665-3213.

My "thinker" and my fingers are getting tired and I imagine

you are tired of reading. So have a great summer and we will do this again in November's paper.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Eula Bush, Chairman

## DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 13B

I apologize for not putting anything in the last few issues. Here is a report of what's happening in the district.

Officer elections were held at the June meeting. Diana Griffin is Chairman and Leslie Spears is Secretary/Treasurer. We are also working on a membership drive, so if you have any ideas of how to recruit members and how to entice members to attend the district meetings, let us know.

We had a wonderful time at convention in Terre Haute. Everything ran extremely smooth and a good time was had by everyone. Our Miss Flame Tammy Spears had a good time and made new friends. She is willing to attend any events in our district, so contact her at (765) 855-5680 or 310 Sycamore St., Centerville, IN 47330-1135.

Just a reminder, membership dues are coming due. Send your membership sheets and money in as soon as you can.

Centerville Fire Department Auxiliary is having a food booth at the annual Archway Days Festival in Centerville August 21-23. Stop by and enjoy some good food while taking in the festivities. Additionally, Centerville Fire Department Auxiliary is having a Sweetest Day Dance as a fundraiser Saturday, October 17, 1998. Contact any auxiliary member for information. This is their second year for the dance. Everyone had a really good time last year, so, come join them.

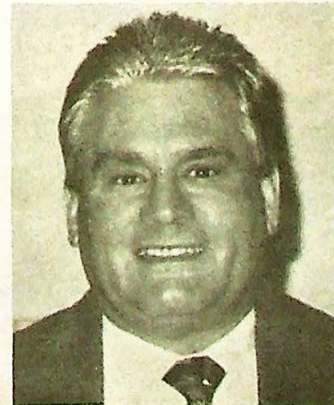
News is needed for our district. If you have anything coming up, please let us know and we will try

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# IVFAA Vice President



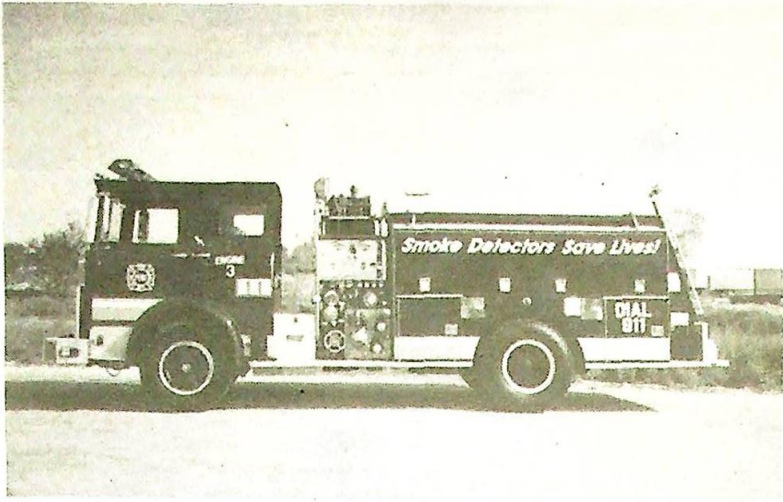
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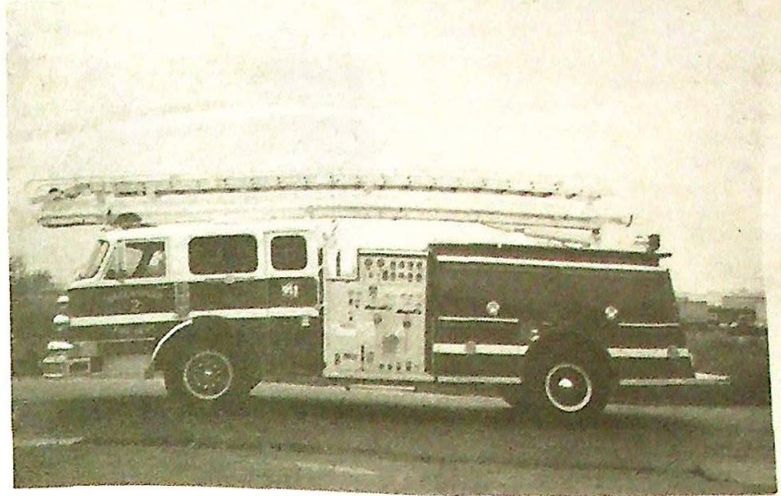
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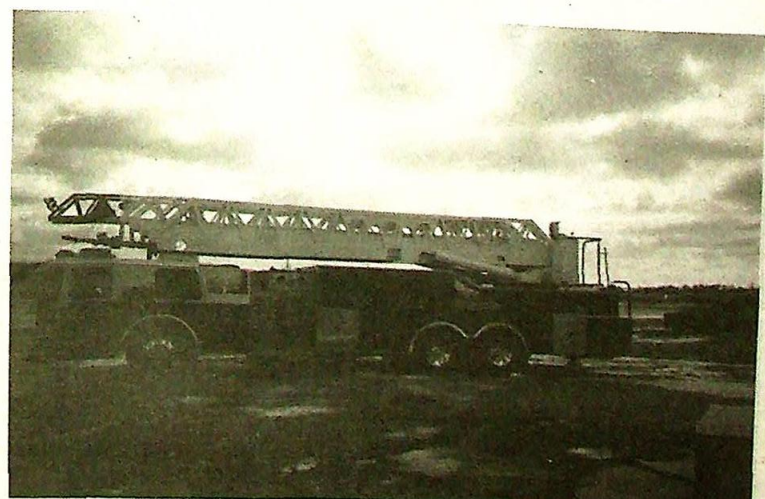
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# IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Ramada Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 3, 1998

President Lou Bartlow opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by first, saying she was glad to be back. She was off for surgery last meeting. She then ask Chaplain Joann Hays to open with a word of prayer. Pledge to the Flag, led by Sgt.-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel.

Barbara Kerney, Recording Secretary, then gave the Roll Call, with twenty-four officers and five guests present.

We have two new district chairmen; Susie Stout from District 7 and Jean Daunhauer from District 18. We welcome you to the State level.

Barbara then read the minutes of the last meeting. Miriam Schaeckel made a motion not to read the district reports and Mary Mackin seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report. Treasurer's report stands approved for audit.

There was no correspondence.

Membership - Barbara Kerney said we have forty-seven members from two departments that have paid for 98-99. Otherwise, it will be the same membership as last time.

President Lou Bartlow handed out new auxiliary certificates. Please make sure all your 25 year members are turned in.

Mitch came in to re-take the pictures for the convention book. The first ones did not turn out. So we took about a 10 minute break and we all went at the same time.

Chaplain, Joann Hays gave her report. She went over the name list of the deceased to be read at convention at the Memorial Service. Since last meeting she has sent three sympathy and three get well cards and held one Memorial Service.

If you have anything that needs to be known about a death or illness, please get hold of Joann.

Barbara Parker thanked Joann for the lovely service that she gave.

Auditing - no report.

Games - Lou said Al asked her to find two women that will volunteer to help during the games.

Installation - Barb Parker says she will be fine!! She hasn't started working on it yet, but will be O.K. She will have the service shortened, but not all of it because we will have some new officers. Lucy Stofor reminded her that she will not be here for convention and so therefore she will have to find someone to help her.

Bill Bush from convention, came in to tell us that everything is going great. Everyone is working in their committees to see that things run smooth. There are a lot of things planned, so you will have a lot of fun...not much sleep!! There are two tours planned, one to the fire museum and one to a plastic factory. They are both at the same time, so you will have to choose.

Financial Study - Okay

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said she has seventeen girls. She has sent letters to the parents and to the District Chairman. There are some things planned for Friday afternoon. Eula does not have the banners yet. Last year she paid \$100 for the banners and \$90 for the crown. She said maybe next year, she may ask the girls to wear their sashes from their districts. But that will be decided at a later time. She is working with the company that made their t-shirts and see if they could silk screen the banners at a reasonable price. They have not gotten back to her yet. The Miss Flames must be to convention by Wednesday night.

Doe Doll - Faye Sallee says she has 1300 tickets out. She received \$50 today. We need to SELL those tickets. Remember, this is our only money making project.

Faye said that for the past two years that she has had the V.P. Project, the case that the dolls are displayed in is falling apart and it is very heavy. She has a catalog that has cases in it and they are much lighter weight. She said maybe it will be something we will want to give some thought to at a later time.

By-laws - Martha Thomas said we do not have any.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said the jewelry is selling good. She purchased twenty-four tie bars and has sold eight. The men have four at their meeting. So two of them will be gone before convention. She may order twenty-four more. She has 63 charms and 103 tacks, plus she had some turned in. The '95 charms are marked down to \$3.00.

Nominating - Beth Caudill said she will need someone for Vice President. So Lou asked if we would have volunteers. She read the duties of the Vice President so everyone knows what the job consists of.

Barbara Kerney made a motion to approve money needed for convention and Barb Parker seconded it. Motion carried.

Lou said they would need \$250 for the Coffee Clutch.

Historian - Wanda Johnson said she has the covers on the books. They really look nice. She has book No. 4 started with '97 in it. She has enough plastic inserts to last awhile.

She does need information and pictures from '87, '88 and '89. So if you have anything for her, please make sure she gets it.

Presidents Advisory - Barb Parker said she hasn't had any complaints.

Lois Boaz - Barbara Parker said everything is ready to go. She asked that all winners bring their jackets to convention. She is sending out postcards to remind them.

Parliamentarian - Jean Parish said everything is O.K.

OLD BUSINESS - Lou said getting back to the idea of raising the dues. She is just interested in the feed-back you are getting at your local auxiliaries and district meetings.

A discussion followed. One suggestion was maybe a grave marker along with the Bible, might be an incentive. Not sure of the price. It may be something we can look into.

Barb Parker said she did not get all the Chinese Auction items turned in. Make sure you have them to Barb at convention by noon on Wed.

District 6 will be unable to donate as Mary is having eye surgery and so if anyone wants to donate an extra item that will be O.K.

Barb would like to have some volunteers to help sell tickets during the officers meeting on Thursday. Tickets will sell 3 for \$1.00.

NEW BUSINESS - Eula said if anyone has a special need for something at convention, please notify the committee members and they will try to get it arranged, if possible.

Joann said for Memorial Service this year a little something different will be done. The Miss Flames will carry in the roses and each rose placed will have a memorial marker with the deceased's name on it.

Lou reminded us that the parade will be Saturday at 2 p.m. and she asked that you please participate and wear red & white.

Joann mentioned that at registration, if you have children, please let them know and they will be given a wrist bracelet with their name on it to wear during convention.

A pizza party will be held on Friday night at the same time as the Banquet and it will be in the same building.

A motion not to read the District reports was made by Barb Parker and seconded by Leona Uryga. Motion carried.

With no further business, Lou asked for a motion to adjourn. Martha Thomas made the motion and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

Joann closed with a word of prayer.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### Districts 1 & 2

Our meeting was held March 5th at Lake Eliza Fire Station. Attending were Bill Howe, Clarence Moss and Sue Crosby, Districts 1 & 2 officers.

Walt Sharvich of Lake Eliza gave a history of the department.

A moment of silent prayer was held for Doris Goldschmidt and Dorothy Walkins, members of the Ainsworth Deep River Auxiliary.

Bill Howe reminded everyone of the '98 convention to be held in Terre Haute.

A discussion was held and approval for Districts 1 & 2 to donate an item for the Chinese Auction at the convention.

Theresa Shockley celebrated her birthday along with Florence Suberinak, who was 91 years young.

A delicious dinner was served and door prizes were awarded.

The next meeting will be May 7th at Lake Station Fire Department.

### District 3

The meeting was held on March 18th at Coolspring Township Fire Department. Attendance was taken.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read.

The Miss Flame 50/50 raffle was discussed and everyone was reminded to have in by the May meeting.

We were also reminded to have the Lois Boaz award votes turned in. The ditty bags are going great. Thanks to Rose Stantz for making them.

The '98 convention tie tacks and pins are available for sale.

The department activities were reported.

The next meeting is May 20, 1998 at Springfield Township.

### District 6

The March meeting was held at Washington Township, Whitley County. We then joined the men for their program and refreshments.

Cook books are still for sale with a few left.

The May 21st meeting will be at Ligonier in Noble County.

The July meeting will be at Corunna with the election of officers.

### District 10

The meeting was held at Shoney's in Shelbyville on February 16th. The meeting was called to order with five members present, representing three auxiliaries.

Business meeting was conducted. 1999 convention was the main topic. What is expected of us ??, etc.

The activity report was given.

Our meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting will be at Shoney's on May 19, 1998.

### District 11 A

Our meeting was held at Hymera Fire Department on March 22nd. We had a very good meal.

We discussed the increase of dues. Everyone agreed to raise the dues, except Prairington Fire Department Auxiliary. They thought it was too expensive for some of them that are on a fixed income.

### District 11B

The regular meeting was held at Hillsdale Fire Department on March 8th. The department served a delicious lunch of spaghetti and all the trimmings.

We discussed the successful Miss Flame dance. We had four contestants. Brandy Miller will represent the district at convention.

It was decided to give our Miss Flame \$200 to help defray expenses at convention.

The next meeting will be at Covington on May 13, 1998.

### District 12

The meeting was held March 23rd at the Paragon Restaurant at Highway 36 and Girls School Road.

The meeting was called to order after enjoying a wonderful meal.

Decatur Township Auxiliary hosted the meeting. There were eight members and one guest present.

Topics discussed were our Miss Flame Pageant, convention, State raising dues, and fundraisers.

Our District 12 Miss Flame contest was won by Christy Thomas.

Our next meeting will be held on May 19, 1998 at the Lost Name Restaurant in Mooresville on Highway 67 and will be hosted by the Madison Township Auxiliary.

### Holiday Inn, Terre Haute, Indiana

June 18, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Lou Bartlow. She asked Chaplain Joann Hays to lead us in prayer.

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

President Lou asked Immediate Past President Phyllis Vargo to step to the front. She then presented her with a corsage to wear during convention and the Convention Hostess.

President Lou had a corsage to present to Carolyn Zeeks, wife of Jack Zeeks, IVFA President, but she was not present. Will see that she gets it.

Phyllis Vargo also presented President Lou with a corsage for office

## From the Lois Boaz Committee

Congratulations to our 1998 winner Ann Moss from Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department Auxiliary in District 2.

The past few years it has become very difficult, almost impossible, to find the Lois Boaz jackets. We have found someone who can make them, but needs a little more advance notice of the size.

So at our Annual Meeting in June, we voted to change the deadline for ALL letters to FEBRUARY 1, 1999. Please send us your letters as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please send your letters to:

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## IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Well another convention is over and it was a great one. All went well and everyone worked together and had a good time. It was a lot of work, but it was so great bringing old friends back and making new ones.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Memorial Service and a great Big Thank You to the Miss Flames for carrying in the roses. You were all so beautiful, just like those roses you carried.

Silence gives us a new outlook on everthing. We need silence to be able to touch souls.

The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. Jesus is always waiting for us in silence.

In that silence, He will listen to us; there He will speak to our soul, and there we will hear His voice.

Understand the tenderness of God's love. You are precious to Him. He loves you, and He loves you so tenderly that He has carved you on the palm of His hand.

"I have inscribed you on the palm of my hand."

Isaiah 49:16

May God bless each and every one of you and keep you in His tender loving care.

Be good to each other and I pray that all of you will stay well and stay safe.

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# NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

## 1999 Important Instructions! Please Take Note

The State of Indiana provides Special Recognition License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association.

You will not be able to obtain plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions.

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

#### To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your *Individual Plate Request Application* to the IVFA Central Office no later than 60 days before the month you wish to receive your plates. This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 1999, along with \$5 for each plate.

#### Renewal months by first letter of your last name

January-Corporations February-A, B, Rental, Bus  
 March-C, D April- E,F,G, Personal May-H, I  
 June-J, K, L July-M, N, O August-P, Q  
 September-S, T October- U, V, W, X, Y, Z

#### 3. Purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Central Office.

- a. **DO NOT** request more forms than you plan to use!
- b. The BMV may charge the IVFA for leftover plates you do not pay for!

#### 4. The application contains a space to write the number of plates requested, making it necessary to fill out only **ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON NOT PER PLATE.**

5. The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.

6. It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.

7. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!

8. See additional instructions for BMV procedures. (Below)

## BMV Procedures

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time, it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail one (1) plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special Recognition License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

Please, do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, only to the BMV.

## District 15

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Ivan Nevil gave a report on fire schools being provided by the Fire Marshal's Office Incident Safety Officer on October 13 & 14, which will be a train-the-trainer class.

Ivan also reported that Indiana Weekend will be July 17-19 at the National Fire Academy.

Our next meeting will be held on July 21, 1998 at McCutchanville Fire Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:08 hours.

We would like to thank Boonville Fire Department for providing the meal.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jack Kerney, Secretary

## DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 17A

On May 6, 1998 we held our meeting at the Veale Township Fire Department.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by District Chairman Jack Harker.

The minutes from the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were read by Secretary Pete Carter. A motion was made and seconded to approve both reports.

Twenty-four men and women were present and seven departments were represented.

Guests included PRSW Jack Kerney and his wife Barbara; Past President and Past District Chairman Bill Engle; and our Miss Flame candidate Anna Cardinal from the Washington Township Fire Department.

A lengthy discussion was held about the two in - two out ruling by the NFPA.

We also talked about what a department should do in a fire situation that this applies to.

A reminder was given about the IVFA dues, which are due by July 31, 1998.

Chairman Harker also reminded everyone that the convention was being held in Terre Haute this year, which is close to our district and that they should try to attend if at all possible.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jack Harker, Chairman

Note: On June 14, 1998, a clock was given to the Bicknell Volunteer Fire Department for their new fire station. It was presented by District Chairman Harker.

Chief Wayne Lee Bement accepted the clock on behalf of the department.

## DISTRICT 17B

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 21

NO REPORT

## PLEASE NOTE

The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:

IVFA Central Office  
1 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite B2  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Please do not send the application to this newspaper.

That will only delay your application and you may miss out on getting your special plates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

STAPLE CHECK HERE

## 1999 IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ IVFA Membership# \_\_\_\_\_

Department Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Month Your Plates Renew \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # Plates Requested \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## IVFAA Officer's Meeting

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of President, on behalf of the auxiliary.

Barbara Kerney, Recording Secretary, gave the Roll Call. We had twenty-six members and five guests present.

Barb then read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read. Miriam Schaeckel made a motion not to read the district reports and Wanda Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary, nothing to report.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report. The report was approved, subject to audit.

Chaplain Joann Hays said that Betty Selmer's mother had passed away. Betty is one of our past district chairmen.

Joann said she is ready for the Memorial service tomorrow. We have fourteen ladies to be remembered.

Lou said that Joann has done a wonderful job this year as Chaplain, and we all appreciate what she has done.

Membership - Barbara Kerney said we have eight departments paid for 98-99, with 168 members. For 97-98 we have 82 departments, 61 individual, 21 life members, with a total of 1172. Our membership is up from last year.

Games - Lou said E.J. Smith has volunteered to help, but if someone else wants to help, it would be appreciated.

Auditing - Phyllis Vargo said it would be done at August meeting.

Lois Boaz - Phyllis Vargo said they are ready!! Mary Boyd said it was getting to be a real problem to find the white lined jackets. If we could consider changing the date that the letters have to be in, and make it February 1st, that would give them more time to have it made or ordered. Motion carried. This way a decision can be reached by March 1st, and Mary Boyd will be notified and she will take care of getting the jacket. **SO-GET YOUR LETTERS IN BY FEBRUARY 1, 1999.** There are a lot of deserving ladies out there. It does not have to be from your district or auxiliary. If you feel someone deserves it...get their name in!!

By-Laws - Martha Thomas said we do not have any!!

Eula Bush, for convention, asked if there were any problems so far? There didn't seem to be any and she was grateful. Barb Parker said they deserved a round of applause for a job well done.

Doe Doll - Faye Saltee said she is trying to get everything straightened out. It's hard to do when so many are turning tickets in and she doesn't have their names on the list. She feels the district chairmen should take care of it and then count the money turned in. Toni Sorg agreed. Mary Boyd made a motion to NOT make it a contest. Toni Sorg seconded it. Motion carried.

It was also suggested that we have the tickets ready to sell in November. So far, Faye has \$468 turned in. Leona suggested that all the Doe Doll tickets be sold before convention. People are only going to spend so much money and with having the Chinese Auction, they are taking from one another. Barb Parker feels the Doe Doll has run its course and maybe we should find something else to do for a project. A 50/50 drawing was suggested. The men will be more apt to purchase tickets if it's for something other than a doll. Lou said to keep this all in mind and it will be put on the back burner until the August meeting and we will decide what to do.

Financial Secretary Phyllis Vargo said we are going to study after an

audit in August.

Historian - Wanda Johnson said she is still working on the books. She needs pictures and information for 87-88. Book #1 is still missing.

Mary Boyd said two months ago they visited with Thelma Lester. She has cards if you want to sign one and send it to her, she would be tickled pink. Toni Sorg volunteered to take care of the postage.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said they had a nice luncheon. They are taking them for a FUN Friday afternoon. She has seventeen girls and she did get the sashes donated. That was a big help.

Installation - Barb Parker is ready. She has shortened the ceremony. New officers will be fully installed and the rest of the officers will be done all at the same time.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said she is SO happy!! She has less than fifty charms and tacks left. She is in the black. That is great.

Nominating - Beth Caudill said they are ready.

President's Advisory - Barb Parker thanked Lou for such a wonderful job the past two years. She has made some changes and moved forward.

Old Business - Lou said she has a gift for everyone, it's at the back of the room and can be picked up as you leave.

Ann Moss made a motion to adjourn. Martha Thomas seconded it. Motion carried.

Mary Mackin reported on some of the past Presidents that were unable to attend. Ruth Ford is doing fine. Ruth Fairfield has Parkinson's disease, but is doing good. Catherine Mason had eye surgery, doing good, but she can't do her needle work like she used to.

Lou asked that the officers sit down front tonight at the opening meeting.

The parade is Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Line up at 4th and Chestnut.

Be there by 1:30 p.m. and wear red and white.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

### DISTRICT REPORTS

#### Districts 1 & 2

Meeting was held May 7th at the Lake Station Fire Department. Jill Bradley gave a history of the department. A delicious dinner was served by the host auxiliary.

Seven departments were represented from District 1 and six from District 2.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was given.

Martha Thomas told members of the basket that was taken to the Officer's Meeting for the Chinese Auction at convention.

A motion was made to donate money to each Miss Flame from our area to help defray their expenses.

An update was given about convention and a reminder to turn in Doe Doll tickets. Dues are due again.

A 50/50 drawing and a raffle of the host department were held.

Next meeting at Crown Point on September 3, 1998

#### District 3

The meeting was held on May 20 at the Springfield Township Fire Department. There were sixteen members representing four departments.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Leona thanked Rose Stantz for the homemade ditty bags for the Miss Flames. Leona also said that our district will be submitting a bid for Convention 2000. The LaPorte County Tourist Bureau will be making a presentation at convention.

District Miss Flame Heather Garwood thanked the Auxiliary for their support. A check for \$200 was authorized for Miss Flame expenses.

Next meeting will be held in LaCrosse on July 15, 1998

#### District 6

The meeting was at Ligonier in Noble County with four departments represented. The convention was discussed.

We met with the men for refreshments and an interesting demonstration of Search & Rescue dogs here in Northern Indiana.

Next meeting at Corruna in DeKalb County on July 16th. The district picnic is at Ashley on August 16th at noon with a carry in.

#### District 7

The meeting was held on May 18th at the Monroe Fire Department. We had twelve ladies from four departments present.

The convention was discussed. Joyce Nevil showed the throw that our district donated for the Chinese Auction.

Up-Coming events were announced. The next meeting will be July 20th at Monroeville. Election of Officers will take place then.

#### District 11A

Our meeting was at Shepardsville Fire Department. We had a great meeting. They had Bar-B-Q, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans & chips. We held a raffle for the doll, won by Eula Bush.

Next meeting will be at Lewis Township in July.

#### District 12

The meeting was held on May 19th at the Last Name Steak House, hosted by Madison

Township Auxiliary. After a wonderful meal, we opened the meeting with twelve members and three guests present.

We discussed convention, Chinese Auction and district fundraiser. Sharon & Mike Bray are donating a wooden fire truck to be raffled as our fundraiser.

Barb Webb has the Riley kits for everyone to take home. We need as many as can be completed by our August meeting and turned back into Barb. We have a lot of sewing to do this year.

Next meeting will be August 23rd, hosted by Wayne Twp. Auxiliary.

#### District 13B

Meeting was at Centerville Fire/Rescue. Election of Officers was held.

Centerville Auxiliary said they are having a Sweetest Day Dance on Saturday, October 17th.

A discussion was held on the convention. Everyone was reminded to turn in their Doe Doll tickets.

Next meeting - August 10th.

## District 13B

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to help spread the word. Keep Diana and I posted on how you are doing. If you need help with anything concerning your auxiliary, or if a member is ill or has passed away, please let us know.

Our district meetings are quarterly, the second Monday in February, May, August and November, with officer elections held in May. Please try to attend. Members are reminded of each meeting ahead of time.

If your auxiliary is not yet a member of our district auxiliary, contact Diana Griffin at (765) 935-2694, 408 Virginia Avenue, Richmond, IN 47374; or myself at (765) 855-5680, 310 Sycamore St., Centerville, IN 47330-1135. We will be happy to assist you or answer questions.

Until next time.

Leslie Spears, Sec./Treas.

## DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 15

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 19

The Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary hosted the May 12, 1998 meeting.

A call to order was given by Beth Caudill. Marilyn Smith then led us in prayer. The Pledge to the Flag was said.

Roll Call was answered by nine members representing three department. We had two guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion to accept them by Vi Bruns with a second from Rosie Weisenback.

Treasurer's report was given.

It was by far the least attended meeting I have ever been to. The convention was discussed and our district Miss Flame was introduced. She is Beth's daughter, Cindy and she's looking forward to convention. We voted to give her \$75 to help defray the costs.

Also, the group voted to help with the cost of the materials used in a painting Beth was donating for the Chinese auction. We gave her \$17 to help out.

Up-coming events: a festival at Sunman and dinner at Morris.

The next meeting will be at Sunman on August 11 at 7 p.m. and Batesville will host the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diana Gray

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# IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 2-3, 1998

## CALL TO ORDER

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn North/East in Indianapolis at 3:10 p.m. Father Lance gave the minute message. He talked briefly about the recent death of Clarence Hoffman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Jack Zeeks - Introduced Steve, who attended in place of John Barr. Roy Richardson and Clarence Moss introduced themselves. Jack Zeeks called for the reading of the minutes. Mike Mackin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Robert Uryga seconded.

Larry Stott thought there was a mistake. The Board section of the minutes stated that Larry was appointed EMS Commission Chairman. Jack Zeeks said the EMS Representative would have to be changed during the Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

Jack Zeeks stated he had attended the Fire Services Institute Dinner. The dinner's attendance was poor, but the presentations were great. Jack Zeeks thinks they are doing a terrific job and need support.

He went to Washington and it was a very good meeting. He met with 4 congressional officials, including Senator Lugar. Neither Senator Dan Coats nor Representative Dan Burton was there, he spoke to their aids.

Vice President Jack Cox - He stated he had remarried since the last meeting and had been very busy. Went to FDIC Volunteer Night and had a good time.

Chaplain Charlie Baker - Absent.

Assistant Chaplain Father Lance - Had one memorial, for a Kingsford Heights man. Charlie Baker had called that evening and told Father Lance he would not be able to attend today.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush - He and his wife went to Washington D.C., and enjoyed it very much. His wife said to thank everyone for the opportunity. Jack Zeeks asked everyone who attended the Washington D.C. trip to send a thank you card to Larry Curl.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey - Asked to defer the Secretary/Treasurer reports until the financial reports can be distributed. He attended the Washington D.C. trip and enjoyed it. He asked anyone who had questions to wait until after Amy Timmons gets set up and to make sure they tell her again to be sure it gets taken care of.

He brought a line by line report for all expenditures from last year. He only has one copy to look at; no individual copies are available. Amy and Bill discussed the membership reports she had passed out earlier.

Bill Kinsey passed around a form for everyone to put their fax number, e-mail address, and other information on so they can be contacted.

Discussed the Balance Sheet totals: total assets of \$416,941, total liabilities of \$2,053, total equity of \$416,941.

Asked everyone to sell license plates. Bridgeport Fund is increasing due to the plates, but we need to have a healthy balance to cover all deaths. Working on accounting, still using the old accounting program, which is working well.

The money for the NOAH system came out of this year's money instead of last years. Bill Kinsey asked for insight of anticipated expenses, so he can keep the expense records as accurate as possible. Jack Zeeks asked what the \$4,000 in Public Education reflected? Bill Kinsey said he would have to check on it. Jack Zeeks asked about \$200 for Public Relations expense? Bill Kinsey said he would check the computer.

Gene Stofer said it was probably the Institute Dinner or Volunteer Night. The check for the Institute Dinner was over \$2,500. Jack Zeeks asked how many pages it would be to print a total line-by-line report? Bill Kinsey said it would be approximately ten pages.

PR AREA REPORTS

PRNW Buz Koehler - Attend the IFSI Dinner and FDIC. Went to all district meetings and a few more.

PRNE Richard Glant - Made all meetings, doing well.

PREC Don Cushman - Absent.

PRWC Don Johnson - Made all meetings. Divided District 20.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Attend three district meetings, FDIC, and IFSI Dinner.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers - Did not make meetings, District 14 was slow getting started, working on District 16, made two memorials, attended several fundraisers, a remodeling of a firehouse, and went to FDIC.

## DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

District 1 - Bill Howe said most of his smoke detectors have been delivered, he attended the IFSI Dinner, and his district had three deaths which prompted him to talk to Charlie Baker about getting himself assistance. Jack Zeeks said he thought Charlie Baker could appoint an assistant. Frank Daunhauer asked if we had an assistant? Bill Howe said Charlie was unable to attend one of the three memorials for his district but mentioned no assistant. In the guidelines it says he can appoint a substitute in his absence, if necessary.

Mitch Parish said on March 1, he had his department minister perform a memorial service. He suggested that Charlie Baker check and see if he could substitute sometime.

District 2 - Larry Stott went to the IFSI Dinner and on the Washington D.C. trip. He thanked all who attended his district meetings for him. His next district meeting will be May 20 in Wheatfield.

District 3 - Bob Uryga was sorry for missing the February meeting, but his Grandchild was born. The district lost two members, Father Lance performed the services. Bob Uryga said they are currently trying to host a convention, which they are starting to get excited about.

District 4 - Greg Freed said things have been quiet, meeting attendance is good, and his detectors are out.

District 5 - Don Kissinger reported two deaths in his district.

District 6 - Mike Mackin had one death in his district. He thanked Bill and Dick for coming to the last meeting.

District 7 - Mort Sorg had one death in his district. He thanked the Association for allowing him to attend the IFSI Dinner. He passed out his smoke detectors at the last meeting. The Washington D.C. evening program was very good. He ran into people he knew and had a very good time. The next meeting will be May 18, at Monroe IN.

District 8A - Robert Fleener distributed thirteen of his smoke detectors and made everyone sign forms as they took them (to be sent back in after distribution). The next meeting will be in Shortsville on May 13.

District 8B - Larry Petro - Absent.

District 9A - Charlie Cline said meeting attendance is good. He

passed out his smoke detectors.

District 9B - Ed Brettin had one death in his district and he passed out half of his smoke detectors. May 14 will be their next meeting.

District 10 - David Israel thanked the Association for the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. The last meeting had poor attendance because of all the storms. He attended the 1998 Convention meeting. He gave Bill Bush one scholarship form from a company giving away a \$500 scholarship to a fire service related entity.

District 11A - Red Morris thanked the IVFA for the IFSI Dinner opportunity. He reported one death in his district. His smoke detectors were sent out, two per department in his area. The next meeting is May 17, at Shepardsville. They have been busy with convention, looking good so far. He has not traveled around much in his district lately.

District 11B - Larry Bartlow said things have been quiet, working on convention. He passed out his smoke detectors. His next meeting is May 13, at Covington.

District 12 - Assistant Chairman John Ross thanked the Association for the opportunity to go on the Washington D.C. trip.

District 13A - Tim Martin said his district had three regular meetings and attendance has been down. They are still working to re-sign a department which dropped out of the IVFA. Tim Martin said he is passing out smoke detectors. The LP Gas School had a good response. Wants to see more schools.

District 13B - Dennis Spears attended the IFSI Dinner and FDIC. He had one death in his district.

District 14 - Roy Richardson said he was glad to be back with the IVFA. On May 14 he'll contact all members in his district and tell them about convention. They are working to get District 14 back on track.

District 15 - Steve Anderson said the smoke detectors have been passed out.

District 16 - Danny Hickman - Absent.

District 17A - Jack Harker thanked IVFA for the IFSI Dinner opportunity, the Washington D.C. trip, and FDIC. He had good attendance at the last meeting and passed out smoke detectors. The next meeting will be on May 10, at Deel.

District 17B - Luke Kluender thanked the IVFA for the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. He had one death in the district. Some of his smoke detectors have been passed out. The meeting attendance has been good.

District 18 - Frank Daunhauer said he has had one death in the district, passed out twelve smoke detectors, and will have the program on Railroad Safety, May 21.

District 19 - Paul Covington thanked the IVFA for the IFSI Dinner, FDIC and the Washington D.C. trip. He attended one memorial. He said he is waiting on the autopsy report to see how the gentleman died, so far they think it was an aneurysm. He was on a training exercise when he passed away, so he is eligible for the death benefit. He is trying to publish a list of what to do in case of a line-of-duty death. If all goes well, he will try to put it through this Association or the State Fire Marshals' Office. The memorial had a large attendance. His next meeting will be at Rising Sun May 21.

Bill Kinsey said when the list was finished to contact him, so it can be incorporated into the SOG's. Anyone who didn't get the current copy let Bill Kinsey know. A lot of the old forms have changed, so it is important to update them.

District 21 - Perry Martin thanked the IVFA for Washington D.C. trip he was able to attend. He also attended the IFSI Dinner and FDIC. Everything in his district is going smoothly. He passed out some smoke detectors. June 29 will be his next meeting. He commented on the minutes, they were both well written and timely.

Jack Zeeks had a sheriff contact him about a member running red lights on a personal vehicle. Jack Zeeks told him to enforce the law, no red lights. It is important to let members know about the blue lights.

Also, he saw a car from Lake County (Gary, IN) with red and blue lights. If we don't stop this it will cause volunteer firemen to lose the blue light privilege.

Bill Kinsey said the sheriff called him as well. Gene Stofer said red lights are legal in the rear, but not red and blue together. Questions ensued. Gene Stofer said if the vehicle is leased or owned, in name of department, then there could be red lights on top. Even the fire department cannot run red and blue lights together.

Bill Kinsey said there is nothing illegal about forming your own fire department, and if you are the only car, you can run red lights, if you

obtain the state emergency vehicle status.

## PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

Richard Glant - Passed.

Mitch Parish - Passed.

Jack Harker - Passed.

Ivan Nevil - Passed.

Carl Bruns - Passed.

Jim Parker - Passed.

Bill Engle - Passed.

Gene Stofer - Passed.

Jack Zeeks called a two-hour break at 5:10 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor's Assistant - Bill Howe hopes to have the paper to the printer and mailed by the first of next week. Pictures taken at the Feb. meeting were very foggy, and another set looked like they were taken behind bars. Mitch Parish said the pictures were taken in bad lighting. He would like to retry them at the August meeting. Lawrence Swartz said if we could, to take them this weekend, even if we have to use color film. Mitch said he could do it with a good background. Jack Zeeks said to do it Sunday.

Bob Fleener asked about making copies of the SOG's. He said he distributed them to the departments in his area already.

Jack Zeeks discussed this procedure. He asked Bob Fleener not to send copies of the SOG's to all departments, because they change so much. Jack said not to send them out anymore.

Advertisement Lawrence Swartz - The May issue of the newspaper will run 26 advertisements at \$4493.05. He read a list of profits, expenses, and outstanding accounts. He said before next year that we needed to have a meeting of the Advertisement Committee to initiate charges and fees.

National Volunteer Fire Council Mitch Parish - Attended two meetings in Texas, but missed the last meeting. Mitch and Gene Stofer arrived in Texas on Saturday, but skipped the NFPA reports. Lacked several nominees for awards such as Firefighter of the Year. They were told to discontinue use of radio lines 154-170, supposedly they won't be doing repairs on this range in the future. Mitch said he did have a good time, although the meeting ran long and skipped some items.

Gene Stofer said the tobacco grant has been approved. Anyone who turns in the paperwork will receive \$4,000. It is important to

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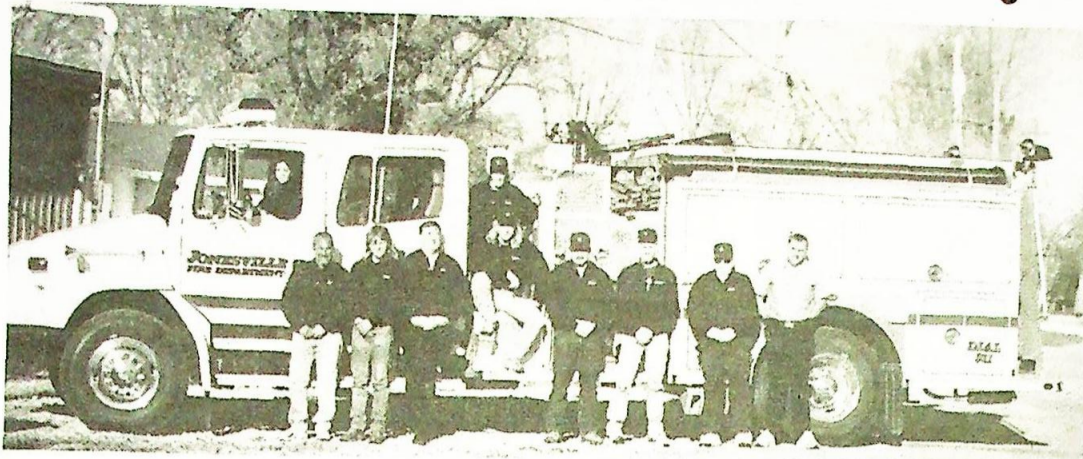


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# Jonesville New Delivery



# In honor of Donald Shamp

Charter member Donald Shamp, born November 17, 1926, of Kingsbury, Indiana, passed away April 22, 1998 at the age of 71. The IVFA Honor Guard from Starke County accompanied his wake and District 3 Chaplain Duane Lantz (now retired) read the eulogy.

Donald's fellow firemen and surrounding LaPorte County fire departments attended the wake and funeral.

A Bible and grave marker were presented to his wife, Betty, by the IVFA at the funeral.

Donald was one of the founders of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. of Kingsbury, Indiana, along with Oliver Cooley, Fred Moser, Dick McGugin, and Charlie O'Del (all

deceased). On August 3, 1960 the first meeting was called to order, the constitution of the department came to rise and Donald was elected first chief.

Donald had held every office within the department, being re-elected several times for chief during his tenure.

Other positions held included Board of Directors, President, Vice President, and Line Officer positions of Captain and Lieutenant.

He also acted as a training officer for the department.

Like others, he actively participated in department events such as pancake breakfasts, fund raising, promoting the First Responder program, making tickets on his own printing press for the department, and community involvement.

Even while donating time for extra activities, Donald still found time for friends and family while being involved with his church, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Lion's Club.

Donald was ever financially involved with the beginning of the department; his signature secured the first apparatus for KVFD, being a pumper and tanker.

He aided in the construction of the first fire station in 1960 and expansion and remodeling during 1975. Land was purchased with his assistance, adjacent to the existing fire station for future expansion.

During his years of service, Don had seen an expansive growth of personnel from eight to thirty members at the time of his becoming inactive in 1997.

Also the number of calls went from 15 to 150 per year. Equipment had advanced from the original two apparatus to two pumpers, two tankers, a grass truck, and two rescue trucks.

Our sincere sympathy goes to his family and come from our hearts as we mourn the loss of a fellow firefighter. He will surely be missed.

The Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department has taken possession of a new pumper to replace the old Ford pumper that they had. The truck was sold by Donley Fire & Safety of Indianapolis.

The truck is an E-One Freightliner FL 80 4 door cab with a Cummins diesel engine and a Cummins diesel generator.

The engine and generator were donated to the department by Cummins Engine Company of Columbus.

It also has an Allison automatic transmission, air conditioned cab, and 1,250 top mount pump with a 1000 gal. poly tank.

The cab has seating for five firefighters with air packs in four of the seats and spaces for extra air bottles over rear wheels.

The high side compartments are on the driver's side and the low side compartments are on the passenger side.

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## Wanatah VFD Fourth Annual Toy & Collectibles Show

The Fourth Annual Wanatah Volunteer Fire Department Toy and Collectibles Show will be held on Sunday, September 27, 1998, at Wanatah School, 309 Park Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year's show featured over 100 exhibitor tables from five states selling old and new toy tractors, pedal tractors, farm toys, die cast, Beanie Babies, construction vehicles, dolls, Star Wars, Nascar & racing collectibles, and many more collectibles of all sorts. Over 700 collectors attended.

Wanatah is located twenty miles south of Michigan City and twenty miles east of Merrillville at the junction of U.S. 30 and U.S. 421 in LaPorte County.

The show is held in conjunction with the Wanatah Scarecrow Festival.

Admission is \$1, kids under 12 free with paid adult. All proceeds go for the funding of our volunteer fire department to aid in protecting our citizens.

For more information, please call 219-733-2721 or 219-733-2039.

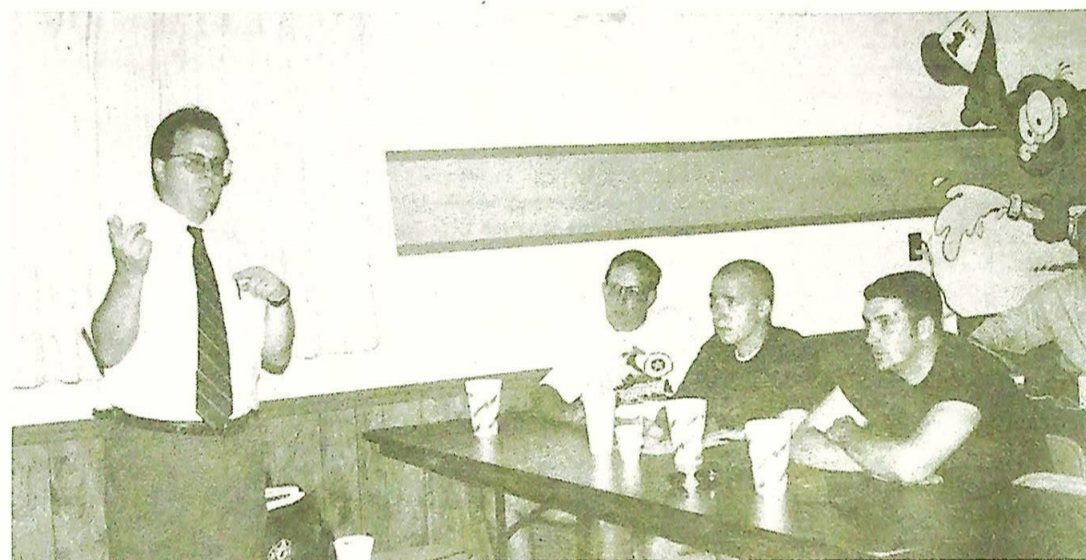
# Firemen attend "Skywarn" Class

## Public Relations Northwest



Photos by David P. LePortis

Delaware County Emergency Management Agency Interim Director Bill Gosnell explains the use of weather alert radios and the importance of getting residents to purchase them.



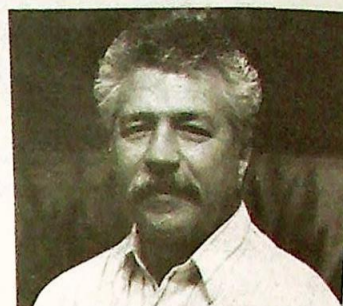
Dave Tucek, National Weather Service discusses the various types of Dopler Radar and the importance of coordinating technology and visual observation in alerting the public of severe weather.

Bill Gosnell, Interim Director of the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency coordinated a "Skywarn" class at the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department, presented by Dave Tucek from the National Weather Service. Members of Albany, Eaton, Gaston and Hamilton Fire Departments were among those present.

Material covered ranged from "reading" clouds and wind direction to the importance of communication and what fire departments should do during the various severe weather classifications.

Gaston Volunteer Fire Department will host a "Skywarn" class in the Spring of 1999. Plans are to invite members of emergency response agencies within the tri-county of Delaware, Grant and Madison.

Severe weather does not recognize county lines and the need for mutual training and education is vital in working together in a real emergency.



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Were You There? At Convention '98?

If not, you missed a good time and we missed seeing you.

Once again a group of firefighters and their families have worked as a team to host a convention and turned out an excellent product.

From the vendor displays to the banquet, a fine job was done creating a lot of fun for the attendees.

I thank them all for a job well done.

As your Public Relations Director NW, I would like to thank all those that attended this year's convention and all the members in the northwest area for their support in the past and the vote of confidence to continue to represent you for the 1999 year.

Should you need to contact me, my number is in this newspaper (see page 2) or you can contact me through your district chairman.

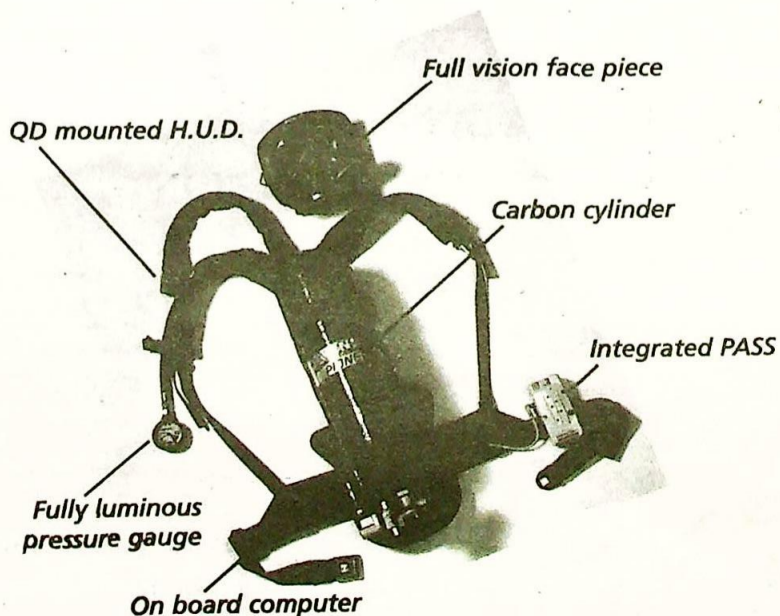
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# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FOR  
INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
718 SOUTH INGOMAR STREET INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46241  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

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MARCH 17, 1998

## AUDITORS' REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
718 SOUTH INGOMAR STREET  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46241

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, 1997 AND THE RELATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED. THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MANAGEMENT. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BASED ON OUR AUDITS.

WE CONDUCTED OUR AUDIT 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 AUDIT PROVIDES 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 FINANCIAL POSITION OF INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND THE CHANGES IN ITS NET ASSETS AND ITS CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING DESCRIBED IN NOTE 2.

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

#### ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:	
CASH in Bank-General Operating Checking	\$378,711
CASH in Savings-Certificate of Deposit-Bank One	51,226
CASH in Savings-Certificate of Deposit-NBD	75,000
CASH in Bank - Bridgeport Scholarship Fund	29,953
CASH in Savings - Bridgeport Scholarship Fund	50,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	<u>\$584,890</u>
FIXED ASSETS:	
FURNITURE	\$ 9,813
EQUIPMENT	14,904
LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(23,721)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	<u>\$ 996</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$585,886

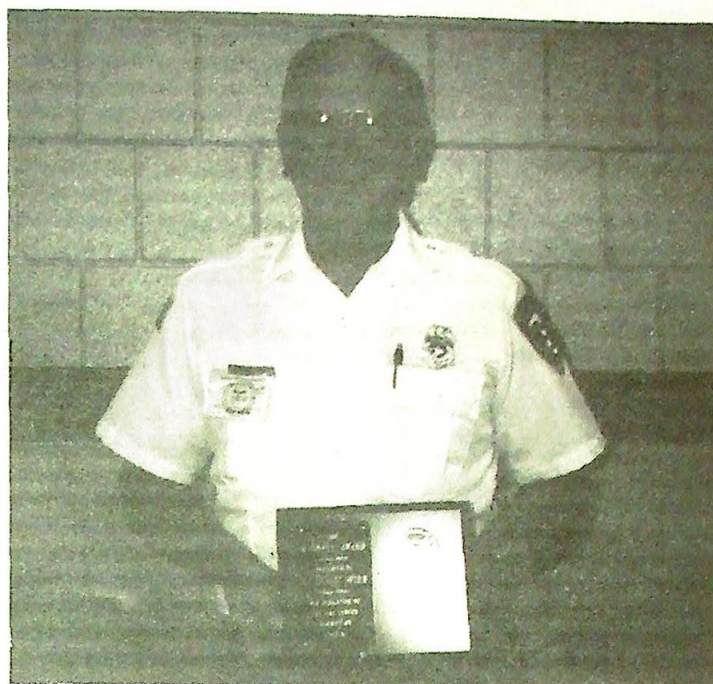
#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:	
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	\$ 4
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$ 4
NET ASSETS:	
UNRESTRICTED FUND	505,709
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	80,173
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	<u>585,882</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$585,886

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT:			
DUES	\$208,424	\$ —	\$208,424
GRANTS	10,000	—	10,000
CLOTHING	7,929	—	7,929
PAPER ADVERTISING	28,748	—	28,748
CREDIT CARDS	10,457	—	10,457
LICENSE PLATES	17,358	—	17,358
CONTRIBUTIONS	—	3,402	3,402
DONATIONS	3,605	—	3,605
OTHER INCOME	4,760	—	4,760
INSURANCE	23,619	—	23,619
BANK INTEREST	11,857	1,853	13,710
CONVENTION	570	—	570
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	<u>6,000</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	—
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT	<u>\$333,327</u>	<u>( 745)</u>	<u>332,582</u>

## District 2 Midwest Award Winner



The District 2 Midwest Award was given to Roland "Bub" Wise of the Crown Point Fire & Rescue.

## Facts about kids and fires

- Every year children start 100,000 fires; 25,000 of these at home.
- Fires started by children cause \$266 million in property damage each year.
- Over 2,800 people are injured in these fires and over 400 die each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.
- One out of every ten residential fires started by a child injures or kills someone.
- Three-quarters of all people who die in child-started fires are children aged five and under.
- Matches (not lighters) cause a larger share of the fire problem in most years even though smokers use lighters four times as often as matches, the National Fire Protection Association reports.
- Over 60 percent of fires started by children age four and under cause structural damage, a University of Rochester study found.
- Children who play with fire come from all classes and races, though children whose families have low incomes are more likely than others to play with fires.
- Most children who start fires do not have a mental illness, but are typical, well-adjusted youngsters who experiment out of curiosity.
- More boys than girls experiment with fire and far more boys are involved with fires large enough to be reported to fire departments. This is probably because girls usually limit their play to striking a match or a lighter, where boys use fire to ignite other objects, such as paper toys, clothes or leaves.

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## After a fire...steps a family can take

After a fire, the Red Cross recommends you follow these steps:

- Make sure everyone is okay. Have a medical professional look at any injuries, however small, including abrasions, burns, or bruises.

- Contact your local Red Cross chapter to request assistance.

Remember: all Red Cross disaster relief assistance is free, provided as a gift of the American people.

The Red Cross is not a government agency, and receiving disaster assistance from the Red Cross will not reduce any other assistance you may be receiving from government or other agencies.

- Make sure your residence is safe to enter. If it is but you cannot secure it, remove any valuables to a safe place.

- Be aware of potential hazards such as a damaged roof, broken windows, or holes in walls or the floor. Avoid these areas until you have a chance to stabilize them.

Make temporary repairs to prevent further damage, such as patching a roof, boarding up windows, or tearing down a damaged chimney.

- Keep receipts of repairs, since most insurance companies will pay for them. The Red Cross will provide assistance so you can obtain materials to make temporary home repairs after a disaster.

- Notify your insurance company of your loss and get advice about making emergency repairs.

Ask the insurance company if it will pay for living expenses, such as a motel, food, and laundry, if you are unable to live in your home. It may give you a check up front.

Also find out if this payment for living expenses will reduce the amount you ultimately receive for damage to your property or possessions.

- If you have insurance for renters or homeowners, you'll want to make sure the insurance company pays you fairly for all covered property and possessions damaged or destroyed in the disaster.

To do that, you'll need to prove that a loss took place and confirm the value of that loss.

The following steps will help you give the company an accurate list of the damage:

- Make a preliminary list of damaged property and the degree of damage to each item. If possible, photograph or videotape the damage.

- Check this list against any list of property and possessions you may have made before the disaster occurred.

- If you don't have a pre-disaster inventory list, make one from observation and memory as soon as possible.

To jog your memory for items you had before the disaster, you might walk the aisles of your local discount or department store or leaf through a catalog or the classified ads section of your local newspaper.

- Review any surviving photographs or videos taken in

and around your home. Ask friends and family for photographs or videotapes they may have taken of your home.

- Draw floor plans and sketches of your home's interior. Repeat this process in two or three weeks. You're likely to remember additional items.

- Collect all available receipts, canceled checks, credit card statements, and invoices to prove the value of lost possessions, including big ticket items such as antiques or jewelry.

Remember, take everything one step at a time. It's hard to figure out what to do first and to prioritize cleanup and recovery tasks.

Ask your local Red Cross for help throughout the recovery process.

Trained disaster mental health workers are available to talk to you on a confidential basis.

Also, remember that children can be very frightened by the fire, and will have many questions.

Spend time with your children and involve them in safe cleanup activities.

For more information about helping children cope with disasters, contact your local Red Cross chapter or look at the Red Cross web site: <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety>

## New Franklin Township Facility



The new Franklin Township (Marion County) Trustee and Fire Administration Facility was constructed with the idea to meet not only the demands of today but for the future.

The new facility, which is located on the Southeast side of Indianapolis, will accommodate thirteen on duty personnel at any one time. It has separate sleeping facilities for male and females, as well as separate sleeping quarters for two paramedics.

Franklin Township's new station has over 18,000 square feet. The facility features two training

rooms, one that also serves as a community room open to the public.

The apparatus bays can accommodate five pieces of apparatus.

The building houses all fire department administrative personnel in one facility for the first time in the history of the township.

The facility also contains the Franklin Township Trustee's office.

Franklin Township Trustee Terry Royalty said, "It was a long time coming."

He added, "I am just thankful it's done."

Fire Chief Paul Bailey, very pleased to see the completion of the building stated, "This new building is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of every member of this department."

Bailey added, "This was not the efforts of one individual or a small group of people, but this is the result of the efforts of the entire department."

Construction on the building was completed in just eight months. Personnel began moving into the new facility in May.

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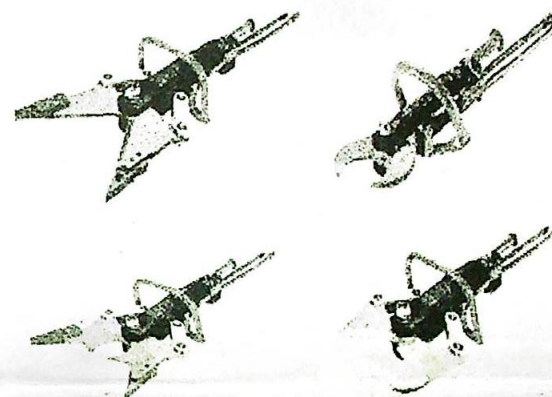
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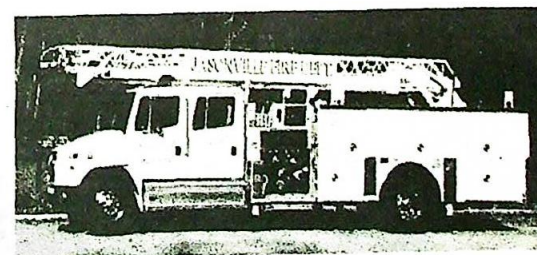
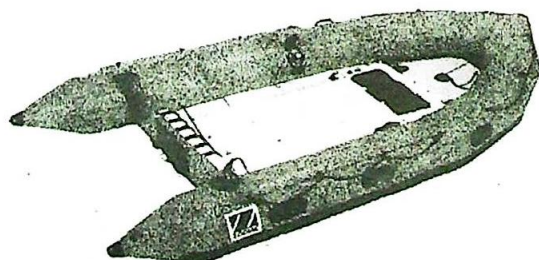
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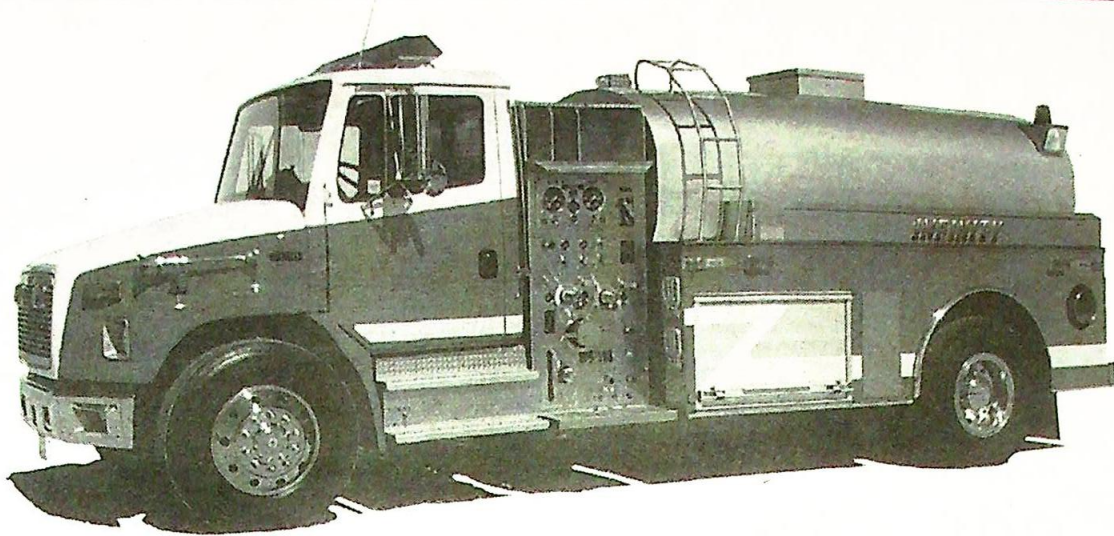
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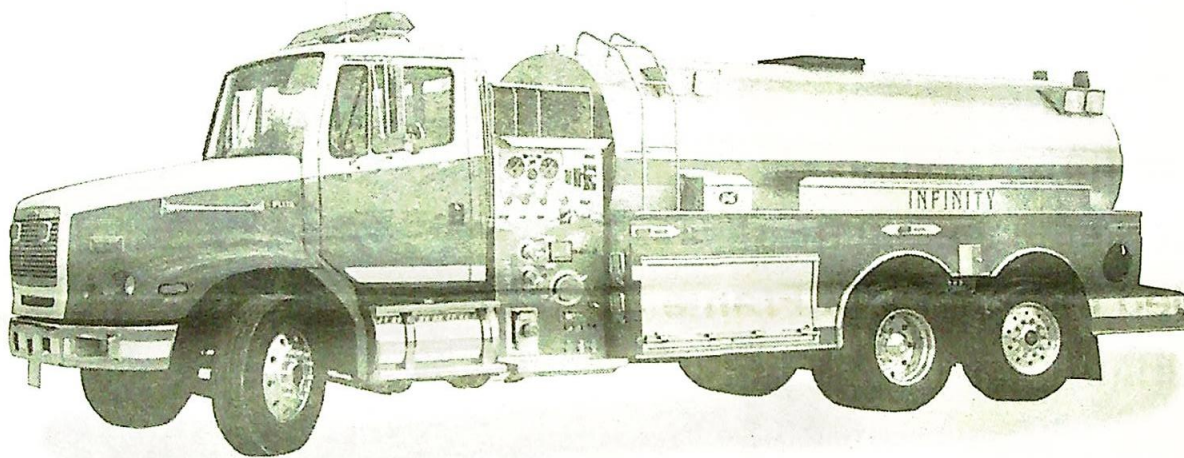
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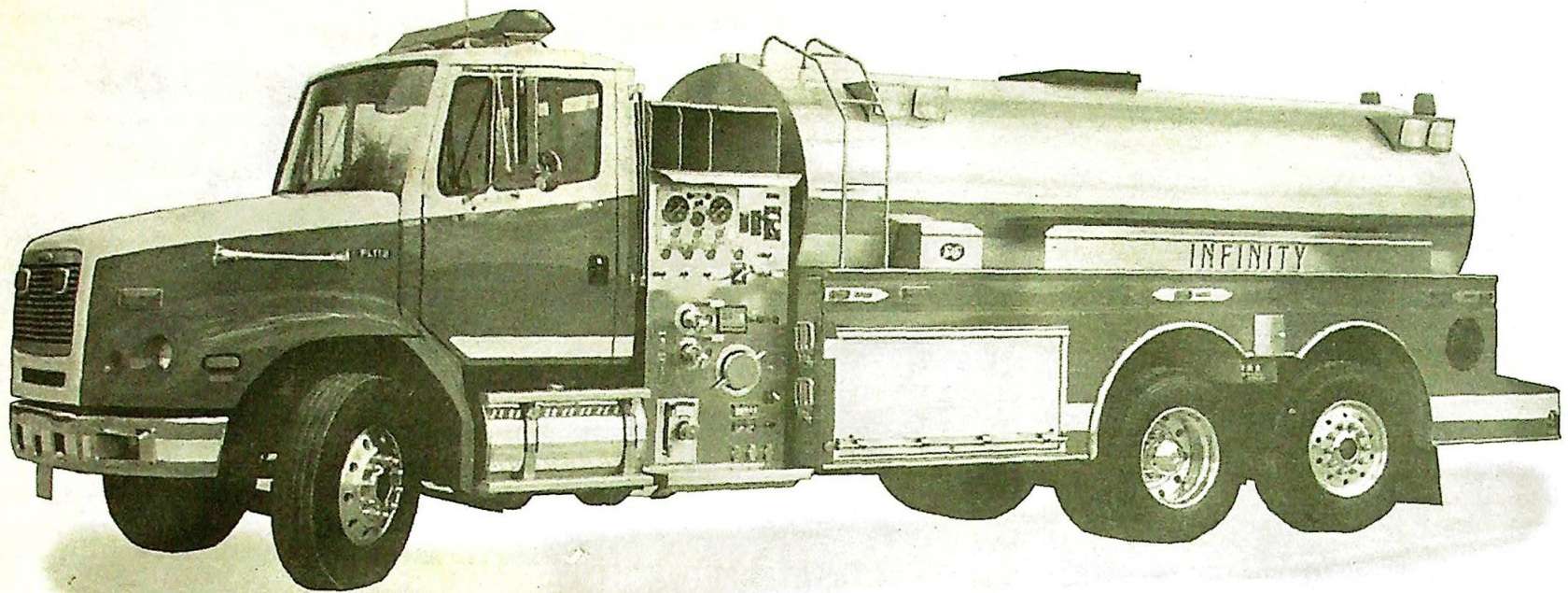
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## Pershing Township Fire Dept. Activates Rehabilitation Unit



Pershing Township Rehab Unit members with equipment. Pictured (l-r) Jane Edwards, Karen Fleenor, Missy McKinney, Debbie Rouse, Lisa Blaker, Sarah Blaker, and Joanne Fish.

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department has announced the formation of new response unit designed to assist firefighters in the line of duty.

The unit is staffed by trained members of the department's Auxiliary and will provide fluids and nutritional supplements to firefighters involved in prolonged incidents.

"Our Rehab Unit will be vital to our personnel on the scene," said Pershing Chief Richard Blaker, Sr.

"It is important that we maintain proper fluid and nutritional levels for our people. It is as important to their well being as proper equipment and water is to the actual fire suppression.

"Firefighters have been trained to understand the need for this program and have quickly learned to co-operate with the effort. "Cold towels and a drink of water sure feel good when you are in a hot brush fire", commented firefighter Jason Wynn.

The Unit will supply approved fluids to help prevent dehydration and maintain proper electrolyte balances.

"Gone are the days when we allow our firefighters to grab a cold soda or warm up to a cup of hot regular coffee," explained Blaker.

"These drinks actually inhibit our performance and do very little to quench thirst. We also stress to our people that thirst is not a good indicator of fluid replacement need. If you are thirsty, then your body is already in a state of stress.

We will advocate pre-hydration as well as rehydration. "Foods provided by the Unit will consist of low sugar, low fat, low sodium products. These may include low sodium crackers and dried fruits.

"We certainly aren't going to be munching donuts and cheeseburgers out there," observed Pershing Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott.

"What firefighters eat on the scene is as important as gasoline in the engines. Proper fueling will keep our people active and more efficient longer and will reduce the physical stress that is the result of all that hard work.

Auxiliary personnel completed a six hour introductory training in Emergency Incident Rehabilitation, which detailed both fluid and nutrition, as well as an emphasis on the physical and psychological impact of emergency service activities.

"We are here to help our firefighters in an important way," said Auxiliary member Karen Fleenor.

"These people are our husbands, or relatives, and our friends. This Rehab Unit will let me and others be involved in

keeping them safe."

"We know from the statistics that most firefighter deaths in the line of duty are directly tied to stress," Blaker stated.

"That translates into stroke and heart attack. Also firefighters who are over tired, hungry, and thirsty tend to be less alert and more prone to accidents.

Reducing scene stress and

making our people aware of the psychological wear and tear from emergency incidents will also help us prevent "burn out" of our personnel.

This unit is part of an overall effort to make the careers of our firefighters long and rewarding. It is a matter of common sense and economics.

It costs us quite a bit to train and equip a firefighter, we pay insurance, and we build a strong bond of trust—if we loose that person to burn out or to injury we have not been very good stewards.

"The training was provided in house by Scott who received training in the Indiana State Fire School program and has completed training in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, conducted by Whitewater Psychiatric Services.

"We have been very pleased with the Rehab Unit so far," said Scott.

"Although they have already suffered the indignity of being confused with a traffic detail! On one of their first calls someone unfamiliar with such a unit sent them down a lane to direct traffic.

"That person took the Rehab equipment and set it down in the road instead of getting the fluids up to our firefighters.

"The Chief was not too pleased, to say the least.

"To prevent future misunderstandings the Rehab Unit is now equipped with a magnetic vehicle sign and identifying hats.

"This Unit is an official arm of this department and when activated fall under the established chain of command," Blaker emphasized.

"I am very grateful to have them on board."

## Jonesville VFD Elections

Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department recently held their 1998 Election of Officers.

Arnold Madden will continue to be Board President and Jack Dunn will be the new Vice President.

Shannan Tunny was elected Secretary and Dave Manley will be the Treasurer.

Chief Rick Trimpe was re-elected and named his new

officer's for the coming year.

They are: First Assistant Chief, Arnold Madden; Second Assistant Chief, Jack Dunn, new First Captain, Dave Manley; and assisting in the number two position will be Captain Curt Dunn. The new First Lieutenant will be Earl Chasteen and Lieutenant Dirk Hinton will fill the number two position.

Our department has just completed their Second Class fire school, and hope all have passed. They will all have their certificates by the time this goes to press.

With the department having better qualified firefighters, we hope to help in getting a better rating for the people of Wayne Township on their home owner's insurance policies.

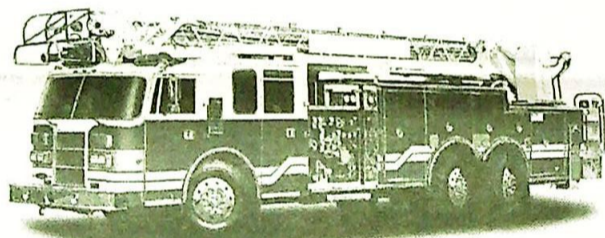
The membership of the Jonesville VFD would like to thank Chief Trimpe for his choice of officers for the 1998/99 year.

With their help, we hope the department will run smoothly and do okay in the coming year.

We have a good working relationship with other departments around our township.

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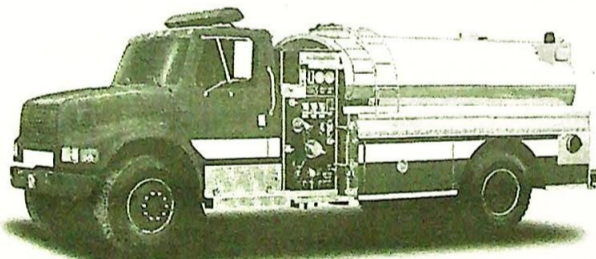
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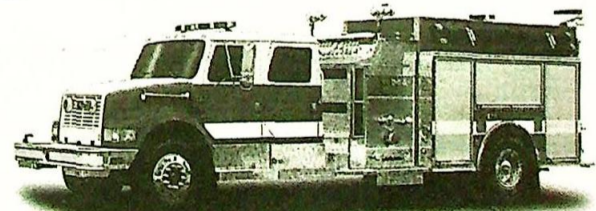
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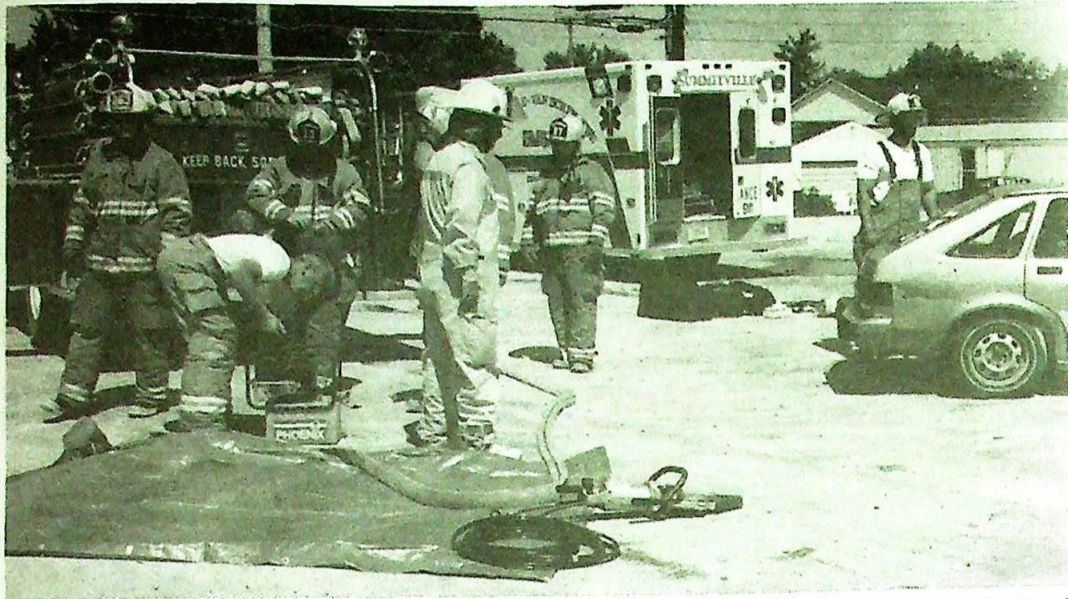
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## INTER-DEPARTMENT TRAINING



Members of the Summitville Volunteer Fire Department, Gaston Volunteer Fire Department and a Rural Metro EMT class participated in a class on extraction.

Instruction emphasized the importance of cribbing the vehicle, staging area for equipment and personnel, and the need to be flexible in your approach. Summitville Fire Chief Randy Sizelove stated, "The situation can change at any time, and your approach must also be as flexible."

Randy is the primary instructor for the EMT class that participated in the exercise. Randy also said that when departments train together, they are more unified in working together on the fireground.

## I Wish You Could

Jon Hoepfner of the Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department submitted the following article. He says, "This 'story' is to honor the volunteer firefighters and volunteer medics that rush to our sides when we need them most..."

I wish you could see the sadness of a business man as his livelihood goes up in flames, or that family returning home, only to find their house and belongings damaged or destroyed.

I wish you could know what it is like to search a burning bedroom for trapped children, flames rolling above your head, your palms and knees burning as you crawl, the floor sagging under your weight as the kitchen beneath you burns.

I wish you could comprehend a wife's horror at 3 a.m. as I check her husband of 40 years for a pulse and find none. I start CPR anyway, hoping to bring him back, knowing intuitively it is too late. But wanting his wife and family to know everything possible was done.

I wish you knew the unique smell of burning insulation, the taste of soot-filled mucus, the feeling of intense heat through your turnout gear, the sound of flames crackling, the eeriness of being able to see absolutely nothing in dense smoke - sensations that I have become too familiar with.

I wish you could understand how it feels to go to work in the morning after having spent most of the night, hot and soaking wet at a multiple alarm fire.

I wish you could read my mind as I respond to a building fire. "Is this a false alarm or a working, breathing fire? How is the building constructed? What hazards await me? Is anyone trapped?" Or to an EMS call, "What is wrong with the patient? Is it minor or life-threatening? Is the caller really in distress or is he waiting for us with a 2x4 or a gun?"

I wish you could be in the emergency room as a doctor pronounces dead the beautiful five-year-old girl that I have been trying to save during the past 25 minutes. Who will never go on her first date or say the words, "I love you, Mommy" again.

I wish you could know the frustration I feel in the cab

engine, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the pedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain, as you fail to yield the right-of-way at an intersection or in traffic. When you need us, however, your first comment upon our arrival will be, "It took you forever to get here!"

I wish you could know my thoughts as I help extricate a girl of teenage years from the mangled remains of her automobile. "What if this was my sister, my girlfriend, or a friend? What were her parents' reaction going to be when they opened the door to find a police officer with hat in hand?"

I wish you could know how it feels to walk in the back door and greet my parents and family, not having the heart to tell them that I nearly did not come back from the last call. I wish you could feel the hurt as people verbally, and sometimes physically, abuse us or belittle what I do, or as they express their attitudes of "It will never happen to me."

I wish you could realize the physical, emotional and mental drain or missed meals, lost sleep and forgone social activities, in addition to all the tragedy my eyes have viewed.

I wish you could know the brotherhood and self-satisfaction of helping save a life, or preserving someone's property, of being there in time of crisis, or creating order from total chaos.

I wish you could understand what it feels like to have a little boy tugging at your arm and asking, "Is Mommy okay?" Not even being able to look in his eyes without tears from your own and not knowing what to say. Or to have to hold back a long-time friend who watches his buddy having rescue breathing done on him as they take him away in the ambulance. You know all along he did not have his seat belt on - sensation I have become too familiar with.

Unless you have lived with this kind of life, you will never truly understand or appreciate who I am, we are, or what our job really means to us... I wish you could.

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# IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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let them know it will be used on training.

A majority of volunteer firemen do not think that the Fair Labor Standards Act affects them. So something about it will be in the next issue of the paper. A lot of money has been sent to large cities, and some small cities, for terrorism. We are the first people on the scene and need to write our State Legislators to let them know we need some of this training.

To finish, Gene Stofer said even though the meeting was boring, it is important to stay because a lot of times you will hear good information. Next meeting will be in October in Rhode Island.

Mitch said Edinburg, TX doesn't provide ambulance protection. He told about Texas and their procedures.

Mort Sorg said they went to the cattle auction for a bit. Talked about how some volunteer fire departments give college kids free room and board if they keep their grades up. He reiterated some of the points of the meetings.

By-Laws Jim Parker - No report.

Public Education Jim Parker - Already discussed most of it.

EMS Larry Stott - No report.

Membership Carl Bruns - Asked Bill Kinsey about the membership reports. Bill Kinsey said to let him or another Computer Committee member know what he needed and they will work with him.

Jack Zeeks said at the last meeting we were told to talk to the Chief of Columbus VFD about a computer for the Ladies Auxiliary. David Israel did talk to the Chief and the ladies do have a computer now.

Chaplain Charlie Baker thanked everyone for all his or her help. He asked for all funeral vouchers. Charlie said he received the new grave markers for female members. He will distribute them, hopefully in different boxes so they can be told apart. He thanked several people for the suggestions they provided in drafting a SOG for the Public Relations Directors. (He read the preliminary report and pages). After a discussion it was decided to make only two changes.

Charlie Baker stated any information covered in the By-Laws did not need to be in the SOG's. Bill Bush asked in particular what the PR directors thought of the SOG's? Everyone seemed to approve.

Bridgeport Lawrence Swartz - The Committee met last night and went over 29 applications. They had thirty, but one didn't qualify. Two selections were made, one from Ball State and one from Indiana State. Jack Zeeks asked for any form with a past Secretary's name on it to be torn up, as it causes numerous problems, including delays.

Fire school Jack Cox - Discussed the \$5.00 discount. He expressed some concern over previous wording. Jack Cox said he needed to see the committee tonight.

Lawrence Swartz said one of the advertisers was considering a class for auxiliary members. Are they eligible for the discount? Jim Parker said it was a worthwhile suggestion, the wives do a lot.

Bill Kinsey said he received a call from them and they asked for not just the \$5.00 but all the money!

Gene Stofer asked if all the ladies would go to Ft. Wayne or would it be all over?

Discussed the PR District School, the lack of attendance, and what should be done. It was thought to be a good class, but maybe a bad time slot. Red Morris asked how long the class was? Jack Zeeks said it was six hours. Red wanted to make it a Saturday afternoon before the Officer's Meeting.

Historical Mitch Parish - Historical Book will possibly be out before convention time, but Mitch couldn't guarantee it though. His department had a serious fire several weeks ago. They lost some crops in surrounding storage sheds, which affected his health by irritating a cold.

At 8:45 p.m. Jack Zeeks adjourned the meeting until 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

At 8:30 a.m. Jack Zeeks convened the meeting.

Chaplain Charlie Baker gave a minute message about fathers.

Insurance Bill Kinsey - Gene Stofer is trying to revise insurance so the death benefit currently paid to career firemen would be the same for volunteers. Looking into workman's compensation as well.

Awards Jack Cox - The Midwest Fire & Safety Award recipients have been selected and so has the Ollie Sandburg Award recipient. Jack Cox said we need to work harder to get the candidate forms in. Everything is set for convention. Bill Bush said Ollie Sandburg would present his award, so it would be an honor to receive this award from him.

BFPS&E Jack Kerney - Has had three meetings. Also said someone came to reinstate the Haz-mat program.

Convention Bill Bush - Gene Stofer said David Israel is trying to find out about next year's convention.

Bill Bush said things are going well this year. He sent the raffle tickets out. Transportation is ready. The hotel said the 200 rooms are gone. Al Mendal asked if a new agenda would be issued? Bill Bush thought so, but went over it verbally just in case. Are there going to be confirmations from the hotel? Bill Bush did not think so at this time.

David Israel talked about next year's convention. He thinks it will be a nice time. There will be a Cummings tour; a tour through a combine plant is being planned as well.

Bill Bush said everyone needed to sign up for this year's tours, a plastics plant and an antique car collectors house.

Games Al Mendal - Everything is going well so far. The trailer is ordered and should be in around June 1, 1998. Buz Koehler asked if we were going to have the trailer painted or our logo put on? Al Mendal said it would be done, but probably not in time for the convention.

Photography Mitch Parish - Trying to set up, but they can not find a good place in the hotel.

Fire Services Institute Gene Stofer - Missed the last meeting, but Jerry Klaer was voted the new secretary. Discussing a picnic for July, but it doesn't look like it is going to happen. They are having problems with other organizations promising things they do not deliver. The IVFA has helped considerably, but other organizations have not helped much.

He thinks the Burn Camp will be an asset to the organization.

Mitch Parish said the picnic is probably going to be canceled. Jack Zeeks said that if the picnic goes on he would help. He asked if anyone else would help with the picnic on July 11-12. Several volunteers said they would be glad to participate.

PSTI Lawrence Swartz - No report.

Fire Instructors Committee Jack Cox - Talked to Chris Rainbolt. Monitoring the \$5.00 discount. The enrollment for the class is around 1,300, so it could hit us pretty hard. They will be sending a roster and

invoice for the classes to the Central Office. This program has helped attendance.

BFPS&E Paul Covington - No report.

Announced guests Joe Kadel, Jack Thomas, Dale Andrews, Jim Hungate and others.

OLD BUSINESS - Gene Stofer said Legislation 1200 is not dead. There is a meeting in June of the joint services. NFPA said it would probably pass. There are several different ways they will try to put this through. Gene, through another association, has been appointed to the 1200 committee. Bill Bush asked Gene to alert the Association as soon as he knows anything.

NEW BUSINESS - Larry Stott asked if we could discuss the political liaison? Jack Zeeks said he would talk about it at the convention or the August meeting. Larry Stott asked if it should be a person in a central location? Gene Stofer said anyone could do it, but it would be harder for someone further away to make it on short notice. The Legislature meets with little or no notice most times. An application needs to be sent in by November, need to get a name by August.

Gene Stofer discussed Legislative Report in John Shanks' absence. Two bills passed on the last day of the legislature. One of the bills was on the Burn Camp, which stated any public employee could work for any not-for-profit organization as long as their supervisor approves it.

Second, any one association who doesn't have 5,000 license plates per year has to pay higher fees. Also, a firefighter can now be on two different departments. The rest of the bills died in committee. Larry Stott asked what happened with John Shanks and the report he was supposed to send out? Gene Stofer said he had checked on it and it was supposed to be here today, so he will check on it tomorrow. Bill Kinsey also requested some items from John Shanks, but he still has not received them. When he talked to John some of it hadn't been sent yet.

Buz Koehler said it was awful to go out and talk to the guys in the district when you don't have correct or complete information. Bill Howe said that when John Shanks was here in Feb. he said 1177 was dismantled, how much of it was put back together? Gene Stofer will find out. Jack Zeeks asked about an e-mail program. Bill Kinsey talked about a time frame. The group discussed starting e-mail and a web page. Jack asked for an estimate on a home page for August meeting.

Tim Martin discussed insurance ratings and district changes by State Farm, which could cost or save money depending on the rating. A lengthy discussion ensued on the issue. Bill Bush said in order to collect, under Fire Service Clause, you must advertise department prices at least once in the paper. Mitch Parish will send a sample advertisement to the Central Office to be mailed to all the district directors.

Jack Zeeks said the next meeting will be August 8-9, 1998 same place same times. Check the room rate, it should be \$52.00 per night.

There being no further business Jack Zeeks asked for a motion to adjourn to the Officer's Meeting. Bob Uryga moved to adjourn. Mike Mackin seconded. Motion carried.

Board of Directors Meeting

CALL TO ORDER - Mitch Parish called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved.

Ivan Nevil was reappointed to the EMS commission.

Jack Harker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Larry Bartlow seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION - A department in northern Indiana wants to have a fire school. This body did not approve the \$5.00 discount. Jack Cox did not think this should be addressed now. The committee does not think it is fair to subsidize a department when it is not opened to the general membership. The Committee will ask this body to approve a draft to go into the SOG's which states that the Board must approve any additional schools.

Discussed the old trailer and how to dispose of it. Buz Koehler made motion to junk it. Bob Uryga seconded. Motion carried.

Jack Kerney made a motion to give Ladies Auxiliary \$500. Mike Mackin seconded. Motion Carried.

Mitch Parish talked about cards. He read a copy of the sympathy card and showed it to the group. Jack Zeeks said we could get more cards such as thank you and get well. Charlie Baker moved to purchase 50 of each type of cards up to \$1000 charged to the funeral budget. Charlie Cline seconded. Talked of purchasing more sympathy cards since there are an average of 100 deaths per year. Bill Kinsey estimated prices and Gene Stofer said the price should cover 100 to 150 cards; 50 thank you, 50 get well, and 100 sympathy. Motion carried.

Tim Martin has received the IVFA flag. The logo looks good, but it is not on both sides, it could not be printed that way. Mitch Parish asked how much it cost? Tim said it was \$80. No one objected, so the flag was kept.

There was some discussion on getting a second flag made and sewing them together to make one flag.

Mitch asked about golf shirts. Gene Stofer asked if anyone has contacted Larry Curl's wife about making them? He said if we could give her the business it might be a nice "thank you" to Larry Curl. Al Mendal said he would check into it. Tim Martin said prices ranged from \$22.00 - \$27.00, those were some of the quotes he received.

Buz Koehler made a motion to adjourn. Nelson Ehlers seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

## From the Vice President



Jack Cox

Another convention has taken place and, as usual, it was a great success.

Thanks to all who supported my nomination and election to President for 1999. I will do my best to provide the IVFA the attention it deserves.

As most of you know this effort will sometimes meet with other issues that can't be put aside, but these issues will be kept to a minimum during my term as your president. If anyone has a concern, complaint, or suggestion for me, don't hesitate to let me know.

I have enjoyed my service to you as your Vice President, Public Relations Director East Central, and District 13B Chairman over the last several years. We are looking forward as this year comes to a close to make future years as enjoyable and productive as you, the members, will allow.

This is the largest volunteer firefighter organization in Indiana, and we wish for this to stay the largest. We can only do this with your input at district meetings and our annual meeting.

Attend your district meetings and voice your opinion and make suggestions that will make your Association better. YES, this is your Association and your input is needed!!

Until the next issue, I wish you much success and good health.

## Firefighters win

The Auburn Fire Department finished first Saturday, May 30, 1998 in the Combat Challenge Midwest Regional in Champaign, Illinois. The team qualified for World Challenge VII in Kissimmee, Florida in November with a time of 5:46 in the obstacle course test.

Team members are Lieutenants Chip LaRowe and Mike VanZile, and firefighters Tim Maloney, Joe Molargik and Scott Russell. Maloney finished second out of nearly 175 competitors with a time of 1:45.

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ADD TAKER PAPER	\$ 4,889	\$ —	\$ 4,889
EDITOR EXPENSE	1,041	—	1,041
CLOTHING REPLACEMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER'S	587	—	587
COMMITTEE EXPENSE	1,542	—	1,542
CONVENTION EXPENSE	2,303	—	2,303
DELEGATES EXPENSE	12,283	—	12,283
DISTRICT EXPENSE	2,680	—	2,680
DISTRICT SECRETARY EXPENSE	330	—	330
FIRE SCHOOL EXPENSE	8,914	—	8,914
FUNERAL FUND	6,346	—	6,346
INSURANCE-GENERAL	5,137	—	5,137
LEGAL EXPENSE	637	—	637
LEGISLATURE EXPENSE	57,352	—	57,352
OTHER EXPENSE	1,105	—	1,105
OFFICERS ALLOWANCE	2,868	—	2,868
OFFICERS EXPENSE	1,888	—	1,888
OFFICERS MEETING EXPENSE	31,262	—	31,262
PAPER EXPENSE	5,922	—	5,922
POSTAGE	9,715	—	9,715
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	2,289	—	2,289
PRINTING	19,678	—	19,678
PUBLIC EDUCATION	685	—	685
PUBLIC RELATIONS	3,718	—	3,718
SECRETARY'S OFFICE EXPENSE	2,451	—	2,451
FICA TAX EXPENSE	2,537	—	2,537
LICENSE PLATE COST	2,409	—	2,409
OFFICE POSTAGE	609	—	609
DECALS	4,119	—	4,119
LONG DISTANCE CALLS	2,420	—	2,420
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,037	—	4,037
ACCOUNTING	2,400	—	2,400
MANAGEMENT FEES	30,000	—	30,000
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	199	—	199
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>234,352</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>234,352</b>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:	92,975	( 745)	92,230
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1996	412,734	80,918	493,652
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1997	\$505,709	80,173	\$585,882

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<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 92,230
ADJUSTMENT TO RECONCILE DECREASE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
DEPRECIATION	199
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN:	
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	( 369)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>92,060</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	( 1,194)
<b>NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>( 1,194)</b>
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	90,866
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	494,024
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$584,890</b>

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**Public Relations  
West Central**



**Don Johnson**

Hello again.  
It is time for more words of wisdom, or whatever you want to call them.  
Everything is going smooth in West Central. District 21 attendance has improved and I hope the new department in District 12 will start attending.  
Convention is over and the host departments did an outstanding job. Everything went well and the bus drivers were super. I have no complaints.  
I tried to attend Wea Township meeting in District 21, but due to the monsoon that night, I could not find the place.  
I missed District 11B meeting because my home department had an engagement I could not get out of attending. I'll try to do better next time.  
That is about all I have this time, so until next time.

**Arsonist  
terrorizing  
small  
Indiana  
town**

*Leipsic has been hit by a rash of fires, and residents don't have a clue why.*

The Associated Press  
Leipsic - A series of unexplained suspicious fires has plagued this southern Indiana

hamlet of 150 residents, leaving them frightened and distrustful.

"We've got a serial arsonist out there," said Chief Deputy Richard Dixon of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

"People are petrified. They're afraid to go to bed tonight."

The wall of fire truck sirens has repeatedly roused residents and left them wondering when the next blaze will strike.

"We're all just waiting for the next shoe to drop," said Rhys Rhodes, a retired circuit court judge who has been awakened three times by a neighbor alerting him to look out his window at burning buildings.

"I keep a pistol and a rifle handy, but I don't anticipate having to use them," Rhodes said.

"I have an 84-year-old neighbor and another neighbor whose health is poor, though, and they are very concerned.

Fifteen suspicious fires have been ignited in the past ten months in Leipsic, a town with about thirty homes about thirty-five miles southeast of Bloomington.

No one has been injured, but residents wonder how long that luck can hold out if the fires continue to recur.

The first of Leipsic's fifteen suspected arsons occurred on September 6, 1997, when the vacant home of Phillip Foutch was heavily damaged.

Foutch had been convicted hours earlier of conspiracy to commit murder in the shooting death of an Orleans man.

A second fire October 31, destroyed what was left of the house. "It has to be arson," said Orange County Rural Fire Department Chief Bill Sallee.

Foutch died January 16, 1998 of a heart attack suffered while serving his sentence at the Wabash Valley Correctional Center in Carlisle. He was 59.

The fires have continued on a periodic basis since the Foutch fires. The most recent, on June 14, 1998, burned a hay barn owned by Norman Johnson.

Rhodes said town residents had speculated the fires might have been set by someone with a grudge against Foutch, a hunch largely abandoned when the fires continued after his death.

A \$1,000 reward posted for information leading to an arrest has turned up no solid leads.

Sallee said, "What I don't understand is why nobody who lives in Leipsic has seen anything. Somebody [other than the arsonist] out there knows who's doing this."

More than one method of setting the fires has been used, leading Sallee and the State Fire Marshal's Office to suspect that more than one person may be involved.

Rhodes said, I think this is one of those things where you're not going to solve the case until you catch the guy with the matches in his hand."

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# IVFA Business Meeting

## June 18, 1998

### Officers Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order at the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute at 1:10 p.m. Chaplain Charlie Baker gave the minute message. Pledge of Allegiance

#### OFFICER REPORTS

President Jack Zeeks introduced all the guests that attended. Jack Zeeks called for the reading of the minutes. Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Don Cushman seconded. Motion carried. Jack Zeeks passed out the committee list and several get well cards to be signed.

Vice President Jack Cox - Passed.

Chaplain Charlie Baker asked everyone to please attend memorial.

Assistant Chaplain Father Lance - Passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush - Passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey said the reports were being passed around. He talked briefly about the audit, which had recently been completed.

#### PR AREA REPORTS

PRNW Buz Koehler - Passed.

PRNE Richard Glant - Passed.

PREC Don Cushman - Passed.

PRWC Don Johnson - Passed.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Passed.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers - Passed.

#### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 Bill Howe Jr. - Passed.

District 2 Larry Stott - Passed.

District 3 Bob Uryga - Passed.

District 4 Greg Freed - Passed.

District 5 Don Kissinger - Passed.

District 6 Mike Mackin reported he had one death in his district.

District 7 Mort Sorg - Passed.

District 8A Robert Fleener - Passed.

District 8B Larry Petro - Passed.

District 9A Charlie Cline - Passed.

District 9B Ed Brettin - Passed.

District 10 David Israel - Passed.

District 11A Red Morris hoped everyone was enjoying themselves.

District 11B Larry Bartlow reported there was a problem with his district receiving their dues renewal forms. He will contact the Central Office to reprint them.

District 12 Assistant Chair John Ross - Passed.

District 13A Tim Martin - Passed.

District 13B Dennis Spears - Passed.

District 14 Roy Richardson reported he had recently contacted all the departments in his district to tell them about the convention and other important IVFA business.

District 15 John Barr reported he had one death in his district.

District 16 Danny Hickman - Absent.

District 17A Jack Harker reported on Bill Engle's condition. He went into surgery where they removed half of his stomach. He is still weak and in critical condition. He will remain in the hospital for sometime, where more tests will be run to see if it is necessary to remove more of his stomach. Jack Harker asked everyone to please pray for his safe recovery.

District 17B Luke Kluender - Passed.

District 18 Frank Daunhauer - Passed.

District 19 Paul Covington thanked Jack Zeeks for attending a fire department dedication in his area. He also thanked Charlie Baker for performing a memorial in his area.

District 21 Perry Martin - Passed.

#### PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

Richard Glant - Passed.

Milch Parish - Passed.

Ivan Nevil - Passed.

Carl Bruns - Passed.

Jim Parker - Passed.

Bill Engle - Absent.

Lawrence Swartz - Passed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor's Assistant Bill Howe - Passed.

Advertisement Lawrence Swartz - Passed.

National Volunteer Fire Council Mitch Parish - Passed.

By-Laws Jim Parker - Passed.

Public Education Jim Parker - Passed.

EMS Larry Stott - Passed.

Membership Carl Bruns - Passed.

Bridgeport Lawrence Swartz - Passed.

Fire School Jack Cox - Passed.

Historical Mitch Parish reported the books are still not done but they are continuing to work on them.

Insurance Bill Kinsey - Passed.

Awards Jack Cox - Passed.

Convention Bill Bush - Passed.

Games Al Mendal - Absent.

Photography Mitch Parish - Passed.

Fire Services Institute Gene Stofer - Absent.

PSTI Lawrence Swartz - Passed.

Fire Instructors Committee Jack Cox - Passed.

BFPS&E Paul Covington - Passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - Red Morris reported Southwest Fire and Safety approached him with the prospect of them hosting the Beer Bust for several more years. Currently they have a five-year contract with the option to extend another five years at the end of that time. They would like to renew the contract for five years with another option to extend

five more years at that time. Red Morris made a motion to approve the contract. Larry Petro seconded. Jack Zeeks said Board action was needed to approve a contract.

Paul Covington received a letter from the Indiana Fire Instructors Association clarifying the situation with the Ft. Wayne/New Haven school. Apparently a lot of people in the fire services were upset with the word choice the Emergency Books & Training used in writing a letter concerning that school. Paul Covington made a motion that this association draft a letter to Emergency Books & Training explaining that the IVFA will be forced to take back the \$5.00 class discount if they aren't careful with the derogatory word choice being used in letters towards other fire services organizations. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion carried. It was stated that the letter should use careful wording in order to maintain positive relations with the bookstore. Jack Zeeks asked Jack Cox and Paul Covington to draft the letter.

Bob Uryga asked for a clock to be used in a dedication.

Richard Glant made a motion to adjourn the Officers Meeting and proceed into the Board of Directors Meeting. Don Kissinger seconded. Motion carried.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

##### CALL TO ORDER

Mitch Parish called the meeting to order and asked for reading of the minutes. Richard Glant made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Don Cushman seconded. Motion carried.

##### BOARD ACTION

Jim Parker wanted to make a motion to amend the PR Directors SOG's due to the fact that they were mailed out directly to the PR Directors and they also had some

corrections. He said that new copies would be passed out after corrections were made. At that time the old SOG's will be collected. Jim Parker made a motion to accept the SOG's after corrections. Nelson Ehlers seconded. Motion carried.

Red Morris made a motion to extend the contract with Southwest Fire and Safety for five years with the option for five more at the end of that term. Nelson Ehlers seconded. Motion carried. Ivan Nevil asked about guidelines or standards.

Another question was asked about the current contract. The current contract was believed to be verbal only. Red Morris was asked to get a proposal from Southwest Fire and Safety. Red Morris made a motion that the Board add a clause to the contract giving them the ability to terminate the contract with one years notice if everything does not meet the necessary standards. A lengthy discussion followed to determine what, if anything, was necessary at this time due to the fact that the existing contract is a verbal contract only. Bill Kinsey suggested a certificate of insurance if they plan to serve alcohol.

A question was asked about the insurance coverage on our trailer and if it would cover them while they used it. Bill Kinsey said if Southwest Fire and Safety signed the contract with the hotel then they needed the certificate of insurance. Jack Zeeks asked why this is just now being discussed? Attorney John Shanks said not-for-profit groups sometimes do not think about these things until after the fact.

Risk management issues need to be taken care of and the association needs to have plenty of coverage for defense costs in case of an accident. Ivan Nevil said the agreement with Southwest

Fire and Safety is good through 1999 why finish today? Why not form a committee, reassure Southwest Fire and Safety that we are happy with them and would like to continue with our contract and then deal with this at the next meeting.

Bill Kinsey, directed by chairman, asked next year's Convention Committee to meet with him and go over things to be in place for insurance. Red Morris, Buz Koehler, and John Ross are on the committee. It was decided that the Insurance Committee should meet instead and that list was read.

David Israel asked for \$2000 start up money for 1999 convention. He was asked to provide Bill Kinsey with a written request. Jim Parker said he needed a motion. He made the motion to give the money to David Israel for the convention. Red Morris seconded. Motion carried.

Jack Zeeks said we still needed to finalize the 1997 convention. Mitch Parish will call and get the financial report and work on it.

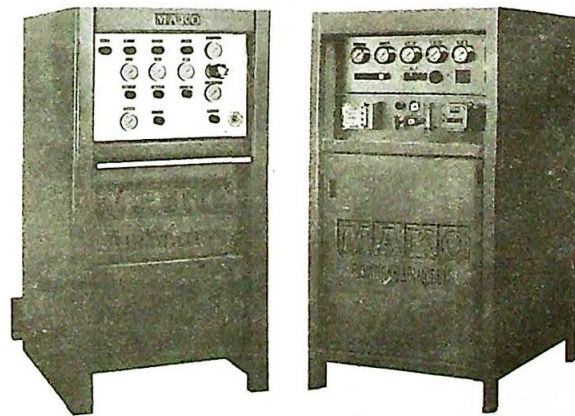
Don Kissinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Cushman seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned after the minute message.

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# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 23

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

## NOTE 1: - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. ORGANIZATION

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HAS RULED THAT THE AGENCY IS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 501 (C) (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AS A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

### B. CLASSES OF NET ASSETS

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REPORT AMOUNTS SEPARATELY BY CLASS OF NET ASSETS:

A) UNRESTRICTED AMOUNTS ARE THOSE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD FOR USE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S OPERATIONS.

B) RESTRICTED AMOUNTS ARE THOSE THAT ARE RESTRICTED BY DONORS.

### C. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CONSIST OF CASH HELD IN CHECKING, SAVINGS, AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT WITH ORIGINAL MATURITIES OF THREE MONTHS OR LESS.

### D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

BOOKS OF RECORD ARE MAINTAINED ON A MODIFIED CASH BASIS. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ARE RECOGNIZED AT THE TIME THEY ARE PAID CONSISTENT WITH THE MODIFIED CASH THEORY.

### E. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT ARE RECORDED AT COST OR, IF DONATED, AT ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE. DEPRECIATION IS PROVIDED ON A STRAIGHT-LINE BASIS OVER THE USEFUL LIFE OF THE ASSET.

### F. CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE CONSIDERED AVAILABLE FOR UNRESTRICTED USE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED BY THE DONOR.

### G. USE OF ESTIMATES

THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN CONFORMITY WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES REQUIRES MANAGEMENT TO MAKE ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT AFFECT CERTAIN REPORTED AMOUNTS AND DISCLOSURES. ACCORDINGLY, ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER FROM THOSE ESTIMATES.

## NOTE 2 - CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

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 EARNING 4.85% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JANUARY 31, 1997 AND ANOTHER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 EARNING 5.40% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 26, 2000.

## NOTE 3 - CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH BANK ONE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 EARNING 4.6% WITH A MATURITY DATE OF JULY 3, 1997.

## NOTE 4 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

THE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS CASH BALANCES IN SEVERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. ACCOUNTS AT EACH INSTITUTION ARE INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION UP TO \$100,000. AT DECEMBER 31, 1997, THE ASSOCIATION'S UNINSURED CASH BALANCE WAS \$413,869.

## NOTE 5 - BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER DEPT. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

## NOTE 6 - SFAS 117 DISCLOSURE

SFAS 117 REQUIRES THAT PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES BETWEEN PROGRAM AND SUPPORT FUNCTIONS BE DISCLOSED. THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKOUT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S EXPENDITURES:

PROGRAM SERVICES	\$170,696
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	64,827
FUNDRAISING	4,829
	<u>\$240,352</u>

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## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. PROFIT AND LOSS - DETAIL JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997

<b>INCOME</b>	
ADVERTISING - NEWSPAPER	\$ 26,019
CONVENTION INCOME	570
CREDIT CARD INCOME	10,457
GRANTS	10,000
INSURANCE COMMISSION	23,619
INTEREST INCOME (INTEREST CD'S)	11,857
LICENSE PLATE FEES	16,452
MEMBERSHIP DUES	
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	7,865
DUES	205,468
MEMBERSHIP DUES	<u>1,789</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	215,122
OTHER INCOME	<u>17</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>314,113</u></b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
CLOTHING REPLACEMENT	587
COMMITTEE EXPENSE	
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	2,289
OTHER COMMITTEE EXPENSE	<u>1,541</u>
TOTAL COMMITTEE DUES	3,830
CONVENTION DELEGATES	12,283
CONVENTION EXPENSE	2,303
DISTRICT EXPENSE	
DISTRICT EXPENSE - ..	1,968
DISTRICT SECRETARY	330
OTHER DISTRICT EXPENSE	<u>711</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT EXPENSE	3,009
FIRE SCHOOL EXPENSE	8,914
FUNERAL FUND	6,346
INSURANCE EXPENSE	5,137
LICENSE PLATE EXPENSE	2,409
NON BUDGETED ITEMS	
DECALS	<u>4,119</u>
TOTAL NON BUDGETED ITEMS	4,119
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	
CONSULTANTS FEES	169
LONG DISTANCE CARDS	2,420
MANAGEMENT FEES - TRD	30,000
OFFICE PHONE	32
OFFICE POSTAGE	609
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,037
SECRETARY'S OFFICE	<u>2,451</u>
TOTAL OFFICE ADM.	39,718
OFFICER'S EXPENSE	
OFFICER'S ALLOWANCE	2,868
OFFICER'S MEETINGS	31,262
OFFICER'S OTHER EXP	<u>1,888</u>
TOTAL OFFICER'S EXPENSE	36,018
OTHER EXPENSES	882
PAYROLL EXPENSES	22
PAYROLL TAXES	2,910
PROFESSIONAL FEES	
ACCOUNTING	2,400
LEGAL FEES	637
LEGISLATURE EXPENSE	<u>57,352</u>
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEES	60,389
PUBLIC EDUCATION	(2,920)
PUBLIC RELATIONS EXP...	3,718
PUBLISHING EXPENSE	
AD SOLICITOR	4,889
EDITOR'S ALLOWANCE	900
EDITOR'S ASSISTANT	141
PAPER	5,922
POSTAGE	9,715
PRINTING	<u>19,678</u>
TOTAL PUBLISHING EXP	41,245
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>230,919</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 83,194</u></b>

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. BRIDGEPORT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

BRIDGEPORT FUND CHECKING	\$ 29,757
BRIDGEPORT CD - BANK ONE	<u>50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>79,757</b>
OPENING BALANCE EQUITY	80,918
NET INCOME	<u>(1,161)</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 79,757</u></b>

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. BRIDGEPORT FUND PROFIT AND LOSS JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997

<b>INCOME</b>	
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 1,594
DONATIONS	<u>3,245</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,839</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
LINE OF DUTY BENEFIT	3,000
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	<u>3,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>6,000</b>

## Public Relations East Central



**Don Cushman**

**Great Convention Districts 11A and 11B.**

It was good to see all the people at the vendor's tables and outside visiting the booths.

Good luck to Jack Cox on leading our group the next two years.

Let's also wish David Israel and Jim Parker good luck with all their arrangements for the 1999 Convention at Columbus.

Please let me know about anything going on in the area and I will do my best to get there.

## Two Die in Crash

Two people were killed in a traffic crash involving a car and a semi tractor-trailer just before 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, on U.S. 50, near Schneider's Nursery between Brownstown and Seymour.

Emergency workers at the scene said a woman and a boy, approximately twelve years old, were killed when their Chevrolet Monte Carlo collided with the rear wheel of an eastbound semi.

As *The Banner* went to press Monday afternoon, police had not released the names of the victims.

The car had a Seymour registration, witnesses said.

According to Andy Fountain, Assistant Chief of the Brownstown Volunteer Fire Department, it appeared as if the car went left of center.

The driver of the KBT Inc. truck told police he swerved to miss the car, which then collided with the back wheel of the trailer on the driver's side.

The brunt of the impact was on the front driver's side of the car.

"We had to take the passenger side door off the car to help extricate the victims," said Fountain.

"No resuscitation was attempted: it looked as though they had died instantly.

The driver of the truck was shaken up, but not injured."

Traffic was blocked on U.S. 50 until about 9:45 a.m.

"The construction didn't play a part in the accident, but people need to be careful between Brownstown and Seymour all summer," Fountain added.

Investigating officer was Marc Lahrman of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and assisting him were the Brownstown Fire Department, Jackson County Ambulance Service and Indiana State Police.

Reprinted from *The Banner*  
Tuesday, May 19, 1998

# Mr. IVFA for 1998



Robert J. Meyers of Otter Creek #1 (Terre Haute) is presented with the prestigious Mr. IVFA Award at the 1998 Convention.

From the recipient of the Mr. IVFA Award and Co-Chairman of Convention '98.

Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Receiving the Mr. IVFA Award is something I had never dreamed of.

I would like to thank all of those who were involved in the selection process and to the members of our Otter Creek Fire Department, friends, and family members who sent in letters. Thank you very much.

During my thirty years in the fire service, I have had many rewarding experiences, but none compare to this award. I will endeavor to live up to the expectations of a Mr. IVFA.

Convention '98 is now history and we are now looking forward to next year's convention in Columbus, Indiana.

I wish those who are making preparations lots of luck, and if there is anything that I or any member of our committees can do to help, please give us a call.

Sincerely,  
Bob Meyers

## Message from Bill Bush Convention '98 Co-Chairman

The 1998 Convention is now history, and as I reflect back over the last two years, I realize that the two districts spent numerous hours together working on the convention.

Everyone worked together, and when each person took a job, it got done.

In other parts of the paper, there are photographs (see pages) of some of those who worked on the convention and some of the events.

I want to thank my co-chairman, Bob Meyers. It is always a pleasure working on a project with Bob.

Also thanks to everyone who worked on the committees. I would love to name everyone but

I know I would forget someone.

The efforts of the whole team came together and resulted in what I believe was a great convention.

I also want to thank everyone who made donations to help support the convention.

We wouldn't have had a successful convention without those attending. We thank everyone for coming and hope you enjoyed our hospitality.

I would like to mention one thing, for those who attended the banquet on Friday night, you noticed that I kept my promise that there would be no long speeches.

Thanks to Senator Mark Blade for being a good sport.

I want to congratulate Bob Meyers on being awarded the Mr. IVFA Award and Max Harrah for receiving the Ollie Sandburg Award. It was our pleasure to have Ollie there to make the presentation.

I guess to sum it all up, I would have to say "Terre Haute was great in '98".

Now we want to encourage you to get your registration in early for the 1999 Convention to be held in Columbus, Indiana on June 16-19. We are certainly looking forward to it.

**Next newspaper deadline  
October 10, 1998**

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ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ VISA/MC \_\_\_\_\_ DC/CB \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

5% SALES TAX AND 5% BED TAX IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES.

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YOUR GROUP CODE IS FIR. YOU MAY CALL HOLIDAY INN WORLDWIDE AT 1-800-465-4329 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY USING THE GROUP CODE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL OR FAX THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO THE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. YOUR OVERNIGHT ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED ON JUNE 1, 1999. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE THAT DATE.

\*THESE DATES REFER TO THE OVERNIGHT ROOM RESERVATIONS

\*RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 6, 1998.

## 1999 IVFA PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 16-19, 1999

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STATE OFFICER	_____	_____	_____
AUXILIARY MEMBER	_____	_____	_____
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# MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated 8/96.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). The District winners' applications along with two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10. The girls selected will be representing the state, district and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and departments.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must, however, make their own reservations and advise the Reservation Committee that they are a candidate. Each contestant will have a chaperone (parents or designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements. They are responsible for paying for their own accommodations.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, they will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday evening, the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The judging will consist of personal interviews on Thursday morning and final judging on Thursday afternoon. Winners will be announced and crowning of the Miss Flame will be at the Opening Meeting on Thursday evening.

All girls will be expected to attend the men's and women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday. They will attend the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday (if there is one). They will sell doe doll tickets throughout the convention.

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

## JUDGING REGULATIONS

Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas. All judging scores will be confidential.

All state contestants will be considered on the following percentage basis for "Miss Flame" state judging. No questions to be asked relative to scholastic ability.

1. 25% on what she thinks are the benefits of a volunteer fire department in her community:

- \* her fire department role in community
- \* her relationship to the volunteer fire service
- \* her involvement with the fire department, and
- \* her family's involvement with the fire department

2. 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control and self confidence).

3. 10% on ability to carry on a conversation in a personal interview and before a group.

4. 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).

5. 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).

6. Each state contestant should be familiar with the following topics. The judges will select three of the five (same three for each contestant) and ask each contestant to express her thoughts on them. 5% for each of the three topics.

- \*National Government
- \*Environment
- \*Quality of Education
- \*Inflation
- \*Juvenile Crime

7. 10% on impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.

## IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single and a non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District Contest.
5. The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.
6. Winner of a department will be entered in the District contest.
7. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
8. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.
9. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
10. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.
13. The Convention host department will provide judges to select the state winner prior to the opening meeting on Thursday evening.
14. The Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the Judging on Thursday at Convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy and a \$100 savings bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers, trophy and a \$50 savings bond.
18. Formal attire will be worn at the State Judging.
19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability and ability to express ideas.
20. It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expenses.

## 1998 Miss Flame Results

The 1998 Miss Flame contest was great again this year. We had 17 young ladies in competition and we had a great time throughout the four days. Everyone got along well, participated in all of the activities. I am sure there were some long term friendships made.

Angela Lister of Sheffield, District 21, our reigning Miss Flame returned to crown our 1998 Miss Flame. She is Anna Marie Cardinal of Bicknell, District 17A; the daughter of Don and Debbie Cardinal. The 1998 Miss Flame Runner-up is Alisha Vaught of Schererville, District 1. She is the daughter of John and Shelley Vaught. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Brandy Miller from Lyford, District 11B. She is the daughter of David and Patricia Miller. The Miss Flame court is as follows: Eileen Scubelek-Crown Point, District 2; Heather Garwood-LaCrosse, District 3; Stephanie Freed-Nappanee, District 4; Amanda Burroughs-Argos, District 5; Kimberly Smith-Fort Wayne, District 6; April Marshall-Marion, District 8A; Tracy McClain-Pennville, District 8B; Ellen May-West Terre Haute, District 11A; Christina Thomas-Indianapolis, District 12; Tammy Spears-Centerville, District 13B; Angela Willoughby-Evansville, District 15; Ashley Zeeks-Mitchell, District 17B; Brittney Neukam-Jasper, District 18 and Cindy Caudill-Brookville, District 19. They represented their fire departments and districts well.

After all of the judging was done and it was time to have fun. The girls worked on a little song and dance that they performed at the banquet on Friday evening. It was a big hit again this year and the girls had a good time doing it. Thanks to Barbara Kerney for her planning and working with the girls to get it together.

The committee all pulled together again this year to get together the fine contest that we had. Thanks to Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Ketchem, Barbara Kerney.

I want to thank the Convention Committee for all their help to make the contest a success and I hope that I don't forget anyone, but I want to thank the following for their contributions to the Miss Flame Committee: John Shanks of Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, Miss Flame luncheon; Larry and Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim and Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Jack and Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; District 3, diddy bags; Tim Downey of T.R. Downey Insurance, convention T-shirts; IVFA, jewelry; IVFAA, Charms-Crown-Flowers-Bonds; Creative Impressions, Sashes; Charles Jones of Bliss-McKnight, pizza and Friday fun activity; District 12, Miss Flame gift; Kenneth Miller & Associates, appreciation gifts for judges; Mitch Parish and Charles Wilson, photographs.

I would like to encourage local fire departments and districts to invite the girls to your fund raisers and parades. Let them know that you appreciate their participation in the contest.

**"MISS FLAME" CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print in full)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip Code

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPERONE NAMES (IF NOT PARENTS) \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT# \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
(MEN) (WOMEN)

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER)

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SCHOOL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE EMPLOYED \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_

.....

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_ and do hereby give our consent to her participation in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association "Miss Flame" Contest. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary are in no way obligated or under contract to any person/persons, or firms to supply any requirements for contestants, parents, legal guardians or chaperones.

.....

Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I concur that \_\_\_\_\_ will represent District \_\_\_\_\_ in the State Miss Flame Contest at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring fireman/auxiliary member's dues are current with the I.V.F.A./I.V.F.A.A.

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN. Entry form for the state contest, two photos (preferably black and white) must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10.

Eula Bush  
1419 W. 850 S.  
Dana, IN 47847  
317-665-3213

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS  
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**DON'T FORGET**

Deadline for the November issue of the newspaper is **October 10, 1998**

Please, make a note of it.

# 1998 IVFA CONVENTION WINNERS PARADE



Most Unique Entry - Buckin' T Ford

I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big THANK YOU to every one who played a part in making the 1998 Convention Parade such a success.

I can't take all the credit. None of this could have been possible with out the help of a hard working, dedicated committee. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Thanks to all of the participants and those people who stayed after games were over to watch our parade.

Did anybody get the name of that guy who was spraying the Miss Flames with a squirt gun??

Larry Bartlow, would you happen to have his name?

And Toddy Michl made a super Grand Marshal.

Hats off to the judges. I didn't envy their job one bit. They each received a plaque for their hard work.

Congratulations to the Marching Panthers from Riverton Parke High School in Montezuma Indiana for receiving top band honors.

Fun Dazzlers accepted the trophy for the best Clown Unit. Best Antique Apparatus was given to Tom Champion.

The Most Unique entry was the Buckin' "T" Ford owned by Cecil "Newt" Cox of Hillsdale, Indiana. That was a sight to behold! !

Many thanks also goes to our trophy presenters, Anna Marie Cardinal, 1998 Miss Flame, Alisha Vaught, Miss Flame Runner-up, and Brandy Miller, Miss Congeniality.

I look forward to seeing all of you at convention next year in Columbus.

Sincerely,  
David Miller  
Parade Chairman



Best Clown Unit - Fun Dazzlers

## MEN'S WATERBALL



1st Place - Bremen

## WOMEN'S WATERBALL



1st Place - New Chicago



2nd Place - New Haven Adams Township



2nd Place - Fairview Park

## MEN'S CART



1st Place - New Chicago



1st Place - New Chicago

## WOMEN'S CART



1st Place - New Chicago

Mens Waterball  
3rd Place - Pennville  
4th Place - Fairview Park  
New Chicago  
Otter Creek  
Wayne Twp.

Thanks to all those who participated in the games at the '98 convention.

Al Mendel  
Games Chairman

Hose  
2nd Place - Wayne Twp.  
Men's Cart  
2nd Place - Wayne Twp.

# Congratulations to all the winners!

# 1998 IVFA CONVENTION



Thanks to Joann Hays and her committee, as well as all of the volunteers who helped with registration. Pictured (l-r) Nancy Wells, Laurie Bush and Barbara Ketchem.

The Wednesday night kick-off picnic was a great success.

We would like to thank Patty Miller and her help in making this event such a great time.

We wish to thank Indiana Fire Equipment for sponsoring the meal and D.J. Awesom Sound Company for the music and entertainment.

We also want to thank Pyrotechnic Productions, Inc. of Brazil for the fantastic fireworks display.

The results of the drawing for the door prizes was as follows:

1st prize Lil Big Truck - won by Matthew Meyers of Terre Haute.

2nd Prize Grandfather Clock - won by Gas City Fire Department.

3rd Prize Fire Truck Telephone was won by Larry Ketchem of Montezuma.

We had a very special person at the registration table this year. A photograph of Thelma Lester, who was the IVFAA Chaplain for a number of years, was displayed along with a basket containing her address. We hope everyone picked up her address and sent her a note.

For those who didn't, her address is:

Thelma Lester  
Room 52D  
Heritage Regency  
2050 Chester Blvd.  
Richmond, IN 47374

Thelma misses her fire service family and would love to hear from anyone and everyone. Please drop her a note.

State Fire Marshal M. Tracy Boatwright presented Bill Bush of the Dana Volunteer Fire Department and Larry Ketchem of the Hilmon Fire Department with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.



(L-r): Anna Marie Cardinal, 1998 IVFA Miss Flame, daughter of Don and Debbie Cardinal from Washington Township Fire Department (Bruceville). Alisha Vaught, 1998 Miss flame runner-up, daughter of John and Shelly Vaught of Schererville. (Not pictured) Miss Congeniality Brandy Miller, daughter of David and Patricia Miller.



Miss Flame and her Court



Sherry McFarland and Diane Harrison were the Souvenir Committee and Red and Carolyn Morris (not pictured) sold the T-shirts. They could sell a refrigerator to an eskimo. They sold out of everything.

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# Hoosier Burn Camp

## MARSHAL'S MEMO

May, 1998

This issue of the Marshal's Memo is going to be short and sweet. I trust you all had a very enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend.

As you know, we have a new Building Code. There are some changes that affect new fireworks buildings. The new Building Code has changes affecting buildings used for fireworks display, sale, and/or storage.

**REMEMBER, THE NEW BUILDING CODE ONLY APPLIES TO NEW BUILDINGS OR BUILDINGS THAT ARE BEING USED FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER FOR THE DISPLAY, SALE, AND/OR STORAGE OF FIREWORKS.**

The following is a brief summary of the provisions of the new Building Code affecting the display, sale, and/or storage of fireworks:

1. Structures where the public has access to the fireworks are classified as "M" occupancies, and generally are treated to same as the old "B-2" occupancy classification.

If an M occupancy exceeds 12,000 square foot, sprinklers are required; however, the total area can be reduced by the use of two-hour area separation walls.

An M occupancy shall not exceed three stories in height; no story shall exceed 12,000, and the total of all three stories shall not exceed 24,000 square foot.

2. Structures where the public does not have access to the fireworks are classified as "H-3" occupancies.

There is no minimum amount of fireworks required, only that the public does not have access to them.

Generally, if the structure is both an M and H-3 (mixed occupancy), there must be a one-hour occupancy separation wall between the occupancies.

Finally, I need to remind you about Indiana Weekend coming up in July. To this point there has been very little interest. If we don't get better response, we may have to cancel. You can help us make that decision by calling Ivan and getting registered.

I've got to close; PLEASE BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters,

M. Tracy Boatwright

## International Waterball

September 11 & 12  
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Indiana

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Teams interested  
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### LETTERS FROM CAMP

by Ginger K. Shanks  
Executive Director  
Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc.

Greetings from camp, Hoosier Burn Camp, that is!

Thanks for your hospitality at the Terre Haute Convention and all of the donations. We collected almost \$300.00 in our boots. (A special thanks to Indiana F.I.R.E. Equipment for the boots!)

Next summer Hoosier kids who are burn survivors will have a summer camp to call their own—thanks to the generosity of Indiana's fire and emergency services community.

I was asked at the Convention how the volunteer fire service can keep up to date on the progress of the burn camp and I replied, "I'll send you letters from camp"! So, here is the first.

This year we sponsored five kids to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp at YMCA Camp Duncan June 19-25. Transportation for these kids was provided by the South Bend Fire Dept. and the Washington Twp. Fire Dept. (Marion County). Two Indiana firefighters worked as counselors as well.

Camp Duncan is situated on a beautiful little lake near Ingleside, Illinois. I was a guest of the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and felt like a kid in a candy store.

We are blessed to have been mentored by one of America's outstanding burn camps and the very first to be accredited by the prestigious American Camping Association. I was there when they got word of this recognition and can tell you the eight years of hard work were evident in the tears of joy that flowed that night at the Friendship Circle.

For those of you who don't know the story (I can't believe I've missed anyone), Hoosier Burn Camp was conceived by State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright and his Juvenile Fire Setters Task Force more than a year ago.

The Task Force was formed by Marshal Boatwright to address the skyrocketing problem of children setting fires. In its education awareness efforts, the Task Force members became increasingly aware of the countless Hoosier children who have become victims of their own mischief and suffered the devastating results of fire.

Rebuilding the lives of these young people, physically and emotionally, seemed an endless challenge but one which must be faced not only by the child but by his or her family.

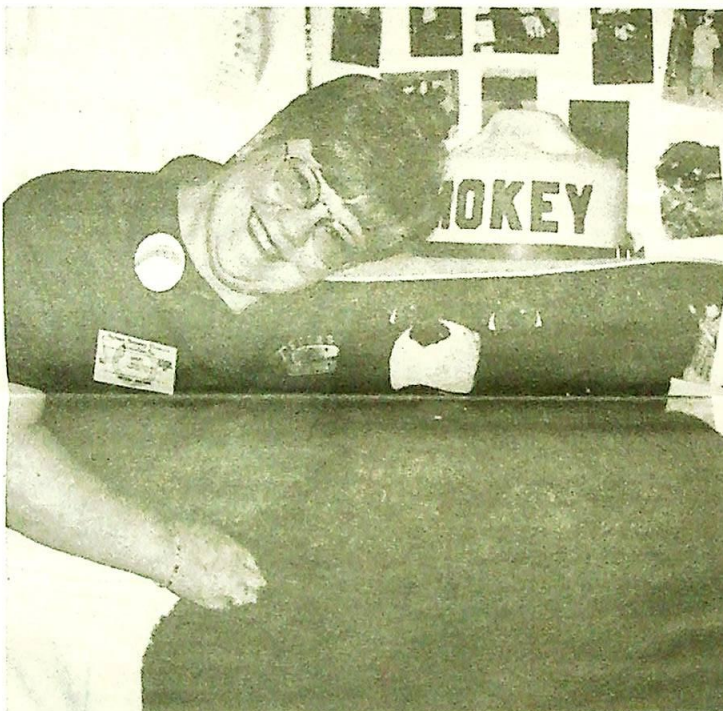
Hoosier Burn Camp became a reality on December 11, 1997 when the new nonprofit corporation was incorporated. Its mission is to help young Hoosier burn survivors rebuild confidence and self-esteem through the joys and challenges of a week-long outdoor experience.

Indiana is the 28th state to establish a burn camp and our First Lady Judy O'Bannon has graciously agreed to serve as our



Front row (l-r): Mark O'Banton; Donald Rose; Andrew Dravesky; Stephanie Morrow; and Steven Bryant.

Back row: Captain John Corthier; Captain Bob Personette, both from South Bend Fire Department; Division Chief Gregory Roy, Washington Township Fire Department; and Executive Director Ginger Shanks.



Hoosier Burn Camp Executive Director Ginger Shanks receives an encouraging hug from "Smockey" at the IVFA Convention in Terre Haute.

Honorary Chair. She has already produced one video message which was shown at the Indiana Fire Services Institute Annual Dinner in February and we are proud to have her on our team. Her great interest in and compassion for Hoosier children clearly comes through when she speaks of burn survivors.

We are also very grateful for the support of Pat Ralston, Director, Fire and Building Services Commission, himself a burn survivor.

In nine short months, our first in-state summer camp will take place. Hoosier Burn Camp '99 will be held at Camp Tecumseh, a fully accessible, American Camping Association accredited YMCA Camp near Lafayette, Indiana, May 30 - June 4, 1999, and we need your help.

We estimate that the first year

we'll need to raise between \$100,000-\$150,000. Many fire depts. have contacted me about fundraising ideas ranging from car washes and boot drives to festivals and athletic tournaments.

I am overwhelmed by the caring and generosity expressed by the volunteer fire service.

In addition to money, we need in-kind donations and volunteers. I estimate that the Illinois camp enlists the services of about 200 volunteers ranging from bus stop greeters and chaperons (we expect to have to provide transportation for most of our campers) to cabin counselors and a quartermaster corps.

We will need golf carts to facilitate transportation of campers and staff and a radio system for good communication.

My husband has likened organizing the first summer camp

to a military operation and he's not far off (just sometimes far out!)

If you have an interest in being a part of the exciting endeavor to restore the lives of burned children, please call me toll-free at 800/254-2878.

We also need to spread the word within the burn survivor support and medical communities as well as to the general public. One way to achieve awareness is by placing our bumper stickers on your department and personal vehicles. They're free for the asking, just call me and let me know how many you need.

Thanks for your continuing support of Hoosier Burn Camp and watch for future letters.

If you wish to write to us our address is 338 Historic West Eighth Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016 or by our e-mail <gkshanks@aol.com>.

We look forward to hearing from you soon! Until next time, this is Ginger saying, "thanks for your support of Hoosier Burn Camp."

The children thank you!

Real Camp Experience:

Kathy Haage, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp Director shares a story of what a burn camp really means.

During one annual camp, a burn survivor's mother telephoned asking if she could bring her son to see the camp, saying she had heard about it from a friend. Always willing to reach children in need, an invitation was extended.

Upon arrival, the mother and child visited with the Camp physicians and nursing staff to learn more about what medical care would be available.

After walking around the facilities, the party came up on the swimming pool. The campers were getting ready to go swimming and an offer was extended to the visiting child. Anxious to join in, the boy began to peel off his tee-shirt and join the other children.

Looking for the parent, Ms. Haage noticed her standing nearby in tears. When asked what was wrong, the mother said that was the first time her son had ever let anyone other than the doctors and her see his burn scars.

That says it all!

A precious few children in Indiana have had the good fortune of being sponsored to attend a burn camp. While there, not only are they surrounded by supportive and committed professionals, but also by children just like themselves. Just think, a week at summer camp feeling just like the "other" kids. What a great gift.

Put yourself in the place of these children. They have already been through more physical and emotional pain in their few years than most of us encounter in our lifetime. What would a camp like this mean to you if it was your child?



# HOOSIER BURN CAMP

## 800-254-2878

# Celebrating 50 Years



Photo by Shirley Williams

Republican Candidate for Wayne County Sheriff, Jerry Williams (right) presented Perry Township volunteer firefighter Ed Carpenter with the signed Proclamation from Richmond Mayor Dennis Andrews.

By Matthew B. Cain  
Economy, Indiana - Fellow firefighters, friends, and neighbors came together Sunday, July 5, 1998 to celebrate a milestone for firefighter Ed Carpenter.

Ed has been helping in the community by serving as a member of the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years.

Members of the local fire department gave Ed a reception

and open house at the fire station Sunday afternoon. Many old friends and fellow firefighters came and shared several memories of the past and discussed the future concerning fire departments.

Ed's youngest son, Scott, and his family from Naples, Florida, came to Economy to be with him for the big event.

Ed has dedicated his life to helping others through his involvement with the fire

department.

He has been the Chief of the department for thirty-two out of the fifty years of his career.

During his several years on the department, Ed has helped accomplish several things.

He was Secretary/Treasurer for the Wayne County Fireman's Association for ten years and was a member of the Board of Directors for thirty-two years.

He attended several meetings when the new 911 system was

first implemented in Wayne County.

Ed has also helped start two new programs while he was chief; the Junior Cadet Program, that involves youth in the community interested in the fire service, and the Medical First Responder Program.

Ed is a certified Master Firefighter and First Responder on the department and has received several awards for his dedication to the fire service.

He received an award for Outstanding Support to the Community of Fire Service from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, as well as the State Fire Marshal's Award in October of 1987.

The day of the open house, Ed was escorted to and from his home by a fire truck to also celebrate the event.

Richmond's Mayor Dennis Andrews was unable to attend the open house, but Jerry Williams, Republican candidate for Wayne County Sheriff, came in his place to present Ed with a signed proclamation to commemorate the special event.

Ed was also presented with a trophy of a bugle from the members of the fire department to honor his accomplishments.

The engraving on the trophy summed up the event well: *In recognition of Ed Carpenter, for 50 years of dedicated service for the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department.*

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## Township takes over Schneider fire duties

A band of only fifteen volunteers isn't adequate, town officials admit.

By Michael Puente  
Staff Writer

Schneider - This tiny town on the Kankakee River is going to be without its own volunteer fire department for a while, a victim of too few people to cover too much area.

With only fifteen members, the department is too small, officials said.

"We felt we could not provide the service to our residents in that area like we are supposed to do by law," West Creek Township Trustee Rick Niemeyer said.

"This was not a decision that was made hastily."

The service was suspended on Monday, July 6, 1998. Calls for fire service are being handled by volunteer departments in Shelby, Lowell, or Lake Township in neighboring Newton County, Niemeyer said.

The suspension of service concerns resident Henry Trumble, who lives across the street from the Schneider firehouse.

"I figure by the time they get here it will be too late," Trumble said.

While fire departments may now take more time to respond to a call, service will be more reliable, Niemeyer said.

Niemeyer controls the bulk of the department's \$40,000 budget.

The township owns the equipment, but the town owns the fire station.

The department provides fire protection for Schneider and southern West Creek Township, which is anything south of 205th Avenue to the Kankakee River.

It handles about 50 to 60 calls a year, Niemeyer said.

Most emergency calls involve vehicle wrecks, grass fires and the occasional structure fire.

Money didn't play into Niemeyer's decision to suspend service.

He said some of the firefighters have not shown up for meetings or have failed to respond to calls.

That has meant the 1,500 to 2,000 residents in southern West Creek Township have not had reliable fire protection, he commented.

The drop in participation can be linked to some of the firefighters getting older or some others moving away, Niemeyer said.

The decision to halt service came last week and was discussed by the Township Board and Town Council, Niemeyer said.

How long service will be suspended is uncertain.

"We have no intentions of closing that fire department," Niemeyer said.

"We want to reorganize it and see if we can get more people interested in it and try to reopen it."

Neither Fire Chief Joe Sneed nor members of the Town Council could be reached for comment.

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## Keep The Home Fires <sup>from</sup> Burning

A series on consumer products and home fire safety from the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

June 4, 1998  
Article #1

### Even Careful People Can Make Mistakes

A 53-year-old man falls asleep on the sofa. The cigarette he was smoking rolls behind a cushion. Later that evening, he dies when the sofa, after smoldering for several hours, finally bursts into flames.

A toaster falls off a kitchen counter. Its owner picks it up off the floor, sets it back on the counter and plugs it in. But the fall causes a problem—an electrical connection inside the toaster becomes loose. And even though the toaster is not in use, that loose connection causes a short circuit and the short circuit causes a fire that destroys the kitchen.

Firefighters like to say that there are three causes of fire: men, women and children. That is so. Men, women and children do some incredibly foolish things.

We can teach people to act in safer ways. But people still make mistakes.

The best parents in the world cannot and do not supervise their children every minute of every day.

Careful people sometimes leave cooking unattended to answer a phone.

People make mistakes. That is why so many companies go to such great lengths to make products as safe as possible. Television sets are made with plastics that resist burning. Mattresses are made to resist cigarette fires. The controls on ranges were moved from the front panel to behind the burners to avoid little hands.

This column—which we intend to write and distribute monthly—will look at consumer products and fire in the home.

Some months we will look at some of the smart things industry has done to prevent fires, and some months we will look at the challenges we still face.

This column is made possible by the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM), which represents the most senior fire official of each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

All comments, questions and ideas should be sent to NASFM at 1319 F Street, N.W., Suite 301, Washington, DC, 20004, or via e-mail at [staff@firemarshals.org](mailto:staff@firemarshals.org).

## New at State Fire Marshal's Office

The Investigation Division of the State Fire Marshal's Office is happy to announce the addition of Tim Murray to our staff.

Tim is currently in his twenty-second year in public fire service, and seventeenth year in law enforcement, three years of which he has served with the Westfield Police Department.

Tim has been involved with fire investigations for almost two decades. He started his career as a photographer with the Wayne Township Fire Department in Indianapolis.

He served as a Public Safety Officer for the City of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

He also has work experience

with the Southport Police Department, Indiana School for the Deaf Campus Police, and Wishard Memorial Hospital Ambulance.

Tim is actively serving on the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Fire Investigators Task Force.

Tim has participated in numerous fire schools throughout Indiana.

He teaches a two-day Arson Interviews and Interrogation class. He has also been on the circuit across the state as a guest lecturer.

Tim holds numerous certifications. These range from instructor, scuba diver, amateur radio technician, Fire Investigator I, EMT, and ILEA Instructor.

Tim will be taking over Bryan Frank's district.

Bryan left the Division and went to work as an investigator for American Family Insurance. We bid farewell to Bryan and a welcome to Tim!

The Investigation Division wishes the best of luck to both of them.

## Southwest Fire District Trains for Trench Rescue

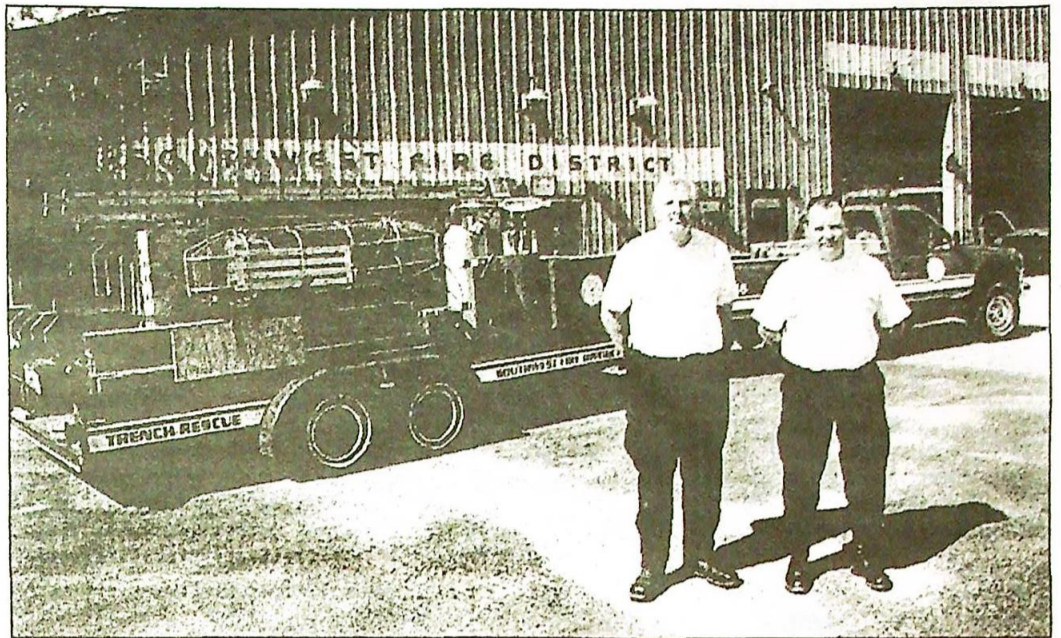


Photo by Tim Johnson

Southwest's Rescue Team Trains For Duty - The Southwest (Allen County) Fire Department's Trench Rescue Team has been training for trench rescue. Members of the Pike Township trench team will put on a class for the SWFD firefighters. Pictured are Deputy SWFD Chief Jeff McBride and Nick Clarke, EMS Captain.

By Tim Johnson  
The Southwest Allen County Fire District (SWFD) firefighters are in the process of training to provide a trench rescue team for the district.

Trenching accidents are not frequent; but when they occur, they can be time consuming.

The accidents occur when the sides of a trench collapses and buries an individual.

Six SWFD firefighters are training to use the trench rescue equipment.

"It [training] involves classroom understanding about the OSHA rules and regulations about trenching techniques," said SWFD Deputy Chief Jeff McBride. It also involves the shoring of different types of trenching.

Most trenching accidents occur when OSHA regulations are not followed. Often a trench rescue involves a do-it-yourself utility installation project.

"About 80 percent [of trench rescues] are body recovery," according to McBride.

Not only can the equipment be used in trench rescue, it can also be utilized if a building collapses.

SWFD started researching the need for the team in 1991.

Equipment used by the trench rescue team consists mostly of wood panels made up of plywood, trench bracing, screw jacks, 4x4s to hold the panels in place.

The SWFD offers its services as a backup to the Fort Wayne trench rescue team. Southwest's equipment and manpower may be

utilized. The city of Fort Wayne also acts as a backup for Southwest.

"When you have a trench accident, it's not one of those deals that may last a few hours," said McBride. "It may last up to 10 to 15 hours. You have to throw the trench up. You have to dig everything by hand."

McBride says that garden shovels and the hands are used in the rescue.

"You want to be careful that in case the person is alive, you don't want to dig and cause more damage to the person," said McBride.

Other firefighters from Southwest and other departments will take the training this weekend. Firefighters train twice per year in trench rescue techniques.

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# LEGALLY SPEAKING

By Stephen R. Buschmann & John N. Shanks II  
Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, P.C.

Congratulations on a great 1998 Convention in Terre Haute. We really appreciated the Association's warm hospitality. The Convention Committee is to be commended for a job well done. It was our honor to host the Miss Flame Luncheon. We certainly didn't envy the judges' job!

One of the great benefits to us of attending the Annual Convention is the opportunity to talk with firefighters and their families who we don't normally get to see at officers or directors meetings. These opportunities provide us with a forum to hear concerns and to answer questions about various aspects of the law and discuss legislative issues.

One of the most frequent issues concerns mandated vs. optional insurance coverages applicable to the volunteer fire department.

Title 36 of the Indiana Code contains the answers to these questions. It specifies the following coverages which are to be paid for by the unit or units of government with which the volunteer fire department contracts. Either the department or the unit may procure the coverage but it is an expense of the unit:

## REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGES

### a. Accidental injury.

The policy must pay to a member of the department for accidental injury or smoke inhalation caused by or occurring in the course of the performance of his or her duties and for a cardiac disease event proximately caused within 48 hours by or occurring in the course of the performance of the duties while in an emergency situation.

### b. Minimum Benefits:

For total disability that prevents the firefighter from pursuing his or her usual vocation, \$150.00 per week up to 260 weeks (\$60,000.00)  
For medical expenses, \$75,000.  
For death, \$150,000.00.  
For permanent partial impairment, \$60,000.00 times the percentage of impairment to the whole person.

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### c. Liability of unit for failure to procure required coverages:

If the unit or units served by a volunteer fire department fails to procure the mandatory coverages, the unit or units are liable to the firefighters to the same minimum limits as though coverage were in place. A recent case in point involves a small township in eastern Indiana where a volunteer firefighter was killed in the scope of his duties and there was no insurance in place. The township was forced to raise the money to pay the mandated benefits through a bond issue. It took five years and a lawsuit for the firefighter's widow to get the benefits required by law. The cost to the taxpayers of that township was many, many times the cost of procuring the required coverage had the law been followed. This case is real proof of the old adage about an ounce of prevention!

## OPTIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

In 1990 the Indiana General Assembly, recognizing the potential for serious injury to volunteer firefighters and the cost of insurance coverage, determined that units should have an option to include volunteer firefighters on a special worker's compensation policy which would, as opposed to the mandated coverage of \$75,000, provide unlimited medical coverage for duty related injuries and in the event of death, a burial allowance of \$6,000 for the family. Later, volunteer EMTs and hazardous material response workers were also allowed to be included. The units are not required to procure this coverage but if they do it is at the unit's expense. This is a matter to discuss when contracts are renewed. This is a very valuable benefit for volunteer firefighters and units are encouraged to honor their volunteers with this optional coverage.

## OTHER LIABILITY ISSUES

The law limits the liability of a volunteer fire department to that of a governmental unit. The aggregate liability for an act or failure to act that is within the scope of the departments' duties cannot exceed \$300,000 for injury to or death of one person in any one occurrence and not more than \$5,000,000 for injury to or death of all persons in one occurrence. Insurance coverage to indemnify the department against this liability is the responsibility of the department, not the unit or units it serves. Like its firefighters, the department is not liable for punitive damages.

## NEW RULES FOR CERTIFICATION OF AMBULANCE PROVIDERS

On May 14, 1998 Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon approved new rules promulgated by the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission. The rules were filed with Secretary of State Sue Ann Gilroy the following day and were effective on June 15. The new rules affect the application process, requirements for ambulances, on-board emergency care equipment, EMT certification, requests for waivers and more. For more information, affected departments should contact the commission at 317/233-6545

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the volunteer fire service. If there are other matters you would like for us to discuss in this publication or legislative issues on your mind, please call us at 800/548-9325 or write to us at Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, P.C., 1020 Market Tower, 10 West Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or e-mail at

## Public Relations Southwest



Jack Kerney

Thanks to everyone on the 1998 Convention Committee for their hard work. The convention was excellent.

In January, I will take over as your new Vice President. I have really enjoyed being the Public Relations Director for the Southwest.

I have made a lot of friends in the southwest and look forward to making even more friends in the rest of the state.

I would like to thank all of the departments I have visited as PRSW. You have all made Barb and me feel welcome where ever we have traveled.

This does not mean I will stop attending the meetings in the southwest, keep the meeting notices coming.

From Evansville to anywhere is a long way to travel. If you will send me your meeting notices, I

will arrange vacation time for the long travels. Please send directions and a map if possible.

Jack Harker was elected as the new PRSW. He will do an excellent job. I hope you will make him as welcome as you have Barbara and I.

In my last article, I explained how the new OSHA Respiratory Standard would affect the fire service. If anyone could not get a copy of the standard, I will be glad to copy mine and mail it to you.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Vice President.

## FEMA Director Calls on Fire Service for Direction

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Director James Lee Witt called on the fire service to help set the mission and goals for the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Fire Academy (NFA).

The Director convened a meeting on April 28, 1998 with the nation's leading fire organizations to announce his plan to create a Review Panel.

The Director plans a two-fold approach to re-establish the mission and goals of the USFA and NFA.

He has asked the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to collaborate in conducting an analysis of existing USFA and NFA programs and activities.

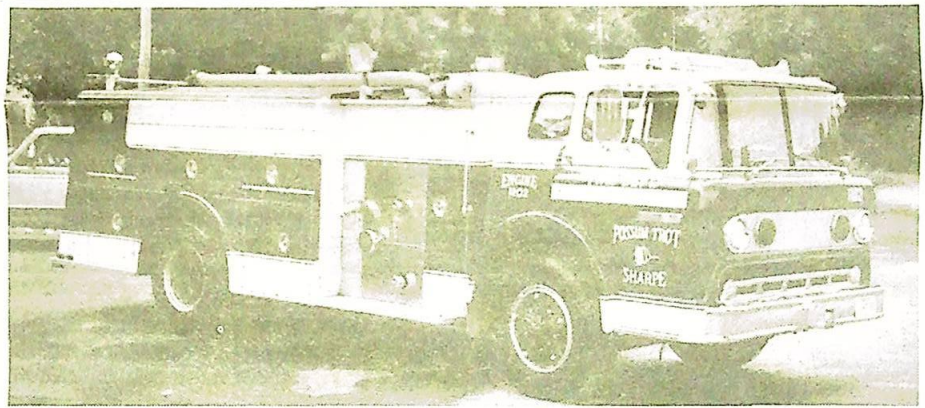
The groups will report back to Witt, upon which he will convene a larger Review Panel to review the reports and develop options on the delivery and future of the USFA and the NFA services and programs.

Witt has set an ambitious deadline of October 1, 1998 for the panel's completion.

The re-evaluation of the USFA and NFA programs and deliveries comes on the heels of a "White Paper" developed by NFA program chairs. The White Paper discusses a lack of resources and staffing levels at the USFA and the NFA.

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# IVFAA Convention Minutes Terre Haute, Indiana June 18, 1998

**A.M. SESSION**

President Lou Barlow called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and then asked Chaplain Joann Hays to lead us in a word of prayer. Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel then led the Pledge to the Flag.

Lou then thanked the Prairieton Auxiliary for the nice Koffee Klutch this morning. She also introduced the new Lois Boaz winner, Ann Moss, from District 2. Congratulations!!

Chaplain Joann Hays gave her report, saying we had fourteen ladies to be remembered at the Memorial Service. She mentioned that those loved ones in your department need to be acknowledged and if we are not notified, we cannot do so. They deserve that. She also said she is just a phone call away if you just need to talk, she will be there for you. Your members are entitled to a Memorial Service and a Bible, if they so desire.

Eula Bush escorted the Miss Flames into the meeting, and they were introduced and each give a photo album donated by Barb & Jack Kerney. They were also given ditty bags donated by District 3, along with several small gifts.

The Miss Congeniality will be awarded tonight at the Banquet. These girls have all done a swell job.

Roll Call was answered by eighty-four members and six guest present. She then read the minutes from last convention. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave the financial statement for 97-98. Balance on hand June 1, 1998 was \$6437.63, subject to audit.

Membership Barara Kerney said for 97-98 we have eighty-two departments, 61 Individual, 21 Life and 1090 members with a total of 1172. So far for 98-99 we have eight departments with 121 members. We show an increas of 113 members overall.

Doe Doll - Faye Sallee said so far she has had \$932 turned in. We are behind. Barbara Parker has turned in \$655 for the Chinese Auction. She has met her goal. She thanked Martha Thomas and Alice

Sanders for helping to sell tickets.

By-Laws - Martha Thomas said we do not have any this year.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said she wanted to remind any mothers that the girls need to turn their money in for the tickets. She also gave a thank you for supporting your candidate.

A motion was made to do away with the Doe Doll next year and find another V.P. project for a money maker.

Nominating - Leona Uryga listed the nominees and they are as follows: Pres. Faye Sallee; V. Pres. Mary Mackin; Rec. Sec. Barbara Kerney; Corres. Sec. Diana Gray; Treas. Dorothy Reiter; Chaplain Joann Hays; Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel; Imm. Past Pres. Lou Bartlow. Nominations were also taken from the floor. Since there were no nominations, they will be sworn in after lunch break.

Lois Boaz - Miriam Schaeckel said thanks to everyone for your letters. Next year we need a lot more. All the ladies were real special, and so submit them again and anyone else you feel is deserving of this award. She reminded everone to wear their jacks to Memorial Service with the black ribbon, in memory of Eva Gottche. Don't forget that the DEADLINE for those letters will be FEBRUARY 1, 1999.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said she has less than twenty-five charms and tacks left for '98. We are making a profit now!!

Historian - Wanda Johnson said she needs paper clippings and/or pictures form '87 & '88 conventions. If it's decided to start a new Book #1, she will need pictures, articles or anything pertaining to those years ('56-'57). Please see that she gets them.

President's Advisory - Barb Parker said she has not had any complaints this year. We are very proud of Lou for all that she has done for the Auxiliary this year.

Financial Study - Phyllis Vargo said all books will be audited at the August meeting. She will have a report at that time.

Installation - Barbara Parker said the officers will be installed after lunch break.

Convention - Michigan City is bidding for the year 2000. Convention for 1999 will be in Columbus, Indiana at the Holiday Inn, June 16, 17 & 18. All activities will be in one location. There are 237 rooms available and the flat rate will be \$75. It's located off I-65 and 46 on the edge of Columbus. You may make your reservations after July 6th by calling the hotel direct. Registration will be \$40 for early and \$50 for late. Trying to get a tour to Little Nashville set up. There is also a very nice mall, a tour to the diesel factory and a farm equipment tour.

Cards were passed around to sign for Thelma Lester. Toni Sorg has agreed to pay for the postage. Thanks, Toni!! Virginia Wilson says Thelma really enjoys the IVFA paper and reads it like you would a Bible.

Lou passed out 25 year certificates to those that were present and the others she gave to the district chairmen to present at their meeting. Congratulations to all of you.

We will break now for the Memorial Service and will re-convene at 1:30 p.m.

**P.M. SESSION**

President Lou Bartlow called the meeting to order.

Recording Secretary Barbara Kerney gave the Roll Call and it was answered by twenty-five officers.

Lou passed out three more 25 year service awards. Marjorie Brames from Hoagland attended her 40th convention.

We sang Happy Birthday to Mildred from District 11A. She is 85 years young.

Installations - Barbara Parker called each officer to the front to light their candle from the President and then they were read their oaths. It was a nice ceremony and all the officers are to be congratulated.

Barbara Parker reported she took in \$736 from the Chinese Auction. That is very good!!! Thanks, Barbara for the time you took and also for the helpers. Thanks to each district that donated an item or two. They had some real nice items. The tickets were drawn and gifts awarded.

Door prizes were then handed out to the lucky winners.

Lou thanked everyone for a great year and offered her support to Faye Sallee and all the other officers. She said she is now a has been!!!

With no further business, she asked that a motion be made to close the meeting.

She then asked Joann Hays to have a word of prayer.

See all of you at the Banquet tonight. Don't forget the games tomorrow morning and the parade at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diana Gray, Corres. Sec.

## Public Relations Southeast



Nelson E. Ehlers

## Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Fireman

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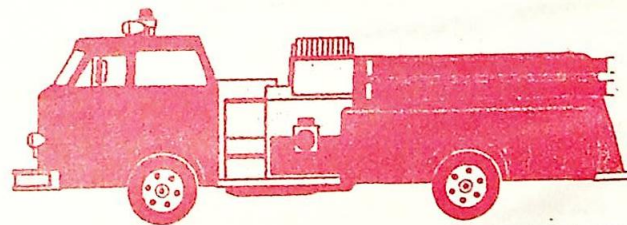
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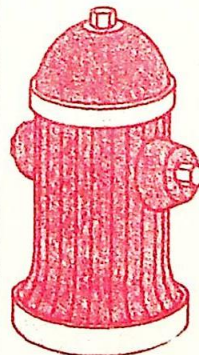
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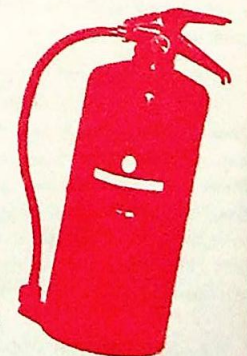
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# Indiana leads country in church fires

By Lisa Fipps

Tribune staff writer

Indiana had a dubious honor in 1997. According to the State Fire Marshal's office, the Hoosier state ranked first in the nation for church fires in 1997.

Three local churches - Galveston United Methodist Church, in Cass County and Howard County's Shiloh United Methodist Church and Faith United Methodist Church - were set ablaze and included in that statistic.

The motives for church arson vary. In the Midwest, churches are typically torched after burglaries as a way to cover up the crime.

Since motives vary, the only solution is prevention. That's

why Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department and Chapel Hill Christian Church on Monday co-sponsored the State Fire Marshal's program *Arson Prevention for America's Churches and Synagogues*.

With the aid of a video and a panel discussion with Howard County Sheriff Jerry Marr, Prosecutor Jim Fleming and representatives from the State Fire Marshal's office and area fire departments, community members and church-goers learned safety tips. "The churches can go a lot further to prevent church fires than we can," noted Marr.

Some of the arson fire prevention tips include the following:

- Illuminate exterior and all entrances.
- Use motion-activated lighting near doors and windows.
- Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed so buildings can be observed by passing patrols.
- Installation of a combination burglar and fire alarm with a phone dialer should be considered.
- Limit access to church keys. Change locks frequently.
- Educate neighbors on recognizing unusual activities.
- Have all guests register and remove registry from the church each night.
- Install a sprinkler system.

Realize that arsonists may be carrying a liquid accelerant in an inconspicuous container, such as a beverage can.

The video noted that it's crucial that churches carry adequate fire insurance.

Implementing the safety tips and paying for fire insurance can be expensive.

However, "It costs a whole lot less than building another church," fire officials noted.

If a fire does occur, videotape the scene. Marr said usually arsonists stay to watch the fire and will often find someone in authority and explain why he or she is there.

**More Information**

The State Fire Marshal's office has a video available for loan to fire departments. The video and accompanying flyer may be used to sponsor fire prevention programs at churches. The materials discuss preventative measures. Call 800-423-0765 to order the video or for more information.

Some of the officers who attended the program were Captain Greg Little, Indian Heights Volunteer Fire Department; Assistant Chief Charlie Cline, Russiaville; Chief Jerry Eads, Harrison Township, Alto; and Chief Don Smith, Burlington.

Reprinted from the Kokomo Tribune, Tues., June 30, 1998.

# Poe Fireman's Festival

The Poe Community VFD of Poe, Indiana will be holding its 60th Annual Fireman's Festival August 21 & 22, 1998.

**Friday, August 21st**

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Benefit Auction with items donated by area merchants. Also for the auction, a Queen Size Double Irish Chain Quilt made by Poe Community Ladies.

There will be Bingo, and a variety of Games with Food & Refreshments available.

**Saturday, August 22nd**

At 9 a.m. Backyard Volleyball Tournament and Waterball Competition for both men and women, with sign-in at 11:30 a.m. and play at 12 noon.

There will be a Chicken Barbeque Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A Euchre Tournament will be held from 12 noon till 3 p.m.

A Kiddie Tractor Pull will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Music begins at 3:30 p.m. with the Alley Cats performing. The

New Haven Alumni Band will play at 5 p.m. Then starting at 8 p.m. the Round and Square Dance will begin, featuring the Sound Effects Band. This is FREE to everyone.

There will be a raffle drawing at 10 p.m. At 9 p.m. a child's bike (0-12 yrs.) will be given away, and at 10 p.m. a teen bike (13-18 yrs.) will be given away. There will be no charge for the children to sign-up, but they must be present to win.

Also included in the festival are Pork & Sauerkraut, Food, Beer Tent, Games, Bingo, Country Store, Refreshments, Elephant Bars, Carmel Corn.

Plenty of free parking available. Bring the whole family. Fun For All.

Anyone having items to donate for the Benefit Auction, please call 747-6733.

Festival Committee

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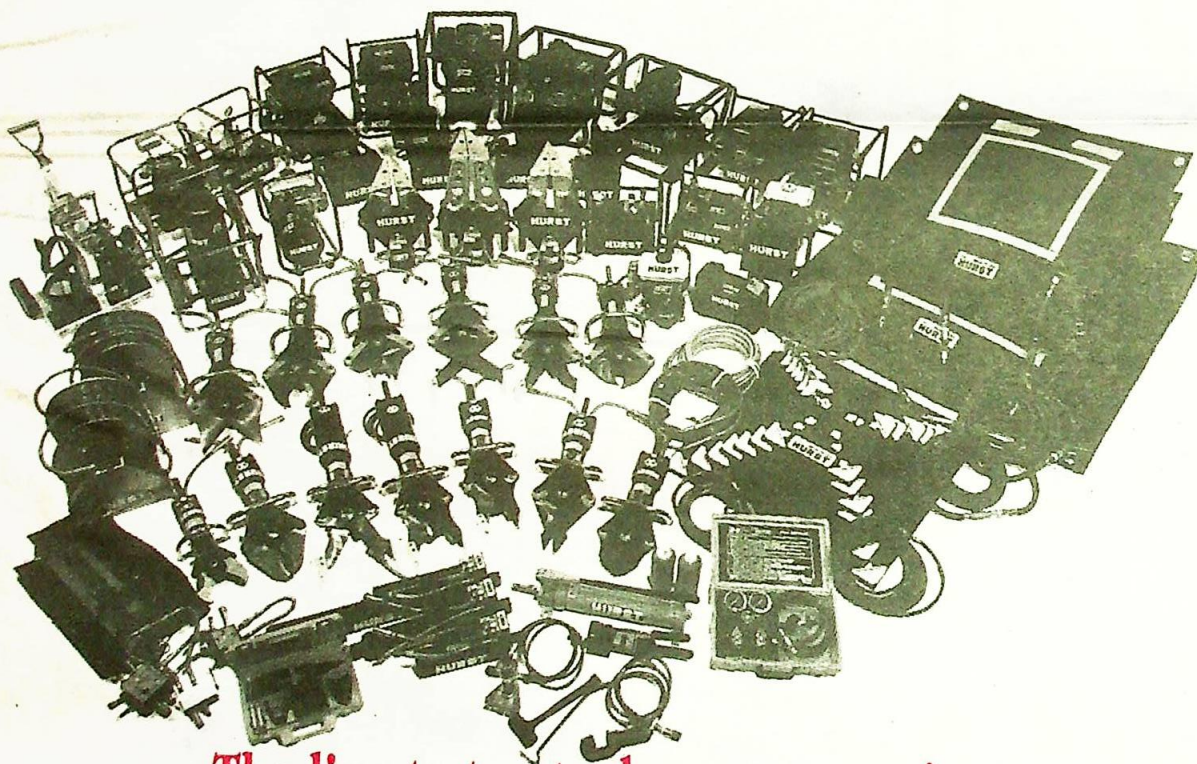
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# Volunteers there to answer the call

Some towns with volunteer fire departments are short on manpower.

By Michael Puente  
Staff Writer

Rodney "Zip" Cross loves his small town of Shelby so much that he risks his life fighting fires and not getting paid for it.

Cross has lived in the southern Lake county town for forty-four years.

He's among the twenty to twenty-five members of the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department that protects the 300 residents and nearby area.

That area has increased a bit now that it must fight fires in neighboring Schneider.

Since July 6, Schneider and the 1,500-2,000 residents in the southern portion of West Creek Township have been without its usual fire protection.

A lack of manpower prompted West Creek Township Assessor and Trustee Rick Niemeyer to temporarily stop the fifteen member Schneider Volunteer Fire Department from responding to calls.

Because the same five or six men respond to calls, Niemeyer felt the system just unreliable and put the township at great risk for liability, while jeopardizing the safety of residents.

Niemeyer hopes to restart service when more people join the department.

To help with that, town officials are looking at dropping a restriction that would require all firefighters to be town residents.

Picking up the slack in Schneider are volunteer fire departments in Lowell, Shelby and Lake Village in neighboring Newton County.

With the exception of Lowell, which is virtually a metropolis compared with Lake Village and Shelby, the volunteer fire departments in the two smaller towns see much in common with Schneider, Cross said.

"A few years ago, we almost got to the problem they have right now," Cross said. "But it's been in our blood, We don't want it to close."

Although it has nearly two dozen members in the department, Cross said it has five or six members who really do a lot of the work, such as maintaining fire equipment or cutting the grass in front of the station.

Participation increases when a fire needs to be fought. There were about twenty, including brush fires, last year, Cross said.

Even after working 10- or 12-hour days, Cross responds to calls, some in the wee hours of the morning.

He doesn't know why he does it.

"It's hard to go out there," he said.

As a way to attract members, Cross says the department holds fundraisers and does other things in addition to fighting fires, such as spraying for mosquitoes.

Cross said he enjoys the fun he has with the other men. "I like to yell once in a while," he says.

Cross says the situation in

Schneider must improve to ensure the safety of that community.

"I hope they can get that straightened out. They need that fire department for insurance reasons. It's for the protection of their people," Cross said.

"It's the burden of the people of Schneider."

Reprinted from the Post Tribune, July, 1998.

# Saying Thanks

Larwill crosses border to honor firefighter

By Lisa Shidler  
The Journal Gazette

Larwill - Jeff Sammons was only 21, but he left a lasting impression on a town in which he never lived. So large was his contribution that the people of Larwill decided Sammons, who died fighting a fire at the Farmer's Exchange Tavern, should be the 1997 Larwill Citizen of the Year.

It is the first time the honor has been given posthumously.

Sammons is the first non-resident recipient.

"It's the least we could do for him," said Jodene Law, who oversees the award selection process. "It usually goes to someone from Larwill, but he died for Larwill."

Sammons was a resident of South Whitley and a member of its volunteer fire department. He worked full time at Johnson Brothers Sign Company.

The 1995 graduate of Whitko High School had been a firefighter less than a month when he died. His mother, Mary Ann Sammons, said after the fire that he had been ecstatic about being a firefighter. He kept a canner next to his bed and carried a pager.

Three other South Whitley firefighters were injured battling the August 19 blaze. Preston Bolinger, Dan Porter and Doug Kessic were burned.

Larwill's top citizen award has been given four times. Law believes this year's honor triggered the largest response from residents. People submitted nominations to various ballot boxes across town in February and March.

Larwill has about 200 residents.

Law said she received more than 100 responses naming twelve people, with Sammons getting the most votes. "It's like I knew him because everybody kept saying the same thing on the ballots. He was always willing to help out.

"Usually when you ask and ask about someone, you can find some skeleton. You can't find it on him. He was always helping neighbors - just a very nice young man. Everybody really looked up to him."

She said a small American flag and flowers placed in front of the fire site keep Sammons' sacrifice close to the hearts of residents.

"You go by it every day and it's a constant reminder of what happened."

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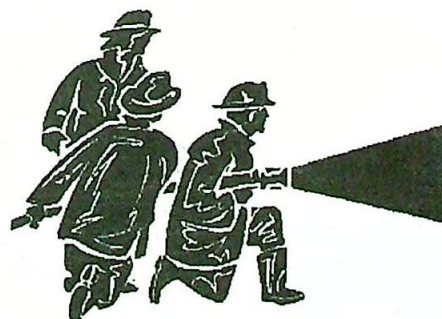
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