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## Two die in fiery toll road crash

Bradley Cole  
The LaPorte Herald-Argus  
Chesterton - A fiery, three-vehicle accident on the Indiana Toll road claimed the lives of two and injured two others shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 1999.

Indiana State Police Sgt. Ann Wojas said the accident occurred when a Mayflower moving truck struck a dump truck and a flatbed that were both sitting on the berm on the westbound lanes at mile marker 33.

"We're not sure what caused the accident," Wojas said. "We speculate that the driver of the Mayflower truck may have fallen asleep before striking the two vehicles."

Wojas said it appeared that the Mayflower struck the dump truck in the rear, then hit the flatbed, and came to rest in the right lane.

The collision caused an intense

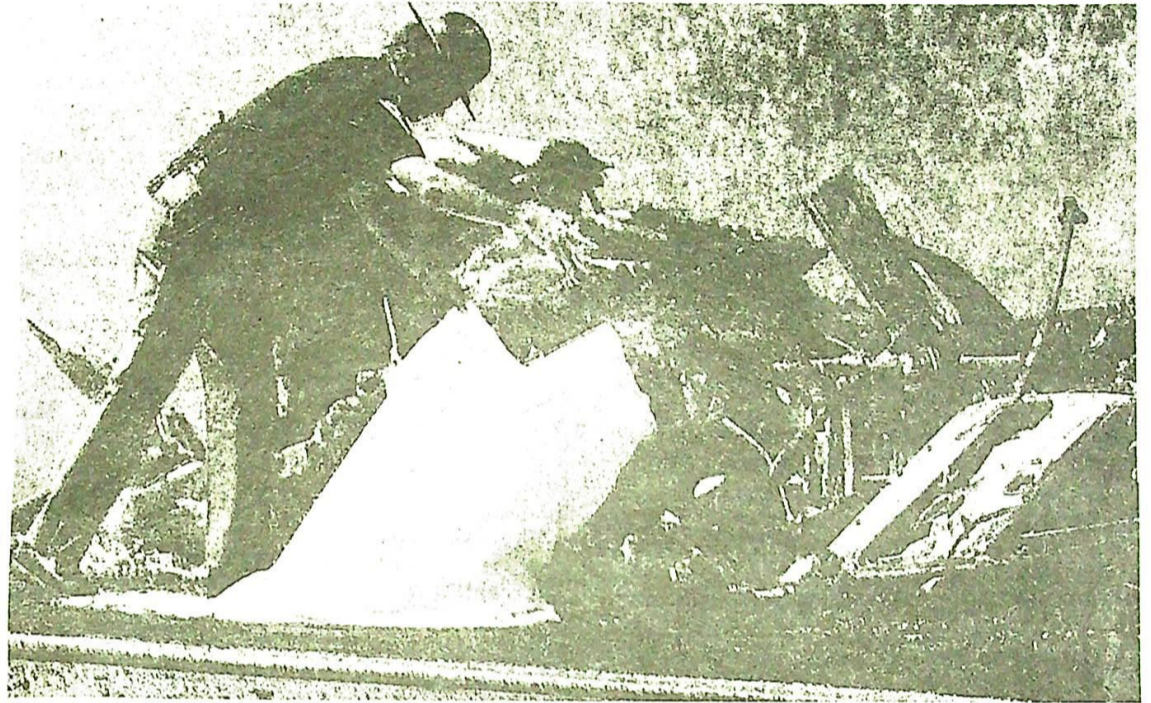
blaze that melted the Mayflower and flatbed trucks and set fire to the dry grass along the highway. It took firefighters more than an hour to extinguish the blaze. Smoke could be seen as far away as Michigan City.

Firefighters from Chesterton, Porter, Beverly Shores, Westville, South Haven, and Liberty and Washington Townships all responded to the scene.

Jo Hutchinson of Parker's Lake, KY, was one of the first people to arrive at the scene of the accident.

En route from New Jersey to Iowa with her husband, Hutchinson said. "When we pulled up all we could see was black smoke. As we got closer, we saw two of the survivors rolling around in the ditch along the road. We thought they were on fire, but didn't see any flames."

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## Hoosier Burn Camp dream becomes reality



After almost two years in the planning, the first encampment of the Hoosier Burn Camp became a reality on May 30, 1999 at YMCA Camp Tecumseh, near Brookston, Indiana, a small community northeast of Lafayette.

Nineteen campers and thirty-nine adult volunteers spent a week full of fun and adventure sharing the many activities of summer camp.

The smiles on their faces say it better than words.

As you can see, a good time was had by all.

For more pictures and information on the Burn Camp, see the "Letters from Camp" feature on page 20.

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### INFORMATION REQUEST

The Vincennes Township Fire Department is requesting information on our first pumper truck. It was an early 1950's Chevy, with a front mount pump. It was sold to a department in Indiana about 1973.

If anyone has knowledge of what department bought this truck, or the current location, please contact the Vincennes Township Fire Department at 812-882-4261.

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"Come and Play in Y2K"

Michigan City - June, 2000

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**Charles J. Baker**

**Prayer For Today**

O Holy and Almighty God,

Abide with us; inspire all our thoughts, pervade our minds, suggest all our decisions, order all our lives. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in our company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times in order that we may rejoice in Your mysterious companionship.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord  
Amen

**Minute Message**

King David of Israel had many heirs, but chose to appoint his son Solomon to succeed him as ruler over the nation. Solomon was the child of Bathsheba and was not the eldest son, but was anointed anyway and reigned for about four decades in the tenth century B.C.

Shortly after ascending the throne, God addressed Solomon in a dream and said "ask for whatever you want me to give you."

What a temptation! Most of us would probably have started asking for scads of material things; money, land, jewels, you name it.

But, Solomon didn't ask for these or any other things. Instead, his prayer request was summed up in this statement: "So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong."

And, God did just that!

Solomon was given wisdom such that no other had ever possessed. One illustration is noted in the book of I Kings, verses 16-28 in the Old Testament, where we read:

"Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One of them said, 'My lord, this woman and I live in the same house. I had a baby while she was there with me. The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us.'

During the night this woman's son died because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. The next morning, I got up to nurse my son - and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't the son I had borne."

The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours." and so they argued before the king. The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'"

Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword for the king. He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other." The woman whose son was alive was filled with compassion for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him." But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!"

The king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother."

When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice."

Such was the wisdom of Solomon, granted by a merciful God to the man who later would have just about anything he wanted.

It must be noted, however, that all the gold, wives, palaces, servants and possessions did not make Solomon a happy man. Most of us are wise enough to understand why.

But his life story is interesting and his wisdom is revealed in the Bible, our own fountain of wisdom.

May God grant you the wisdom to live a contented and productive life.

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# Thanks From 1999 Convention Co-Hosts

# From the President



Jack Cox

Dear IVFA and IVFAA members,

To all of the members of the IVFA and IVFAA who attended our Annual Meeting in Columbus, Dave and I would like to give you a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU.**

Your attendance, the fun, and the good times - we hope you had - made our efforts all worthwhile.

We would also like to thank the staff of the Holiday Inn. It appeared to us that they went out of their way to make things happen for the better.

If you enjoyed this year, plan to attend the meeting next year in Michigan City. The folks up that way are also planning some good times for you.

Be Happy, Be Careful, Be Safe.

David Israel  
Jim Parker

Dear Friends,  
Another annual meeting has come and gone!

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your support and look forward to another year of service to your Association.

The convention was well planned and most all schedules were executed on time and were well received by all in attendance.

The attendance was up a little from last year. The Banquet was set up for 500 people and I didn't see many empty chairs.

Congratulations to Lawrence Swartz! Lawrence was selected as Mr. IVFA and in my opinion was well deserved.

All members are to be reminded that your dues are due on or before July 31, 1999. If you pay late, you will not be eligible for a Scholarship award if applied for.

Your President has been invited to the National Fire Academy to participate in a Pilot Program designed for the SMALL department throughout the United States. There will be more later on this program after I return.

This report is rather short. I will have more the last quarter of 1999.

Keep all our firefighters, EMS personnel, and other valuable resources SAFE!

Until next time we meet.

## Letter from Bridgeport Scholarship winner

Dear Mr. Swartz,

I would like to extend my heart-felt thanks to you and the Bridgeport Scholarship Committee for selecting me to receive one of this year's scholarships!

I was thrilled to receive the letter of notification and certainly enjoyed accepting the check in person at the state convention.

I am very glad that my "middle-age" status did not keep me

from competing. Please continue to consider other older students for this valuable scholarship as their position of returning to school later in life does not exempt them from financial need.

Speaking for myself, I can certainly vouch for the relief from financial worry this scholarship means to my children and me.

I will continue to strive for excellence as I return to school full-time this August and can assure you that your scholarship will be used wisely.

Thank you again and again!

Most sincerely yours,  
Elizabeth A. Elshoff

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education, asked if some kind of form agreement that addresses liability issues could be put together for fire departments that are considering donating equipment to other departments.

Mara Snyder of my office has drafted a form "Donation & Indemnification Agreement" that you may want to look at if you're thinking of donating equipment to another department, but have concerns about liability issues.

Basically, the receiving department agrees, in exchange for receiving the equipment, to take legal and financial responsibility for any problem involving the donated equipment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mara. If you want a copy, just let me know and we can fax one to you.

Included in this mailer is an alert to be on the lookout for some stolen equipment, taken during the Indy 500 weekend. (see below)

Also some information on the National Fire Academy Alumni Association, check it out, and guess what? It's FREE! The only requirement is you have to have completed one Course in the NFA curriculum. (see page 29)

Well I'd better close this for now, so we can get it out before July rolls around.

Please be careful out there! I've attended too many funerals of firefighters in my six years as your State Fire Marshal.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters,  
Tracy M. Boatwright

## Marshal's Memo

June

This month's memo is going to be short and sweet; there's not a lot going on but conventions and conferences.

I just returned from the IVFA Conference in Columbus. It was held June 17-19 and a great conference it was. A good time was had by all, I think; I know I certainly had a terrific time.

Speaking of conferences, the IFA is coming up July 16-18 at Anderson at the Holiday Inn.

July 20-23 is the Indiana Fire Chiefs Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn in Richmond. It looks to be a busy summer.

Jack Kerney, Chairman of the

## ATTENTION

Be ALERT for anyone attempting to sell the following items listed in this notice!

The following items were stolen from a truck parked at the Days Inn at the Indianapolis Airport during the INDY 500 race weekend. There is reason to believe that the person(s) did not know what they were taking, (the connecting hoses were left behind).

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Our contact for obtaining a clock is TODDY MICHL. He needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1&2

April 21, 1999

Lincoln Township VFD

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of Allegiance led by Past President Lawrence Swartz.

Guests included Past President Lawrence Swartz, 50-Year member Julius Demek, IVFAA Districts 1 & 2 Chairwomen Martha Thomas & Ann Moss, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, several local elected officials, and Dale Hensley from 5-Alarm Fire Equipment Company.

Chief Cap Wahn introduced his firefighters and gave a history of the department.

Eric Lawrence and Janeal Shields gave a program on the Indiana State Police Clandestine Drug Lab Team.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call was answered by 17 members from District 1 and 54 members from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Township, District 2.

Treasurer's report was given.

Legislative report was given by Lawrence Swartz.

He reported that forty-three applications were received for the Bridgeport Scholarships.

Lawrence also reported the death of Past President Bill Engle and that Past President Mitch Parish is recovering from surgery.

Bill Howe reported he has a few history books available for \$20 each.

The following deaths were reported since the last meeting: Frank Fehring from Munster and Al Shimel from Lake Station. A moment of silence was observed in their behalf.

Martha Thomas reminded everyone Miss Flame contestants would be at the May meeting.

Next meeting will be at Griffith Fire Station #3 on May 19, 1999.

50/50 drawing won by John Wagoner, Schneider VFD. Pair of boots donated by 5-Alarm won by Dennis Wilkening, Cedar Lake VFD. A book on the airplane crash that occurred in Roselawn won by Don Lah, Goodland VFD.

Chief Wahn reminded us about Lincoln Daze last part of June.

A motion made by Tom Orrell, seconded by Ron Rogers, to adjourn. Motion carried.

May 19, 1999

Griffith VFD

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of Allegiance led by PRNW Buz Koehler.

Guests included PRNW Buz Koehler; District 2 IVFAA Chairwoman Ann Moss; Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss; former PRNW Bob Esserman; 50-year member Julius Demek; District 2 Chairman Larry Stott; Districts 1 & 2 Miss Flame contestants Kari Fravel, Independence Hill VFD and Amy Davis, Lowell VFD; Lake Co. Prosecutor Bernard Carter; Dale Smith, Southwestern Fire Equipment; Joe Komoscar, The Fireman's Store; Kevin Jerndt, Hoosier Fire Equipment; and 3 Griffith Town Board members.

Chief George Thiel gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters. He introduced Lake Co. Prosecutor Bernard Carter, who talked about arson cases in Lake County.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Roll Call was answered by 36 members, District 1 and 18

members, District 2. Attendance trophies were won by Merrillville, District 1 and LOFS, District 2.

Miss Flame contestants were each presented with a check for \$200 for convention expenses.

Chairman Howe read the proposed change to SOG's concerning presentation of annual budget. Motion by Wally Cook, and seconded by Tom Orrell, to pass change. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. PRNW Buz Koehler gave a report on the State Officer's Meeting and on legislation.

Chairman Howe reported the Emergency Response Conference will be August 27-29 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis.

Tom Orrell reported Beverly Shores dance July 3 at station.

2000 Convention will be in Michigan City.

Clarence Moss reported department t-shirts needed for Burn Camp before May 29.

Next meeting July 21 at Beverly Shores.

50/50 drawing won by Jim Bradford, Lake Station. Goggles donated by Hoosier Fire Equipment won by Ron Rogers, New Chicago. Ball caps donated by Southwestern Fire won by Melanie Morgan, Lake Dale & Luke Donsbach, Lake Ridge. Coffee cups donated by Southwestern Fire won by Steve Minchek, Merrillville & Paul Watland, Crown Point. Chamois donated by the Fireman's Store won by Amy Davis, Lowell.

Motion made by Tom Orrell, seconded by Ron Rogers, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Jim Bradford, District 1 Sec.

## DISTRICT 3

The April meeting was held at Koontz Lake and started on time. Pledge to the Flag was led by the fire chief of Koontz Lake.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial report was given and approve.

Correspondence was read.

Buz Koehler gave a report on insurance and other bills we should be watching.

Lawrence Swartz asked that people not wait until the last minute to send in reports for the paper to be published.

Convention Committee gave their report. Going to have the drawing of our logo and slogans at the end of the meeting. Also we need more attendance and help from different departments to make our convention a suc-

cess. We are going to make our convention the best there is, but we need the help of all departments.

We have our rooms at the convention and we will be giving away several things. Tim Sandy is sitting down with the Blue Chip Casino and talking about room prices. They said theirs will be comparable with other motels.

Brought up about Miss Flame tickets to be in by May 20. This is the date of the drawing.

Dave gave out the logos to be voted on. Seven were passed out. Gary Eckhart came up with the winning logo. He donated the money prize back.

Gave second Roll Call and departments reported on events that are going to take place next month.

Sorry to hear about Mitch Parish's serious illness. Also reported that Bill Engel passed away.

May 20, 1999, Cass-Clinton Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report given and approved.

Correspondence was read.

Guests were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Bruce Yonkers gave us a report on a special day, August 15, 1999. He said he is helping special children along with the police and fire departments. The children range in age from 3 years to teenagers. He discussed the events going on and hoped a lot of people show up.

He also needs the Edith House at that time. No problem, anything to help these kids.

Speaking of the Edith House, it's looking for a new home. Anyone that is interested can contact Warren Schultz at 219-879-6974 or Jeff Jentzen at 219-879-2210.

Warren and Jeff have done a good job on the house and kept the smoke and new tires on the house.

Mitch Parish is recovering from surgery. Hang in there, Mitch, and get well.

Also received news that Larry Stott is in bad health.

Buz gave a report on the improvement in our insurance.

The newspaper has several wrong address that are being delivered. Please check and give these people your right address.

If you have an award to be given out, all you have to do is call the State Fire Marshal's Office and they will send your paper to you.

Also check to see if your beneficiary is correct. If not, make sure they get the correct changes. Need to have report in by July 10, 1999.

Convention Committee gave a report on the progress of the convention.

The Miss Flame drawing was held at the meeting and (you guessed it) Gary Eckhart won again.

Second Roll Call was given. Next meeting will be held in Hamlet on July 15, 1999, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

See you people at convention. Respectfully submitted by, Ed Ritter, Secretary

## DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 5

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 6

Hello District 6:

This will be the last time I will be reporting as your District Chairman, since I was elected to Public Relations Director Northeast at the convention.

I hope that you will support your next chairman like you supported me. And I thank you for letting me be your District Chairman.

Since convention, two deaths have been reported.

I also would like to thank District 10, Jim Parker, and David Israel for hosting the convention in Columbus. I think all who did attend had a good time.

Don't forget the district picnic on August 22, at Ashley, with a potluck dinner. Start eating at 12 noon, with games to follow.

The next district meeting is scheduled for September 23 at Angola.

Respectfully submitted by, Michael (Mike) Mackin Chairman

## DISTRICT 7

The meeting was opened by Chairman Mort Sorg leading the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

The Roll Call was answered by thirty-three members representing ten departments.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Guests tonight include PRNE Richard Glant and Gary Robinson from Midwest Fire and Safety.

Mort reported on his trip to Washington, DC for the National Volunteer Fire Council. He noted that the State of Delaware has given the Volunteer Firefighters a

\$3000 tax break.

Mort reminded us that the IVFA dues have been mailed and we are to make sure all the information is correct. And be sure you have them paid on time.

Mort couldn't attend the last Officer's Meeting, so Dale Gray, Secretary and Richard Glant filled in for him. Dale reported that \$3 of the \$5 we pay for the IVFA plates goes into the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. When the interest grows in the fund. . .the more grants will be awarded.

The IVFA will have its own website on the internet soon.

It was approved that the IVFA will donate \$500 for the Miss Flame contestants.

Richard Glant went over the new laws that effect the fire service.

We held a drawing for a handbook on Hazardous Materials donated by Gary Robinson from Midwest Fire and Safety. Richard Park was the winner.

With no further business, the meeting was closed and Jim Hower was presented with the IVFA 50-Year Gold Card. Congratulation!!

The next meeting will be held at the Poneto Volunteer Fire Department on July 19, 1999.

Respectfully submitted by, Dale Gray, Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 9A

The May 27th meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at the Young America Fire Department.

Roll Call was answered by twenty-three members representing twelve departments.

Guests included Buz Koehler, Charlie Baker, Gary Robison, Father Frank Kilcline, Jason Wiles, Lawrence Swartz, Tim O'Reilly and Bruce Yonkers.

Chaplain Baker gave the Invocation and the Pledge to the Flag followed.

The minutes were read and approved.

Old Business - All were encouraged to have their fire department represented at the IVFA convention this June 16-19. Each department has three votes for business motions and election of officers. It will be held in Columbus, Indiana. Information is in "The Indiana Fireman" newspaper.

Chairman Cline said it is really

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## District 9A

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a treat and with a lot of fire equipment displayed. There is also a memorial service on Friday for volunteer firefighters who passed away this last year.

Buz Koehler PRNW reported that the governor is still signing bills that were passed this year as reported at the last meeting.

There is a federal bill being pushed by 40 legislators that would fund one billion dollars for firefighters. So far, no Indiana legislators are backing this bill. Buz encouraged us to get them to go for it.

Charlie Baker said to ask your state congressmen for funds for trucks, etc. If you don't ask, you don't get.

Bill Shock, Chief at Delphi, reported that the Burn Camp will be in session the first week of June. There will be twenty-eight children attending at the Lake Tecumseh campgrounds. There will be a fire truck parade and cookout put on by the Lafayette Fire Department on Wednesday. It costs \$650 for each camper, so corporate sponsors are needed.

New Business - Chairman Cline said that Alan Jones of Tipton puts on a good class explaining rules and regulations that fire departments have to follow.

FYI - Young America Fire Department has a pair of size 15 boots they can't use. Know any big guys out there?

Jason Wise and Tim O'Rielly conducted a program on LP gas fire suppression. They went over the physical properties of propane.

Tactically, shut off the gas at the valve on the top of the tank under the lid or crimp the line. If the tank is on fire, cool it with fire streams. If the tank is distorted, evacuate at least one-half mile. The ends will blow first.

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Jason said that if you do not know what the tank is doing, don't go. It's not worth losing personnel or equipment to save a tank. On structures fires, if a tank can be moved away from the building, do so.

The next meeting is at Burlington on July 22nd. Election for Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer will be held.

## DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting was called to order by Donald Skinner at 8:00 p.m. at the Monticello Fire Department. Buz Koehler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by the following eight departments: Brookston, 2; Buffalo, 4; Chalmers, 1; Francesville, 6; Goodland, 2; Idaville, 2; Rensselaer, 6; and Wolcott, 1. Total of 24 firefighters present with a total of 81 alarms.

Guests included: Linda Baker, Midwest Fire & Safety; Buz Koehler, PRNW; and Heather Lyons, our district Miss Flame.

The minutes were read and approved.

New Business - Donald talked about the new laws that the fire departments should watch out for and support.

There were seven firefighters nominated for the Ollie Sandburg Award.

Two people were selected for the Bridgeport Scholarships.

There are 15,000 paid members as of May 1, 1999.

Charlie Baker has replaced Gene Stofer on the IFSI Board.

Host department was introduced.

50/50 drawing winners were Doug Pelsl, Buz Koehler, and Gale Edwards. All three winners donated the money back.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

One of the Monticello firefighters talked about how to maintain the Scott Air Packs.

## DISTRICT 10

Hello Firefighters, Let's give District 10 a big round of thank yous for a great convention in Columbus. And to David, Jim and all the helpers on the events.

Let's get behind Jack and help all we can to make a new year.

Good luck to Mike Mackin as Public Relations Director, Northeast.

Need a golf shirt with the IVFA logo on it, call me at 317-485-5001 to get an order form.

Respectfully submitted by, Don Cushman, Chairman

## DISTRICT 11A

HEAR YE HEAR YE

Our district Miss Flame, Carol Marie Tempel, shall, until Convention 2000, be referred to as Miss Flame of Indiana, since she was selected as such at the IVFA Convention in Columbus this past June.

CONGRATULATIONS to you, Carol, and may you enjoy your year as you travel around and represent all of us volunteer firefighters.

We would hope that especially the departments in this district will be contacting Carol and inviting her to visit us as we have a special happening - parades, open houses, dedications, or maybe serve her a plate of fish or a bowl of ham & beans. Her crown and sash look good on her.

More good news...for all of us that attend the picnic on September 12 with District 11B at Raccoon Lake, a double treat is in store, not only will we be able to chat with Miss Flame, Carol, but we can also visit with Miss Flame Runner-Up, Miss Brandy Miller, who is also sporting a second sash. To the both of you, we firefighters of both districts are proud of you.

Following is the list of happenings made known to us:

September 11 - Sandford fish fry 4-8 p.m.

September 18 - Van Buren Twp./Carbon fish fry 3-8 p.m.

September 24 - Perry Twp. Cory AppleFest B-B-Q 4-8 p.m.

September 25 - Wabash Valley Fire School Ivy Tech, Terre Haute  
September 25 - Perry Twp. Cory AppleFest fish fry 12 noon-8 p.m.

September 26 Wabash Valley Fire School Ivy Tech, Terre Haute  
September 26 - Perry Twp. Cory AppleFest chicken & noodles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

October 9 - Jackson Twp. Clay Co. Fairgrounds pork chops 4-8 p.m.

October 10 - Jackson Twp. Clay Co. Fairgrounds noodles 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## DISTRICT 11B

The March meeting was held at Perrysville VFD. The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by District Chairman Larry Bartlow.

Prayer was offered by District Chaplain Con Mankin and the Pledge to the Flag was led by District Sgt.-At-Arms Brent Bush.

Guests included PRWC Don Johnson, District 11A Chairman Red Morris and Mitch Parish.

Lunch was served by the host department, after which we held our business meeting.

Roll Call was answered by 12 members from 6 departments.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Held discussion on legislative action that had taken place.

Had a discussion on having a district school on the dangers and awareness of Methamphetamine Labs. As of this writing we are in the process of getting a school set up. We will be sending letters to each department with the time, date and place in the near future. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have it set up.

Also have some copies of the 50-year history books. If you would like to have one, call me.

Next meeting will be May 12, at 7 p.m. at the Fairview Park Firehouse. Remember, this is on Wednesday evening.

The July 14, meeting at Hillsdale Fire Department will be at 7 p.m. This will be the election of officers for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Greetings from District 11B

Our July meeting will be held at the Hillsdale Fire Department on the 14th at 7 p.m. The meeting will be election of officers for the coming year.

Congratulations to our District Midwest Award winner, Steve Lane.

Also congratulations to our Miss Flame Brandi Miller for winning 1st Runner-Up... and to all the award winners at convention. You are very deserving winners.

Next meeting will be our picnic on September 12 at Raccoon Lake Recreation Area in the north shelter, eat at 1 p.m. This will be a joint picnic with District 11A. Bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be provided. Also bring your lawn chairs and plan on a fun day with old friends.

Our November meeting will be at the Reelsville Fire Department on the 14th. We will eat at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Larry Bartlow, Chairman

## DISTRICT 12

Much thanks to District 10 and the beautiful city of Columbus for a great time at the 1999 IVFA State Convention! I don't know how smooth everything went behind the scenes, but up front everything appeared well organized, well thought out, and darn right fun! The staff at the Holiday Inn was kind and gracious, the food was delicious, and the meetings and activities well done.

Putting on a convention is a mighty big undertaking and the people of District 10 did us proud.

Speaking of doing up proud, Tracy Ann Veatch, our district Miss Flame candidate certainly represented us with the dignity, poise, beauty and personality of true queen qualities. Although she did not win the title, she did win Miss Congeniality and she most definitely won our hearts. Tracy and her handsome escort, Tim, were kind enough to take time to attend various fish fries and fund raisers for different departments in the district, even after the convention. Thanks, Tracy, Tim, and your parents, for all the hard work, dedication, financial support and time we know it takes to participate in this competition. Being around Tracy and Tim a great deal this last month has renewed my and my wife's faith in the future of our country in the hands of these young people. The pleasure has been ours.

There are approximately 10 openings left for enrollment in a Rope Rescue Course taught by Jim Adams of the Plainfield Fire Department. These classes will be held at the Danville Fire Department every Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6 - 9 p.m. The course will run 8 weeks at a cost of \$175 per person. If anyone on your department is interested in attending, please contact Jim at the Plainfield Fire Department headquarters no later than August 15, 1999.

Next meeting will be hosted by A & A Township Fire Department in Eminence, IN at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 19th. I continue to emphasize the importance of each department in the district sending at least one representative to these meetings. The information exchanged can be invaluable to you and your department in keeping up with new state laws, training availability, requirements and hour regulations and much, much more. Hearing it first hand can give your department a jump ahead and saving the lost time and embarrassment of compliance most other departments have already met. Staying ahead of the game is much easier than trying to catch up. So come join your fellow firefighters at the next district meeting. We know you'll benefit by attending and possibly you have information to share to benefit us.

If you have a department fish fry, fund raiser, training session or such, coming up and would like to have the free PR by publishing it in the IVFA newspaper, please feel free to call me at 317-745-4231, and I'll see that it happens.

Respectfully submitted by, John Ross, Chairman

## DISTRICT 13A

Sorry that I have missed the last few issues, but hopefully I'm back on schedule now.

Another state convention has come and gone and as usual it was a success. Thanks go to District 10 for a job well done.

I would also like to thank Rusty & Debbie Johnson for their support of their daughter Amanda, our district Miss Flame. Thanks goes to her hometown volunteer fire department of Knightstown for their backing. Congratulations and thanks to you, Amanda, for representing our district so well! Good luck to you for your future.

Congratulations also go to Jerry Hartgrove, Chief of the Dunreith VFD for his Midwest Fire & Safety Award for his contribution to our department and the Indiana volunteer fire service.

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**Jack Kerney**

Thanks to everyone who has supported me as your Vice President during 1999 and your confidence in serving during 2000.

My congratulations to all of the award winners. Lawrence Swartz - Mr. IVFA; Raymond VanKirk - Ollie Sandburg Award; and all of the District Midwest Award winners. (see page 24)

We received many letters for the Mr. IVFA and Ollie Sandburg awards, all nominees were deserving, but only one can be chosen. If your nominee was not chosen this year, please submit their name for the 2000 awards.

My thanks to Midwest Fire & Safety and Mike Cassey for providing the plaques for the district awards. When you see the members of the Midwest staff at your district meetings, give them a thank you.

The 1999 Convention was a great success. I would like to thank David Israel, Jim Parker and their committees for giving us such a memorable convention. I'm already looking forward to the 2000 Convention in Michigan City and the 2001 Convention in Fort Wayne.

I cannot remember when there was so much spectator support during the waterball games. The Miss Flame contestants that participated in the Women's contest really out did themselves by taking First Place in the Women's Division. Larry Ketchem and I will be providing trophies to all of the Miss Flame Waterball Team participants so they will all have a trophy to remember their accomplishments.

Keep your meeting notices coming. Barb and I hope to see you all soon.

## District 13A

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Look forward to seeing you at the August meeting at Jefferson Twp./Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Henry County on the 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Tim Martin, Chairman

## DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 14

Hi Firefighters, The 1999 Convention has come and gone. I would like to thank Jim Parker, David Israel, and the 1999 Convention Committee for doing an outstanding job.

I would also like to thank all firefighters in this district for their support in the past year. We had a good year.

All the firefighters in the 14th District need to get involved in the IVFA to get the job done. There is a lot of work to be done to protect the firefighters in our state.

If you are not receiving the IVFA newspaper, or have changed your address, please contact me.

I challenge all firefighters to come out and support your district. This is the only way you will know what is going on. We are open for any suggestions you may have, good or bad. If we don't know what your problems are, we can't help. So, please come out to the district meetings and express your thoughts.

The 14th District bid for the 2001 IVFA Convention, but we didn't get it. Let's get behind the 2000 and 2001 Convention Committees. I'm sure they will do a good job.

Thanks for all your help. Respectfully submitted by, Roy Richardson, Chairman

## DISTRICT 15

The May 11 district meeting was held at McCutchanville Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moffett at 1935 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the minute message.

The Pledge to the Flay was led by Chairman Moffett.

Roll Call was answered by 7 departments and 12 members.

Guests included Alex Smith of M&S Fire & Safety.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the March 16th meeting at Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue. A motion was made by Kevin Brown and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the minutes as distributed.

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

Old Business - Jack Kerney reported that he has reserved the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center for the 2001 Convention. Harry Logan will chair this committee, along with Jack Kerney, Kevin Brown & Steve Anderson. Kerney will set up a meeting with the Visitors & Convention Bureau.

New Business - The Warrick County Fire School will be held at Alcoa on October 2 & 3, 1999.

A report was given on the Indiana Fire Instructors Association New Albany Fire School to be held August 21 & 22 and 28 & 29.

Next meeting will be at Smith Township on July 20th.

Door prizes provided by M&S Fire & Safety.

Chief Kerney thanked everyone for coming and hoped they enjoyed the steak dinner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Secretary.

## DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 17A

On May 20th, Plainville Volunteer Fire Department hosted their very first district supper and meeting. Chairman Ronald Bell had encouraged the department to host this event. A meal was served to around 35.

Guest speaker Indiana State Trooper Eric Dunn gave a presentation on Methamphetamine Labs. Dunn talks to various groups around the state. His presentation is never the same, as he's always updating his information.

Several guests were in attendance: Jack Harker, PRSW; Sherby Hart, NSWC Crane; Paul Shafer, Madison Twp. Trustee from Odon; Jerry Harbstreet, Daviess County Sheriff; Paul

Goss, Daviess County Emergency Management Director; Ken Brown, Washington Fire Chief; Ralph Page, Southwestern Fire & Safety Representative; and Ken Boes, E-One and Sternberg 911 Sales Representative. Fellow firefighters, you missed a very good supper and meeting.

May 27, I had the opportunity to go to Snyder, Nebraska, to tour the fire truck factory and it was a very learning experience. Our Madison Township Trustee, Paul Shafer joined me on the trip.

June 5th I attended Steen Twp. Fire Dept's Hog Roast. My wife attended with me, and we enjoyed good food & fellowship.

Attended the convention and had a wonderful, eventful time. Enjoyed the fellowship and the various events. Am looking forward to Convention 2000.

July 22 will be next district meeting at Winslow, 7:00 p.m.

September 14 district meeting will be at Richland/Taylor Fire Department, Bloomfield, Indiana. I'm trying to have a guest speaker.

November 20 district meeting will be a turkey B-B-Q supper at Odon/Madison Twp. Fire Department.

On December 4th, Madison Twp. Fire Department will have a Christmas Auction & Fund Raiser with proceeds going towards a

new fire truck. Respectfully submitted by, Ronald Bell, Chairman

## DISTRICT 17B

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 19

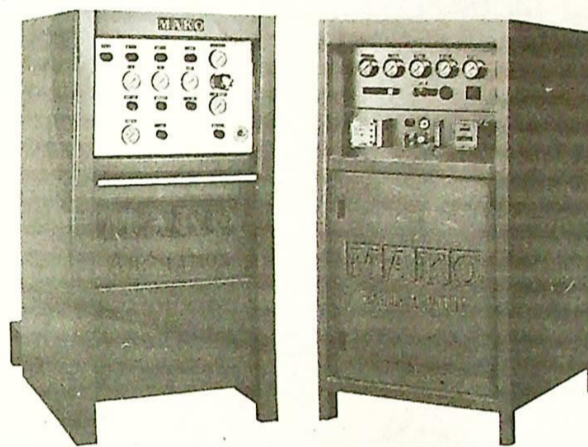
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# IVFAA President



Faye Sallee

## DISTRICTS 1,2

March 4, 1999

Meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Ann Moss at 7:20 p.m. Prayer and Pledge to the Flag given by Sue Casten of Cedar Lake.

Dinner was served by the host department, Cedar Lake.

Guests included Jake Thomas, Merrillville #1.

Minutes were read by District 1 Secretary Kim Gornik and stood as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Ann Moss with no corrections.

Old Business - Ann talked about the fund raisers for state. Instead of the Doe Doll, the auxiliary will be selling 2-year planners and will have a state raffle. Each department will receive 30 tickets at \$1 each or 6 or \$5. First prize will be choice of a Collectable Fire Truck or \$200 cash. Second place will be item not chosen by first place winner.

They will still have the Chinese Auction at convention. The State Auxiliary is looking for one or two items to be donated for this. A motion was made by Kim Gornik, and seconded by Vicky Gorney, to use \$25 from each district to purchase gift baskets for the auction. Motion carried.

Dues for 1999-00 are due by convention. They are \$3.50 per person, and considered delinquent if not paid by July 1.

New Business - We are in need of some donations for goodie bags for the Miss Flames at convention. Please turn in to District Chairman by May 1 or 2.

Any department having members with 25 years of service should get their names to Ann Moss or Martha Thomas.

Miss Flame contestants need to be at May meeting. Motion made by Karen Slosser, seconded by Terease Parker, to give District 1 & 2 Miss Flames \$200 each to help defray the cost of the convention. Motion carried.

Convention is June 16-19 in Columbus. Pre-registration is \$40 and at the door \$50.

At May meeting we'll hold election of officers. Anyone interested in an office, please attend.

Attendance awards won by Merrillville & Lake Dale.

50/50 raffle won by Rita Starrge, Cedar Lake.

Motion made by Diane Carr, and seconded by Kim Gornik, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Marge Baumgardner, District 2 Secretary

May 6, 1999

Meeting called to order by Dist. 1 Chairman Martha Thomas at 7:20 p.m., with prayer given by Suzy Barnhart, Merrillville VFD Auxiliary. Pledge led by Dale Smith, Lowell Fire Department and salesman for Southwestern Fire & Safety.

Dinner served by the host department. A brief history was given by Jeff Messino, Assistant

Chief, Merrillville Fire Dept.

Roll Call answered by 35 members with 6 guests present, including parents of our Miss Flames, Kari Fravel & Amy Davis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner and approved.

Treasurer's report given by Anne Moss and approved.

Old Business - Dues have been raised to \$3.50 starting with the 1999-2000 year. Please make sure your dues are turned in as soon as possible.

New Business - Election of Officers for the years 1999-2001. Dianne Carr asked for nominations for chairman and secretary for District 1. Kelly Bunell was nominated for chairman and declined. Martha Thomas was elected as chairman. Kim Gornik was elected secretary. Theresa Parker asked for nominations for chairman and secretary for District 2. Anne Moss was elected chairman and Marge Baumgardner was elected secretary. Martha thanked Dianne and Theresa for their help.

Announcements of department activities were: Lake Eliza, Rummage Sale, Bingo September 23, Halloween October 30th, Santa Open House December 5; Crown Point, Pancake Breakfast June 19;

Lake Dale, Bake Sale June 19, Ladies Night Out, July 7;

Cedar Lake, Buffet Dinner May 7 at Conference Grounds;

Merrillville, Pancake Breakfast with Men's Open House October 3 at their station.

Door prizes won by Jessica Michals, Cedar Lake & Heide Cherry, Lake Eliza. The ladies of Merrillville thanked all who attended the meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting at LOFS, unless notified by mail of a change.

Respectfully submitted by, Kim Gornik, Dist. 1 Sec.

## DISTRICT 3

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leona Uryga at 7:19 p.m. on May 19, 1999 at the Springfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Uryga led the Pledge to the Flag and Chaplain Carolyn McCarty led prayer.

The Secretary's report was approved as read and the Treasurer's report was given. There were no bills turned in and no illnesses to report.

Old Business - The slogan and logo for Convention 2000 have been chosen. The slogan will read "Come and play in Y2K" and the logo will be a lighthouse with a pier and water.

We will have to use busing for the convention, but so far things are going along pretty well. The Blue Chip is giving us 150 rooms for convention. Also the men are selling 50/50 raffle tickets to help with some of the initial costs. The drawing for this raffle is in July. So get your tickets now.

This year's convention is in

Columbus. If you don't have your rooms yet, you need to get reservations ASAP, so call the Holiday Inn. The slogan for convention is "Bridge to the Future - Step in Time in '99." Chairman Uryga is on the Jewelry Committee this year. She has pins, tie tacks, and charms to sell. They are oval this year and cost \$5.00 each.

Miss Flame, Cindy Fessler, was at the meeting to introduce herself to the ladies that have not met her yet.

Chairman Uryga went down to the state meeting on May 2, 1999. Everyone asked about membership cards, but nothing has been decided yet. All new members get new cards automatically, but some of our cards are getting kind of old and frazzled and some women would like new ones, but are they willing to pay for them? Some don't have a problem paying 50¢ or 75¢, but not a \$1.50. Our dues are going up to \$3.50, so the ladies feel that a new card should be furnished with the cost of the dues.

Also Lee brought up that the separate auxiliaries never get a listing of their members. All this will be brought up at convention.

Why can't the district chairmen bring the new cards back to their districts instead of mailing them? We seem to have a problem with the cards getting to the auxiliaries. This would save some money. Where and what are the dues used for?

A suggestion was made that one year we get new cards and the next year we get stickers. We feel that the raise in dues and paying \$1.50 for a new card is a little much.

All dues are due by August. Remember ladies, if a loved one dies in your department, the family would not receive a Bible or services if your dues were not in.

Chairman Uryga needs a list of your 25-year members and a list of ladies that did not receive their membership cards.

There are 17 girls running for Miss Flame this year.

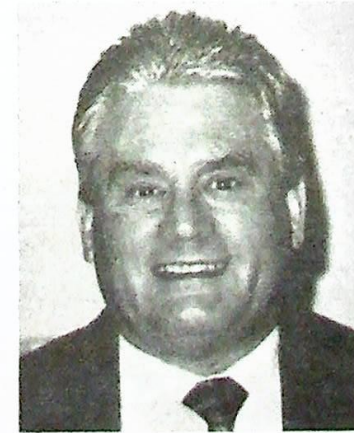
Rose Stanz and Linda Jaske are in the process of making and donating the bags for Miss Flame next year. Don't forget ladies we have to fill them and also fill the bags for the ladies meeting. Mike's Country Store has already started to donate some items for these bags. More information to follow by Chairman Uryga.

Ladies everyone needs to get involved to make our convention a success, even the men who are no longer active. Now is their chance to do a few things that they can do.

We might not have to do the Coffee Klutch next year as this will be part of Blue Chip's package. So for now, just concentrate on those bags.

New Business - The drawing for the 50/50 was held. There was a total of \$429 sold this year. Gertrude Matukas won \$214.50 and donated back \$100 to draw again as two separate tickets.

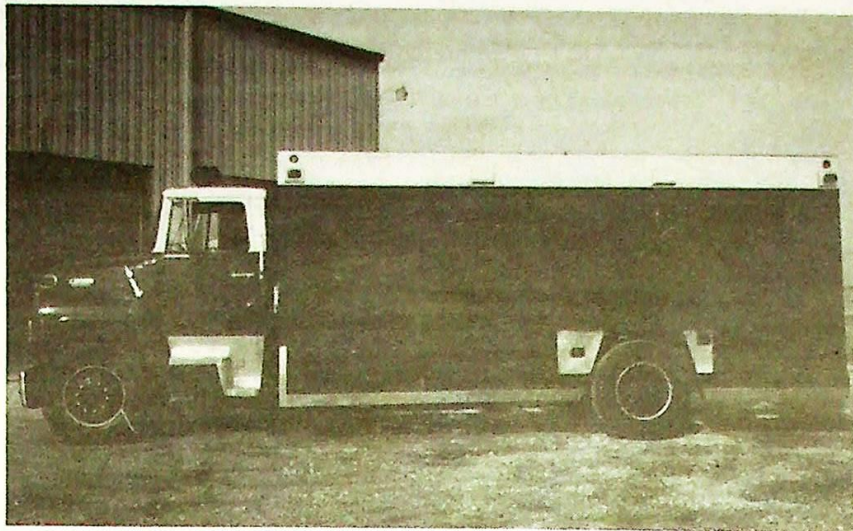
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# IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Another convention has come to a close for another year. It was great. Can you imagine, the next one will be the beginning of year 2000.

For all of you who attended the Memorial Service on Friday, I want to say thank you.

I would like to thank our lovely Miss Flames for assisting Charlie and me with placing the roses. You did a wonderful job. I'm sure your districts and families were as proud of you as we were. Love you all, it meant so much to me.

To the ushers who assisted, a big thank you to you. A good job of getting them all in.

Thank you to Toddy Michl, Bill Bush, and their crews for setting up the cross. It was as beautiful as it always is. You guys do a good job and it takes time and love as you have given it all these years.

Linda, we enjoyed your music. Thank you.

It was a beautiful church and thank you to the committee for having the Memorial Service in a church.

Bless all of you who have lost someone. I hope you got your rose to take home. You are in our prayers.

These are the names of the Auxiliary members we have lost this year:

- Marie Moore, District 3
- Audrey Utley, District 10
- Virginia Aarnink, District 11A
- Frances Allen, District 11A
- Juanita Vermillion, District 11A
- Lou Crowder, District 11B
- Eva Beaver, District 13B
- Thelma Lester, Past Chaplain
- Katie Mason, Past President

There was a rose placed by their name at the Memorial Service.



### MY GOD IS NO STRANGER

I've never seen God,  
but I know how I feel . . .  
It's people like you  
who make Him so real . . .  
It seems that I pass Him  
so often each day . . .  
In the faces of people  
I meet on my way . . .  
He's the stars in the heavens,  
a smile on a face . . .  
A leaf on a tree,  
or a rose in a vase . . .  
He's winter and summer  
and autumn and spring . . .  
In short, God is every,  
real, wonderful thing . . .  
I wish I might meet Him  
much more than I do . . .  
I would, if there were  
more people just like you!

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O most caring and loving God, it is to you we turn in time of need and concern.

Bless our efforts to bring relief and hope to our brothers and sisters throughout the world who suffer the pain of hunger and ravages of war and famine.

Guide us in making our broken world whole once more and bringing dignity to human life.

Give us the grace to answer the call of Jesus to "love our neighbor as ourselves", even in the midst of our own personal pain and suffering.

We ask that you hear our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Savior, who died that all your people may live in harmony with their world and with one another. Amen

Thanks Helen Michl, my dear friend, for giving me this prayer. Love and Prayers

## District 3

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Gertrude and Martha Thomas of Merrillville, District 1 won \$50 each. Congratulations ladies!

The meeting 50/50 drawing was held and \$22 was collected. Mary Nowatzke and Sarah Garwood both won \$5.50 each.

The LaCrosse ladies won the attendance plaque for the month and also for the year. Congratulations ladies!

Up-coming activities from the departments are: Springfield - still cooking on the 4th Sunday of every month; and Lincoln - May 29 a dinner and dance.

Motion made by Carolyn McCarty to adjourn and seconded by Shirley Hall. Motion carried.

Rose Stanz said Grace before the refreshments were served. The Springfield ladies served a delicious selection of salads and desserts.

The next meeting will be held on July 21, 1999 at Kingsford Union.

## DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 6

We met at Richland Township Fire Station, Larwill, Whitely County, on May 20, 1999.

Roll Call answered by 5 members representing 4 departments.

Remember to get your State dues into Barb Kerney. They are now \$3.50.

We congratulate the winners at Convention from our district. New Haven Adams Township placed first in men's waterball and Woodburn placed first in cart race and second in hose replacement.

We also congratulate a team of Miss Flame contestants who took first place in the ladies waterball.

Upcoming meetings are:  
July 15 at Albion, Noble County, for election of officers.

September 23 in Angola, Steuben County.

The picnic will be August 22 at 12 noon with a potluck dinner at the Ashley Park, DeKalb County. Games to follow in the afternoon.

Hope to see you at the meetings and picnic.

Respectfully submitted by, Marilyn Dever, Chairman

## DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 11A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 13B

Convention at Columbus was fantastic. The Committee did a super job this year. Thank you to the Committee for such a wonderful time. For those of you who did not attend this year's convention, you missed a real treat.

Our district Miss Flame, Angelleen Cunningham, Lewisville Fire Department did a super job representing our district. Remember to include her in your district's activities. The 1999 IVFA Miss Flame is Carol Marie Tempel, Posey Twp. Fire Department, District 11A.

Twenty-five Year Certificates were presented at the business meeting on Friday. Mary Waggoner from our district received a certificate. District Chairman Diana Griffin accepted on her behalf.

Our own Thelma Lester and Eva Beaver were remembered at the Memorial Service. This was held at the First Christian Church in Columbus. It was a beautiful service.

Now to report on our district meeting held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at Lewisville Fire Department. This meeting was held at the same time as the men's district meeting. A training program was presented by Henry Co. Sheriff's Department & Spiceland Police Department on K-9 Units. It was very informative. After the training, a cookout was enjoyed by all attending.

Discussion was held reference the cost involved in sending out replacement membership cards. It was agreed \$3.50 should be charged for each replacement card. Reminder - dues are to be sent in by September 1, 1999.

Officer elections were held. Our district officers for 1999-2000 are Diana Griffin, Centerville, Chairman and Leslie Spears, Centerville, Sec./Treas.

Our district donated a Raggedy Ann & Andy for the Chinese Auction.

It was agreed that we will sell Home Interior candles as a fund raiser for the Miss Flame expenses. The coordinator will be Karen Freestone, Lewisville. Diana Griffin will be the contact person for Wayne & Union Counties. She will contact Karen weekly with orders. Karen will then contact the dealer.

Respectfully submitted by, Leslie Spears, Sec./Treas.

## DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 15

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 17A

First, I would like to say "THANK YOU" to all of you ladies for the prayers, thoughts, and cards, as well as, the lovely planter.

I didn't realize how really ill I was while at the convention, but this was the first time my husband and I had been on a vacation, so I wasn't going to let anything spoil our time. I had an obstruction of the airways. I'm better now, but am facing surgery July 13.

We really enjoyed the convention. I believe the best part was riding on the top of the fire truck and being sprayed with water, from water snipers along the route. I have a lot of pictures to

share with you at the next State Officer's Meeting in August.

I'm looking forward to Convention 2000.

Respectfully submitted by, Malinda Bell, Chairman

## DISTRICT 19

Morris VFD Auxiliary hosted the May 11 meeting for our district.

Chaplain Marilyn Smith led us in prayer and then we enjoyed a lunch provided by the ladies.

While finishing this, Dan Mulford gave a talk on tornadoes and severe weather. He offered many practical ideas and gave an abbreviated view on how to spot the worst weather. He also described some of what was found at the scene of the latest tornado in our area.

Beth Caudill gave the Call to Order, followed by the Pledge. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read.

Beth discussed some of what was discussed at the State Officers meeting and thanked the ladies for the door prizes, which the various auxiliaries had donated. She encouraged anyone attending the convention to attend the ladies meeting.

Also she led a discussion regarding membership cards and the problems being encountered.

We came upon the idea of issuing two cards when a new member is listed. One to go to the member and the other to be retained by the Auxiliary. Then, if one becomes lost, they will already have the other and not have to ask for a new one. If a new card is requested of the state, then a fee should be assessed.

Upcoming events:  
Morris - chicken dinner June 19, 4-8 p.m.

Sunman - June 11-12 Festival, fish on Fri. & chicken on Sat.

Manchester - chicken dinner July 11

Batesville - Festival in August  
Oldenburg - chicken fry May 28-29 & Festival June 26.

Bloomington - Festival July 25 Friday & Saturday.

Next meeting will be hosted at Sunman, possibly at the Brun's Lake complex.

Kathy Bruan won the 50/50 drawing.

Marilyn led a prayer to close the meeting.

The door prize was won by Elvera Wissel and flowers were given to everyone in attendance.

Special guests were the ladies who helped quilt the spread which Morris will be auctioning at the dinner on June 19.

Respectfully submitted by, Pam Scheele

## Attention: IVFAA Auxiliary Members

You may purchase IVFAA Shoulder Patches from District 11B @ \$1.50 each.

Contact: Maxine Davies 5 Brookside Street Fillmore, IN 46128 (765) 246-6220

# IVFAA Vice President



Mary Mackin

The winner of the Franklin Mint 1965 Seagraves Ladder Truck is Tom Orrell from Beverly Shores, District 1.

The second place winner was C. Tremmel from Michiana Shores, District 3.

Sorry to have missed all of you at Convention and all of the good times we share together. Hope to see you in August.

Congratulations to the new Miss Flame Carol Tempel and her Runner-up Brandy Miller.

Congratulations to the Lois Boaz and Mr. IVFA recipients and all of the Midwest award winners.

## From the Lois Boaz Committee

Congratulations to Toni Sorg, from the Poe Fire Department, District 7, on being our 1999 award winner. She is a very deserving lady who has done a lot for the fire service and her community.

There are many deserving ladies out there and if your lady didn't win this year, please submit her name again next year. It's very hard to choose just one when there are so many wonderful ladies working for the Fire Auxiliary.

The deadline for submitting your letters for next year will be February 1, 2000. Please be sure to include the jacket size and a telephone number where you can be contacted in case of any questions or further information that needs to be included along with the letter.

Please send all letters to:

- Mary Mackin 831 Chamberlin Court New Haven, IN 46774
- Ann Moss 1755 Broad Acre Road Crown Point, IN 46307
- Toni Sorg 14430 Comer Road Fort Wayne, IN 46819

If anyone has questions, please contact Phyllis Vargo at 219-322-4286.

Your information for the November issue should be in our office on or before October 10.

# NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

## Poe Community VFD to hold 61st Annual Festival

### 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.

- The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.
- It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.
- This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
- 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.

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

The Poe Community VFD will be holding it's 61st Annual Fireman's Festival on August 27 & 28, 1999.

Friday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. the festivities start off with the Benefit Auction containing items donated by the area merchants. Also for the auction there will be a Queen Size, Log Cabin Carpenters Wheel made by the Poe Community Ladies.

There will be Bingo and a variety of games with food & refreshments available.

Saturday, August 28 starts with the Backyard Volleyball Tournament at 9:00 a.m. and a Waterball Competition for both men and woman, with sign in at 11:30 a.m. and play at 12:00 noon.

There will be a Chicken BBQ Dinner served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., a Eucher Tournament from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m., and a Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m.

The New Haven Alumni Band will be playing at 4:00 p.m. The LTD Dancers of Decatur will perform at 5:30 p.m. Starting at 8:00 p.m. the Round and Square Dance will begin, featuring Shanghide. FREE to everyone.

There will be a raffle drawing at 10:00 p.m.

At 9:00 p.m. a child's bike (0-12 yrs), and at 10:00 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 available will be Pork & Sauerkraut, a Beer Tent, a Country Store, Elephant Ears and Carmel Corn.

There's plenty of free parking available. So bring the whole family, as there will be fun for all.

Anyone having items to donate for the benefit auction, please call 747-6733.

For Volleyball information, please call Bev at 639-3974 or Jamee at 639-6111.

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

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

- Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
- 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.

- DO NOT request more forms than you plan to use!
- 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.

### PLEASE NOTE

The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:  
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That will only delay your application and you may miss out on getting your special plates.  
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### 1999 IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application

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

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

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

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

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

Information for the November issue of the newspaper must reach us on or before October 10

**DISTRICT 11B**

Here we are right in the middle of summer. As I write this, it's been a hot one. Just what I waited for all winter. The 1999 Convention is now history. Congratulations to all of the award winners, they were good choices. We are especially proud of our Brandy Miller who won Miss Flame runner-up. And of course congratulations to the New Miss Flame, Carol Temple from District 11A.

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

Our district is hosting the joint picnic this year at 1 p.m. Sept. 12 at Raccoon Lake. In addition to all district members, a special invitation is being extended to all present & past district award winners. The invitation is also extended to any interested persons. All one has to do is to bring a well filled picnic basket & lawn chairs (meat & drinks are provided). Plan to have a good time renewing old friendships and visiting. If you have memorabilia, photos, etc. that you'd like to share, bring it.

Auxiliaries, if you haven't sent in your dues, it's time. Now's a good time for new auxiliaries to join since it's the beginning of the fiscal year. Dues are now \$3.50. If you have questions or need help organizing, please call me 765-665-3213.

Have a great summer. We'll do this again in November's paper. Respectfully submitted by, Eula Bush, Chairman

**IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETINGS**

MAY 2, 1999 - HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS, INDIANA

The 9:00 a.m. meeting was called to order by President Faye Sallee. She asked Chaplain Joann Hays to lead us in prayer. In the absence of Sgt.-of-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel, Faye led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

IVFA President Jack Cox came into our meeting with some information. Any auxiliary officers who do NOT have a spouse as an officer in the IVFA will now be compensated for their hotel bill. The IVFA will pay for one night at quarterly meetings and two nights at convention. Claim vouchers were distributed that must be filled out and sent with a copy of the bill. The person will pay for the room and then send the voucher to the Central Office to be reimbursed. This offer does not include Past Presidents. This will help the ladies and we want to thank the men for their generous undertaking. Barb Kerney gave him a list of those that are entitled to this.

Jack also asked for a list of those who DO NOT now receive an IVFA newspaper. He said everyone should get it.

Recording Secretary Barbara Kerney gave the Roll Call with 26 officers and 5 guests present. She then read the minutes from the last meeting. There was one correction in the Treasurer's report balance. It should have read \$8403.97. Minutes were then approved as read.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report. Corres. Sec. Diana Gray read a thank you note from the Kerney's. Membership - Barbara Kerney gave her report as 6 Departments, 3 Individuals and 50 Members for a total of 1107 members.

Chaplain Joann Hays read the list for Memorial Service. She has about 12 sympathy cards left and the way she's been going through them, she needs to order more. These have the logo on them. A discussion followed. Eula Bush made a motion to purchase more. Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

Auditing - Lou Bartlow said they will audit in August. Games - Faye said they will need some help at convention. Those that have volunteered are E. J. Smith, Marilyn Dever and Susie Stout. If anyone else is interested, please contact them.

Installation - Barbara Parker said she needs to talk to Tammy and then figure out how long the ceremony will be.

Financial Study - Lou Bartlow said the men just made it easier for the women. Dorothy tells her we are doing fine!!!

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said she has 17 girls. All the correspondence has been sent out. District 10 has things set up fine. District 11A is doing the ditty bags for the girls. Nancy made all the bags!!!

VP Project - Mary Mackin has a large picture of the fire truck that you can look at. She doesn't want to haul the truck around because of the tiny antennas that can be broken off. She had \$366 turned in this morning, so that is money we are making. Keep selling those tickets!!!

By-Laws - Martha Thomas said we have NONE!!! Jewelry - E. J. Smith said she has all the jewelry available. She will need some help at the table during convention at different times, as her daughter is a Miss Flame contestant.

Nominating - Tammy Hungate said they are ready. Historian - Wanda Johnson said for Book #1 all she has is a picture of the Doe Doll, so she can use any articles, minutes, pictures etc. you have or can get prior to 1975.

Presidents Advisory - Lou Bartlow said Faye was doing fine. Lois Boaz - Phyllis Vargo said they are ready. They have their choice

and the jacket was brought to her today. They are using the last plaque, except for the one that is damaged. Would like to order 5 more at \$29.95 each. Engraving will be extra. This way the wood would match what we already have. Barbara Parker made a motion to purchase them. Wanda Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian - Phyllis Vargo said everything is fine. OLD BUSINESS - Phyllis has 38 planners left and has \$148 to turn in. We are already in the black, so she thought she'd take them to convention and sell them for \$1 each, to get rid of them.

Membership cards - A discussion started. Do we need a new one issued each year?? Price of doing them, plus laminating and mailing. The men get one each year, it costs about 50¢ a card. With our dues only \$2.50, if we pay out 50¢ for the card, that does not leave us much. Barb has been generous. She has been sending them out, laminated and has eaten the costs.

Lou asked what Barb's thoughts were. She said she felt we should only give cards to the new members. The cards we now have could be a permanent card. If it needs to be replaced, then we should charge for it. She thought maybe it should be announced at convention that the card is permanent and there will be a charge of \$1.50 to replace it.

Barb Parker said to take it back to the districts and then mention it on the convention floor. When we get feed-back, we can make a decision.

If you have any 25-year members, please let Barb Kerney know.

Barbara Parker has a list of those who have their reservations. Check to see if your name is on there. Convention agenda is in the IVFA paper. So far 183 are registered. Make sure you get them in!!

Mitch Parish came in to thank everyone for the flowers & cards he received while in the hospital. He's recovering and still needs our prayers. If you'd like to send a card, his address is in the paper. (see pg 2)

Larry Stott is still in ill health and could also be kept in our prayers.

With no further business, Ann Moss made a motion to adjourn, Marilyn Dever seconded it. Motion carried.

Chaplain, Joann Hays closed with a word of prayer. Respectfully submitted by, Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

JUNE 17, 1999 - HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Faye Sallee opened the 3:00 p.m. meeting by asking Immediate Past President Lou Bartlow to come to the front and she presented her with a corsage.

Chaplain Joann Hays then had a word of prayer, followed by Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel leading the group with the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Barbara Kerney gave the Roll Call with 28 officers and 2 guests present. She then read the minutes from the last meeting. They were approved as read.

Lou Bartlow interrupted for a moment and presented President Faye Sallee with a corsage.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on Hand May 1, 1999		\$7744.74
Income:		
Interest	6.68	
VP Project	367.00	
Unrelated Income	31.00	
Total Income		+ 404.68
Disbursements:		
Operating Expenses	66.18	
Annuals	470.00	
Mileage	683.70	
Phone & Postage	83.98	
Total Disbursements		-1303.86
Balance on Hand June 1, 1999		6845.56
Subject to audit		

Membership - Barbara Kerney said for 98-99 we have 78 Departments, 53 Individuals, 22 Life, 1043 members for a total of 1118. We are down 54.

District 14 is still going to start an auxiliary, but nothing yet. May all join as individuals.

Chaplain Joann Hays said she has the new sympathy cards. They are engraved and look more professional. She passed one around for us to see. She then read the names of the deceased members that will be remembered at the Memorial Service. We lost nine ladies this year.

Auditing - Lou Bartlow said it will be done in August.

Games - E.J. Smith said the Miss Flames will have a waterball team, plus they have 2 men's teams so far.

Installation - Barbara Parker said they are ready and it will be short! Financial Study - Lou Bartlow said nothing at this time.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush said she has 17 girls and thanked everyone for their support. The judges will have a tough time. The winner will be announced tonight at the Opening Meeting.

VP Project - E.J. Smith reported her mother, Vice President Mary Mackin, has had problems as a result of her diabetes. She just got out of the hospital and couldn't make the trip. The VP Project turned in \$499 and had \$580 already, making a total of \$1079 as of 12:30 p.m. today. The Miss Flames are still selling tickets, as well as at the booth.

It was mentioned that the sign hanging out on the table says "Doe Doll" and it needs to be taken down.

By-Laws - Martha Thomas said we do not have any. Jewelry - E.J. Smith said she is doing very good.

Nominating - Tammy Hungate said they are ready.

Historian - Wanda Johnson has the books and they will be on the table at the afternoon meeting tomorrow. She still needs items for Book #1 prior to 1974.

President's Advisory - Lou Bartlow said she is doing just fine. Parliamentarian - Phyllis Vargo said everything is okay.

OLD BUSINESS - Phyllis said she still has some 2-year planners left. Faye read a letter from District 12 regarding the SOP's of the organization. A discussion followed and it was decided that Corres. Sec. Diana Gray will write acknowledging the letter and explaining the situation. She will send it to Faye for approval and then on to the respective person.

Chinese Auction has taken in over \$400 so far, but still need to sell more tickets, according to Martha Thomas. So get out there and buy them!! She would love to sell them to you.

Faye asked that all officers sit down in front at the Opening Meeting tonight and for the parade on Saturday to wear red and white. All Lois Boaz winners wear their white jackets tonight and to Memorial Service.

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# IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Holiday Inn - Columbus, Indiana  
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The 53rd Annual Business Meeting began at 8:00 and was called to order by President Jack Cox. Chaplain Charlie Baker gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack Kerney.

President Cox introduced the guest speaker, State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright. He discussed House Bill 1307, the State Disaster Relief Fund. It establishes a disaster relief fund to assist counties, cities and towns in paying for costs resulting from disasters, provided SEMA administers a grant program. No money was put into this and the next goal of the organization is to try to get that funded.

Also House Bill 1448 establishes the Indiana Emergency Management Fire Drill Services and Public Safety Training Foundation. What is allowed is that the organization will establish a foundation that will benefit the different agencies in his office and what that will mean is that the Fire Marshal's Office will have a fund that allows them to do some things for the fire departments in the state. One possibility is to provide small items to departments that help the volunteer fire departments to do their job better. He mentioned the Executive Director of the State Fire Marshal's Office has established one service in DNR and he commented on money that possibly could be available. Suggested once the foundation is established, in lieu of flowers, if a friend dies, money can be donated to that fund in their name.

The last bill he talked about was Senate Bill 402, a Firefighters Training Facility Study and it appropriates \$50,000 from the State General Fund and the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standard of Education, for the purpose of conducting a study concerning a need for a state-wide firefighter training facility. It's anticipated that this would possibly be a central location with one facility and then have satellite facilities in the northwest, northeast, southwest and southeast parts of the state where hands-on training would be available that isn't available at the local fire houses. All of the basic training would still be done at the fire houses, but the satellite facilities would be a place where volunteer firefighters could go and do some hands-on things.

He mentioned fireworks. He stated that it has been delayed again by a court continuance on the State Fire Marshal's Death Action that was filed, where it asked the court, what is the law in Indiana about what can be sold and what cannot be sold and the court has delayed that until August 2, which is after another fireworks season. He said it's frustrating, but his office plans to keep on it.

He mentioned he was in the process of hiring a Program Manager for Indiana Fire Incident Reporting System (INFIRS). There is a list now and he will be interviewing some people and will have a program manager on board soon that will be able to help the individual organizations with any questions about the INFIRS.

The fire rule is out now. The State of Indiana will be in the process of adopting that shortly. The program manager will come to an individual department and help them with INFIRS, to help the department to get it set up and provide them with the software. There are programs where individual fire departments can possibly get computers through certain programs of the State Fire Marshal's Office if one is not available by either the department or a member.

Mr. Boatwright also discussed the Juvenile Fire Setter issue. He's on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Fire Marshals and one of his colleagues from New Hampshire got a grant appropriated from Congress of \$383,000 to start a Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Project. There are seven different categories in the program and more monies were just appropriated. Once completed, he thinks it will be very successful and helpful to volunteer fire departments if there are problems in the area with juveniles starting fires.

Since 1994, over 50 percent of the people arrested in the United States for arson are juveniles, under the age of 18. It's becoming more of a problem and something to be aware of. He established the Juvenile Fire Setter's Task Force and it focuses on this issue. A resource manual has been created and is available to each department through Tom Hinkle of his office.

Juvenile fire setters are a problem that lay people of individual fire departments should not try to deal with, as some of these kids have deep emotional problems. The task force has the mental health field involved and are more able to help in that area if needed and his office can provide manuals with information on help available.

He closed by thanking the organization for inviting him and said he would see everyone at next year's convention and again stated his office was there to help the individual fire departments, especially the medium-sized down to the very smallest.

President Cox then asked the Nominating Committee to come forward with their slate of officers for 2000. Lawrence Swartz came forward and thanked everyone for their cooperation and recognition at the meeting the night before where he was named Mr. IVFA and presented the red jacket. He presented the slate as follows: Jack Cox for President. He asked for further nominations from the floor three times and none were given. He declared the nomination for President closed and asked the Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Jack Cox as President. At this time, Secretary Bill Kinsey cast one unanimous vote for Jack Cox for President.

For Vice President, the Nominating Committee placed the name of Jack Kerney, Sr. Mr. Swartz asked for further nominations from the floor, three times, and none were given. He declared the nomination for Vice President closed and again called on the Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Jack Kerney, Sr. Secretary Bill Kinsey then did so.

Next Mr. Swartz read the name of William Kinsey for Secretary and asked for further nominations from the floor. None were received so the nominations were declared closed and President Cox was asked to cast one unanimous vote for William Kinsey as Secretary. President Cox then did so.

Next for the office of Treasurer, William Kinsey was nominated by the committee and Mr. Swartz asked for nominations from the floor three times. None were received and he declared the nomination closed and asked President Cox to cast one unanimous vote for William Kinsey as Treasurer. President Cox cast the vote as such.

Mr. Swartz then read the name of Charles Baker as nominee for Chaplain. He asked for further nominations from the floor and three calls were made with no nominations given. The nomination was closed

# CONVENTION 2000

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and he asked the Secretary to declare one unanimous vote for Charles Baker as Chaplain. The vote was cast by the Secretary.

Next was the nomination of Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms. Further nominations from the floor were asked for three times and none were received. Secretary Kinsey then cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush. Mr. Bush commented after one more year, he will retire.

Next before the nominations for Public Relations Director for the districts was given. Mr. Swartz reminded that only the departments that are in that area are allowed to vote for this candidate.

For the Northwest area, for PR Director the name of LeMoyne (Buz) Koehler was given. Three calls for nominations from the floor were asked for and none given. He declared the nomination closed and asked the Secretary to cast one unanimous vote to be given for LeMoyne Koehler. The vote was cast.

PR Director for the Northeast district nominee was Mike Mackin. After calling three times for further nominations, it was closed and the

Secretary cast one unanimous vote for Mike Mackin.

The nomination for West Central district PR Director was Don Johnson. Further nominations were asked for from the floor. None were given. The nomination was closed and the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for Don Johnson.

The name of Don Cushman was nominated for East Central district PR Director. Three calls were given for further nominations from the floor and none

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## IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETINGS

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Convention - Barbara Parker asked if there were any problems. Faye said things are wonderful!

Friday morning the Women's Meeting will be in Ballroom C. The Koffee Klutch will be over by the pool.

The next State Officer's Meeting will be August 14-15 at the Marten House in Indianapolis. Make your reservations now and secure them with a credit card.

Tomorrow's meeting will be 8:30-10:30 a.m. We may get done in the morning and come back in the afternoon for Installation of Officers and door prizes.

Wanda Johnson said the A & A Department at Emmence may start an auxiliary.

Martha Thomas asked Leona Uryga to check and see how much it would cost and what it would entail to have a white Beanie Baby Bear with an IVFAA emblem in red made for a money making project. She will check and get back to us.

Faye said there is a gift on the table for each lady present. Pick it up on your way out the door.

Meeting adjourned and Joann Hays closed with a word of prayer.

### CONVENTION '99

JUNE 18, 1999 HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Faye Sallee opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. by asking Chaplain Joann Hays to have a word of prayer. This was followed by Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel leading us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Faye thanked District 10 for the Koffee Klutch this morning. It was very good. Tim Downey sponsored it.

Chaplain Joann Hays took a count on Bibles from each district chairman. If any Bibles are needed, she has them with her. She'd like for

you to pick them up at convention, as it is too expensive to mail them. Faye introduced the Lois Boaz Award winner, Toni Sorg. Congratulations!!

Faye then asked Nancy Cox, wife of the IVFA President Jack Cox, to come forward at which time she presented her with a corsage.

Miss Flame Chairman Eula Bush then introduced the Miss Flame and her Court. They were given ditty bags made by District 11A, photo albums donated by Barb & Jack Kerney, t-shirts donated by Bliss McKnight Insurance, diamond earrings from the IVFA, trophies donated by Barbara & Larry Ketchum, angels from District 11A, bags of goodies from District 12, and charms from the IVFAA. The girls also had a luncheon sponsored by Midwest Fire & Safety. The girls were then dismissed.

Roll Call was given by Barbara Kerney with 30 officers, 58 members, 2 Individuals, and 5 guests present. She then read the minutes of last convention. They were approved as read.

Financial statement was given by Dorothy Reiter as follows:

Balance brought forward June 1, 1998	\$6,437.63
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues	\$2862.00
Interest	88.77
Jewelry	896.00
VP Project	2946.00
Unrelated Income	56.18

Total Income June 1, 1998 - May 31, 1999 + 6848.95

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses	\$ 976.93
Annuals	670.00
Mileage	2564.70
Phone & Postage	324.14
Overpaid Dues	98.00
Jewelry	692.18
VP Project	403.00
Awards & Gifts	712.07

Total Disbursement June 1, 1998 - May 31, 1999 - 6441.02

Balance on hand June 1, 1999 \$6845.56

Subject to audit

Membership - Barbara Kerney said for 98-99 we have 78 Departments, 53 Individuals, 22 Life, 1043 members for a total of 1118. We are down 54.

Games - E.J. Smith said they will have double elimination. They have 9 men's and 3 women's waterball teams. They have 3 hose replacement teams and 3 cart teams. So come out and watch all the fun on Saturday morning!

VP Project - E.J. Smith (for VP Mary Mackin) said they had \$958 plus the \$580 for a total of \$1538.00.

Jewelry - E.J. Smith sold \$245 and that puts us \$120 in the black.

Chinese Auction - Martha Thomas said she has \$590...still needs more.

Historian - Wanda Johnson said she still needs data from 1973 and prior for Book #1. Books #2 & #3 are on the table. She has Book #4 started.

President Faye Sallee said she had a suggestion to come back early in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. for Installation and door prizes so everyone can go on the shopping trip to the outlet mall.

Linda Porter made a motion to re-convene at 1:00 p.m. Shirley Crouch seconded it. Motion carried.

Nominating - Tammy Hungate read the list of nominations and asked for nominations from the floor. There were none, so the Installation will be short.

Past President Mary Stafford suggested that since all the officers have already been previously installed, just have them called forward, raise their hands, and swear to do their respective jobs and not return at all in the afternoon.

Ballots were cast and Barbara Parker installed the officers for 1999-2000. They are as follows:

President - Faye Sallee  
Vice President - Mary Mackin  
Recording Sec. - Barbara Kerney  
Corresponding Sec. - Diana Gray  
Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter  
Sgt.-At-Arms - Miriam Schaeckel  
Chaplain - Joann Hays  
Imm. Past Pres. - Lou Bartlow

Congratulations to all of you!! Please give your support to them throughout the year.

Financial Study - Lou Bartlow said she had nothing.

President Faye Sallee presented 25-Year Certificates.

Virginia Wilson's daughter was there and said her mother was in the hospital for emergency appendicitis. She was doing well and hoped to be coming home that next day.

We had guests from the Convention 2001 in Caesars, Indiana. They put on a real cute skit.

Also from Convention 2000 in Michigan City, Indiana, Tim Sandy said we will be in a brand new hotel. It is to be completed by October, 1999. He already has the luncheon for the Miss Flames secured.

Reservations can be made for Convention 2000 after October 15, 1999. The phone number will be in the paper.

Door prize drawing was held. Pick up ditty bags on your way out. The drawing will be held this afternoon and posted.

Faye asked for a motion to adjourn. Eula Bush made the motion and Betsy Howe seconded it. Motion carried.

Faye gave a word of prayer in absence of Chaplain Joann Hays, who was preparing for the Memorial Service.

Everyone have a good time shopping.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diana Gray,  
Corresponding Secretary

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# 1999 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By John N. Shanks II and Stephen R Buschmann, Registered Lobbyists

To the Members of the IVFA, Inc.

During the 1999 Regular Session of the 110th General Assembly, the House of Rep. introduced 1115 bills, while the Senate introduced 675 bills. Of the original 1790 bills introduced, 274 bills were passed by the General Assembly. The Governor vetoed 1, but signed the remaining 273 bills into law.

On behalf of the IVFA we supported, opposed, or watched 83 bills that were introduced this year. This report contains a brief description of the legislation affecting the IVFA which has become law.

**I. IVFA INITIATIVES:**  
**HEA 1169 (P.L. 192)**

Authors: Reps. Ruppel, Klinker, Bischoff, Budak, R. Adams, Cherry, Denbo, Duncan, Lytle, Oxley, Sturtz.  
Sponsors: Senators Clark, Landske, Craycraft, Wolf.

This act deals with several matters impacting disability coverage for volunteer firefighters under the accident and health insurance program required to be maintained by all departments:

A. It broadens the definition of volunteer firefighter to include the performance of all assigned duties including those related to education and training. The current law defines a volunteer firefighter so narrowly that it could be argued that unless the firefighter were actually fighting a fire he or she was not performing the duties of a volunteer firefighter. We all know your duties are far broader than that.

B. The new law provides that the benefit for temporary disability will pay a minimum \$250 per week for 260 weeks (current law is \$150 per week) and total benefit of a minimum of \$150,000 (currently \$60,000) if the volunteer firefighter becomes permanently and totally disabled for a period exceeding 260 weeks as a result of a line of duty injury.

C. The act provides that the \$150,000 death benefit is available to the family of a volunteer firefighter who dies as a result of cardiac disease event within 48 hours of performing the duties a volunteer firefighter (current law requires that the duties must be performed in an emergency situation to qualify for the death benefit) [Effective January 1, 2000]

**HEA 1315 (P.L. 50)**

Authors: Reps. Bischoff, Ruppel, Oxley, Thompson  
Sponsors: Senators Landske and Wolf

This bill amended the law relative to the standard for waiver of audits of volunteer fire departments. Before July 1, 1999, the board may waive a department's annual audit if the department received less than 50% of its receipts from public funds or at least 50%, but less than \$60,000.00. This bill raises the dollar value to \$100,000.00. This doesn't mean that the board is precluded from an audit under this criteria if it desires. This change in the law simply gives the board an expanded ability to waive an audit. This bill didn't change the present law which limits the scope of the board's audit, should it make one, to matters relevant to the use of the public funds received by the department.

**II. OTHER BILLS WHICH THE IVFA SUPPORTED**  
**HEA 1001 (P.L. 273)**

Authors: Reps. Bauer, Cochran, Buell, Espich  
Sponsors: Senators Mills, Simpson

This is the famous budget bill and is almost 200 pages long. It's particularly important because it is through this bill \$89 million of Build Indiana Funds (BIF) was allocated to local projects, millions of dollars were for the volunteer fire service. If your department was one of the fortunate departments, you need to contact your local state rep. or state senator to get on the State Budget Committee agenda. This is the starting point for the distribution of the appropriated BIF dollars. Congratulations, for many small departments this money is a real shot in the arm.

**HEA 1002 (P.L. 70)**

Authors: Reps. Kruzan, Frenz, Linder, Mangus, Mannweiler, Pelath, Sturtz, Bodiker, Torr, Whetstone, Kruse

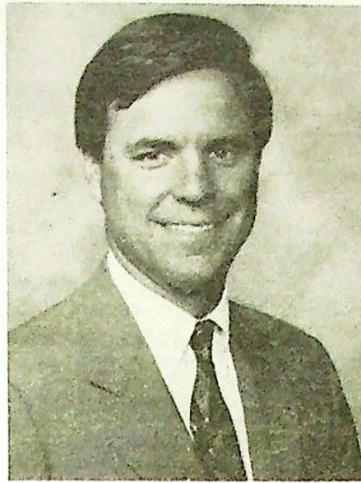
Sponsors: Senators Merritt, Alexa, Blade, Skillman, Munson, Saunders

This bill created a statutory office of Public Access Counselor who is appointed by the Governor. This bill is significant because volunteer fire depts. are subject to the open door law and the public records law to some extent. The Tort Claims Act defines a volunteer fire dept. as a political subdivision. This bill creates a complaint procedure and allows a civil action to be brought against the offending entity. We recommend that depts. consult with their department's counsel with regard to the impact of this bill and the application of the open door law to their proceedings. (See SEA 001, a companion bill.) [Effective July 1, 1999]

**HEA 1428 (P.L. 93)**

Authors: Reps. Duncan, Bottorff, Yount, Mahern  
Sponsors: Senators Skillman, Jackman, Craycraft, Nugent, Hume

This bill allows a community that has access 911



Senator J. Murray Clark



Senator Allie V. Craycraft, Jr.



Senator Sue Landske



Senator Patricia Miller



Senator Katie L. Wolf



Rep. Robert J. Bischoff



Rep. Cleo Duncan



Rep. William "Bill" J. Ruppel

funds to use those funds to install and maintain a computerized community telephone warning system sometimes referred to as a reverse 911 system. There are several communities which already have such systems in place an report that they are very useful in getting emergency information out the citizens (i.e. severe weather, hazmat evacuations, etc.) [Effective July 1, 1999]

**HEA 1744 (P.L. 20)**

Authors: Reps. Avery, R. Adams, Becker, Ruppel  
Sponsors: Senators Server, Wolf

This act permits a fire dept. to enter any Class I structure (except a private dwelling) to perform a pre-planning fire inspection to identify structural issues, including floor plans & the location of personnel, fire protection systems, entrances, utilities, & hazardous material substances and locations. The fire dept. must provide the owner or occupant 7 days advance oral or written notice of the inspection. [Effective July 1, 1999]

**SEA 40 (P.L. 1)**

Authors: Senators Kenley, Smith, Landske  
Sponsors: Reps. Kuzman, Foley

This is what is known as a technical corrections bill. It makes no substantive changes in the law but is designed to clear up clerical errors or make terms consistent throughout the Indiana Code. The only impact of this bill on the volunteer fire service was that it made the

term "volunteer fire dept" consistent throughout Title 36. The term "volunteer fire company" was still being used in some sections of Title 36.

**SEA 167 (P.L. 248)**

Authors: Senators Gard, Long, Antich, Bowser  
Sponsors: Reps. Pelath, Alderman, Espich, Stevenson, Mock

This act provides that in all counties except St Joseph (it still has its rules) if 65% of the owners or 75% of the assessed value in a territory proposed to be annexed file a remonstrance within 90 days after the ordinance proposing to annex, the annexation can be defeated if a court finds that (1) the territory has adequate police and fire; (2) the territory has adequate street and road maintenance; and (3) the annexation would have a significant financial impact on the residents. [Note: This provision was further amended by HEA 1608 which expands the considerations.] The act also provides that if a city initiated annexation takes place, all property taxes from the annexed area not used to meet basic services are to be impounded for 3 years for use in the annexed area. The act creates an advisory board, including the trustee, to make recommendations as to how to spend the funds. (This section will also apply to the Aboite Township, Allen County annexation.) The act also changes annexation procedures so that (1) the city must first hold a public hearing on a proposed annexation at least 60 days after initiating the proposal to annex, with certified mail notice to the affected owners; (2) the city must develop a written fiscal plan (the terms of which are spelled out in the act) prior to mailing the notices to the residents; (3) the city may not adopt the annexation ordinance until at least 30 days after the public hearing; (4) if an annexation is defeated, the city may not try to annex the territory for 4 years (currently 2 years); (5) all annexations are filed with the Secretary of State for record keeping purposes; and (6) the township trustees are to be notified of all annexations and disannexations. [Effective July 1, 1999]

**HEA 1608 (P/L/17)**

Authors: Reps. Bailey, Klinker, Goeglein, Scholer  
Sponsor: Senator Merritt

This act became the companion to SEA 167 and duplicates many provisions. This act does the following: (1) provides that city owned utility services must be extended to annexed areas within 3 or 4 years regardless of the characteristics of the annexed area. (currently 3 years, but it is based on similarity of characteristics with other areas of the city); (2) requires the city to specifically adopt a written fiscal plan prior to mailing the notice of intent to annex to the landowners; (3) provides that a city initiated annexation may not have an effective date that is more than 3 years after the adoption of the annexation ordinance; (4) provides that in a county other than St Joseph, 65% of the owners or 75% of the assessed value in an area proposed to be annexed may remonstrate and provides that the court must rule in favor of the remonstrators if (a) police and fire protection are already provided to the area; (b) street and road maintenance is already provided to the area; (c) the annexation will have a significant financial impact on the land owners; and (d) the annexation is not in the best interests of the land owners. (The City has the burden of proving that it is in the owners best interests and a court may consider on that issue whether the city has extended water or sewer to the area within the prior 3 years or under a contract in lieu of annexation.); and (5) provides for certain additional notices of annexation and deannexation (spell check really didn't like this word!). [Effective July 1, 1999]

**HEA 1384 (P.L. 55)**

Authors: Reps. Lytle, Bischoff, Leuck, Ruppel, Duncan, Oxley

Sponsors: Senators Wheeler, Lewis, Skillman, Hume  
This act establishes the Indiana Rural Fire Protection Initiative, which applies to communities having a population of 10,000 or less. The Initiative is designed to promote and coordinate federal grants to rural fire departments and to assist rural fire depts in meeting safety and administrative requirements of federal and state agencies. [Effective July 1, 1999]

**HEA 1427 (P.L. 18)**

Authors: Reps. Duncan, Cook, Tincher, Cherry  
Sponsors: Senators Meeks, Jackman, Craycraft, Nugent, Landske, Wyss

This act provides that if a motorist approaches a stationary emergency vehicle which has its emergency lights flashing, the motorist must proceed with caution; change lanes on a multi lane highway where possible, or reduce speed where a lane changes are impossible or unsafe. Creates a Class A Infraction for a violation. If a violation results in property damage to another person, the court shall suspend the motorist's driving privileges for a fixed period between 90 days and 1 year; if a violation results in personal injury to another person, the court shall suspend the motorist's driving privileges for a fixed period of 180 days to 2

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years; and if a violation results in the death of another person, the court shall suspend the motorist's driving privileges for 2 years. [Effective July 1, 1999]

HEA 1448 (P.L. 178)

Authors: Reps. Tincher, Kersey, Ruppel

Sponsors: Senators Wyss, Blade, Jackman, Lawson, Nugent, Skillman

This act creates the Indiana Emergency Management, Fire and Building Services, and Public Safety Training Foundation. The Foundation is divided into 4 funds: the Emergency Management Fund; the Fire and Building Fund; and the Emergency Medical Services Fund, and the Stewardship Fund. The act also provides for the sale of a

Safety First License Plate, the proceeds from which will go to the 4 funds (10% to Stewardship and 30% to each of the others). The money in the various funds is to be used at the broad discretion of the Foundation for projects meeting the description of the respective fund (ie the Emergency Services Fund will be used for emergency services projects). The money in the Stewardship Fund is to be used to promote the sale of the license plates. [Effective July 1, 1999]

HEA 1869 (P.L. 117)

Authors: Reps. Cochran, Bauer, Frenz, Ayres

Sponsors: Senators Kenley, Lewis, Sipes, Wyss

This act creates the Integrated Public Safety Commission which is charged with promoting and establishing an integrated statewide wireless voice and data communications system. The Commission includes, among its 12 members, the Superintendent of State Police, a fire chief appointed by the governor and a head of an emergency medical services provider, appointed by the Governor. The Commission has the power to develop and contract for the system. The system is to be funded by an Integrated Public Safety Communications Fund, which derives money from appropriations, gifts, grants, and user fees and contributions. (The 1999 General Assembly didn't appropriate any funds for this purpose.) The act also creates the State Agency Public Safety Committee which is responsible for maintaining state agencies and assets related to statewide communications systems. A state public safety agency that wants a voice or data communications network, must join the system when economically feasible. [Effective July 1, 1999]

SEA 262 (P.L. 148)

Authors: Senators Miller, Lubbers

Sponsors: Reps. Villalpando, Foley, Welch

This act creates a procedure for a person to make an "out of hospital Do Not Resuscitate" declaration which a health care provider must honor if the health care provider has actual knowledge of the DNR order and if the patient has a DNR identification device in his possession. A health care provider must disregard the DNR Declaration if the patient asks for the order to be ignored; the health care provider believes the declaration has been revoked; the health care provider is ordered by a doctor to ignore the DNR Declaration; it is necessary to provide CPR to avoid a verbal or physical confrontation at the scene. A

health care provider may honor or disregard a DNR Declaration, without criminal or civil liability and without liability for professional misconduct, if the health care provider in good faith acts in accordance with his belief as to the validity or non-validity of the DNR Declaration. A "health care provider" includes a paramedic; an emergency medical technician; an advanced emergency medical technician; and a medical "first responder". [Effective July 1, 1999]

SEA 286 (P.L. 126)

Authors: Senators Nugent, Gard, Howard, Mrvan

Sponsors: Reps. Bischoff, Hoffman, Kruse

This act requires the telephone number 911 to be the universal emergency number for reporting an emergency and requesting assistance and all state and local units operating emergency communications systems are required to comply. [Effective July 1, 1999]

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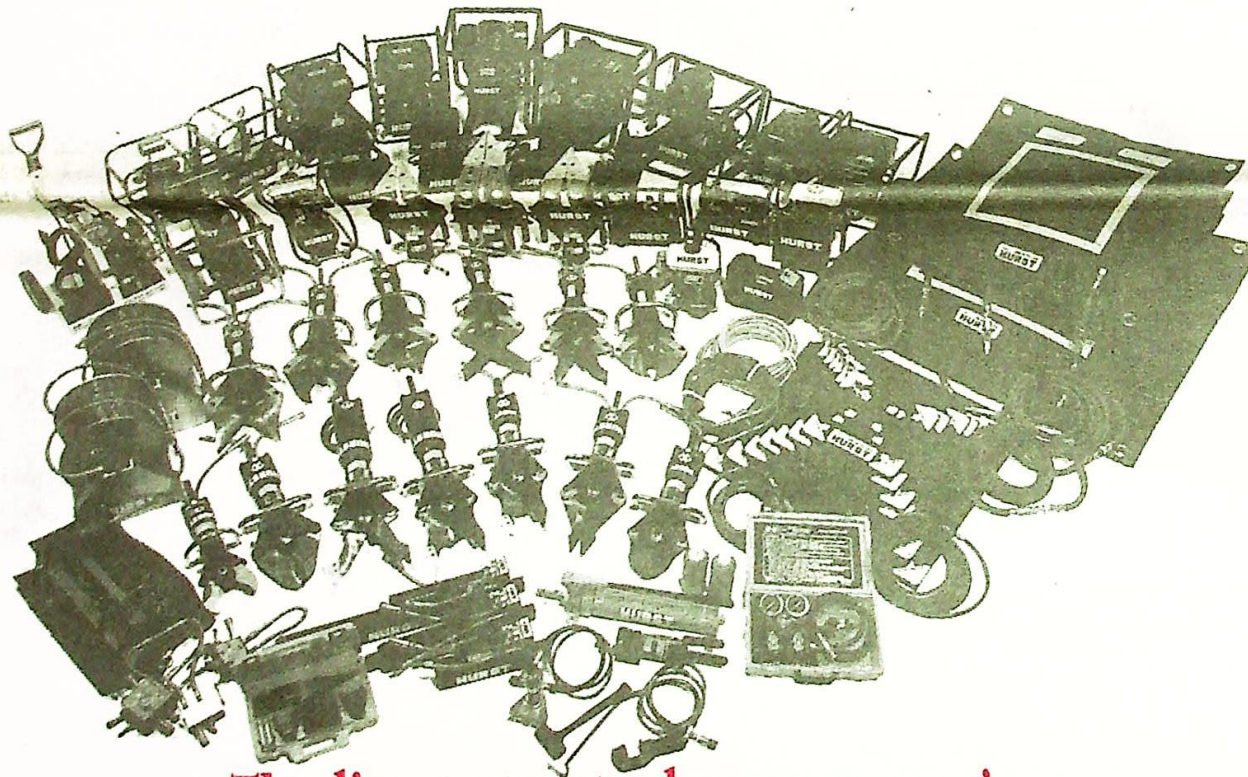
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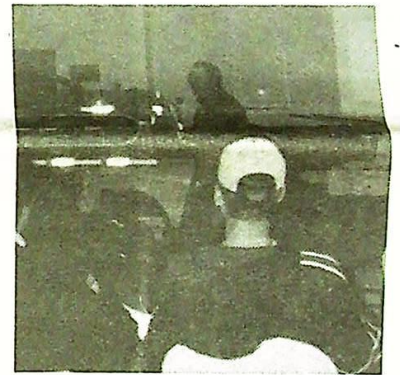
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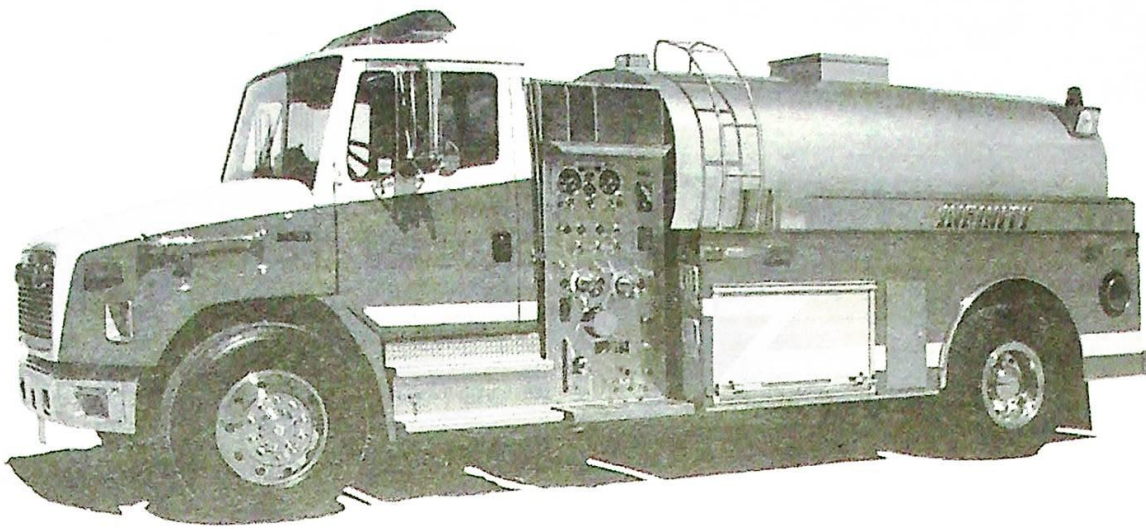
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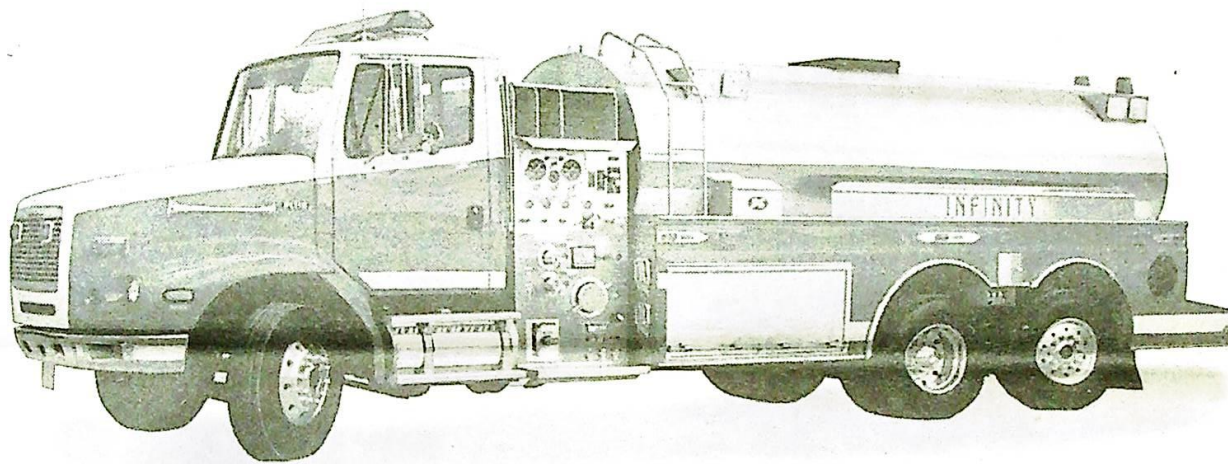
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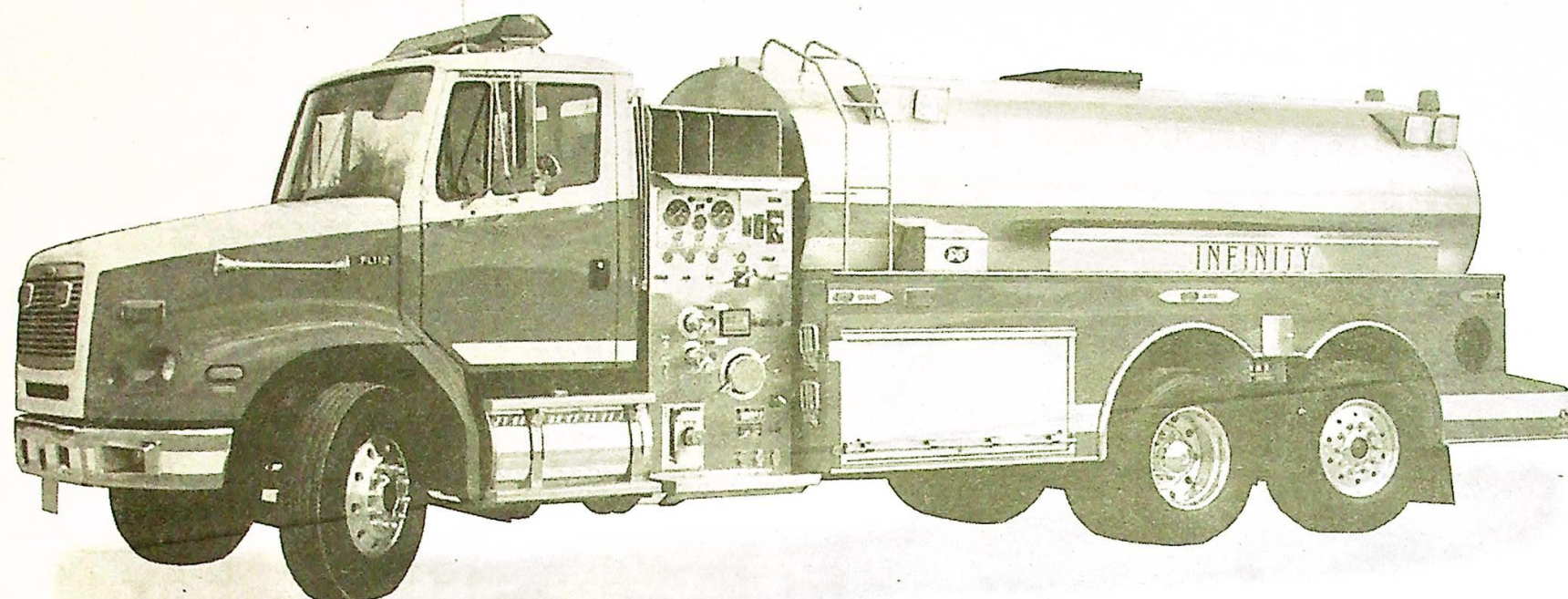
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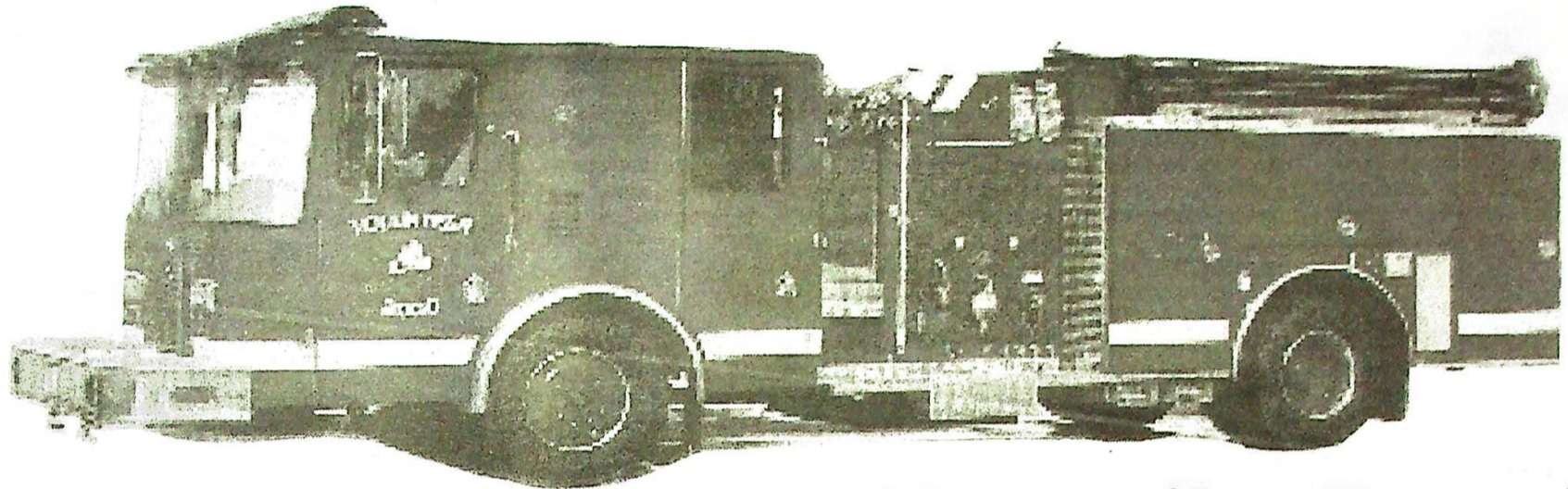
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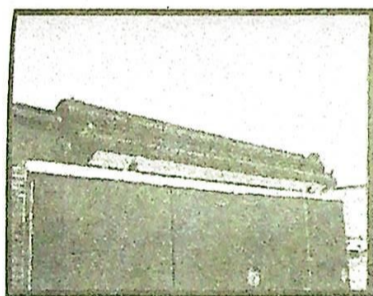
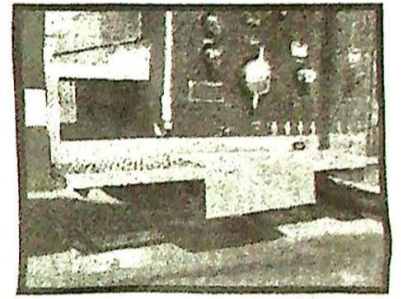
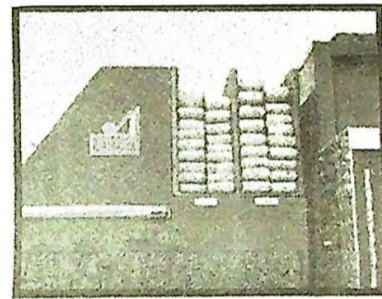
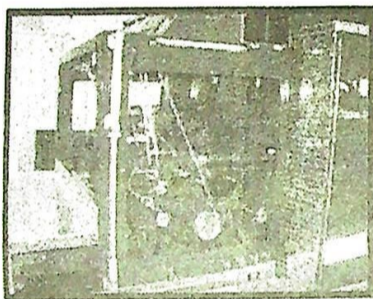
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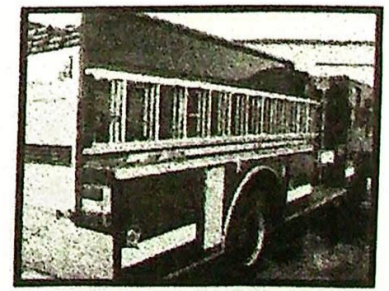
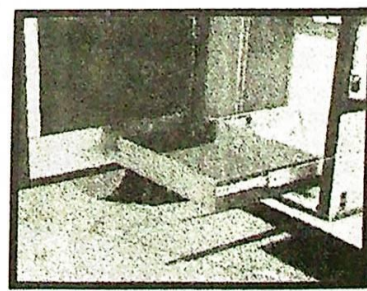
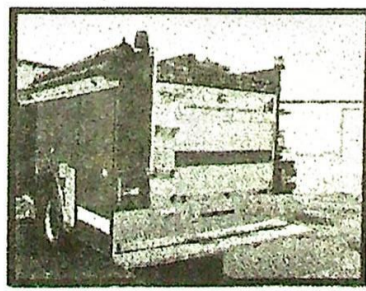
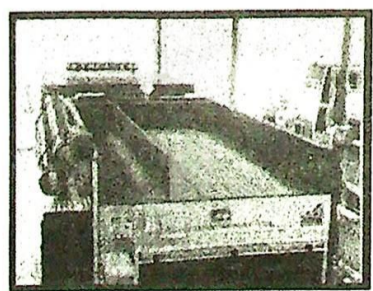
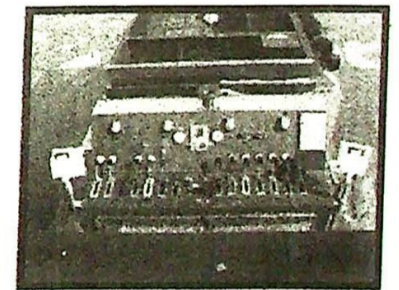
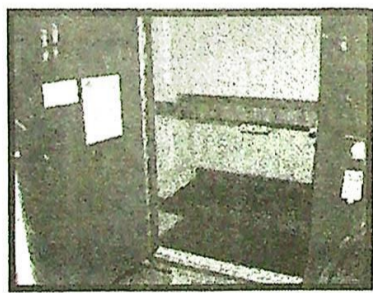
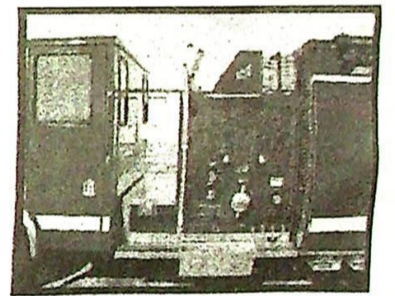
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### Ollie Sandburg Award winner

The 1999 Ollie Sandburg Award winner is Raymond VanKirk.

Raymond started his career in 1951 as a member of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

He has been active since his joining, serving in virtually all leadership roles.

He was the fire chief in the late 1960s and has held all of the offices on the Board of Directors, and is a Master Firefighter.

Raymond still participates in all training and is always the first to respond to an emergency.

Ray has served on committees to build and purchase new equipment.

He is active in the fund raisers for the fire department and his local church. They all depend on his help.

During the summer the fire department's lawn is neatly trimmed and mowed.

And during the winter, Ray makes sure the snow is removed from the parking lot and driveways.

Ray has been employed at Hillenbrand Industries for over 35 years and is active in the VFW Color Guard.

In 1993 Ray received the first annual "Firefighter of the Year Award" presented by Morris Volunteer Fire Department and voted on by its membership.

Our congratulations to Raymond VanKirk.

### Special recognition



Larry Stott, District 2, received a special award from the Mr. IVFA Committee for his contribution to the fire service.

The committee felt that because of all the information sent to them about Larry that he deserved recognition.

This was their way of saying thank you to Larry for his dedication to the fire service. The award will not be a precedent.

### Mr. IVFA



Lawrence Swartz is a volunteer firefighter and leader with many years of experience. He is a native-born Hoosier who joined his local fire department 32 years ago.

Lawrence was fire chief for 20 years and over that period was very instrumental in securing major upgrades to the department's communication, apparatus, training and station facilities.

During the 80s, Lawrence served as IVFA District Chairman, Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board. He is a board member of the Public Safety Institute and recipient of the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

He is Chairman of the Bridgeport Scholarship Program

and Advertising Solicitor for the IVFA newspaper.

He is a member of the American Legion, a life member and six term Commander of the VFW and serves on the local Selective Service Board. He has served in supervisory capacities in his community's street, water and sanitation departments

Lawrence and his wife, Theda, have two children and four grandchildren.

Lawrence is a fire service leader and one whose life has been spent in service to his fire department, his community and to all of us in the Indiana Fire Service.

For more pictures and a list of the Midwest Award Winners, please turn to page 24.



Miss Flame and her Court

### Lois Boaz Award



Toni Sorg of Poe won the Lois Boaz Award. Toni has been a member of her local auxiliary for about 30 years and has served her local and state auxiliaries in many positions, including President of the IVFAA.

Toni is also the Peanut Brittle Chairman. She always has a car load of peanut brittle at the November State Officer's Meeting.

Toni is pictured with her husband, Mort, who is District 7 Chairman.



IVFA President Jack Cox (left) and Ivan Nevil of PSTI (right) presented Larry Stott of Crown Point with the first card and patch for Firefighter/Medic. According to Ivan, Larry was very instrumental in this classification becoming a reality.

### Game Winners & Participants

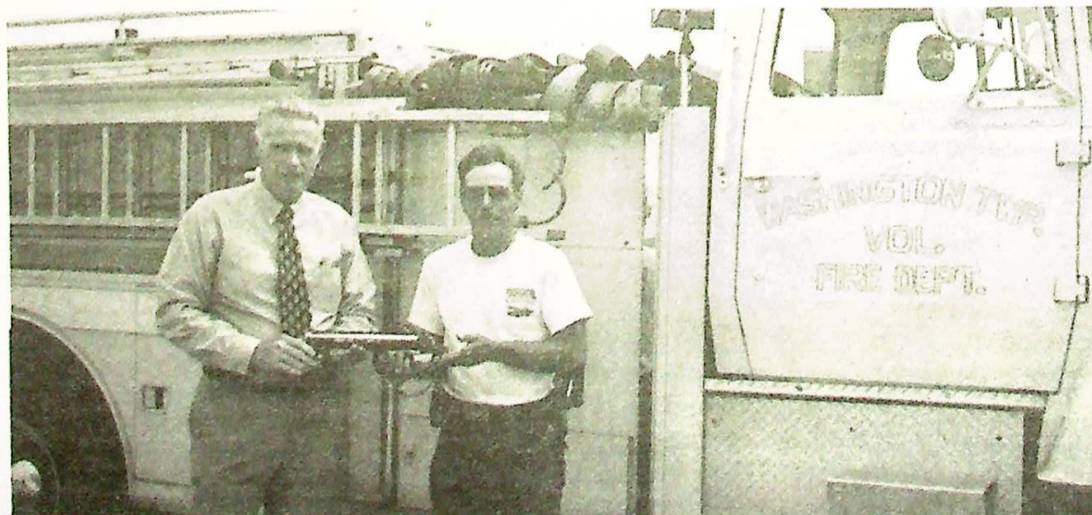
- Men's Waterball**
1. New Haven-Adams Twp.
  2. Bremen
  3. Fairview Park
  4. New Chicago

- Men's Hose Replacement**
1. New Chicago - 36.7 sec.
  2. Woodburn - 42.1 sec.

- Men's Cart Race**
1. Woodburn - 53.27 sec.
  2. New Chicago - 53.69 sec.

- Women's Waterball**
1. Miss Flames Team
  2. Fairview Park
  3. New Chicago

Congratulations to all the winners and participants.



Dick Norris (L) of Downey Insurance, Kokomo, presents a Franklin Mint scale model Mack Firefighting Tanker to Jeff Woods of the Washington Township VFD in Porter County.

Jeff, 10-year member of the department, visited the Downey booth at convention and registered for the drawing. He is seen receiving the replica in front of one of his departments trucks at the Valparaiso airport.

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IVFA Chaplain Charlie Baker (left) and Rev. Mike Wimberly, District 14 Chaplain and Pastor First Baptist Church of Henryville, at the 1999 Convention in Columbus.



# Hoosier Burn Camp

## Letters From Camp

A place to be  
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From Ginger K. Shanks, Executive Director  
Friday, June 4, 1999

It is 10:45 a.m. It doesn't seem possible that camp is over for this year. The balloons are down. Supplies are packed away. The last tearful goodbye has been said. The only things left now are the MEMORIES—memories of a week of smiles, laughter, water guns, personal accomplishments, groups accomplishments, unconditional love, and a hope of another week of camp next summer.

The week started Sunday, May 30 for staff. The staff was made up of firefighters, paramedics, burn survivors, medical staff and administrative staff. Many were apprehensive and anxious. Most of the staff had never participated in anything like this before but were very loving, capable, trained and very excited.

After the mundane work of camp rules, maps, expectations, assignments, etc., bonds and friendships that'll last a lifetime began to form as we finalized preparation for the campers arrival the next morning.

### LET THE MEMORIES BEGIN!

**Monday, May 31. Here We Go:** In the early morning the skies threatened rain, but camp started off as planned. Arriving campers were met at a decorated welcome area, introduced to a counselor, given a gym bag of supplies & surprises, ushered through registration process and then escorted to their assigned cabins to unpack and settle in. The smiles began immediately as campers met each other and their counselors. There seemed to be an unspoken realization that this was truly going to be a week of not being made fun of, hiding scars, being questioned or being embarrassed; it was a week to "be just one of the kids."

The afternoon was filled with clowns, face painting, basketball, hiking, tennis and crafts. Everyone had their own schedule based on their answers to a precamp activities questionnaire. Each day had a theme with each camper and staff member following their individualized schedule. Dinner each day was followed by a special activity. Since Monday was "clown day" a local chapter of Smiles Unlimited came to entertain. The day ended with a pizza party before showers and lights out. What a great start to camp!

**Tuesday, June 1. The Sky's The Limit:** Daybreak brought another day of questionable weather. Rain or not we were still determined to have a great time, this was outer space day. Many of the campers were dressed as aliens and carried ray guns (water pistols). The majority of the campers went horseback riding in the morning and the afternoon turned into a pool party with major water guns courtesy of staff. (They were concerned that they would be "outgunned" by the aliens.) It was hard to tell who had the most fun, the campers or the staff.

In the evening our activity was an outing to a Purdue Observatory at Cumberland Elementary School. Unfortunately there was severe weather moving in and we were not able to see much, but our hosts taught us a lot about the solar system and everyone had a chance to be in the observatory and see the large telescope. The storm lasted past lights out time, so we got to stay up later to remain in the safety of the main lodge. We munched ice cream bars, played games, watched movies. A few, campers and counselors found a soft spot on the floor to take a nap until it was safe to head for the cabins.

**Wednesday, June 2. Do We Love a Parade:** The theme for Visitor's Day was appropriately fire department day. Twelve different fire departments were represented in the parade of fire trucks. Everyone, including the Camp Tecumseh staff, had a chance to ride in or on a fire truck. Several fire departments from around Indiana donated t-shirts with their department name and/or logo so each camper had a few new shirts to take home from camp. Sirens blared, bells clanged, water hoses sprayed and the ariel truck even gave rides so we could get a good view of the whole camp. We were honored to have local and state officials, parents, grandparents, firefighters, media and sponsors join us for a cookout. The Mayor of Lafayette even did part of the cooking! Everyone had a great time and there were cameras flashing everywhere so I know there are lots of memories of the day out there.

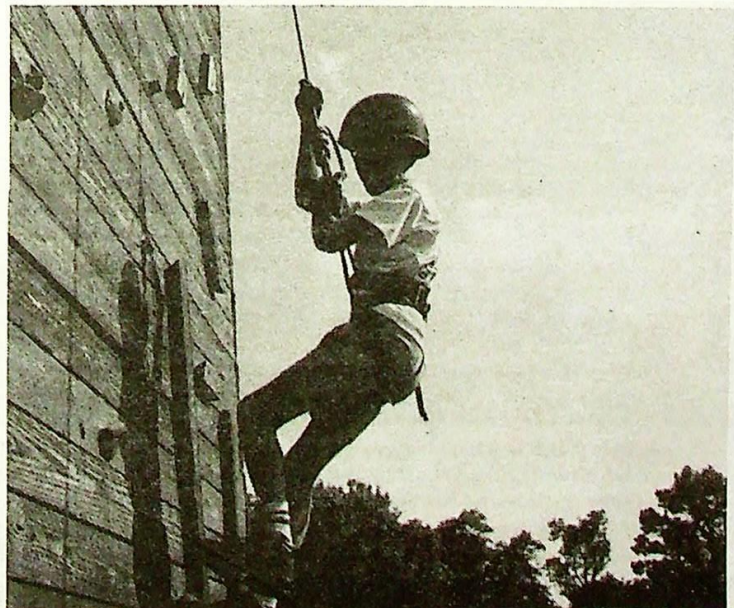
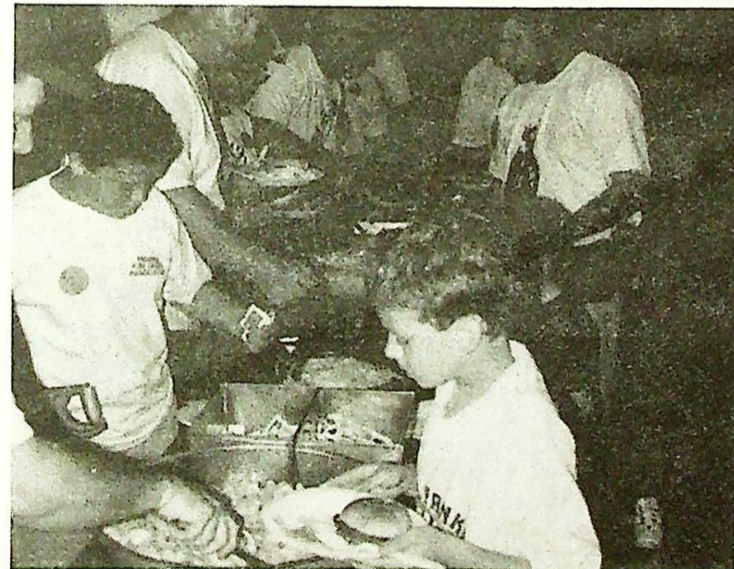
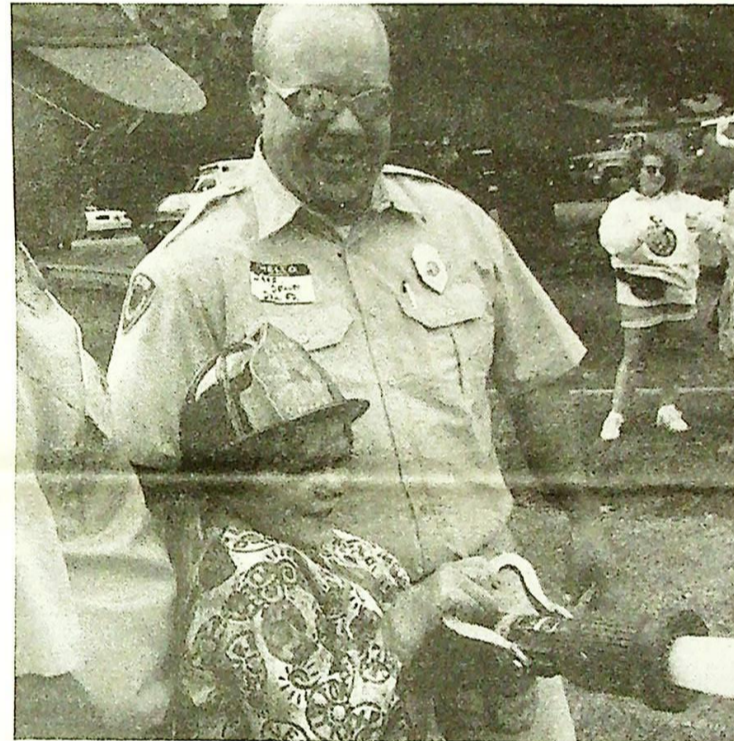
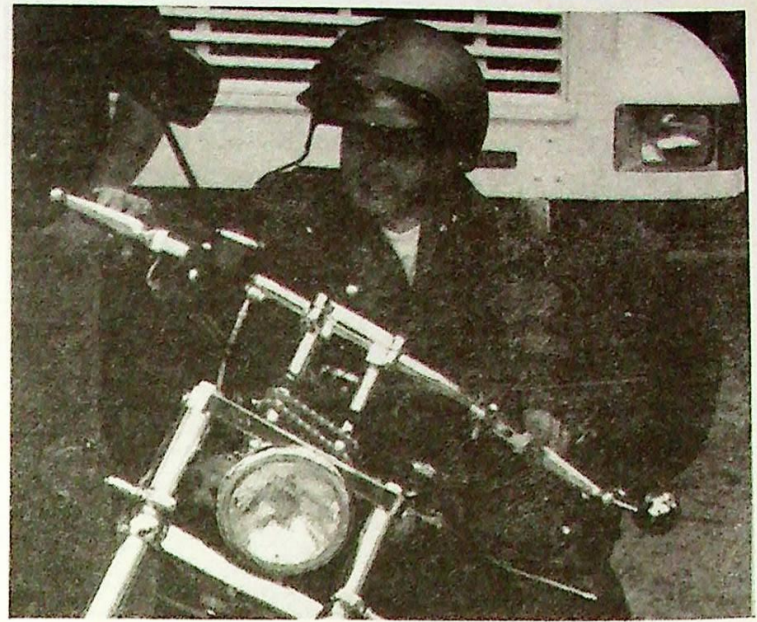
After lunch a group of Harley-Davidson owners came to camp to let the campers sit on their big bikes and rev up those engines. Being a former bike owner, the sound of the bikes hitting the rpm's they did make me hurt, but the kids and bikers thought it was great. Each of the campers and staff were given a shirt from the group. One of the bikers was a local firefighter that had heard about camp and facilitated the group visit. What a treat!!

You would think that would be enough for one day, but NO — Brian and Chad from the group MC Axe put on a 60's street dance after dinner with special lighting and sound. What a great time. The campers couldn't quite believe some of the counselors doing the limbo. I don't think some of the counselors could quite believe it either (especially the next day). No one saw scars, disfigurement or pain. The only thing visible was a group of young people and their counselors having a great time at a dance.

**Thursday, June 3. Sports, sports, sports:** It was very hard to tell the theme of the day was sports because everyday had been sports day. The staff and campers were always playing tennis, softball, basketball, volleyball, tether ball, or even just catch. Every time I looked up something was flying through the air. At one time there was a UFO. After close observation we all realized it was a med-evac helicopter from Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne. A crew landed right there in the middle of camp to talk to us and let everyone see the helicopter up close. It was really amazing how easily and with what precision they were able to land and take off. More cabin time was allotted for the cabins to come up with their skits for the talent show that evening. I have a great

suspicion that rest time might not have taken place as scheduled in a few cases.

The evening began with a marvelous story-teller. Many of us had never had the experience of



listening to a REAL storyteller. She was captivating. After the storyteller, awards were given for all kinds of things and the officially selected name of our Dalmatian mascot (LUCKY) was announced, and each cabin had a skit or two to share with the group. Some skits even told stories of camp and their "interpretation" of certain staff members. One skit involved the pretend use of one of the camp's radios. Unfortunately, the radio was in fact activated and a member of the operations staff running an errand returned quickly to the building believing that he was being called! The whole building was alive with laughter.

Next came the marshmallow stuffing contest. Contestants had to add a marshmallow to their mouth and say "fuzzy bunny" without losing any of the contents of their mouth. The one able to contain the most marshmallows and still able to talk won the contest. It had to be very difficult to even talk with everyone laughing so hard.

The evening ended with a campfire and the traditional friendship circle. This being the last evening for the friendship circle, anyone wanting to talk about what camp had meant to them was given the opportunity to speak. All of the campers agreed they were looking forward to next year at Hoosier Burn Camp. We had some songs around the campfire before the last good-night of camp. Some were very glad that it was dark. I don't think there were any dry eyes. Everyone knew what a special week had passed and felt the friendships that would stay "until we meet again."

**Friday, June 4. Inside out day:** I had a feeling the camp was a success when at 6:00 a.m., the normal time for polar bear fishing, no campers and only a few hard counselors showed up with fishing gear. Everyone else was too tired to get up. Although everyone was supposed to wear their clothes inside out today, I think the only things inside out were the feelings of having a wonderful time and having to leave an environment where everyone felt so safe and comfortable. Most wished there could have been a little more time.

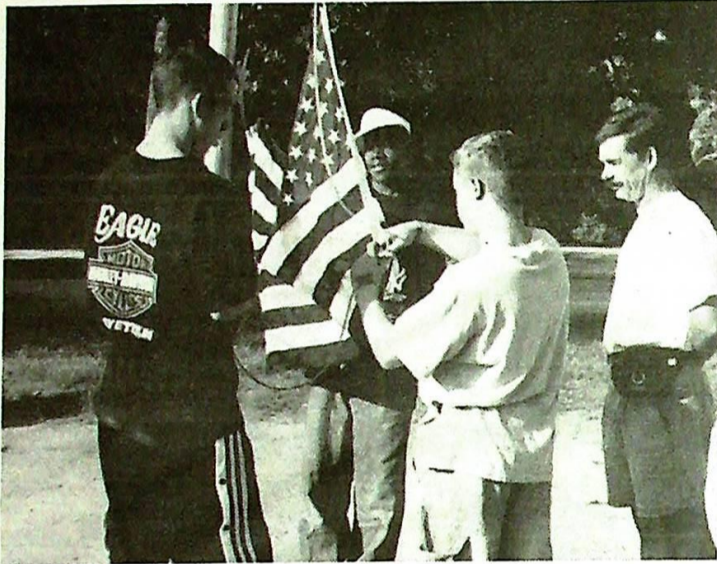
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# MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

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.

## PLEASE NOTE

MISS FLAME APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN:

EULA BUSH  
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ONCE THE FORM IS FILLED OUT, IT GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN.

ENTRY FORM FOR STATE CONTEST, TWO PHOTOS (PREFERABLY BLACK & WHITE) MUST BE FORWARDED TO EULA BUSH BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN MARCH 10.

## DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Miss Flame Committee requests each district provide their contestant with a sash with district number on it to wear to the convention competition.

If anyone has questions, please contact Eula Bush at 765-665-3213

# IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the IVFA or the IVFA 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 IVFA 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 discretion of the District.
8. District winner will be entered in 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. IVFA Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.
13. Convention host department will provide judges to select 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. Each District will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons to District winners prior to Judging on Thursday at Convention. (see below)
16. IVFAA will furnish winner IVFA "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy and a \$100 savings bond.
17. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "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.

## Miss Flame Runner-up

Hello once again. If you don't remember me from convention, I'll refresh your memory. I'm District 11-B Miss Flame who received first runner-up, and of course, invited everyone to join in the squirt gun fights with Larry Bartlow.

Thank you everyone for all the support you have given me for the past two years. I have had so many hopes & dreams come true because of you. Thank you District 11-B for all your support, especially to my two District Chairmen, Eula Bush & Larry Bartlow. I have to say a special thank you to the Lyford VFD. Thank you guys.

Thank you to District 10 for hosting this year's convention. I thought everything was really great. You all did a fine job. Thank you to the Water Games Committee, Mr. Mackin, Steve Lane, and the other gentleman that helped the Miss Flame waterball team. You guys had faith in a group of girls who had never even played waterball before. Thank you for the cheering section. Dad, Eula and Lori Bush I could hear

you the whole time!

Thank you to New Chicago and Fairview Park Women's waterball teams. Thank you for giving us a chance to play and have many more memories of fun and laughter. I know I cannot say thank you enough to Larry Ketchum and Bill Bush. I hope by now I have proved to you that I know how to hold a fireman!!!

Thank you to every fire department that had a Miss Flame. I am encouraging every person that has a relative eligible to run for the Miss Flame title, to do so. Don't do it to win, do it for the fun. You meet so many good friends. The past two years, I have meet so many great people. The more Miss Flame candidates there are, the more fun you will have. Don't forget, to all the Miss Flame contestants, leave your mark with someone. Be yourself and let everyone know who you are!

I will quit taking up time and talking to all of you, but please remember this. You all are volunteer firemen, the same as I. Thank you for putting your life on the line for other people. You can't be selfish being a volunteer. Thank you for everything. Thank you again for all your support. Support your Miss Flames. Invite them and all the others to your fundraisers or any functions you have. Even make them your

watergirls. We appreciate the attention.

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## 1999 Miss Flame Contest

The 1999 Miss Flame contest was great again this year. We had 17 young ladies in competition and had a great time throughout the 4 days. Everyone got along well and participated in the activities. I'm sure there were some long term friendships made.

Anna Marie Cardinal of Bicknell, District 17A, our reigning Miss Flame returned to crown our 1999 Miss Flame. She is Carol Tempel of Posey Twp., District 11A and the daughter of Larry & Martha Tempel.

The 1999 Miss Flame Runner-up is Brandy Miller of Lyford, District 11B. She is the daughter of Dave & Patty Miller.

Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Tracy Veatch of Wayne Twp., Dist. 12. She is the daughter of Tom and Teri Veatch.

The Miss Flame court is as follows: Kari Fravel, Independence Hill, Dist. 1; Amy Davis, Lowell, Dist. 2; Cynthia Fessler, LaCrosse, Dist. 3; Jamie Pletcher, Syracuse, Dist. 5; Kimberly Smith, Ft Wayne, Dist. 6; April Marshall, Marion, Dist. 8A; Heather Lyons, Rensselaer, Dist. 9B; Rebecca Cole, Bumey, Dist. 10; Amanda Johnson, Knightstown, Dist. 13A; Angelleen Cunningham, Lewisville, Dist. 13B; Stephanie Conger, McCutchanville, Dist. 15; Heather Cliff, Center Twp., Dist. 17A; Margie Coutts, Lockhart Twp., Dist. 18 & Sarah Brovont, Michigan Twp., Dist. 21. They represented their fire departments and districts well.

The girls did a first this year. They got together a waterball team and competed in the games on Saturday morning. (The girls that didn't play were the cheerleaders.) They not only played but they won the contest.

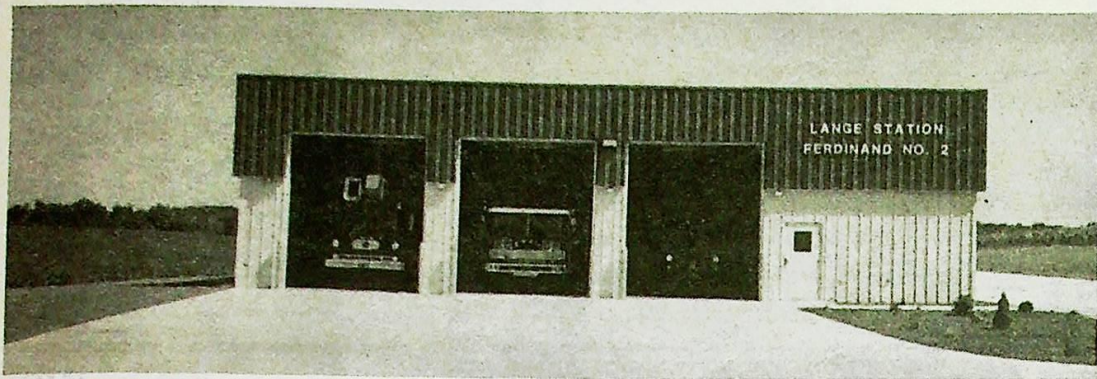
The committee all pulled together again this year to get together the fine contest that we had. Thanks to Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Ketchem and Barbara Kerney.

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 Contest: Mike Casse of Midwest Fire & Safety, Miss Flame luncheon; Larry and Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim and Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Jack and Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; District 11A, diddy bags; Nancy Wells, angels, Charles Jones of Bliss-McKnight Ins., convention T-shirts; IVFA, diamond earrings; IVFAA, Charms, Crown, Flowers, Bonds; District 12, Miss Flame gift; Mitch Parish, Don Kissinger and Shirley Hall, 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.

One last thing, I would like to see all twenty-five districts sponsor a girl in the Miss Flame contest for the 2000 convention to be held in Michigan City. Give it a try!

# Ferdinand VFD new Station #2



On Sunday, May 16, 1999, the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department held a Dedication and Open House of its new Station #2.

The station consists of three bays, with two of them being drive-through, a meeting room,

office and restrooms. It will house the department's snorkel and one of its pumps.

The new station is next to two large furniture factories, which also employ several of the department's members, allowing for quick response to day-time calls.

Clem Lange, founder and CEO of Best Chairs, along with Mabel, Inc., donated the land on which the station is built.

Lange also had the building built, then donated it to the fire department.

Central Teaming Company of Merrillville.

Police said Moore suffered broken ribs and abrasions, lacerations and bruises. He was listed in good but stable condition at Porter Memorial Hospital Thursday morning.

The toll road was closed for several hours from U.S. 421 to Ind. 49 as a result of the accident.

Reprinted from the LaPorte Herald-Argus, Thursday, July 8, 1999.

## Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

## Inferno destroys Schererville eatery

Officials point to kitchen as source of Barington's blaze

By Dan Baron  
Times Staff Writer

Schererville - A raging fire Saturday afternoon, March 27, 1999, destroyed Barington's Eatery, a family-owned business that has served the community under different names for more than three decades.

No one was injured. At 5 p.m. Schererville fire officials said the blaze, which began about 2:15, was under control. By 8:45, firefighters had bulldozed more than 90 percent of the restaurant, according to Assistant Fire Chief George Michels.

"We are stunned," said Chris Kouros, an attorney with an office at the business center attached to the restaurant. His father Pete and brothers Tom and George, who co-own the building, declined to comment. "For 30 years we have been surrounded by this restaurant and our family business," Chris Kouros said.

Fire officials said they believed the blaze may have begun in the kitchen.

An exhaust fan that was on fire on the roof also may have been a contributing factor.

But no official cause or damage estimate were available Saturday night.

Police shut down traffic along U.S. 41 between U.S. 30 and Main Street for nearly 2 1/2 hours while area fire departments assisted Schererville in trying to extinguish the blaze, officials said.

Billows of smoke could be seen several miles away. As police and fire personnel approached the burning restaurant from the north around 3 p.m., the smoke was so dense that one could not see the traffic light just a few feet away for nearly half an hour.

Ashes from the fire filled the parking lot of the restaurant, an eatery once called "The Embers."

According to officials, an office center adjacent to the restaurant and owned by the family may have smoke damage as a result of the fire, but is unlikely to have permanent damage. The recently remodeled center - formerly the site of a motel - housed about a dozen businesses.

The fire was reported at 2:28 p.m. by Robert Patterson, an off-duty Schererville firefighter who happened to be at Sears Hardware across the street. Patterson and employees of the restaurant called 911 separately around the same time, according to reports.

Patterson said he helped evacuate about ten customers and four or five employees from the restaurant. An employee of the restaurant confirmed that only three tables were filled when the fire began.

"We're just lucky it didn't happen on a Friday night," said waitress Joey Kozlowski, who was working at the time of the fire.

Added Patterson, "It could have been an electrical or grease problem, but we don't know for sure. The restaurant looks like a

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## Fiery crash

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They were scratched up real bad and one of the men had bruises by his ribs."

Hutchinson said she and her husband used gauze and fresh water to treat the victims

Wojas said that all three drivers involved in the crash survived.

The driver of the Mayflower truck, Jesse Taylor, Jr., 50, of Brooklyn, NY, was taken to Porter Memorial Hospital where he was being treated for a concussion. He was listed in good but stable condition this morning.

Two of his passengers, including Taylor's wife, Madelaine Reynolds, 34, also of Brooklyn, were killed. The identity of the other person killed, a man, had

not been released.

The driver of the flatbed truck, Aleksandar Kocoski, 27, of Portage, was also taken to Porter Memorial Hospital and was listed in stable condition this morning.

Melvin Moore, 39, of Gary, the driver of the dump truck, was standing on the passenger side of the dump truck when it was struck. He was thrown from the side of the vehicle owned by

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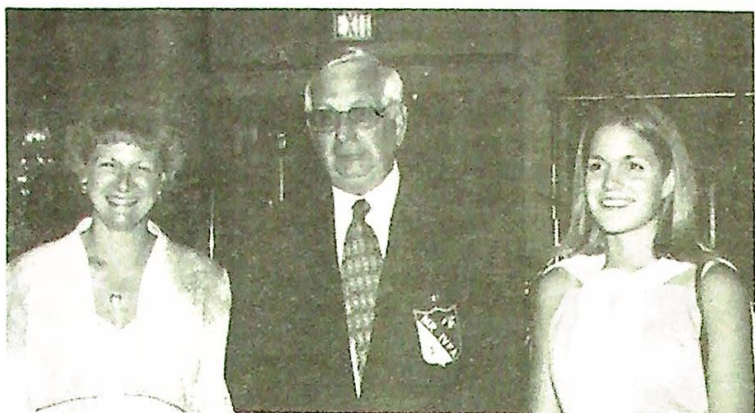
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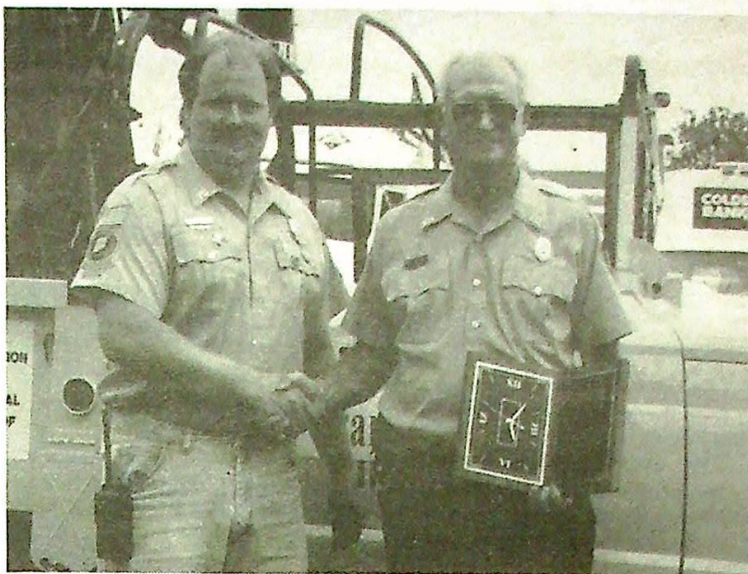
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# 1999 Bridgeport Scholarship winners



The Bridgeport Scholarship winners for 1999 are (l-r) Elizabeth A. Elshoff from Holland, IN and Brooke E. Minkert from Francesville, IN. They are pictured with Lawrence Swartz, Chairman of the Bridgeport Scholarship Committee.

# Pershing Twp. June Jamboree



Pershing Twp. Fire Department President, Joe McDermid (L) presents a 40-Year Service Award to Lyle E. Ault.



Assistant Chief Doyle Lyon conducts the June Jamboree Auction. Firefighter Mike Rudolph served as auctioneer for a marathon 5 1/2 hour event.

## Midwest Awards Winners

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- DISTRICT 2  
Joe McBride, LOFS
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Vernon Gaw, Springfield Twp. VFD
- DISTRICT 4  
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- DISTRICT 5  
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- DISTRICT 6  
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- DISTRICT 7  
Forrest D. Gray, Andrews VFD
- DISTRICT 8A  
Verlin Coomler, Washington Twp. VFD
- DISTRICT 8B  
Cleo Harrold, Montpelier VFD
- DISTRICT 9A  
John Garrison, Rock Creek Twp. VFD
- DISTRICT 9B  
Robert Graves, Rensselaer VFD
- DISTRICT 10  
William A. Smith, Clarksburg Comm. VFD
- DISTRICT 11A  
Gary Sturm, Otter Creek VFD
- DISTRICT 11B  
Steve Lane, Fairview Park VFD
- DISTRICT 12  
John W. Berry, Eel River VFD
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Jerry A. Hargrove, Dunreith VFD
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Doug Chew, New Lisbon VFD
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Mike Wimberly, Monroe Twp. VFD
- DISTRICT 15  
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- DISTRICT 18  
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- DISTRICT 19  
Raymond C. VanKirk, Morris VFD
- DISTRICT 21  
Donald L. Fultz, Tippecanoe Twp. VFD

## Lyle Ault honored for 40 years of service

Lyle Edward Ault was honored by Pershing Township VFD for his forty years of continuous service as a firefighter.

Ault joined the fledgling department in 1959 when the first organizational meetings were held. The department was formed by a group of local businessmen who met beneath a shade tree, because Freetown had no meeting facilities at that time.

The group had no money, no equipment, and no training. What they did have was a pressing need to protect the community from ever increasing fire losses.

Approximately sixty local residents joined the active firefighter roster at that time. Ault is the only original member still active in the fire service.

Ault has served on numerous committees and projects in his tenure. He is a past president of the department, past merit board member, past chairman of Freetown's July 4th Celebration, directs a concession for the June Jamboree, and attends all meetings and special assignments.

"I can't possibly say enough good things about Lyle," said Chief Richard L. Blaker, Sr. "He's been our rock in the storm for many years. We couldn't do it without him."

Ault lives with his wife Marilyn in Spraytown, Indiana. They are parents of three grown children. Ault is employed in construction and is a member of Freetown Church of Christ. He is certified as a firefighter First Class. He is also a past recipient of the Indiana Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award.

## Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin



The 1999 "Woman of The Year" is Donna Fritz. She is a reporter for local newspapers, homemaker, business woman, civic leader, & long-time, ardent supporter of the fire dept.



Pershing Township VFD Auxillary President, Debbie Rouse, receives award from the fire department President, Joe McDermid. Rouse heads the annual Queen Pageant for the June Jamboree. She was given a small gift and a flag from the firefighters. One mishap of the pageant came when Rouse conducted the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag only to discover the flag was not on the stage.



June Jamboree Queen, Lindsey Hackman (second from right) poses with her court.



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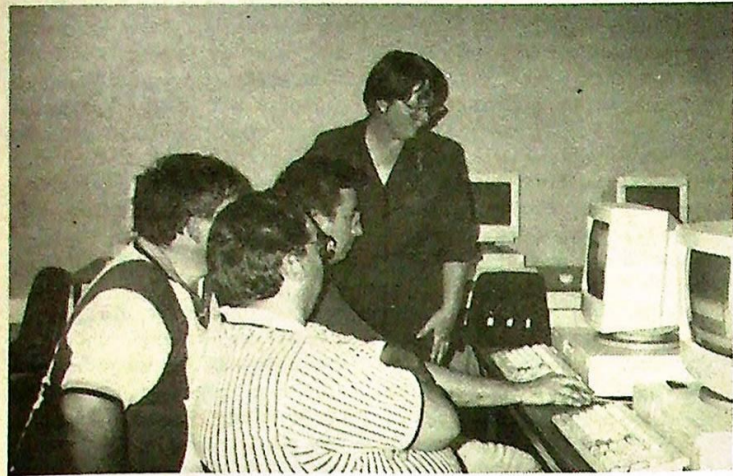
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# Jackson Co. Training Opportunities



Pictured (l-r) are Duane Davis, Jackson County EMS; Manuela Johnson, SEMA; Gary Elluman, Jackson County 911; and Robert Stone, Brownstown Fire Department.

Jackson County LEPC and County Firefighters are teaming up for summer and fall training projects.

The series of classes began in June with the first program addressing usage of CAMEO, Marplot, and Aloha computer programs.

The two night classes held at Seymour High School were instructed by SEMA's Manuela Johnson.

Upcoming programs include:

- HazMat Operations July 16 & 17;
- LP Gas September 25;
- Clandestine Drug Labs August 17;
- Rehab in November.

# Police, fire to carry heart devices

By Laura Emerson  
The Journal Gazette.

Auburn - DeKalb EMS hopes by September to put defibrillators in 10 fire departments that provide first-responder service in the county, EMS officials said.

A drive has begun to raise the \$80,000 needed to buy the devices.

The Ft. Wayne City Council will decide this month whether all city fire trucks should have them, and the Steuben County EMS seeks to place them in some Sheriff's Department cars next year.

Sudden cardiac arrest kills about 250,000 Americans each year - often within minutes.

Expanded access to early defibrillation could improve the survival rate of those suffering from cardiac arrest by about 20 percent, according to the American Heart Association. That equals about 50,000 lives.

Only doctors, nurses and paramedics are allowed to use the manual defibrillators, which allow a medic to decide when and how often to deliver a shock.

However, newer, automatic models require little training

because the computer reads the patient's heart rhythm and decides when to administer the shock. It won't deliver any current to a properly beating heart, even if someone pushes the button, said Randy Fox, DeKalb EMS Director.

The portable, automatic units weigh four to seven pounds and are relatively inexpensive, costing about \$3,000 to \$4,000 apiece.

A cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival drops 10 percent for each minute that goes by, the American Heart Association says. Few resuscitation attempts are successful after ten minutes. That's why speed's so important.

"You essentially have 4-6 minutes from the time they go into cardiac arrest for the best chance of survival," said Don Amber, Whitley County EMS Director. Cardiac arrest can be caused by a heart attack, electrocution, drowning or trauma.

DeKalb EMS wants to improve the cardiac arrest survival rate by equipping 10 of the county's fire depts with the training and equipment needed for early life saving.

Since April, the organization has raised \$16,365, Fox said. It's seeking grants and contributions to raise the rest.

The county has 3 ambulances to cover 366 square miles of DeKalb County, which has about 39,000 residents.

Covering the county with three ambulances is difficult, Fox said.

DeKalb EMS proposes putting defibrillators at fire stations in Ashley, Auburn, Butler, Corunna, Concord, Garrett, Hamilton, Jackson Twp., Spencerville & LaOtto.

The Ft. Wayne Fire Dept. has sought portable defibrillators since about 1996, when the city allocated the money but never bought the equipment.

Now, the department wants up to \$87,000 to buy 18 defibrillators - one for each first responder truck and one spare.

The City Council is expected to decide this month whether to approve the request. Council members have said they don't expect any problem getting the measure approved.

"What we want is for them to arrive at the hospital with their heart beating," Fox said.

When a person's heart starts beating, the job isn't done, Fox said. Paramedics must take the victim to the hospital, where anti-clotting drugs, bypass surgery or other procedures can be performed, he said.

"All we've stopped is the immediate, life-threatening situation," Fox said. "The underlying cause of the cardiac arrest is still there."

Steuben County EMS Director Keith Reese would like to see automatic defibrillators everywhere he looks. He's willing to settle for having them in the hands of firefighters, paramedics and police.

Seven of Steuben County's nine fire depts carry automated external defibrillators, he said.

They began training to carry them after the General Assembly decided in 1990 to allow basic EMTs to use them, he said.

"Every entity that can have a defibrillator through state statute should be trained," Reese said.

The General Assembly changed Indiana's law in 1998 to allow defibrillators in public places, such as factories and shopping malls, as long as the local EMS provider was notified and people on hand were trained to use them.

Steuben Co. is considering them in the squad cars of some town marshals and county sheriff's deputies that patrol areas with extended response times.

Kendallville got its first three defibrillators about a year ago. Fire Chief Jim Ebert said. He believes six people have been saved since then.

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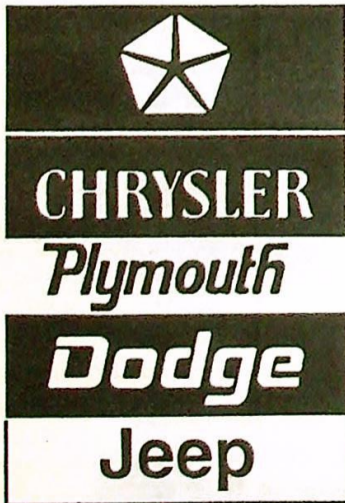
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Jack Harker

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The last two months have been busy ones. June 11, 12, & 13 was National Flag Day Celebration. It concluded with a parade in Bickwell, which was very wet, since it rained most of the day.

This year is going by so fast. It's hard to believe it's half over.

Be sure and let me know about your next meeting or special events that are coming up.

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were received. The nomination was closed and the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for Don Cushman.

For PR Director Southwest, Jack Harker was nominated and further nominations from the floor were asked for, three times and none received. The nomination was closed and Secretary Kinsey cast one unanimous vote for Jack Harker.

The nomination for PR Director Southeast was Nelson Ehlers. Three calls for further nominations from the floor were asked for. None being received, the nomination was closed and the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for Nelson Ehlers.

Lawrence Swartz thanked everyone for their cooperation for nominations for elections of officers for the year 2000. President Cox again congratulated Mr. Swartz on winning Mr. IVFA.

The next order of business was presented by Eula Bush, who introduced Miss Flame, Carol Temple and her Court for 2000.

The President asked the Election Committee to come forward for the vote on the site for 2001 to be determined. Three different areas are vying for the opportunity to host the convention.

While the committee was coming forward, rules on voting were repeated, 3 delegates per department.

Also, for reimbursement on mileage, one reimbursement per department, not per delegate, was to be turned in to the Mileage Committee for reimbursement for round-trip mileage.

Announcement was made that the assembly area for Saturday's parade will be at 8th & Brown Streets. Discussion was held as to the line up for Friday night banquet.

Mike Mackin was called upon for the bids for convention 2001. He introduced Alice McKinnon, Convention Sales Director for Fort Wayne, Allen County Convention Visitors Bureau for the Allen County Fire Chief's Association. At this time, she presented a slide presentation of what Fort Wayne and surrounding area had to offer.

Next, Dolly Tilton with the Evansville Convention and Visitor's Bureau gave a video presentation for bringing the convention to Evansville for the 2001, as well as Margie Nelson with Radisson Hotel, where the convention would be held.

Clarksville was called to give their presentation by Roy Richardson, District 14. Mr. John Minta, President of the Town Board of Clarksville was present, as well as the curator of the Vintage Fire Museum and representatives of the Holiday Inn and Dinner Derby Theater. Julius Caesar and Cleopatra of the Caesar's Glory of Rome, Caesar's, Indiana, extended an invitation as well.

It was announced that Mr. Kinsey would like to have the Mileage and Credential Committee come forward.

The raffle of \$180 was held.

At this time President Cox announced it was time to vote on the 2001 Convention site. He also announced that Evansville will match Clarksville's room rate for the convention. He again reminded everyone they had heard all the presentations from the individual towns and it was time to vote.

Again, President Cox asked for the mileage vouchers to be turned in to Bill Kinsey.

A last call for all ballots for the vote on Convention 2001 site to be turned in to the committee for counting.

During the counting of the vote, John Shanks addressed the body on legislative issues at the 1999 session of the Indiana General Assembly. It was a long session and stated there were 1115 bills filed in the House and 675 bills filed in the Senate. Of these bills introduced, only 274 passed. The Governor vetoed one and signed the remaining 273. He told the body today about some things that did pass. There were 83 or 84 bills that impacted the volunteer fire service. Of those, including the budget bill, which is House Bill 1001, sixteen passed.

The budget bill is approximately 200 pages long and what's particularly significant to the fire service is this is where the Build Indiana fund money is distributed. A copy of the budget bill will be available at the Central Office. In it are sections that list all the volunteer fire departments that received money through this fund, as part of the budget. During the session, he received many calls from individual departments inquiring how they could get money and he stated it starts through the local State Reps. and Senators. Of the 3 or 4 departments that he talked to that asked for money, they did receive a grant.

Also he commented on how outstanding 1999 Miss Flame was. She was the teen spokesperson for the Hoosier Burn Camp and she gave a presentation at the Indiana Fire Services Institute in February. She raised over \$1000 herself by soliciting different volunteer fire departments and asking for money. He said the IVFA should be proud of her.

He next mentioned the Legislative Services Agency publishes a booklet on bills that are passed and gives a synopsis of every bill. If any department is interested, he can get them in touch with the agency to get a copy. Several bills were IVFA initiative bills.

This year's Legislative Committee was very active - Charlie Baker, Jim Baker, and Jack Cox. Every Monday evening at 9:00 a conference call took place between these people and Mr. Shanks to give them an opportunity to review what happened the prior week and discuss bills that were set for hearing.

The major piece of legislation that affected the volunteer fire services was House Bill 1169. This bill came out last fall dealing with disability benefits for volunteer firefighters. The bill changed the minimum disability weekly benefit for a volunteer firefighter that was injured in the line of duty from \$150 to \$250 and the minimum permanent total disability benefit from \$60,000 to \$150,000. The pay-out period for temporary total disability is still 260 weeks. The importance was of the change in the definition of volunteer firefighter. A full reading of the current law basically says that in order to be in the line of duty to qualify for disability benefits, you had to be fighting a fire. He commented that the duties of a volunteer firefighter is much broader than that. A lot of time is spent in training and education, not only fighting fires. The definition now basically includes any duty that a volunteer firefighter is assigned to by the chief or any training or education involved. This is critical when a cardiac case is involved, because an insurance

carrier could have such a narrow definition of duty, that unless the event was within the 48-hour period that is talked about in the cardiac division was actually fighting a fire. It's possible that there were no benefits there. He felt this was an extremely significant part of House Bill 1169, because it's a threshold issue.

House Bill 1350 - A small bill that is very significant from the standpoint of cost to volunteer fire departments. At last year's convention, Mr. Shanks was approached by several departments complaining about the cost of State Board of Accounts audits. All not-for-profit organizations that receive funds have the potential for being audited. When you're subjected to an audit by the State Board of Accounts, that also makes you subject to other state laws. One is the Open Door Law and the other is the Public Access Law. Volunteer fire departments qualify as a public entity, which subjects them to laws that they may not be aware affect them. They should talk to their individual counsel, and if no counsel is available, can contact Mr. Shanks. There was a lot of discussion about openness of public records. The individual departments have records they think are proprietary, but are actually open to the public. Also, meetings of Board of Directors may and probably are subject to the Open Door Law. So departments are to operate like a governmental agency. With regard to the audit, the only thing the State Board of Accounts would be looking at is how the money is spent for public purpose. The threshold years ago used to be that you had to have at least 50 percent of your receipts from public funds and less than \$25,000 to avoid an audit. That was raised to \$60,000 a few years ago and now it's \$100,000. Just because a department has less than \$100,000 in receipts from public funds, such as a contract with township trustees or a municipality, does not mean that a department has a statutory waiver. It sets the standards for the State Board of Accounts to waive the audit. They have the ability to audit at all times. The board has a problem with this because each department files a form with the State Board of Accounts annually and information about the finances are given. He felt the State Board of Accounts was glad that threshold was raised, which gave them an additional opportunity to waive more audits. One thing that came up in the Legislature Committee was taking an audit function away from the State Board of Accounts and it

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## Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Fireman

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has nothing to do with their right to audit. It created a higher standard for the application of the policy and possibly fewer departments will have to bear the expense of an audit, which can run from \$1500-\$2500, depending upon the size of the department. Some of the legislators did not know that the individual departments had to pay for the audits. The State Board of Accounts have to hire outside persons to assist in the audit. The departments have to bear the expense.

House Enroll Act 1002 - created by statute in the office of the Public Access Counselor, by Governor O'Bannon. This creates a state agency, by law, to deal with public complaints about public records. Mr. Shanks gets calls frequently from volunteer fire departments saying the trustee or municipality won't give them information they need to help create their budget. If that happens, he can resolve that with a phone call to the trustee or send a copy of the Public Access law to the township fire department. If you file a complaint with the Public Access Counselor and the agency does not produce the records, and they are public records, you can go into court and ask the judge for an order and he also stated they could have to pay your attorney fees. Departments need to be aware of what records they have, that are accessible by the public. Departments have records that the public may have a right to see. If departments do not provide records to the public, they could be sued and pay the attorney fees. He suggested to the 2000 Convention Committee that this is a topic they may want to include in their program, because many members are unaware of the Public Records Law.

House Bill 1428 - allows a community to use accessed 911 funds to create what has been dubbed a reverse 911 system. He was not aware such a system existed. Some communities have this where emergency telephone systems, which are all computerized, where people can be notified within a specific geographic area by telephone warning of bad weather, hazardous spills, criminal activity, etc. It's a new system, but he has heard that the experience has been good.

House Bill 1744 - permits the fire department to perform pre-planned fire inspections in new businesses, factories, etc, enabling the departments to know where hazardous materials are, where employees are located, where exits are and so forth. The bill passed and there is some debate in the committee as to this infringing on the privacy right, etc. What was discovered was that often new companies that were enlisting this were foreign-run and were used to their governments operating somewhat differently than ours. As of July 1, departments will have the ability to inspect, with a 7-day notice given.

Senate Bill 40 - a Technical Correction bill goes through and simply corrects typographical errors. They conform terms so they read the same throughout the Indiana code. It's significant to the IVFA because in Title 36, it talks about fire protection. The term volunteer fire departments and fire company were used interchangeably. The agency wanted it to be a consistent definition. Upon instructions from the IVFA the term fire department was preferable over the term fire company.

Senate Bill 167 & House Bill 1608 - are Bill Annexations. It gives the people of the territories to be annexed more voice on whether they want to be annexed. It makes provision for fire protection and so forth.

House Bill 1384 - establishes Indiana Rural Fire Protection Issue. It provides protections for communities having a population of 10,000 or less. It helps pay for the cost of fire protection in rural parts of the state where the federal government owned land and rural fire departments were providing fire protection. The problem is the federal government is running out of money. Therefore, this was a proposal by the Department of Natural Resources to have a skeletal program in place, so when the government does run out of money, the state can take over that program to make grants to any fire departments in the area.

House Bill Act 1427 - described as a "feel good" bill. There have been several police officers killed in the last two years on interstate highways, assisting motorists. This was primarily introduced by the Indiana State Police Department, but it effects the fire service as well. Departments that have interstates running through their territory, on a daily basis have an extreme danger of responding. He stated there was emotional testimony on this bill given by widows of young State Police officers who had been killed by motorists when they were helping other

motorists. This bill would make it a criminal violation for someone who fails to yield on the interstate or move over when an emergency vehicle, a fire truck, police car or sheriff's car is performing a duty alongside the road. This is a public awareness bill. The penalties include losing their license if convicted of this. He thinks within the next few months, there will be signs along the road informing that it's the law to move to the left or right lane, if you come upon an emergency situation. You're to slow down and move to the opposite lane, if you can do so safely. It's a public statement by the Indiana General Assembly recognizing the dangers of emergency service workers on interstates. It creates awareness of Indiana residents, as well as those passing through Indiana, that it's the law. That will go into effect July 1,

Senate Bill 262 - got an interesting debate in the Senate regarding elderly people and whether or not you resuscitate someone who is dying. For years, the law in Indiana allows 'Do Not Resuscitate' (DNR) orders in hospitals. But there is a void when someone is being treated at home with a DNR order. It's only applicable in the health facility. He stated in the Article coming out in August, he'll show who the sponsors and authors of these bills, (see pages 14 & 15) in order to show your appreciation. This allows a person to make an out-of-hospital, DNR declaration, which a health care provider must honor, if there's actual knowledge of the DNR or if the patient has a DNR identification device in his/her possession. Several EMTs and paramedics presented stories of elderly persons in terrible distress, where there was a DNR order in the hospital, but when they arrived at the scene, they had to put the person through a lot of pain and agony that wasn't necessary. There are standards. The person must be terminal and it has to be done in consultation with a physician. One issue that was raised was assisted suicide, where a person may fake a possible DNR. Language was written into the bill that would alleviate some of the issues. Also the issue of liability was addressed. The bill should be read very carefully in order to understand how it works. It allows medical personnel at the scene, outside of the hospital, to recognize DNR orders.

Senate Bill 286 - Senate Roll Act. By law, 911 is not a universal number. There's now a law in Indiana that makes 911 the universal emergency number for reporting emergencies or requesting assistance in all state and local units an operating emergency communication system. If a community sets up an emergency call-in system, 911 is the law.

Again, Mr. Shanks reminded that all this would be in the August issue of the IVFA newspaper (see pages 14 & 15) and copies of the individual bills can be obtained through the Central Office.

The program was again turned over to President Cox who addressed the representative from Evansville, Clarksville and Fort Wayne and stated they were the best presentations the association has seen in a long time, and they should be proud of that. He announced Fort Wayne will be the host for the 2001 convention. He invited each of them to return next year to bid on the 2002 convention.

Ivan Nevil spoke next on the Practical Skills booklet that was being passed out for the certification system. If anyone has questions, talk to Mike Mackin or Paul Covington. He discussed that Indiana Weekend 1999 was cancelled due to lack of interest. He contacted the various chairmen of the fire schools who will be hosting schools and they agreed to put some of the courses into the fire schools this fall.

For the year 2000, the IVFA will be hosting a National Fire Academy in Indiana Weekend. For some reason or another, interest has been lost in going to the academy, whether it's the drive or the courses. January 29 & 30, 2000 National Fire Academy Weekend in Indiana will be held at Kokomo. Courses will be held at Ivy Tech. They are free and the committee is working with the local firefighters in Howard Co. & the Howard Co. Firefighters Assoc. to provide some type of hospitality for the people attending. The committee is in the process of re-evaluating the programs. Indiana is the leading facility for states other than the Department of Defense and the Canadian Department of Defense. Indiana has more firefighter certifications programs with the exception of those two departments.

President Cox asked if everyone received the checks for mileage vouchers.

Past Fire Marshal Bill Goodman mentioned he had been turned down for his mileage from Florida for the convention.

An announcement was made that if anyone had the banner Anna Marie Cardinal used on her car for parades for the Burn Camp, please

return it to her.

Tim Sandy, Co-Chairman Convention 2000, Michigan City, came forward and invited everyone to attend the convention that will be held at the Blue Chip Casino, a brand-new hotel that will be finished in October 1999. Reservations for the convention cannot be made until October 15, 1999. He also asked the IVFA Convention Committee to advance \$2000 to help the initial funding of the convention.

William Kinsey asked when that will be available or if that has to be voted on through a formal action. After a brief discussion, he reported that will be voted on at the August meeting of the Board of Directors, but assured Mr. Sandy it would be approved at that time.

Advance reservations made this weekend would be \$30.00.

President Cox reminded everyone the Memorial Service buses would be leaving shortly and that everyone attend the activity.

Tim Colzar, District 5, raised the question when a convention site is voted on and a price per room is quoted, is the facility obligated to that quote. President Cox said he would check on that and asked if he was referring to Convention 2000. Tim said yes and stated prices were quoted and wondered if the facility could raise it to as much as \$120 per night.

President Cox thought they should be held to what was quoted at the time the facility accepted the IVFA offer to hold the convention there. He assured that the contract would be examined by counsel to make certain they do comply.

At this time, President Cox asked for the Benediction to be given by Chaplain Baker and the 53rd Annual Meeting of the IVFA Convention was closed.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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## Access upsets chief after Utica fire

By Dylan T. Lovan  
Assistant City Editor

A problem with hydrant access during a searing marina fire in Utica Monday, April 19, 1999 has the town's fire chief upset.

Utica Fire Chief Jamie Noel said he is upset that Riverside Water Company, which owns two hydrants near the Admiral's Anchor blaze, suggested that he instead use hydrants near North Port center.

"Nobody would suspect this kind of thing would happen," Noel said of the water company's decision.

The fire, which officials said sunk four 50-foot boats and damaged four others, ignited at around 6:30 p.m. after a boater tried to stop a fuel leak on his engine.

Fire departments from Jeffersonville & Louisville were called in to assist with the blaze.

Noel said it took officials on the scene significantly longer - about two hours - to extinguish the blaze because they had to make a trip to North Port's hydrants some two miles away.

Riverside president David Stinson said that his superintendent told him to direct firefighters to alternate lines because those had larger capacities for water.

Stinson said the North Port hydrants had larger water mains and allowed firefighters to pump large amounts of water into their trucks faster.

Riverside, which serves about 800 customers in Riverside & Oak Park subdivisions, has two hydrants near Utica - but both, Stinson said have only six-inch water mains.

"With the number of trucks they had, we had to suggest locations where they could get more water," he said.

Noel said firefighters should never be denied water in an

emergency. "That's just a horrible thing to do," he said.

The fuel that spilled into the water from the burning boats forced Louisville and Jefferson County firefighting boats on the scene to move down river for non-polluted water.

Noel estimated that more than 500 gallons spilled into the river. He said conservation officials along with a private company are currently involved in the clean up.

Officials said Gerard Brucker, 38, was changing a fuel filter on his houseboat docked at Admiral's Anchor Sales & Marina about 6:30 p.m. when his boat exploded.

Brucker, who lives on the boat, jumped into the water.

He was taken by ambulance to University of Louisville Hospital, and later released.

At the hospital, Brucker told conservation officials he had been trying to tighten the filter but the fuel came rushing out. Brucker said he thinks the fuel landed on the boat's starter and

caused it to short.

Something then exploded and Brucker was knocked back against his boat, he said. He jumped into the river because he was on fire.

"He's lucky," conservation officer Frank Routh said.

Environmental officials said the toxic fumes released by the fire were caused by burning plastics, vinyl and fiberglass.

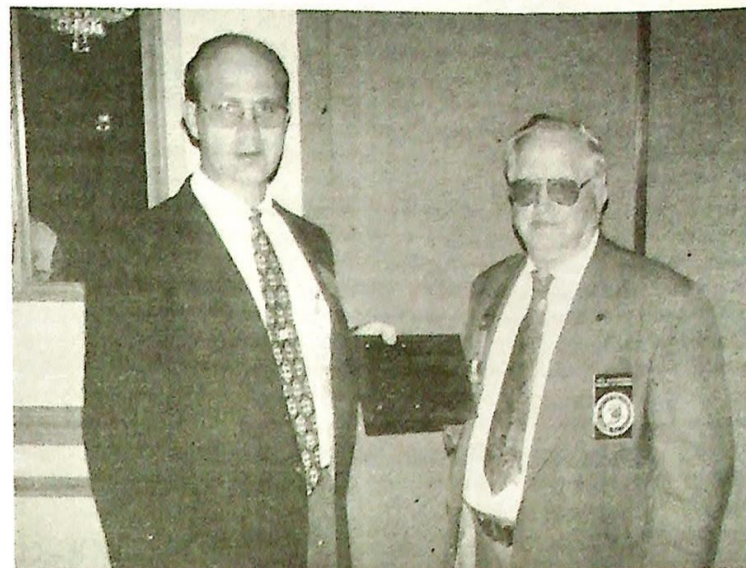
One person was injured after a houseboat docked at an Ohio River marina exploded, sparking a fire that destroyed five boats and spewed toxic fumes in a thick cloud of smoke.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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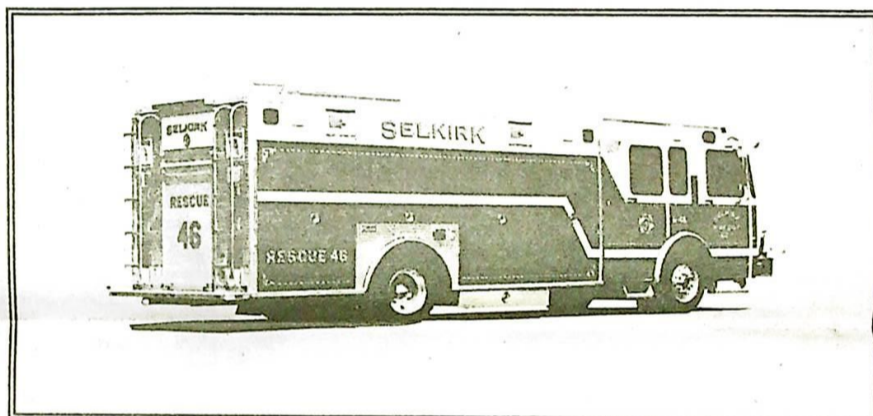
# District 14 Midwest Award



District 14 Chairman Roy Richardson (right) presents Reverend Mike Wimberly, District 14 Chaplain, with the Midwest Award. Rev. Wimberly is Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Henryville, Indiana.

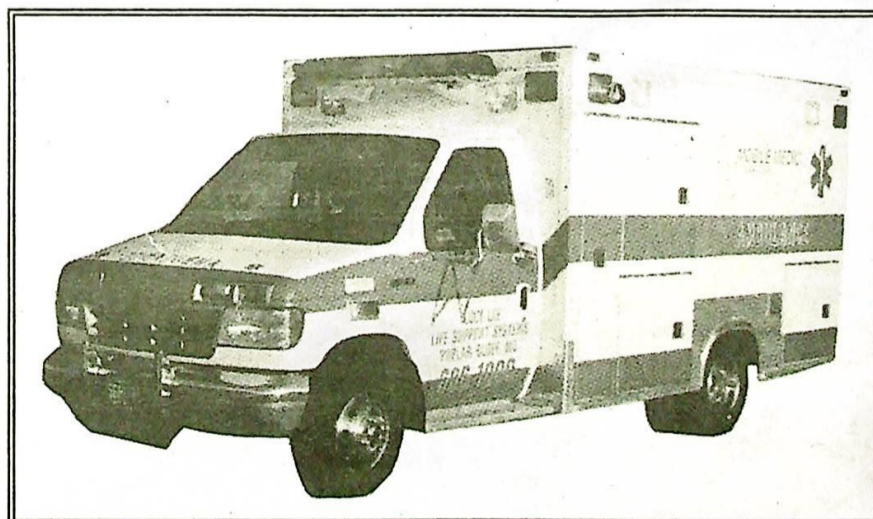
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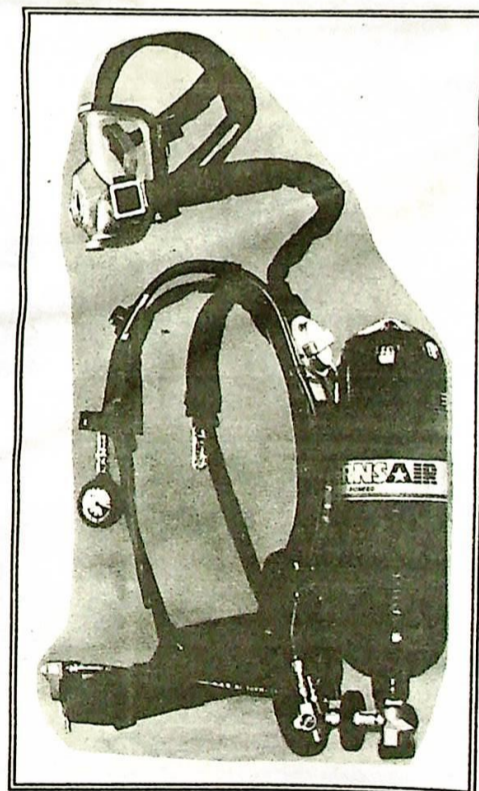


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# Inferno - Schererville

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total loss."

Barington's, which opened in 1997, included a bar, banquet room and dining area.

One employee of the restaurant said she found out about the blaze moments after leaving work.

"Everything was normal

at 2:15 this afternoon," said waitress Sandra Stack.

"A girlfriend called me all hysterical and said 'Thank God you're home.'"

Stack said she had helped serve customers at a bridal shower in a banquet room at the restaurant early Saturday afternoon. Two other parties were planned for Saturday night at the restaurant, she said.

"This was a beautiful business," said a visibly shaken Gus Kouros, brother and uncle to the

owners and councilman in East Chicago.

Annette Baynard of Munster was scheduled to open a satellite office for her job at the center attached to the business.

She heard from a friend that Barington's was on fire.

Among area fire departments assisting Schererville were Ross Township, Lake Hills, St. John, Dyer and Merrillville.

Reprinted from The Times, Sunday, March 28, 1999.

# Hot Wheels!



Photo by David P. LePore

Firefighters Durain Cornett and Ken Richards prepare to leave the scene where a three-wheeler caught fire in the owner's front yard.

## Children's Sleepwear Amendments Not Revoked

On June 16, the CPSC voted 2-1, not to revoke the 1996 amendments to the Children's Sleepwear Flammability Standards.

In 1996, the CPSC voted 2-1 to relax its landmark 1972 safety standard for flammability of children's sleepwear. CPSC's controversial loosening of the standard now allows "tight-fitting" sleepwear to be exempt from fire safety rules, based on the theory that "tight-fitting" pajamas are difficult to ignite.

Young children are already at extremely high risk for burn and fire injuries. Prior to the 1996 amendments to the standard, deaths and injuries from sleepwear incidents were reduced by tenfold after the 1972 standards were enacted.

There is still a legislative solution in Congress. Reps Robert Andrews (D-NJ) & Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) have proposed H.R. 329, which requires the CPSC to revoke the amendments it made in 1996 to the Children's Sleepwear Safety Standard. Senator William Roth (R-DE) is considering introducing similar legislation in the Senate.

The NVFC is urging everyone to write their Representative and ask them to support H.R. 329, the Children's Sleepwear Safety Act.

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# Fire Prevention Week October 3-9

## "The Great Escape"

Would your family know what to do if your home caught on fire? If you're like most people, the answer is "no."

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) invites you to take part in "The Great Escape," a campaign designed to underscore the importance of developing and practicing a home fire escape plan. NFPA encourages you to participate in a unified fire drill on October 6 and practice your home fire escape plan along with hundreds of thousands of other families across North America.

Draw a floor plan of your home (see illustration). While every home is different, there are some things all home fire escape plans should have in common:

**Two Ways Out:** Every room should have two ways out. One would be the door; the second may be a window to use for escaping to a roof, balcony, porch, or other location where you would signal the fire department if unable to escape. Notice any obstacles along escape paths and, if possible, remove them.

**Smoke Alarms:** You need at least one smoke alarm in or near each sleeping area and on each level of your home. If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, make sure everyone can hear the smoke alarm, or consider installing one inside the bedroom. Test smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm signals low voltage.

**A Family Meeting Place:** Choose a spot outside the home where everyone will meet once safely outside, such as a tree, telephone pole, or neighbor's home.

**Plenty of Practice:** Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year. Whenever a smoke alarm sounds, take it seriously and put your home fire escape plan into action immediately. (In most cases, you only have a couple of minutes to safely escape.) As you exit, close all doors behind you to slow the speed of smoke or flames. If you encounter smoke as you escape your home, use a different exit. If you must escape through a smoky area, crawl low under the smoke where the air is cleaner and cooler. Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department and tell them if anyone is trapped inside.

Each type of home has special fire escape safety guidelines:

**Single & Two-Story Home:**

- Plan two ways out of each room. The first being the door, the second a window that is a short drop to the ground, or in a two-story home, leads to a porch, roof or balcony. If you do not have a window escape to a roof or balcony, consider purchasing a sturdy escape ladder that is tested and listed by an independent testing laboratory. Store it, permanently near the window and practice hanging it out the window, following the manufacturer's instructions.

- Make sure windows open easily and are wide enough to allow escape. Windows protected by security bars should have quick-release mechanisms that everyone in the family can operate from the inside.

**Triple-Decker Home or Apartment Building:**

- If you live on the first or second floor, you can refer to the guidelines for one- & two-story homes. If you live above the

second floor, your second escape should lead you to a fire escape, porch, roof, or balcony.

- If smoke or fire is blocking your exit, close the door and seal all cracks & vents with duct tape, towels, or clothing. If your apartment's above the second floor, don't drop from the window.

- Telephone the fire department, even if the fire trucks have already arrived, and tell the dispatcher where you are located. Signal firefighters from your window by waving a flashlight or light-colored cloth. If possible, open your windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can enter through the bottom and smoke can leave through the top. Do not break the window. If opening the

window draws smoke into the room, close it immediately.

**High-Rise Apartment**

- In some cases, the safest action may be to stay inside your apartment and protect yourself from smoke until the fire department arrives. Some building evacuation plans may require you to go to a "safe area" inside the building and wait for the fire department to supervise evacuation. Consult your building management or fire department to know what to do in advance.

- If you are given instructions over your building's public address system, do as you are told.

- If escaping is your best course of action, follow your escape plan unless there is immediate danger. (Take your key in case you're forced to return to your apartment to avoid smoke.)

- As you exit, close all doors behind you to slow the spread of smoke or flames.

- Use the stairs - never the elevator - in case of fire alarms. An elevator may stop at a floor

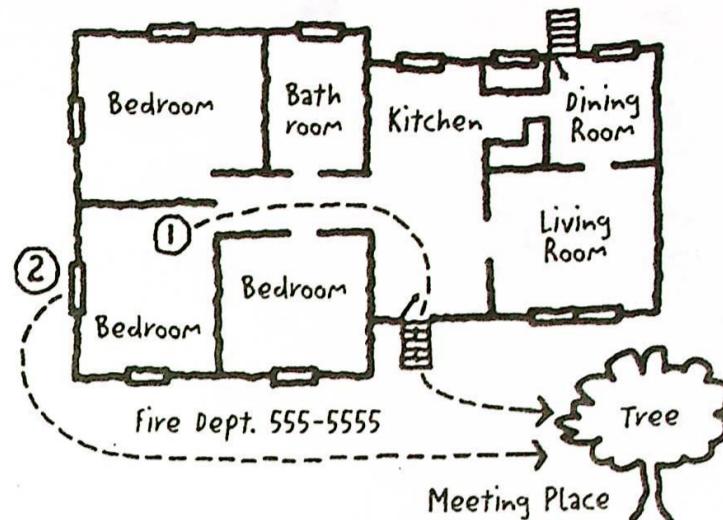
where the fire is burning or it may malfunction and trap you. Proceed cautiously, checking each door for heat and each corridor & stairwell for smoke. If you encounter smoke or flames, seek another exit route. Going down many flights of stairs in smoke can be dangerous. If another exit route is not available, return to your apartment.

- Refer to the guidelines above for apartment buildings.

- Be patient. Rescuing all the occupants of a high-rise building can take a long time.

While we hope you never have to use your plan, it may one day save the lives of you and your loved ones.

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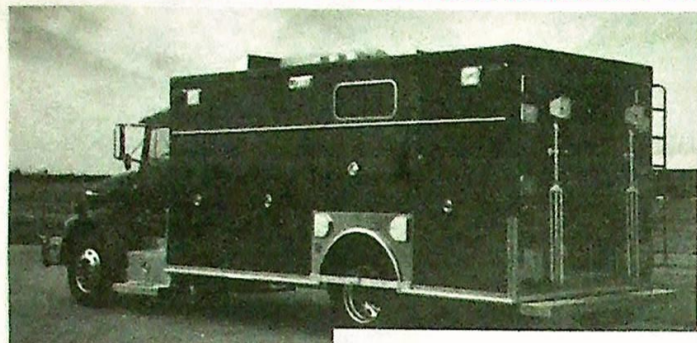
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**Hudson VFD  
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By Laura Emerson  
 The Journal Gazette  
 Hudson - At 82, Art Loucks can't hustle as fast as he did when he joined the Hudson Fire Department in 1948. But that doesn't stop him from answering calls in the middle of the night.

It used to be, he was the first one at the fire barn.

"Now, I hurry and get my clothes on and when I get there, everyone's gone," he lamented.

A group will gather on June 27, 1999 to honor Loucks for more than 50 years of service to the volunteer fire department.

Loucks is ready to step down as president of the fire department. Now, Loucks has promised to stay until the first of the year.

Loucks is well known in this Steuben Co. community of 450 for his willingness to help others.

"He's a heckuva nice guy," said Bud Grogg, Deputy Fire Marshal for northeast Indiana.

He'd help anybody, no matter what time of day or night, said Grogg, who's known Loucks for 35 years. He'd help out when Ashley's street commissioner was

on vacation, and if there was something wrong with the sewer or water plant, Loucks, a retired plumber, would be there.

"He's done so many things, I couldn't begin to list them," Grogg said.

If fact, Loucks still maintains all the town's grounds. On a recent weekday, his black shoes and navy work pants were dotted with grass clippings.

"I just like to help people out," Loucks said.

Although Loucks stopped driving the department's trucks a few months ago, he still steers the 20-member volunteer fire department.

As President of the fire department, he oversees the finances, conducts meetings and mentors younger firefighters, ranging in age from 18-50.

"He's almost like a father image to a lot of the younger firemen, in and out of the workplace," Bontrager said.

The white-haired man remembers racing down muddy roads as a young man in the middle of winter, freezing in the open cab of the 1941 fire truck. In 1948, the only paved road was Main Street.

At that time, firefighters weren't issued turn-out gear, rubber boots and helmets when they joined the force. If they wanted a raincoat, they had to buy it themselves. "We didn't have nothing," he said.

Most of the training was done on the job. Today, about 21 weeks of training is required before rookies can fight their first fires.

Modern-day firefighters also must undergo EMT training, something their predecessors didn't.

Last year, only three of the 90 calls Hudson VFD responded to were fires in or near Hudson, Bontrager said. The rest were medical calls, mutual aid requests or storm watches, he said.

Many advances in firefighting have been made during Loucks' career, but one thing that hasn't changed is the fund-raising. Departments depend on fund raisers to buy equipment they need.

When it comes to the department's quarterly pancake breakfast, Loucks is there at 4 a.m. to begin mixing the batter, sometimes 70-100 lbs of it.

"He takes pride in it," Bontrager said.

Over the years, Loucks has logged hundreds of hours at the fire department. It was easy for him to do. The back door of his trim, two-story house sits just 300 yards from the fire barn.

"I don't think he'll ever leave the house without going to the fire barn," said Dorothea Loucks, his wife of 61 years.

In fact, he once spent so much time at the fire barn, Dorothea suggested he keep his bed there.

Loucks said he joined the fire department after returning from service in the Navy during World War II.

All the young fellows in town were into it, and they asked him to join. He took such an interest in his new avocation, the men eventually appointed him chief. Meanwhile, Loucks ran a heating and plumbing business, which he owned from 1953-1975.

Loucks isn't sure how long he served as chief, since the department's older minute books are sketchy, and he never kept track.

The best thing about the job was just working with the other fellows.

"To me, we've got an awful good fire department right now," Loucks said.

"There's a nice bunch of boys up there."

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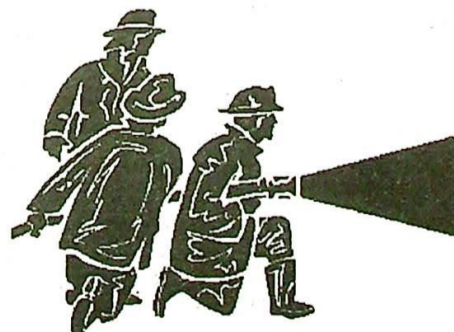
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