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## Mr. I.V.F.A. Award Given Mitch Parish

## Campers and Staff Pose for Hoosier Burn Camp 2000 Photo



Pictured are Mitch and his wife, Jean of Francesville. Mitch was named Mr. I.V.F.A. at the 2000 Convention.

On Thurs., June 15, 2000, Mitch Parish of Francesville, IN received one of the highest awards given to a volunteer firefighter and the annual Convention held at the Blue Chip Casino/Hotel in Michigan City, IN.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association grants the Mr. I.V.F.A. award annually to a volunteer firefighter for outstanding service to both his community and the Association. He received a trophy and a red logo jacket to commemorate the event. He was chosen over several candidates after letters of nomination were submitted on his behalf. His wife, Jean, children and grandchildren, attended the surprise presentation.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association is a state organization, which promotes the welfare and benefit of all volunteer firefighters.

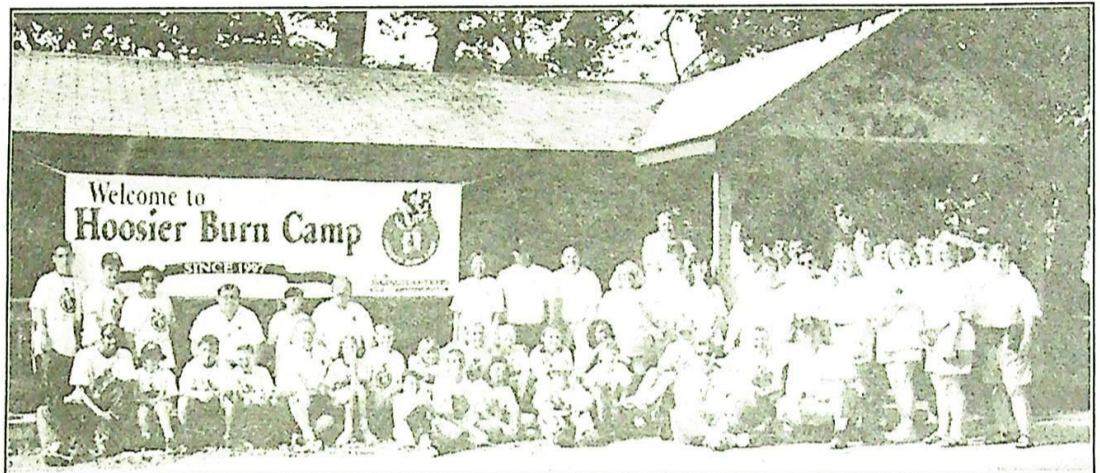
Congratulations, Mitch!! We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Mitch Parish, the 2000 Mr. IVFA is a dedicated, loving, giving, helpful husband, father, grandfather, and firefighter. All of his life has shown what it means to be a firefighter. A firefighter gives unselfishly to help others in need, knowing the dangers that may exist anytime day or night. Mitch has been active in his local Volunteer Fire Dept., as well as the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. He has served as President, Chief, Asst. Chief, and Secretary-Treasurer of his department. He also has served on their Board of Direc-

tors. He has served as District Secretary-Treasurer, District Chairman, Vice President, and President, as well as numerous committees of this organization. He has been married for 37 years and has served his department for 31 years. This individual likes to spend time with his four children and nine grandchildren. He has worked as an EMT on his local ambulance service, and serves on its Board. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and is a Sheriff Reserve ..... Mr. IVFA Willie "Mitch" Parish.

The Mr. IVFA Award is the most prestigious award this Association can bestow on one of its members. The Mr. IVFA Committee is comprised of the last three recipients of the award. The guidelines the committee must follow states that they shall use all deliberative powers at their disposal to elect a person whom has done the most, in their opinion, over the past year to further and benefit all aims and projects of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association, as well as the Fire Service of Indiana as a whole.

Again, this year, all of the candidates were deserving.



HOOSIER BURN CAMP 2000 campers and staff pose for a "keepsake" picture at Camp Tecumseh near Lafayette, Indiana, before they say goodbye for another year. More than 50 campers and volunteers, mostly from fire and emergency services, gathered Memorial Day for a week of crafts, games, singing, dancing, swimming, horseback riding and all the other things kids do at summer camp. Hoosier Burn Camp is made possible each year through the generosity of individual and corporate donors and fund raising projects of the men and women of Indiana's fire and emergency services community. Thanks to the hard work of many people it is truly a place to be "just one of the kids." (See more pictures and "Letters From Camp" on page 30).

## Nikki Luebcke 2000 Miss Flame



2000 Miss Flame Nikki Luebcke, representing District 2 of Crown Point. Her escort was Larry Stott, District 2 Chairman, two very happy smiles tell you of their happiness.

There were 19 Miss Flame contestants this year. Wow, what a group of girls. As in the past you couldn't ask for a better group. I am sure the judges had a real task on their hands. In fact one of them told me just that. Everyone cooperated really well and were where they were supposed to be when they were supposed to be there. Much better than me since I was late a couple of times. The girls seemed to mix and get along really well. I am sure there were some long term friendships made again this year as in the past.

Carol Tempel of Posy Township, District 11A, our reigning Miss Flame returned to crown our 2000 Miss Flame. She is Nikki Luebcke of Crown Point, District 2 and the daughter of Dean and Lyn Luebcke. The 2000 Miss Flame Runner-up is Amanda Davies of Fillmore, District 11B. She is the daughter of Mike and Kim Davies. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Kimberly Smith of New Haven Adams Township, District 6. She is the daughter of Jean and E.J. Smith. The Miss Flame court and the district and department they represented is as follows: District 1, Brenda Rosendaul, Lake Station; District 3, Kristen Pawlik, Coolspring Twp.; District 8B, Amanda Horner, Pennville; District 7, Brittani Evans, Berne; District 9A, Leighanne Randle, Delphi; District 9B, Heather Lyons, Rensselaer; District 10, Rebecca Cole, Burney; District 11A, Briana Husband, Lewis Twp.; District 12, Samantha Burnett, Decatur Twp.; District 13B, Angelleen Cunningham, Lewisville; District 14, Amanda McKenzie, Hanover Twp.; District 15, Stephanie Conger, McCutchanville; District 17A, Heather Porter, Richland Taylor; District 18, Jill Landauer, Ferdinand; District 19, Jennifer Caudill, Blooming Grove; District 21, Sarah Brovont, Michigantown.

The girls formed three waterball teams this year and competed in the games on Saturday morning. They got

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O God,

*With reverence Lord, we come to you in prayer. We praise the Almighty Father, our creator, and confess our wrongdoings. We thank you for the beauty and the blessings you have provided to each of us. Above all, we thank you for the appearance of your Son on this earth and for his example in our lives.*

*With praises to the Almighty God, the Risen Savior and the Holy Counselor, we pray this prayer.*

Amen

**Minute Message**

Had the customs of the day been as they are in our time, there is little doubt that some of the disciples would have been women. And had that been the case, foremost of the distaff disciples most likely would have been Mary Magdalene. Nearby the western shore of the Sea of Galilee was the town of Magdala from which her name and heritage derived.

Apparently of some wealth, she lived with her impetuous older sister Martha and brother, Lazarus, one of the few individuals Jesus raised from death. This later story can be found in the eleventh chapter of the Book of John. A woman of great faith, Mary Magdalene and her siblings often hosted Jesus and his group and probably financed some of their ministry. From their home in Bethany, about two miles from Jerusalem, they were situated to aid the travelers.

We do not know precisely when Mary entered into the lives of Jesus and the Apostles but it must have been at some time in the latter portion of the ministry after Jesus drove seven demons from her body. Mary was an energetic and caring individual, often tending to the physical needs of her Lord. She was an obedient follower and a thankful, tender-hearted person of deep faith. It was her faith and belief in Jesus that led her to forsake an easier lifestyle and to contribute her being to the cause (after all, Martha, Mary and Lazarus could have pursued the ways of the world).

Her example has changed the way that women have been treated in societies from that time forward. Mary proved that women could contribute to the betterment of life, if permitted to do so.

True to the core, Mary Magdalene followed Jesus to his terrible death on the cross, witnessing and agonizing over his horrible, tortuous crucifixion. She was there in sorrow when many of the twelve had scattered in fear. She was also there early on that Sunday morning around daybreak to be the first to witness an unsealed tomb and then to see and talk to the resurrected Christ.

It almost seems as if God had directed her life and rewarded this believer with some very important responsibilities. While not of the same magnitude, our responsibilities as emergency responders are also important in the story of life.

With praise and prayer to our Lord Everlasting,

I remain yours in Christ.

Charles J. Baker

Chaplain

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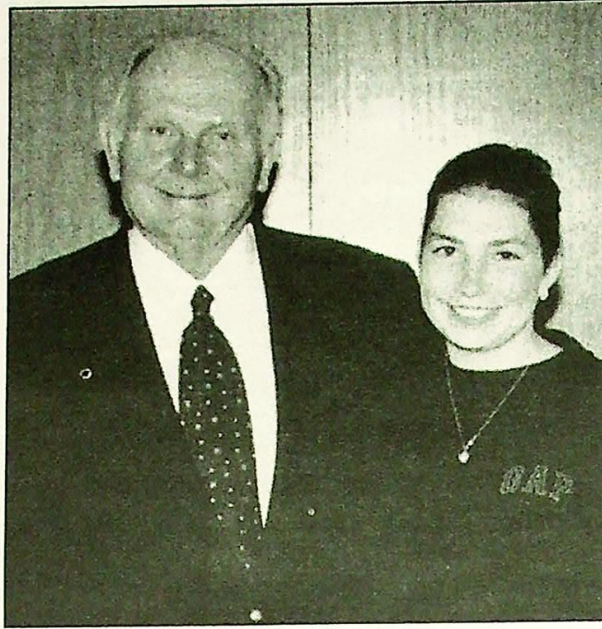
Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship applications!

Applications sent by Certified Mail **MUST** have a postmark no later than March 1, 2001.

Applications are available from all district chairmen, elected officers of the IVFA, or the Scholarship Chairman.

Please send all applications to:  
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## 2000 Bridgeport Scholarship Winners Announced



SARAH BROVONT, winner of the Bridgeport Scholarship, is a graduate of Clinton Central High School where she was involved in FCCLA, cheerleading, and a student helper for first grade.

Sarah represented District 21 and the Michigan Township Volunteer Fire Department this year in the Miss Flame Contest.

Sarah plans to take her general education classes at Ivy Tech then finish her degree in Early Childhood Education at Purdue University. She intends to graduate with an endorsement to teach kindergarten.

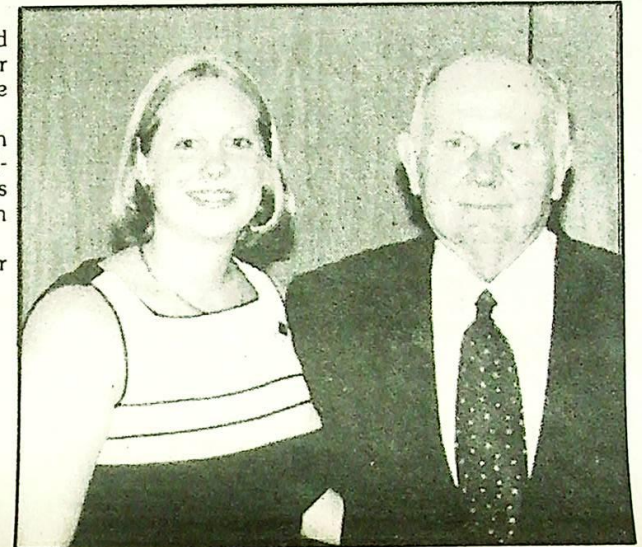
Sarah lives on a farm with her parents, George and Elaine Brovont and her brother, Noah. She has shared her home with 38 foster children.

Sarah is from District 21.

TARAH KITCHELL is the daughter of Brad and Susan Kitchell of Union Mills, and her father is a member of the Cass Clinton Volunteer Fire Dept. in Wanatah.

Tarah graduated from South Central High School this spring with an Academic Honors Diploma and will be attending Purdue University this fall. She plans to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Tarah extends her gratitude to the IVFA for honoring her with the Bridgeport Scholarship. Tara is from District 3.

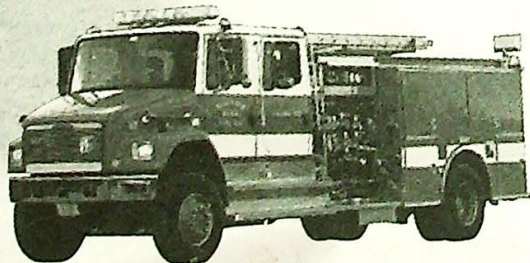


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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1&2

### Union VFD

April 19, 2000

Meeting called to order by District One Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Brad Sandburg.

Guests included 50 year member Julius Demik, District Two chairman Larry Stott, District One IVFAA chairwoman Martha Thomas, District Two IVFAA chairwoman Ann Moss, District One and Two treasurer Clarence Moss, Porter County Emergency Management Director Phil Griffith, District One Miss Flame Brenda Rosendaul, State Fire Marshall investigator Brad Sandburg, 5 Alarm Fire Equipment salesman Dale Hensley, Southwest Fire Equipment salesman Dale Smith and State Representative candidate Mike Bucko.

Chief Mike Bucy gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Roll call was answered by 36 members from District One and 21 members from District Two. Attendance trophies won by New Chicago from District One and Lake Eliza from District Two.

Phil Griffith reported Hoosier Burn Camp would be from May 30 until June 2. He would appreciate a donation of department caps and "T" shirts for the kids. Martha Thomas said she would pick them up.

District Chairman Bill Howe reported the paper would be delivered early in May. Deadline for articles in next paper is July 10. Convention June 15, 16 and 17. Cook out on June 14. Next convention meeting is May 12.

Treasurer's report: balance \$1168.59.

Larry Stott reported Buz Koehler is running for IVFA vice president. He and Bill Howe will not seek reelection for District Chairman.

Guest speaker Brad Sandburg gave a talk on what to do before he gets to the scene of a fire. Some examples: secure the scene, take lots of pictures, videos if possible, interview the occupants, interview the neighbors and get statements from the first firefighters on the scene.

50-50 Drawing: \$99.00 collected, \$49.50 won by Ann Moss. Gear bag donated by 5 Alarm won by Chuck Stowers. Cap donated by Southwest Fire won by Tom Milne. Cups donated by Southwest Fire won by Bob Szot and Ken Hughes.

Announcements: Lake Station dance April 29. New Chicago Pancake breakfast April 30. Lake Dale Las Vegas Night May 6.

Next meeting May 17, 2000 at Morgan Township VFD.

Motion by John Kephshire, seconded by Jim Rosendaul to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Bradford  
Secretary

Morgan Twp. VFD  
May 17, 2000

Meeting called to order by District One Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of allegiance to the flag led by past president Mitch Parrish.

Guests included past president Mitch Parrish, PRNW Buz Koehler, District One IVFAA Chairwoman Martha Thomas, District Two IVFAA Chairwoman Ann Moss, District One Miss Flame Brenda Rosendaul, District Two Miss Flame Nikki Luebcke, Porter County Emergency Management Director Phil Griffith, Wally Cook from Downey Insurance, Dan Bowers from Hoosier Fire Equipment and Hank Cox from CSX Railroad.

Chief Curt Brust gave a history of the department and introduced

his firefighters.

Hank Cox gave a program on what to do when called to a railroad accident. Reported on where to find information needed at the scene.

Motion by Buz Koehler, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with reading of minutes of previous meeting. Carried.

Roll call answered by 18 members from District One and 29 from District Two. Attendance trophies won by Merrillville from District One and Lake Eliza from District Two.

New Chicago Fire Department announced they are raffling off a fire truck model and all proceeds will go to Hoosier Burn Camp.

I announced the Secretary of State office did not send out the non-profit forms this year. Call them to get forms.

PRNW Buz Koehler reported Bill Kinsey has resigned as treasurer of the IVFA. Jack Zeeks was appointed interim treasurer. Clothing claims must go through your district chairman. Items must be inspected first. All members with 25 years will get a pin. July 10 is deadline for next paper.

Past president Mitch Parrish reported on the NFPA and National Fire Council meetings.

District Two Miss Flame Nikki Luebcke gave a presentation on burned children and a program she is starting to pass out books and plush bunnies at burn centers.

District One and Two treasurer Clarence Moss presented two hundred dollar checks to District One Miss Flame Brenda Rosendaul and District Two Miss Flame Nikki Luebcke.

Announcements: New Chicago having chicken dinner May 27, Propane School in Rensselaer June 3, Crown Point Pancake Breakfast June 17.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$818.09.

Bill Howe announced Bernice Esserman had passed away May 1. One death since last meeting, Drew Froman from Schererville.

50-50 Drawing: \$70.00 collected, \$35.00 won by Brenta Page from Lake Eliza.

Next meeting July 19 at South Haven.

Motion by Bob Szot, seconded by Buz Koehler to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jim Bradford  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 3

LaPorte County Complex  
Thursday, March 16, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Tim Sandy. There were eight members representing six departments along

with two guests present. The pledge was led by Roger Wolff, Team Leader of the LaPorte County Hazardous Materials Team. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of fallen firefighter Brian Burnett from Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department, for IVFA President Jack Cox who has suffered a stroke and for all of the firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buzz Koehler, PR Director NW District and Mitch Parrish, District 9B.

Being that there was not a quorum present, there were no motions made or votes taken. The minutes were read and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$543.90. (A copy is enclosed).

The regular order of business was dispensed with and training was held prior to the business portion of the meeting.

### Training:

Training Officer Dave Kaufman showed a very informative video from Bliss-McKnight Insurance Company on "Risk Management in the Fire Service". The video gave a step-by-step program to help fire departments reduce their risks. Anyone wishing to borrow the video for future training can contact Blake Insurance Agency in LaPorte.

### Communications:

1) Comments from PR Director Buzz Koehler -

1. Announced that Toddy Michl had passed away,

2. Announced that the State Officers voted to increase the District Secretary pay to \$50 per year;

3. Announced that there is a Leadership Conference April 15 starting at 7am at Decatur Township High School;

4. Announced that there are three bills left in legislation:

HB1068 dealing with fire districts and tax levies

HB 1137 dealing with battery on a firefighter with misdemeanor and felony categories. Has been signed by the Speaker and will probably become law.

SB 147 dealing with laser pointing, making it a misdemeanor to point it at a public safety officer

5. Announced that the newspaper editor has been chosen and is ready to begin printing. Articles for the next edition need to be submitted by April 10th. All news is to be sent to PRINTCO, 116 N. Cullen Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978 or by fax to (219) 866-5000 or by e-mail to printco@fni.com

6. Announced that the name change is now official -- Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association;

7. Announced that the Duneland

Fire School is the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April;

8. Reminded everyone that farmers are beginning their work and to be alert for anhydrous.

2. Comments from Chairman Sandy -

As Chairman of the Duneland Fire School gave the following report:

1. Registrations are down from past years

2. Have a full slate of instructors

3. Wildland class is filling up quickly

4. Many new classes but still have some of the older "favorite" classes

5. This is the 10th anniversary of the conference and registrants will be given a commemorative patch

6. There will be a fun walk/run on Sunday. The \$5 registration fee will be donated to the Burn Camp. T-shirts for participants will be donated by Task Force Tips.

7. Last year the Conference donated \$100 to the Burn Camp and this year's goal is to donate from \$500 - \$1000.

**Convention Committee:** Dave Kaufman, Co-Chairman

Announced that things are coming together quite well.

1. The peninsula has been secured for the picnics, hot dog and beer bust, beer garden and outside vendor show;

2. Announced that Michigan City is going to help financially;

3. The convention committee toured the Blue Chip Hotel. It is completely booked and the Holiday Inn is quickly filling up;

4. Announced that the banquet is going to consist of 3 meats and will cost us \$14.95 per person. It will be held at the Orak Shrine at I-94 and US 421. They can seat up to 720 persons with the possibility of adding more, if needed. The dance will also be held at the Orak immediately following the dinner'

5. Anyone questioning the Blue Chip Hotel list should contact Chairman Sandy as the hotel has only one contact person and others will not have answers to your questions;

6. Registrations are steadily coming in;

7. Announced that the raffle committee received the labels from the IVFA and have sent every department 25 tickets to sell. The prizes are being stored at Pleasant Township;

8. Announced that the games are going to be held on the peninsula since there will be enough room;

9. Announced that the parade line up will be at noon and the starting time will be 2:00pm;

10. Announced that the Memorial plans are being finalized;

11. Still finalizing plans for transportation buses;

12. Announced there are some educational programs on the schedule;

13. Announced that vendor space inside the conference may be limited so interested parties must

make reservations early;

14. Announced that Suburban Lanes will be sponsoring the kid's party during the banquet. There will be pizza and bowling for the kids. Babysitting will be provided;

15. Encouraged everyone to spread the word about the entertainment after the banquet. A band called "New Odyssey" from Illinois will perform. Many people have reviewed their video and agree their performance will be entertaining;

16. Next committee meeting will be April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Chip.

### Midwest Award:

Chairman Sandy announced that the recipient has been chosen and the award will be presented at the banquet.

### Old Business:

The date has passed for submitting applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship. Ollie Sandberg nominations are due May 1st. Mr. IVFA nominations are due April 1st.

### New Business: None.

### Good of the Order:

1. Pancake breakfast, April 16th, Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department;

2. Pancake breakfast, March 2nd, Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department;

3. Pancake breakfast, April 30th, Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department;

4. Pancake breakfast, May 7th, Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department;

5. Chairman Sandy announced that Pat Ulrich was just presented \$3000 from the Bridgeport Fund in memory of Bob;

6. Chairman Sandy announced that the paperwork is being completed on the line of the duty death of Brian Burnett and his family will be presented with the benefits;

7. Chairman Sandy announced that a North Judson firefighter was issued the IVFA benefit after a loss of eyeglasses at a fire scene. Also reminded everyone that those benefits are available by being members of the Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

There was no 50/50 drawing held.

Next meeting: May 18, 2000 - 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) San Pierre Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

### DISTRICT 3

### TREASURER'S REPORT

### MARCH 16, 2000

Balance as of January 20, 2000

.....\$615.97

### RECEIPTS

50/50 Drawing.....\$ 7.00

Checking Account Closure

Balance.....\$ 3.60

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**DISTRICT 3**

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TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 10.60
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Burnett Family (In Memory or Brian).....	\$ 50.00
Pam Kaufman (Postage)....	\$ 23.76
Postage.....	\$ 8.91
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 82.67
BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$615.97
RECEIPTS ADDED.....	10.60
DISBURSEMENTS SUBTRACTED.....	82.67
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 16, 2000.....	\$543.90

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

Thursday, May 18, 2000  
San Pierre Fire Department  
Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. during a very severe thunderstorm. There were 11 members representing five departments along with two guests present. Chief Jerry Russell led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all of the Firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buzz Koehler, PR Director NW District and Mitch Parrish, District 9B.

Being that there was not a quorum present, there were no motions made or votes taken. The minutes were read and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$534.99. (A copy is enclosed).

**Communications:**

1) Comments from PR Director Buzz Koehler -

1. Announced that IVFA Treasurer Bill Kinsey has resigned effective 5/31/00. Immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board Jack Zekes will be the Interim until a new Treasurer is elected at the convention next month.

2. Announced that a new blue light law is being introduced to Legislature that would include the use of a siren. The IVFA is not supporting the new bill.

3. Announced that the Central Office has mailed dues statements to all departments. If you have not received yours yet, contact the office. Also stated that the Central Office has the license forms caught up.

4. Announced that the IVFA has been paying \$5 discounts for schools for students that are not members of the Association. However, there needs to be some monitoring of this as the discount is one of the benefits of being a member. Registrations for schools will probably require a copy of the member's card in order to receive the discount.

5. Reminded everyone that clothing claims needs to be submitted through the District Chair and not sent directly to the Central Office.

6. Announced that the Association is ordering pins for those members who have belonged to the Association for 25 years. The pins will be distributed through the District Chair. Any department with members who meet that criteria need to make contact with their Chairman.

7. Announced that the deadline for articles to be printed in the next issue of the paper are due by July 10th. Anything submitted after that date will be used in the next issue.

8. Announced that the BFFPS&E meeting will be held at the Convention in June. There will be some discussion on changes to the 24 hour training. There are proposals to include performance evaluations to this training. Anyone with questions and/or concerns are urged to attend this meeting.

9. The Association name change is official. However, everyone needs to be reminded that it will take time to make the many changes, i.e., the By-Laws, SOGs, and printed materials.

10. Announced that there were 20 applicants for the Bridgeport Scholarships and the two winners will be announced at the Convention. Also reminded members with college age children that this scholarship is available.

2) Comments from Mitch Parrish

1. Reminded everyone that \$2 from your license plate fees goes toward the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

2. Announced that he just wanted the National Volunteer Firefighter Council meeting and they are not in favor of the NFPA 1200 standards (1719/1729) that are being proposed. Also announced that there was some discussion on Hepatitis C and that it is very quickly spreading throughout the fire service. Advised he will have a better report of the meeting at our next meeting.

3) Comments from Chairman

Sandy -

1. Announced that he just returned from the NFPA World Safety Conference in Denver and attended some very informative classes, including 1710/1720 and fire service liabilities. He made special mention about immunity laws quickly disappearing.

2. Also has a NIOSH bulletin that will be sent to all departments with the mailing of these minutes.

**Convention Committee:** Dave Kaufman, Co-Chairman

1. Announced that registrations are starting to pick up.

2. Announced that the Blue Chip Hotel and Holiday Inn are completely filled and the other hotels are quickly filling up. Make reservations as soon as possible to make sure you have a room.

3. Announced that help is still needed at the Convention. If you are interested in helping out, contact Dave or Tim as soon as possible.

4. Reminded everyone that there are educational/training tracts this year.

5. Announced that the parade line up is at noon with the parade starting at 2 p.m. Apparatus is still needed.

6. Announced that there will be another meeting in a couple of weeks as well as the next scheduled meeting on June 8th at 7 p.m. at the Blue Chip.

**Midwest Award:** Chairman Sandy announced that the recipient has been chosen and the award will be presented at the banquet.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Chairman Sandy announced that we have already given our Miss Flame Kristen Pawlik \$50 to help defray her expenses and instructed the Treasurer to give her the remaining \$150.

**Good of the Order:**

1. Lincoln Township will have a Pork Chop dinner on May 27th.

2. Rensselaer will be hosting a propane class on June 3rd.

3. Chairman Sandy announced that the LaPorte County Hazardous Materials team had a very interesting call a few days ago. They were called into Michigan City to assist reference an anhydrous tank leaking. To make a long story short, the tank was stolen. It had been repainted and was being used in a meth lab in a garage. Tim reminded everyone to be cautious and to be aware of this common practice.

**Training:**

1. Chairman Sandy showed a

brief firefighter tribute video that he received at the Fire Service Dinner in Washington, DC. There was some discussion and it was agreed that this video will be a good opening for the Convention dinner. Arrangements will be made for it to be shown there.

2. Chief Russell showed a very informative video on anhydrous ammonia. It was more from the farmers view point and was very informative and helpful to firefighters.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dave Kaufman of Lincoln Township won the 50/50 drawing of \$10.50. Chief Jerry Russell won an equipment bag, Mitch Parrish and Buzz Koehler each won a hat donated by Dave Kaufman of Boone Fire Equipment.

The next meeting will be held July 20, 2000, 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) Election of officers will be held at this meeting at the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

**INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 3 TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 18, 2000**

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 16, 2000.....	\$543.90
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
NONE.....	\$ -0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ -0-
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
POSTAGE.....	\$ 8.91
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 8.91

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$543.90
RECEIPTS ADDED.....	0.00
DISBURSEMENTS.....	8.91
SUBTRACTED.....	8.91
BALANCE AS OF MAY 18, 2000.....	\$534.99

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

**2000 DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS**

- January 20: Kankakee Township
  - March 16: LaPorte County Hazmat
  - May 18: San Pierre
  - June 14-17: Convention (Michigan City)
  - July 20: Noble Township
  - September 21: Bass Lake-California Township
  - November 16: Long Beach
- 2001 DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS**
- January 18: Hanna Township
  - March 15: Michiana Shores
  - May 17: Westville
  - June 13-16: Convention (Fort Wayne)
  - July 19: Coolspring Township
  - September 20: North Judson-Wayne Township
  - November 15: Center Township

**DISTRICT 4**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 5**

March 9, 2000  
Kewanna Fire Department  
Kewanna, IN  
Meeting was called to order at 1938 hrs. with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 19 members representing 6 departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, Northeast Public Relations.

Minutes were read by Dist. Secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

Chairman Kissinger advised that Jack Cox, I.V.F.A. President, suffered a massive stroke in January.

Chairman Kissinger reminded everyone to make certain that your

chief, address, and beneficiary is correct.

Discussed who will be taking over the I.V.F.A. newspaper.

Discussed legislation currently going through the State.

Mike Mackin, PRNE, talked about reporting defib. use to the EMS Commission, and the new NFIRS program available from the State.

There will be a benefit for Mary McCoy on April 8, 2000 to help her put music to the song she wrote honoring public safety providers.

Reminder about the 2000 Convention: There are no more rooms available at the Blue Chip Casino.

Good of the Order:  
The question was asked about the liability and training of reserve firefighters.

The next meeting will be held May 11, 2000 at the Plymouth Fire Department, Plymouth, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2034 hrs. with refreshments being served by the host department.

May 11, 2000  
Plymouth Fire Department (Eagle's)

Plymouth, IN  
Meeting was called to order at 1941 hrs. with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 29 members representing 13 departments.

Guests: Gary Robison, State Fire Marshal's Office, Richard Glant, IVFA Past President.

Minutes were read by Dist. Secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

Chairman Kissinger turned the meeting over to Gary Robison for a presentation on the new NFIRS software.

Richard Glant advised everybody on Jack Cox's condition.

Good of the Order:  
Kewanna Fire Dept. will be having a sausage and pancake breakfast on May 28, 2000 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marshall Co. is tentatively going to hold a FF I-II course.

Bremen's new aerial will be delivered May 27 or 28. Their old '55 aerial will be for sale.

The next meeting will be held July 13, 2000 at Warsaw Fire Station #2, Warsaw, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2119 hrs. with refreshments being served by the host department.

**DISTRICT 6**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 7**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 8A**

Greetings to all members of the District and State. We had a good time at Michigan City. The next meeting for Dist. 8A is Sept. 13 at 17:30 hrs. at Fowlerton Fire Dept.

I wish to thank our "2000 Miss Flame" for attending the Lapel Car Show. I wish to congratulate our District 8A "Midwest" Award Winner, Mr. Robert Fleener from Pipe Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Robert Fleener was the Past District Chairman for 8A. I think that it was a good choice for Bob to win this. I have known Bob for many years and am happy that his peers nominated Bob for this award.

I hope all members remembered your dues and rolls for the year "2001". I would like to welcome two new depts. to our District 8A - Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Hamilton County and White River Vol. Fire Dept., Hamilton County.

Hope to see all at September meeting.

Remember if you need help, call me.

Bill Pape,  
Dist. 8A Chairman

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## DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order on May 25, 2000 by Chairman Charlie Cline at 7:30PM in Flora, IN. Charlie Baker gave the invocation and the Pledge was said by all. Guests: Pat Downey, Rev. Frank Kilcine, Mitch Parish, Charlie and Linda Baker, Christine and Ann Bogardes of Midwest Fire and Safety, Gary Robison, Leigh Ann Randle, Buzz Koehler and Chris Bufkin.

Roll Call: 26 members from 8 departments reported with 115 alarm responses.

Old Business: Miss Flame candidate, Leigh Ann Randle, thanked the members for the money donated to her for the upcoming convention. Chairman Cline presented her with the district sash.

Departments were reminded to pay any dues and catch up on this. Check IVFA membership cards. Social Security should not be on the cards. Everyone has a personal IVFA number. This number should be used for the fire school discount. The IVFA Central Office is working on getting the correct number on the cards. The mailing for next years' dues will be out soon. Please turn in the list of members who have served 25 years or more on their department to the Chairman. The Chiefs must verify the time served before January 1, 2000. Hereafter, every January 1st will be the anniversary of this award. 50 year awards are also given.

The name of this organization is Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association, Inc.

Turn in change of address forms for those who have moved to help save postage on returned newspapers.

New Business: The new Chief at Walton is Shane McRae and the Secretary is David Noel. Mitch Parish reported on the activities of the committees he is on with the NFPA. He said that the National Volunteer Fire Council is against have two sets of standards. Eventually paid firefighters will be needed on volunteer departments to be on call. Cases of Hepatitis C and D are increasing among emergency responders and Mitch reminded us to always use protection against bodily fluids.

Buzz Koehler reported that IVFA Treasurer, Bill Kinsey, will resign as of May 31, 2000. Jack Zeeks will take this office until the convention elections in June. License plate requests are up to date. Turn in Clothing Claims through the District Chairman. The deadline for submitting news to the newspaper is July 10th. Buzz warned that a proposal is going to legislation this Fall regarding the Blue Light Law. There is backing for this already to redo the number of blue lights allowed and have a siren. He can see this eventually getting rid of the blue light and the IVFA is against this. Get active and let your Senators and Representatives know how you feel. Have them come to your meetings. This year's convention is June 14-17. He asked for support for his candidacy for Vice President. The Board of Standards and Education is planning to change the 24 hours training. They may take out SCBA and put in Fire Behavior. This may take a year or more. The number of hours can't change but the content can. There will be a new logo for the IVFA name on paperwork soon.

Charlie Baker asked that if anyone has proposals for legislation, send this in writing to him with your name and phone number. The Legislative Committee will get back to you.

Pat Downey said that Downey Insurance will have a booth at the IVFA Convention and will give away CD Roms from the Fire Marshal's office. Workers' Compensation since 1989 has only had Medical coverage for firefighters with assigned risks. Downey Insurance handles WC for volunteer firefight-

ers and EMS. They are also the largest WC provider in Indiana.

Ann Bogardes has taken over the Eastern half of Midwest Fire and Safety's area.

Rev. Kilcine had books on HazMat etc., for those who wanted them.

Buzz Koehler had raffle tickets for the 4-wheeler that will be given away at the convention.

There will be a 6-hour propane fire training at Rensselaer on June 3rd.

On June 2nd the Delphi Ladies' Auxiliary will have their annual dinner cruise. It costs \$7.00.

Mike Titus told about the Carroll County Fire Investigation Task Force. They have pooled their equipment and specialists so that all fire departments will have a group to call on if they need assistance. They follow NFPA 921.

Gary Robison with the State Fire Marshal's Office reported on the computer software for NIFRS reports and handed out sets of this. There are 175 kinds of incidents on this software.

All reports must be by computer only by 12-31-00. Fill in all HIGH-LIGHTED items.

The Burn Camp Open House is May 31st at Camp Tecumseh.

Charlie Ryan won the 50-50 and Bruce Yonkers won the door prize.

A cold buffet followed the meeting that adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is July 27th at Galveston, IN.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

## DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 11-A

HELLO, FIREFIGHTERS,

A special thank you to Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Department for hosting our May meeting. I would like to thank Mike Biggler from the State Fire Marshal's office for the very informative program. Don Kiefer from TECH MED INDUSTRIES, 5602 Elmwood Ave., Suite 219, Indianapolis, IN 46203 1-800-788-6554, fax 317-783-6901, home 812-895-1392. Don talked about the company and what they had to offer and showed us some new items on the market. Our thanks are extended to Don.

I had the pleasure of attending visitor's day at Indiana Burn Camp. I encourage all of you to support the burn camp either by helping or making donations.

I would also like to thank the association for the opportunity to attend the Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner in Washington DC. While there we were able to meet with Congressman Lugar's staff and discuss some issues with them to relay to the Congressmen. I encourage all of you to keep in touch with your State Representatives, Senators and Congressmen. Make them aware of our cause and try to get their support.

Congratulations to the Prairieton Firefighters and Auxiliary on their new station, it is beautiful.

We have started making plans for Bleemel Days. Anyone wishing to participate in the equipment display, please get a hold of me.

Congrats to the 2000 convention committee for putting on a good convention. A huge thank you to Miss Carol Tempel for representing Dist. 11-A and the State for the past year. Carol did a wonderful job.

Briana Husband is our Dist. 11-A Miss Flame for 2000 and enjoyed her first IVFA convention making many new and lasting friendships. We would like to thank Bri for taking time out to be a great representative for 11-A.

Congratulations to Bob Hays of Honey Creek Fire Department for his ward.

Everyone is invited to attend our picnic Sept. 17. We will eat at 1:00

p.m. Events to enjoy are karaoke, a DJ and games for everyone. Our featured speaker will be State Miss Flame Nikki Luebricke. Bring a covered dish and lawn chairs and enjoy a day of fellowship and fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and encouragement during the past year. All of the support received made my duties much easier. I enjoyed the opportunity to serve as Chairperson for 11-A.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Harrison

## DISTRICT 11-B

May 10, 2000

Dana Volunteer Fire Department The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bartlow. The pledge to the flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. The opening prayer was given by Dist. Aux. Chaplain Maxine Davies.

Chairman Bartlow gave the floor to Bill Bush who gave his final '98 convention report hosted by Districts 11-A and 11-B. Checks were presented to the men and auxiliary of 11-A and 11-B.

Roll call was taken with 17 members from 8 departments present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Bartlow announced since the last district meeting, he had given 2 IVFA gold cards to Phil Carrington and Robert Higgins of the Russellville Vol. Fire Dept. He then called on Don Johnson PRWC rep., who spoke on some of the problems within the state in regards to fire reporting and the paper work involved by departments. Bill Bush spoke on the "NEW" newspaper for the association. He also gave a current updated report on the condition of President Jack Cox, and spoke on the recent repair of the convention cross.

Chairman Bartlow appointed a nominating committee consisting of: Larry Hawley, Phil Brannin, and Kevin Wallace. The district elections will be held at the next meeting in Covington. Chairman Bartlow announced that Vice Chairman Jack McFarland had moved and the position within the district was vacant at the present time.

Chairman Bartlow called on Dist. 11-A Dist. Chairman, Diane Harrison who made some announcements. Bill Bush then addressed those present with details concerning a money making project coming up on Sept. 22nd and 23rd. A show of hands warranted the two districts

to proceed with this undertaking.

The host certificate was presented by Chairman Bartlow to the Assistant Chief of Dana VFD, Brent Bush. Local department activities were announced. The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Bartlow.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 12

Thanks, District 3, Michigan City, for another great convention! We understand the many people and many hours of hard work it takes to put on such an event and we want to you to know we appreciate it.

I had the privilege of participating in the dedication of a new station in Coatesville recently. This has been a long time coming for this town and well deserved. It is a very nice building with a lot of room for expansion in yhears to come. Congratulations, Coatesville!

We hope to be dedicating another new station in my own hometown of Danville soon. This will make our second station which is badly needed with the amount of growth our area is getting.

Amo's Fire Department has reason to brag on their chief, Mark Bilford. Mark was awarded the Mid West Award for District 12 this year. Mark has done a lot for his community and has been instrumental in getting the new station for his department which was dedicated last year. Congrats Mark!

Deputy Fire Marshal Robison was guest speaker for our last district meeting hosted by Brown Township Fire Department. The subject was the NFIRS fire and EMS reporting program. It is understood that all department will have to use this computer program format by next year if they wish to apply for any state or some private grant moneys. Deputy Robison handed out the program packet to all departments represented at the meeting. About 6 departments of the 40+ in District 12 were represented at this meeting! If your department has not gotten on line with the NFIRS program, better do it soon. Contact the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office for further information.

Thanks, Brown Township, for hosting this meeting. Our next meeting will be July 17 hosted by the Coatesville Fire Department.

In conclusion, and with a heavy heart, I must report the death of a

friend, a fellow firefighters, and Danville's Fire Chief, J.R. Roberts, who died on the morning of July 7th at the age of 35. God bless his wife, Jackie, his two sons, Shaun and Trevor, and I ask your prayers for them and for those of us he left behind.

District 12  
John Ross, Chairman

## DISTRICT 13A

Well, another convention has come and gone and it seemed to be a good time for all. Thanks to Tim Sandy and for all those who helped to make convention great. Congratulations to all award winners from convention.

Bill Windsor, Sr. of Knightstown Fire Dept. won the Midwest Award for Dist. 13A. Also Bill Windsor will be retiring in Sept. 2000 after 47 years of fire service. If you see Bill, please wish him well!

Next meeting will be at Buck Creek Twp. Fire Dept. Station 1 at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Tim Martin  
Dist. 13A Chairman

## DISTRICT 15

The May 16, 2000 District 15 meeting was held at Perry Township Vol. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 20:30 hours, after a demonstration from Task Force Tips on nozzles and foam applicators.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the spiritual reading.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Anderson.

Roll call was answered by 20 members and 8 departments.

Guests in attendance were Tim Wargel - M&S Fire and Safety, Ken Bowes - E-One Fire Apparatus, Tim Montgomery - WSF Fleet Services, and Andy Plofkin - Task Force Tips.

Secretary Jack Kerney presented the minutes of the March meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney presented the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Anderson will check with the Evansville Visitors and Convention Bureau, to confirm the dates of June 12 thru 15 are available for the 2002 IVFA Convention.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave an update on the condition of the IVFA President Jack Cox.

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# IVFAA President



**Mary Mackin**

HELLO EVERYONE!  
I hope everyone had as nice of a time at Convention in Michigan City as we did. District 3 worked hard and it showed.

I'm looking forward to serving as your new President. It will be a joy to work with my new Officers in the coming year.

Congratulations to all of the winners of the Awards this year. They were all very deserving.

Your dues are do and payable to Diana Gray, 737 Colorado Street, Andrews, Indiana 46702. They are \$3.50 per member.

Have a safe and happy summer as you work on your fund raisers. Good luck on all your projects.

The first place winner on the Auxiliary fund raiser was Diane Morgan of La Port and the winner of the Franklin Mint fire bank was Adam Davies from District 11B. He is the grandson of John and Maxine Davies. Congratulations!

I would like to thank T R Downey Insurance for their donation of the bank. I would also like to thank the Emergency Training and Book Store for donating the tickets.

Sincerely,  
Mary Mackin  
Auxiliary President

## STATE OFFICER'S MEETING MARTEN HOUSE INDIANAPOLIS, IN MAY 14, 2000

President Faye Sallee was just beginning to open the meeting when Dave Kaufman from convention came into the room and gave us a brief run-down of convention. He said there will be a ladies' meeting as well as a men's on Thursday afternoon. If the meeting rooms show 3-4 (example) this means they will be in the Hotel. . .if it says A-B-C (example) it will be in the Casino pavilion, and the Peninsula is in behind the boat adjacent to the Hotel-Casino. There will be a map included in your welcome bag, as you register.

He said the registrations were coming in rapidly. If you have any questions you may contact Tim. . .he can answer them for you. His phone number is in the IVFA paper. DO NOT call the Hotel direct. . .they will not answer them for you.

Faye then opened the meeting by first reading a couple of stories concerning firefighters. One of them is attached to these minutes. Joann Hays, chaplain, then led us in a word of prayer. This was followed by Miriam Schaeckel, Sgt. of Arms, leading us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Joann then read a card that was very appropriate for Mother's Day.

Roll call was given by Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney. We had 24 members and 4 guests present. She then read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

There was an addition to the phone number listed for Lee, Leona's daughter, who is taking care of the Miss Flame registrations. It is 219-874-7287. . .she has voice mail at this number. . .or you may call 219-872-6245 and this is Leona's home, where she can be reached also.

Corresponding secretary, Diana Gray, said she has nothing to report. Membership, Barbara Kerney said we have 78 Depts., 41 Individu-

als, 2 Life Members, 93 Paid Depts. with a total of 1002.

Ann Moss said she has been working with Shelby to get a new auxiliary formed and Lake Village has a little conflict going, but hopes to get them going also.

Chaplain, Joann Hays told of her mistake that was in the IVFA paper. . .that she went to the Memorial for Ruth Fairfield, all the time thinking it was Ruth Ford. She was real upset over it and apologized and said that Ruth Ford was considering it a good laugh. . .and had some fun with it. But Joann wanted to let everyone know, how sorry she was that this happened.

Joann reported that we have 12 members to show respect to at Memorial Service this year. She read the names and asked for any corrections.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter as follows:

Balance on hand Feb. 4, 2000.....\$10,009.43  
INCOME:  
Dues.....\$495.00  
Interest.....29.94  
TOTAL INCOME.....+ 524.94  
DISBURSEMENTS  
Operating  
Expense.....\$120.78  
Mileage.....458.70  
Phone & Postage  
.....65.23  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS  
.....- 644.71  
Balance on hand May 10, 2000.....\$9889.66

\*Subject to audit  
Faye asked if a committee could be formed for help at the games and Marilyn Dever, Susie Stout and E.J. Smith will handle that.

Installation, Barbara Parker, said she will be ready.

Financial Study, Lou Bartlow asked why we had not been paying Joann, 25 cents a mile to travel to the Memorial Services instead of 15 cents a mile. It was looked up in the SOP's and it was decided that we would give her back pay, but she refused that and said to just pay her from this meeting on!

Ann Moss said that Phyllis had ordered the 24 dozen of the daily planners for 2001-2002 and will have them at the August meeting. She ordered 12 dozen firehouse and 12 dozen of assorted scenes.

Miss Flame, Eula Bush said she thought everything was okay. She has 19 contestants. . .the most we have had for awhile. She will be sending letters with instructions to each girl at the end of the week.

The ditty bags for the Miss Flames are large. . .hand painted with a scene of a lighthouse on them...these were all hand sewn and painted by an 87-year-old lady.

Mary Mackin reported on the VP project. She had the bank which is a firehouse with a fire truck that moves to deposit your money. It is cast iron and is from the Franklin Mint. It is a collectible! So get busy and sell those tickets....So far she has \$451.00 turned in!! The tickets will not be able to be sold in the hotel or Casino and so she will have to set up on the Peninsula...but there are a lot of activities going on out there. It is just that she will not be able to set at the registration table as before!

Martha Thomas, By-Laws....said she has NONE!!

Jewelry, Mary Mackin reported for her daughter, that the tie tacks and charms are here and you may buy them today or they will be sold at convention. They sold \$100.00 last night.

Nominating, Tammy Hungate, said they should be ready. She has a few positions that are open....Corresponding Secretary is one...so if you know of someone that is interested, please give her a call.

Historian, Wanda Johnson said everything is just the same. Still need information for Book #1. She will have the books at convention and maybe some of the older members will have some pictures or information to add to it.

Presidents Advisory, Lou Bartlow told Faye she is just about finished and ready to join the has-beens!

Lois Boaz, Mary Mackin said they are ready.

Parliamentarian, Phyllis Vargo was absent.

Chinese Auction, Barbara Parker said she has only received seven items so far....make sure you get them to Barb!

New Business:

Faye asked how many were in need of new District Chairman Bars? District 11A said she does not have one. Mary said she can order them with pins now instead of the tack pins. Toni was asking about extra backs for the tacks, because she has lost all of hers. Ann Moss showed us the ones she has and they are little rubber ones and she said they do not come off. She will check and see how much they are and may get some for us.

Toni said she had talked with Lucy Stofer yesterday and she is getting along real well after having cataract surgery. She is not sure if she will be attending convention.

Martha Thomas said she wanted to tell us what a wonderful job Joann has done as Chaplain.

Miriam Schaeckel thanked us for the cards that were sent to Calvin while he was in the hospital and recovering. He is still feeling tired and not up to par...so keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He really appreciated the flowers.

Leona had nothing more to report on the Convention, only that the rooms were very nice and there is an indoor pool for those of you that would like to swim.

Faye urged everyone to attend the parade on Saturday and please wear red and white.

Barbara Parker reported that the gal that received the scholarship three years ago, graduated from college today as a registered nurse. It is good to hear a follow up.

Dorothy said she still has two outstanding checks. Please check and see...or she will just have to write them off at the end of the year.

With no further business, Marilyn Dever made a motion to adjourn and Lou Bartlow seconded it. Motion carried.

Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Marten House on August 13, 2000. Please get your reservations made!

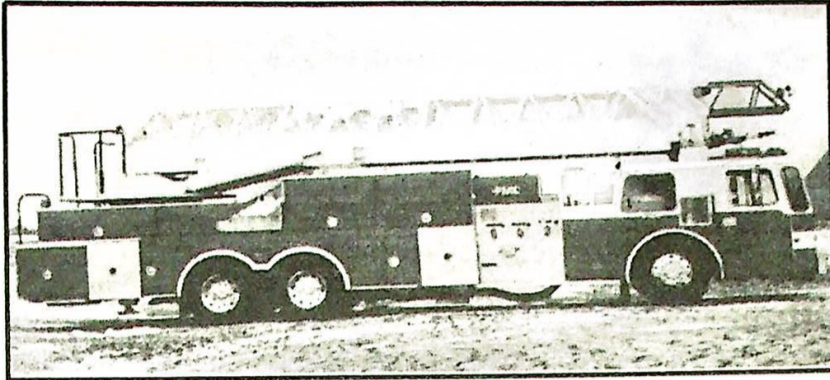
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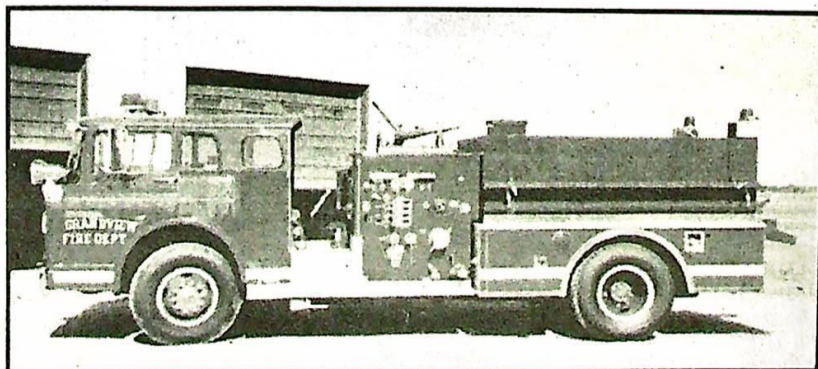
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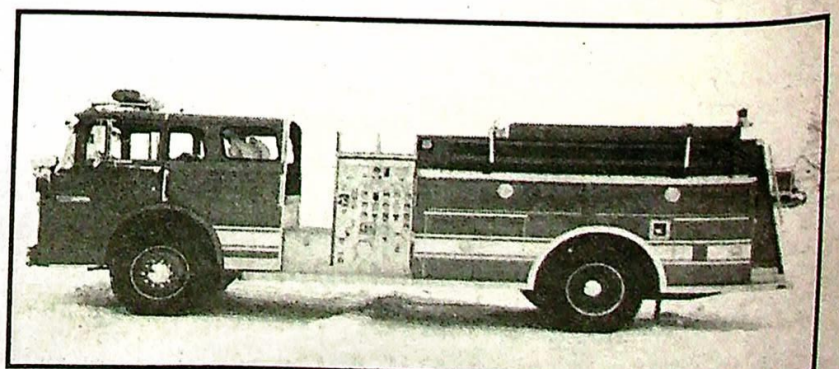
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## DISTRICT 1 & 2

May 4, 2000

Opening prayer was given by Debbie Walters of the Schererville Ladies' Auxiliary. A delicious dinner was served.

The pledge to the flag was led by Phillis Vargo. The history of the department was given by Debbie Walters.

Roll call of departments was made and also guests were Miss Flame District 1 Brenda Rosendaul, her dad James Rosendaul, Jake Thomas, Bill Howe, District 1 Chairmen of I.V.F.A. and Ginger Shanks representing the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Reading of the minutes by Marge Baumgardner with no corrections they stood as read.

Treasurer's report by Ann Moss with \$1260.20 in the funds.

A moment of silence was held for deceased members, Bernice Esserman, past District 1 chairman of Liberty Township and Lenora Volkman of Munster.

A movie and speaking about the Hoosier Burn Camp was by Ginger Shanks was very informative and had everyone's attention.

A check for \$500.00 was given by the Schererville ladies and a collection from members present was to help with the kids.

A reminder to everyone present about the convention to be held in Michigan City.

Announcements of the Depts. were given and we adjourned with the Sept. 7th meeting to be at Lake Dale.

Submitted by:

Kim Gornik, Sec. District 1

Martha Thomas, Dist. 1

Chairman

Ann Moss, Dist. 2 Chairman

## DISTRICT 3

The I.V.F.A.A. Dist. 3 was called to order by Chairwoman Leona Urysa at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. The meeting was hosted by the Coolspring Twp. Auxiliary.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and pledge to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 22 members present and one child guest, McKenzie. Present were Coolspring Twp. - 9, Michiana Shores - 6, Kingsford Union - 2, Springfield Twp. - 5.

Due to the absence of our Secretary-Treasurer, no report was given. A gift to our Miss Flame for \$200.00 was given.

A discussion of the convention to be held June 14 thru the 17th. Things are getting together for registering at the convention, cost is \$40.00 if registering before June 1, otherwise it will be \$50.00 at convention.

We have a new printer for the

I.V.F.A. paper, you will be getting the newspaper soon.

Jewelry will be sold at the convention. Come to the convention if you want to see or buy some.

We now have twenty Miss Flame contestants and will need more items for their diddy bags. There will also be a prize given for the best decorated door of Miss Flame contestants. Help your department's contestant with ideas.

We also will need items for approximately 300 diddy bags for the women's meeting and also door prizes.

Miss Flame will be chosen Thursday night at the convention.

The convention committee will give shirts to the Miss Flames with their names on them.

We also need sponsors and prizes for the banquet. Michigan City will buy the hot dogs for the Thursday night beer bust.

Entertainment for Wednesday night will be karaoke, Thursday night will have Mary McCoy, Friday night will be New Odyssey.

The needlepoint picture will be raffled at the convention and we will sell tickets at a \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn at the banquet.

We also have the state tickets for the mint fire truck which will sell \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The firemen are raffling off a four wheeled all terrain vehicle. Tickets will be sold at convention.

The memorial will be held at St. Paul's Church on 9th Street and a bus will be taking everyone there and back. Also a trip to Prime Outlets is scheduled.

A convention meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at the Blue Chip and all can attend.

A discussion was brought up as to why the ones working for one night should have to pay \$40.00 to get a pass if they volunteered to work the one night they have the hot dogs. It will be brought up at the convention meeting.

Question: Are they having games for the women at convention, answer, they don't know.

Need money from the treasury to buy more items for gifts.

Coolspring Twp. has cook books for sale.

Our next meeting will be at Michiana Shores on July 19.

The 50/50 winners were Fran Shultz and Agnes Battleday at \$5.75 each. \$11.50 goes to the treasury.

A motion was made by Laurie Enochs and seconded by Connie Tremmel to adjourn.

Refreshments were served by Coolspring Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Stantz  
Springfield Twp. Aux. Sec.

## DISTRICT 6

The Sixth District Auxiliary met at Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, on May 25, 2000. We had an enjoyable meeting, with nine auxiliary members and three guests present representing seven departments.

The Sixth District will be electing officers at the July meeting, at Rome City on July 20.

Also, please be thinking about the November meeting and the District Miss Flame contest. Any daughter at their station level and the win-

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ner then comes to the district to compete to represent the 6th District at the 2001 convention which will be held in Fort Wayne.

I personally want to thank the people of Michigan City who made the 2000 convention a really great Y2K affair. Our new state president for the upcoming year is Mary Mackin, from New Haven/Adams Township. Congratulations, Mary. Both the men's and ladies' waterball vents were won by New Haven/Adam Township. That's keeping it in the district! Everyone who played was a winner. There were three Miss Flame teams. Speaking of Miss Flames, congratulations to Nikki Luebcke from Crown Point who will be representing the state during the upcoming year. Our district Miss Flame, Kimberly Smith, won the Miss Congeniality award. Congratulations, Kim.

Marilyn Dever

6th District Chairman

## DISTRICT 11A

The convention at Michigan City has come and gone. We had lots of food, meetings, a moving memorial service, banquet, entertainment, waterball, cart races, hose relays and finally the parade featuring our new State Miss Flame, Miss Nikki Luebcke. A great time was had by all. If you missed out, start planing now to attend next June in Fort Wayne.

Our District 11A Miss Flame, Brianna Husband of Lewis Twp., represented us very well. We can be very proud. Don't forget to invite her to your fish fries, dinners, and parades.

Don't forget dues are once again due and will be delinquent after Sept.

Thanks to Seelyville for hosting our July district meeting.

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Sept. 17, 2000 1:00 p.m.

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Other upcoming events are Sept.

9, a fish fry at Sanford, Sept. 16 a fish fry at Van Buren Twp. and Sept.

22 and 23 Bleumal Days in Terre Haute.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Morris

IVFAA District 11A

## DISTRICT 11B

Another fiscal year for the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary has come to a close and the 2000 Convention is history. Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were very good choices. We are especially proud of our Amanda Davies who won Miss Flame Runner-up. She represented the Fillmore Fire Department. She is the daughter of Mike and Kim Davies and the granddaughter of John and Maxine Davies. (John is still popping buttons off his shirt. A mighty proud grandpa.)

I have to brag also. Our son Brent received the District 11B Midwest Award. We are very proud of him. He is a very dedicated fireman. (We are also having trouble with our buttons.)

The District 11A and 11B picnic is being hosted this year by 11A. It will be Sunday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Deming Park in Terre Haute. Bring a well filled picnic basket and lawn chairs. What better time and place to have a good time of renewing old friendships and visiting. Everyone is invited.

Fire Departments are having fund raisers throughout the year and what better way to advertise than at a district meeting. The firemen and auxiliary meet at the same time and children are not a problem. Our district meetings are a family affair. Your fire department, auxiliaries and

the district will thrive if everyone (including families) works together. District meetings are a wonderful place to advertise events, sell raffle tickets, share ideas and make long-time friendships. Try it, you'll like it!

Auxiliaries, the 2000-2001 dues need to be paid. They will be delinquent September 30. Dues are \$3.50 per member. If you have questions or need help organizing, just give me a call at 765-665-3213.

As usual, my "thinker" and my fingers are getting tired and I imagine you are tired of reading. So have a great and safe summer!

Eula Bush

## State Officers meeting ...

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Joann closed with a word of prayer.

Hope to see all of you at Convention in Michigan City, IN.

Come and plan to have a great time and renew old friendships!

Respectively submitted,  
Diana Gray

Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA



## I Wish . . . .

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

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

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

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

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

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

I wish you could know the frustration I feel in the cab of the engine or my personal vehicle, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the poedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain, as you fall to yield the right-of-way at an intersection or in traffic.

When you need us however, your first comment upon our arrival will be, "It took you forever to get here!"

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

I wish you could know how it feels to walk in the back door and greet my parents and family, not having the heart to tell them that I nearly did not come back from the last call.

I wish you could feel the hurt as people verbally, and sometimes physically abuse us or belittle what I do or as they express their attitudes of "It will never happen to me."

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

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

I wish you could understand what it feels like to have a little boy tugging at your arm and asking, "Is Mommy okay?" Not even being able to look in his eyes without tears from your own and not knowing what to say.

Or to have to hold back a long time friend who watches his buddy having rescue breathing done on him as they take him away in the ambulance. You know all along he did not have his seat belt on. A sensation that I have become too familiar with.

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

-- author unknown

# Marilynn McFadden Boaz Winner

Congratulations to this year's winner, Marilynn McFadden from Poe Auxiliary in District 7.

Now is the time to start thinking of a lady for next year. There are a lot of deserving women out there, so choose one and write those letters!

The committee this year is:  
Ann Moss  
1755 Broad Acres Road  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Toni Sorg  
14430 Comer Road  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46819

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

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

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

## BMV Procedures

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

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3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

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

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

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*From  
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All membership dues and license plate applications have been processed as received in the office of July 4. All District Chairmen and PR Directors have been sent your Department Not Paid Report.

All departments are encouraged to send in their membership dues as soon as possible, to avoid a last minute rush in the office. When they all come in at one time, it only delays the processing. Please return the membership roster that was sent to you, with the changes you would like to make. Enclose \$13 for each active member and \$7.50 for each inactive member. Remember that all new members and beneficiary changes need a new membership form forwarded. We cannot make beneficiary changes without a signed beneficiary form change.

If you have an address change, please fill out an address change form, found in the newspaper, and forward it to us as soon as possible. We pay the post office \$.50 for each returned newspaper. This amounts to about \$350 per mailing. Your help in this matter will cut this cost substantially.

We have received many requests for license plates with a payment of \$12. The fee for a license plate form is \$5 per license plate. Please make checks payable to the IVFA, not the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or myself.

Many of our members are using their social security number as their IVFA Membership Number. This **IS NOT** your IVFA Membership Number. Check your membership card for your IVFA Membership Number. This number is to be used in all correspondence and information regarding your membership, including Fire School Reimbursement.

We will be notifying all Fire Schools accept any social security numbers as your IVFA Membership Number.

I would like to thank everyone that have been patient during this transition. I believe the changes that have been made will have benefits to all of us.

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# IVFAA State Officers Meeting

**Blue Chip Hotel  
Michigan City, IN  
June 15, 2000**

President Faye Sallee opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Joann Hays to say a word of prayer. This was followed by the Pledge to the Flag, led by Sgt. at Arms, Miriam Schaeckel.

President Faye then asked Lou Bartlow to come forward and presented her with the Imm. Past President's corsage. Lou then in turn presented Faye with a corsage for President.

A corsage was also presented to Barbara Kerney, wife of acting IVFA President, Jack Kerney (in absence of President Jack Cox, who is ill).

Barbara Kerney, recording secretary, then gave the roll call... there were 29 members and four guests present. Barbara then read the minutes of the last officer's meeting. There were no additions or corrections, and were approved as read.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand May 10, 2000.....\$9889.66

Income:

VP Project.....\$451.00

Unrelated Inc.....38.50

+ 489.50

Total Income

Disbursements:

Annuals.....\$470.00

Mileage..... 714.25

Phone &

Postage.....109.57

VP Project.....234.00

Awards & Gifts.....695.20

Total Disbursements

.....- 2223.02

Balance on hand May 31, 2000

.....\$8516.14

\*Subject to audit

Corresponding Secretary, Diana

Gray read a note from Joann Shanabarger Teller, advising us of her recent marriage and name change. Congratulations!!!

Membership, Barbara Kerney, said we have 78 depts. paid, 41 Ind., 22 Life members, with 939 depts.

giving us a total of 1002 members.

Chaplain, Joann Hays said she will be in need of Bibles again, and will be placing an order. She has four Catholic and two Protestant on hand. If anyone is in need of a Bible, she has them with her. Just let her know!

Joann has sent 26 get well, 21 sympathy, six thinking of you and two new baby cards and has given five memorials. She said we have had two more deaths since last meeting and they will be added at the Memorial Service tomorrow.

Auditing, Lou Bartlow, said it will be done at the August meeting.

Games, Marilyn Dever, said we have three Miss Flame teams for waterball.

Installation, Barbara Parker, said she has given them all rehearsals, so she is ready!

Financial Study, Lou Bartlow said we are in fairly good shape, money wise, that is...and she would like to propose we raise the mileage for Chaplain to 32¢ or whatever the State allows, and raise the other Officers to 25¢-27¢ a mile. She turned it over to President Faye. Faye said that the Chairmen take it back to their Districts, discuss and vote on it and bring it back to the next Officer's meeting. With the price of gasoline increasing, we need to compensate a little more than we are now.

Miss Flame, Eula Bush said she has 19 contestants, but would like to have more girls interested for next year. She also said that the Chairman needs to know what is going on and what the rules are.

Eula told us that she is retiring from her position as the Miss Flame Chairman. She asked that everyone cooperate and support the new Chairman. She will help in any way she can, but does not want full responsibility anymore...let some young blood in there and wish them luck! Eula has done this for approx. 16 years or more. Faye told her she has done a wonderful job...and we

will miss her doing it! If anyone would like to accept this position, please notify the President.

V.P. Project, Mary Mackin, said we are doing a little slower than usual, but two of the Miss Flames have sold all their tickets and came back for more.

Jewelry, E. J. Smith, said she has sold \$150.00 today and still needs to push it.

Chinese Auction, Barbara Parker, said she has taken in \$373.00 so far...but will sell more. Martha only sells \$5.00 at a time...so we will get that total up.

Nominating, Tammy Hungate, said election will be held tomorrow, and we will have a vote to be taken for Corresponding Secretary, but they are ready!

Historian, Wanda Johnson, said Book #1 is still on the loose and floating around somewhere...it has been suggested that she put a note in the paper and maybe one of the older members might have it and it will float back!

President's Advisory, Lou Bartlow said Faye has done a fine job.

Lois Boaz, Mary Mackin, said they are ready.

Parliamentarian, Phylis Vargo, said everything is fine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara Parker told Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer, that two of the checks that were not cashed were to be a donation from Warren Twp.

Martha Thomas said the list for the birthdays needs to be updated and some need to add theirs. So we will have to do that.

Convention, Leona Uryga said the Koffee Klutch will be out on the Peninsula at 6:30 a.m. Friday.

Barbara Parker asked if a table could be set up for the Installation tomorrow.

Leona said transportation will be furnished for the Memorial Service and the Banquet.

Phylis Vargo said she has a new grandson...his name is Matthew.

Congratulations, proud grandma!

Faye reminded us that the next meeting will be August 12-13 at the Marten House in Indianapolis. Auditing will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Please keep Jack Cox and family and Don Johnson in your prayers and thoughts. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Faye asked that all officers set up front for the opening meeting to-night, and that the Lois Boaz winners wear their white jackets. They also need to be worn to the Memorial Service.

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

Joann closed with a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diana Gray,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
IVFAA

## Thank you, Miss Flames

For the beautiful porcelain angel, the gorgeous pink rose, the card and all of the nice things you said at the banquet. You really made me feel special. I will never forget your kindness.

Eula Bush

## Bleemel Days Sept. 22-23

District 11-A and 11-B invite you to attend Bleemel Days Sept. 22 and 23 in Terre Haute, IN.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun on Friday, September 22, from 3pm until dark and Saturday, Sept. 23 from noon until dark.

There will be a dunking booth with local celebrities, kid's games, an equipment display, save a life house, and the sheriff's dept. will be fingerprinting children.

Sparky and Smokey will also be there to entertain the kids.

## Buy, Sell, Trade

The Advance Fire Department will host its annual "Labor Day Festival" on Monday, September 4th.

The department will celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

This year the department is opening booth space at no cost for fire departments to buy, sell, or trade new or used equipment.

The Advance Department asks only for a letter from your fire chief authorizing you to sell your equipment.

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## IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays



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# IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

## QUARTERLY OFFICER'S MEETING MAY 13, 2000

Vice-president Kerney called our "Mother's Day" meeting to order and called upon Chaplain Baker for the Invocation before leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kerney then gave us a report on Jack Cox. Mr. Cox is at the Community Hospital in Indianapolis in the Hooks Rehab Center. Jack was able to go home for the day today and will be back tomorrow. He looks good, has good color, and is picking some weight back up. He wants to talk but can't. They are trying to teach him to help take care of himself. Nancy said that before he came to Hooks that there was no way she could have taken care of him when he did get home. In the two weeks he has been here he has progressed enough to help take care of himself. They are now trying to teach him to stand on the leg which is paralyzed so he can move himself around and Nancy won't have to manhandle him. It is his right side which is affected and Jack is left handed. Jack still has a long way to go in his rehab program. Anyone getting a chance to go see him, please do. Mr. Kerney thinks he would be very glad to see any of us.

The Vice-President reported he and Barb had been so busy that he had not done much traveling other than in his old PR area. He has made several of the meetings and fund-raisers in the Southwest. He then asked Barb Kerney to give a report. Barb indicated they have mailed out all the 2000 dues notices, if any changes need to be made they need to know. They have ran labels for two printings of the paper and reports for the Chairman and PR people as to who has paid and those that have not yet. It takes 3.5 minutes to put a license request in and 5 minutes for a membership, so it is quite time consuming. She thanked those who had been so very patient and understanding. They are finding bugs but are working with the computer people to work them out. She asked everyone to work on the address list that comes back from a mailing as it costs fifty cents for each one and we had 750 come back the last mailing. They are going to put a change of address form in the next paper to see if that will help. Address labels are now available to the District Chairmen and PR people.

The Secretary indicated that everyone should have received a printed copy of the minutes from the previous meeting and that he hoped the Chair would accept a motion to approve the minutes as distributed to the officers. Mr. Baker made the motion and the Chair accepted it and the second by Larry Bartlow. A vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion carried.

A hold was put on the Treasurer's report until the paper work could be distributed.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS' REPORT

PRNW - Buzz Koehler had made most of his meetings and had nothing else to say.

PRNE: Mike Mackin made all his meetings and reported a resignation of Mike Mason as Chairman of District 6. He deferred further information until the District 6 report.

PRWC: Don Johnson has made all his meetings and thanked the office for the E-mails.

PREC: Don Cushman made most of the meetings and says attendance has been down some but seems to be picking back up.

PRSW: Jack Harker attended all the meetings he has received notices on and had three memorials to attend. He also attended a couple of open houses.

PRSE: Nelson Ehlers wasn't there yet.

Past-Presidents: Goodwin reported nothing to report but it was warm in Florida and cold here. Bruns passed. Swartz echoed Mr. Goodwin's report. Parish was in DC attending the NVFC meeting. Glant hesitated but passed. Zeeks passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Kinsey covered the sheets which had been passed out to all the officers present. Bill then read a letter of resignation he had given to the organization which will be effective at the end of the month. Mr. Kerney then thanked Bill for all the work he had done for the IVFA and the officers gave Bill a round of applause as their thank you. A copy of each of the sheets Bill passed out is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Sergeant-at-arms: Bill Bush advised us he had gotten a clock for Prairieon and that the roses for the newly repaired cross are in for convention. Meeting card notices are in and ready for use. The decals are in process and he turned in the final report for the convention in Terre Haute.

The Chair then asked the Secretary to comment on the name change. Red passed on the information that on the 7th day of Feb. 2000 the Sec. of State signed off on the change to our articles of incorporation changing the name from firemen to firefighters.

**District Chairman reports:** Dist. 1: Bill Howe informed us Bernice Esserman had passed away and that one of his firemen had been killed in an industrial accident and that Chaplain Baker had come up for the memorial. Dist. 2: Larry Stott had one death and read the reports form for the 3 months. Mr. Kerney advised us he was taking a break in the District Chairman reports so that a guest, Mr. Troy Fornof could speak to us about the Relief Association Proposal. A copy of his handout is attached to these minutes. Chaplain's Report: Charlie Baker thanked those that had helped him so much during the past four months. These months have been the busiest that he can recall. He has had a total of 15 memorials. He asked each one to research for those who have passed away and get him the names so that he can get them in the bulletin for the convention. He presented us with two cards to sign: one for Bob Esserman and the other for President Cox. He further indicated that we are about out of grave markers. He proposed we make the change to firefighters and order 100 at the same time. Total expense will be about, but not over, \$1800.00. According to Parker, the Chaplain is under budget so need not ask permission to get markers. Jack Kerney advised us that there is an 8-10 week delivery time on the pocket badges. They are no longer stocking any for us. Anyone needing a badge was asked to put "pocket badge" on a business card and give it to Jack Kerney.

**Going back to District reports:** Dist. 3: Pam and Dave Kaufman for Tim Sandy said that even though Tim had to spend four days in the hospital after Washington DC, that he was doing fine now. They are going down the checklist for convention and things are almost ready. Dist. 4: Greg Freed has had two deaths and the last meeting was at New Paris with a good attendance and program by the fire marshal's office. Dist. 5: Don Kissinger

reported he had six depts. and 19 members at one meeting and 13 depts. with 29 members for the Robison program. They had three deaths in the Dist. and the next meeting will be in Warsaw on 7-13-00 at 7:30 p.m. Dist. 6: Fill in Mike Mackin had called a special meeting and five of the 55 Depts. in the Dist. were there. They decided to wait and contact all Depts. before doing anything. There were comments about MAYBE splitting the Dist. There had been one death and Charlie did the memorial. Dist. 7: Mort Sorg thanked us for the chance to visit DC and told of honoring a past Chief at the last meeting at Berne where they had 67 members from 15 Depts. They also made over \$800.00 on the bake sale that day. The blue light was discussed and they voted to leave things as they are. Next meeting: 5-15. Dist. 8A: Not Robert Flenor, but Bill Pape reported they had 17 members and a County Council member there to discuss ideas with at the last meeting. The next meeting will be in Fairmont on 7-12 at 7:30 p.m. Dist. 8B: Larry Petro said they had 12 members from seven Depts. to discuss the legislative report at one meeting and 14 members from five Depts. to discuss low attendance at the other meeting. The next meeting is at Eaton on 7-12 at 7:30 p.m. Dist. 9A: Charlie Cline indicates his attendance is staying up around 40-50 and that the last meeting's program was on chemicals and the next one at Flora will have arson as the subject for discussion. Dist. 9B: Randy Denton had eight Depts. and 30 members for a Lifeline demo and a LP and anhydrous session at the last meeting. They've had one death and the next meeting will be in Wolcott on 7-13. Dist. 10: David Israel relayed that they had two interesting meetings. The first was attended by 27 members and from nine Depts. who discussed the problem of line of duty deaths of firefighters. The second again had 27 members but from 10 of his Depts. and the program was new fire house construction. They've had two deaths since our last meeting and have voted to change the meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He thanked Bill Bush for the short turn around time on a clock for a firehouse and is needing a gold card for presentation at the next meeting which will be in Edinburg on 5-17. Dist. 11A: Diane Harrison thanked us for the "learning experience" in DC. She told us that 35 people from 11 Depts. attended the March meeting at Patricksburg and that the extrication class in Feb. had 47 attendees from 14 Depts. She reminded us we had lost Toddy and thanked everyone who attended the memorial and those who remembered Helen and the family in their prayers. She announced the May 21st meeting will be at Wright Twp. and advised that plans are being made for some street days in Terre Haute on Sept. 22/23. Dist. 11B: Larry Bartlow has had two meetings, March was in Perrysville with Gary Robison and 16 members from eight Depts. and May was at Dana where they had 18 members from nine depts. He has presented two Gold cards to firefighters on the Russelville Dept. and the July meeting will be at Covington on the 12th. Dist. 12: John Ross had the March meeting at Brooklyn with 123 members from nine Depts. and had an insurance program. They have

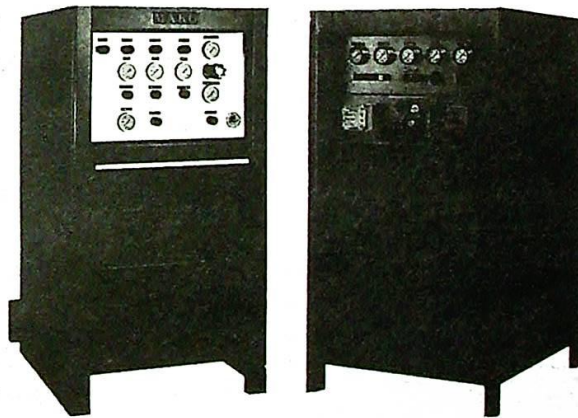
experienced three deaths and the May meeting will be the 15th at Brown Twp. Dist. 13A: Tim Martin says his Feb. meeting found 13 members from five Depts. for an ice water rescue program and the March meeting drew 23 people from 11 Depts. to hear Gary Robison. The April meeting was the same day as Tim's knee surgery so Don Cushman was going to chair the meeting but only three people were in attendance so Don was off the hook. He also reported one death. Dist. 13B: Dennis Spears was unaccounted for. Dist. 14: Roy Richardson told of how good it was to be able to be back. He was tired of being in the hospital and fighting with the cows. He spoke of the upcoming 150 year celebration at Madison Co. #3. He also clarified the question on the 25 yr. pins by stating that a recipient must be an IVFA member and have been for 25 years. Subject deferred to the Board action. Dist. 15: Steve Anderson has attended five functions and the March meeting was attended by 31 members from nine depts. with an extrication demo as the program. The next meeting is May 15 at Perry Twp. Dist. 16: Dale Scott was not present. Dist. 17A: Ron Bell has had two firefighter deaths and also lost the wife of his Secretary. They have had two meetings with guest speakers, one with 36 members from 15 Depts. and the other with 38 members from 13 Depts. Dist. 17B: Luke Kluender was among the missing. Dist. 18: Frank Daunhauer likewise missing. Dist. 19: Paul Covington also could not be found. Dist. 21: Perry Martin has had no meetings but he attended a retirement and will have a meeting at Johnson Twp. on 5-30 with Charlie as the guest speaker.

Charlie Baker reported the Indiana contingent to DC numbered about 28 people. The flight over was good but we were a bit crowded for space and time since we had no advance party this year. We had to

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## DISTRICT 15

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Miss Flame Chairman, Barbara Kerney, announced, to those who were not in attendance at the last meeting, that Stephanie Conger from McCutchanville was selected to represent District 15 at the convention.

**NEW BUSINESS:** IVFA Central Office Manager, Barbara Kerney, gave an update on the Office since being moved to Evansville.

Secretary Kerney will have a new list of District 15 meetings at the July meeting.

Chairman Anderson gave an update on IVFA benefits.

Chairman Anderson reported that he had collected \$24 to donate to the Hoosier Burn Camp. May 31 is visitor's day at the Burn Camp.

Marrs Township Assistant Chief, Harry Logan, announced that the department had taken delivery on a new SVI Rescue Truck on a Ford chassis. He also reported that the department had held a Marrs School, and 9 agencies participated.

McCutchanville Fire Chief Jack Kerney announced that his department answered 92 emergencies during the month of April. He also announced that their new SVI Rescue Truck will be delivered the last of July or the first of August. It is being built on a Spartan Chassis.

German Township Division Chief, Tim Wargel announced that his department is in the process of writing specifications a new Rescue Truck.

Poseyville Assist. Chief Ken Gorbett, announced that his department was building a new Brush Truck.

Patoka Township Chief, Ernest Lashley, announced that his department was taking delivery on a used Rescue Truck. He also announced that they were having an open house at their new station on June 3 & 4.

Black Township Chief Kevin Brown announced that his department had taken delivery on a new Ford Expedition Command Vehicle. He also announced the name change from Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue to Black Township.

Chairman Anderson thanked Perry Township for the dinner that was provided.

Secretary Kerney announced that the next meeting will be July 11 at Alcoa in Newburgh.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 21:20.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jack Kerney  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 17-A

March, 2000

Crane Village Volunteer Fire Department is in need of training and equipment. They have a fire truck, but no turn out gear, nothing. I go up to their fire department on Tuesday nights and am trying to get them trained and headed in the right direction. They are located at Crane Village just outside of NSWC Crane Base. They will appreciate any help they can get.

March 18, 2000

Attended Cannelburg Volunteer Fire Department's sausage and pancake breakfast. This is their annual fund raiser. Had a very enjoyable breakfast and good fellowship.

April 9, 2000

Attended retirement dinner held for Loogootee firefighter Ben Summers. I was proud to present Ben with a plaque.

April 22, 2000

Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual hog roast fund raiser. Good food and good fellowship.

May 6, 2000

District 17A supper and meeting was hosted by the Bloomfield Fire Department. Several guests were in attendance. Gary Robison

from the Indiana Fire Marshal's office and his wife, Sandy, State Rep. Peggy Welsech, Vice-President Jack Kerney and wife, Barb, PR Jack Harker, District 18 Kenny Lau, Ralph Paige, Southwest Rep for Fire and Safety Equipment, District 17A's Miss Flame contestant Heather Porter, Larry Heaton, C.F.E.I., Senior Fire and Explosion Investigator from Donan Engineering Co., Inc. was guest speaker. He gave a very informative film slide and talk and two representatives from Jones and Associates Insurance Co. Had a good attendance.

May 23, 2000

Had the privilege of helping Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's Office, present Fire Chief Archie Sapp of the Union Volunteer Fire Department, with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

May 27, 2000

Elnora/Elmore Volunteer Fire Department held their annual BBQ Chicken and Hamburger fundraiser. The money raised from this annual event is used to purchase much needed equipment for the department.

June 10, 2000

Odon Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Jonah Fish Fry fundraiser. Lots of good food was shared.

June 13, 2000

Attended the convention at Michigan City. Had a great time and lots of fun. Looking forward to next year.

July 15, 2000

District 17A meeting will be at Winslow.

Respectively submitted  
District 17A Chairman  
Ronald Bell

## DISTRICT 18

The May 18th meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Parker at Jasper, Indiana.

There were 85 members out of 22 departments answering 113 fire calls and 120 medical calls.

The guests were Jack Harker, president; Ron Bell, district 17A chairman; Jim Anderson, WBDC News; Alex Smith, M&S Fire and Safety; Ken Boes, Sternberg '911'; Ralph Page and Tim Shots, Southwestern Fire and Safety; Randy Yoder, Harmonic Electronics; John Frenz, state representative; Dennie Oxly, state representative; Jeff Stainfield, Jones Associate Insurance Agency; and Jill Landauer, Miss Flame candidate.

New patches will be available soon.

There was a new fire department that joined the 18th district since the last meeting. It is Lost River Township Fire Department.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21 of 2000 at Haysville at Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club at 7:30.

## 2000 IVFA Convention Games Winners and Participants

### MEN'S WATERBALL:

- 1st - New Haven-Adams Twp.
- 2nd - New Chicago
- 3rd - Fairview Park
- 4th - New Paris  
Lewis Twp.

### MEN'S HOSE REPLACEMENT:

- 1st - New Chicago - 50 sec.
- 2nd - Fairview Park - 61 sec.

### MEN'S CART RACE:

- 1st - New Chicago / 55 sec.
- 2nd - Fairview Park / 61 sec.

### WOMEN'S WATERBALL:

- 1st - New Haven-Adams Twp.
- 2nd - Dist. 11B  
Miss Flames 1  
Miss Flames 2  
Miss Flames 3

# IVFA State Officers meetings ...

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wait longer than usual for the rooms and then had the dinner that evening that lasted until almost midnight. The next day was symposiums, appointments on the Hill and some free time to sightsee. We flew back very early the next day. He commented he felt it was beneficial, the more we touch base with the people in Washington, the better off the fire service is going to be. Prior to the DC trip there was an IFSI meeting sometime in April and Troy was there with the proposal he presented here today. Charlie hopes it will be on the front burner for the next several months. Without a doubt, the toughest part will be to sell it to the legislators. We will need to do a lot of calling and letter writing before we get it sold and passed. If we can't get it this year, we will keep trying. He announced the Burn Camp from May 29-June 2, and the 2001 Indiana Fire Caucus will be 2-5-01. Also, the Congressional dinner will be May 3, 2001. The current officers were elected to serve another year.

**Committee Reports:** Resolutions-Harker, no response from the PR people so no report. Following some discussion among the parliamentarians, the Chair chose to abolish the Committee. Legislative-Parker, everyone received, and it is in the paper, the recap of the bills the IVFA was interested in during the past short session. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the contract we have with Mr. Shanks and whether we want to renew it or investigate other possibilities. It was left in the hands of Mr. Parker and Mr. Baker to look around and report either at the Convention meeting or the August meeting of the officers. Bill Kinsey agreed to make some introductions to the firms which had in the past shown interest in serving as our lobbyist. Budget-Kinsey, said the budget was approved at the last meeting. Editors-Howe, reported that the paper committee had met for approx. 1.5 hours after everyone else had left the previous meeting and after looking at all three proposals and from various angles, found the Rensselaer printer to be the best suited for our needs. One copy has been printed and looks almost like what we have been used to. We do not as yet have a contract but the printers and us have agreed to the proposal to print three issues. The committee will revisit the printer and come up with something on paper. Bill suggested that if we were to consider a change in the future we should at least allow six months. All address changes will be sent to the central office. The committee did a good job in a short time and the body thanked them with a round of applause. Comments were made about staying with this printer after the three issues or did we want to invite other bids. Jack Harker moved to table until the August meeting. The motion carried. The question of providing a disk with the addresses and having him print the labels. Security seemed to be the big question. Bill Pape made a motion that we make up a disk and send it to the printer and see if they can use it. The motion died for lack of a second. More discussion brought a consensus and show of hands that we send a disk and see how it works. Ad taker-Parish, still at the NVFC meeting. By-laws-Parker, passed out a new page 13 for the SOG. Public Ed-Parker, seven representatives went to DC and came back safe but maybe not too sound. Diane Harrison and Mort Sorg chose to make some positive comments. Joint Leadership-Glant, couldn't advise what the committee did. Mr. Swartz gave us some words but the noise was so great no one, not even the recorder, heard. End result was that the Chair dissolved the committee. EMS-Johnson, reminded us that if we have a defib unit we have to report, even if we do not use it.

Fine is \$500.00 for failure to comply. Membership-Bruns, nothing to report. Bridgeport-Bruns, had 20 applicants but the decision is yet to be made. Fire School & Training-Kerney, advised us that it appears we may be paying for some students that are not members of the IVFA, but that short of giving the list to other groups, we may have to eat some. The problem will be monitored and discussed with both the IFA and EBT to try and find a better way of checking. Historian-Mitch, still in DC. Insurance-Kinsey, nothing new but the liability and umbrella policies have been renewed. The accident and sickness policy renews at a different time. Awards-Kerney, said each District has a Midwest award winner this year. There were six applicants for the Ollie Sandberg award and five names for the Mr. IVFA. Photographer-Kissinger, nothing to report. Clothing-Bartlow, needs to have a meeting this evening. Standards & Education-Kerney, notified us that at the meeting in Michigan City, the topic for discussion will be the content of the 24 hour training. Legislative-addendum-Parker, read a letter from the West Porter Twp. Fire Prot. Dist. thanking us for the support we gave to getting HB 1068 passed. This bill allowed Districts to have a cum fund.

Mr. Kerney read a letter advising us that some groups are going to try to get the blue light law revised in the next session. The proposal included the use of a siren. He also read a letter from John Davies wondering if the blue light law had been changed. He suggests we as the IVFA, attempt to regulate the violators. We need input from the Districts as to what we should do in the legislature. What are the insurance implications?

The Chair called a break until 0830 in the morning.

**Sunday morning, May 14, 2000**

The Chair, Jack Kerney, called us from refreshment to labor and asked the Chaplain for his Minute Message and Invocation. Charlie read a passage from the 31st Chapter of Proverbs and spoke about how it fit today's world and our lives. It was fitting for Mother's Day.

### OLD BUSINESS:

We again had a discussion regarding the fire school discount and how we could better control paying only for IVFA members. Several possibilities were put forth but no answer was found. The subject will be looked at with respect to how we could use the computer.

A visitor, Joan Hays, showed up and cleared up the question of whether Ruth Ford was living. It was Ruth Fairfield who passed away and Joan did the Memorial. Ruth Ford is still alive.

Again, we talked about the fire school problem. We shouldn't be paying for someone who isn't a member. We need to find a way to help the other organizations help us and still not pay for non-members. Chaplain Baker made a motion that we not pay for anyone we can't verify as a member and that it be the duty of the hosting organization to obtain proof of IVFA membership. One way could be to have the student furnish a copy of their current dues card. Mr. Koehler had the second and the motion passed without any nays being heard. It was agreed that we start with the Aug. school and do the best we can with the Indianapolis school.

Buzz announced that the DEADLINE for the next paper will be July 10.

Red Morris reported that we can switch our long distance to AT&T and save money. He couldn't find any other company that was able to make a proposal that would give us the monthly report we need. Jack Zeeks made a motion that we initiate the change to AT&T. The question was deferred to board action.

Dist. 13B Dennis Spears says things have been pretty quiet in the District.

The Chair appointed Jack Zeeks as the interim Treasurer. He will serve from May 31 thru June 30. The person elected at Convention will start his new duties July 1. This appointment will be up for approval under board action.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jeff Stanfield for the purpose of addressing the body. Jeff came to us to propose we recommend an insurance carrier in return for a reduction in rates for any of our members. He was not aware that we currently have an agreement with another vendor. When he learned of this, he suggested that if in the future we wanted to look at a new carrier to let him know.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kerney relayed from the Miss Flame Committee that each District needs to furnish a sash for their candidate. They also asked if we could provide the usual \$500.00 toward the Miss Flame contest expenses. This subject was deferred for board action. It was announced that the Convention officers' meeting would be Thursday, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Kinsey advised us that we receive 12-13 thousand a year from MBNA. Announcement - the next quarterly officer's meeting will be August 12 & 13 at the Marten House in Indianapolis.

Mr. Bartlow reminded us that all clothing claims must go through and be signed off by the District Chairman. Actually the Chairman is supposed to see the article. Buzz says he has convention tickets we could buy.

There being no further business, the Chair heard a motion to adjourn from Dist. 8B, Larry Petro and a second from Dist. 1, Bill Howe. Everyone voted yes.

### BOARD MEETING:

Mr. Jack Zeeks called us to order and called for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. He recognized Mike Mackin, PRNE for the motion to dispense and accept as printed. PREC Don Cushman gave the second and all but one vote was yes.

Mr. Bush requested we authorize 15 station dedication clocks. Buzz Koehler so moved and Bill Pape seconded, all but one voted yes.

The question of the games trailer going to Terre Haute was held over till the Convention officer's meeting.

Bill Pape motioned to change phone cards over to AT&T. Dist. 12, John Ross had a second and we still heard only one no vote.

On the question of \$500.00 for the Miss Flame committee, PRNE Mike Mackin made the motion and our sergeant-at-arms, Bill Bush got the second. The vote was taken and we heard nothing from the no voter.

Bill Bush made a motion that we pay for the non-refundable plane ticket for Mr. Kinsey. Larry Petro agreed with a second and the motion carried.

Jack Zeeks was railroaded as interim Treasurer for the month of June.

Roy Richardson requested we order 2500 25 year pins at \$1.42 each. Bill Bush was the second, all votes were affirmative.

Roy will administer the program through the District Chairman on an as needed basis.

Bill Kinsey reminded us that the IVFA organization is sometimes like a tree full of monkeys, and with that, Mr. Zeeks recognized Larry Petro for a motion to adjourn and Don Kissinger of District 5 came up with the second.

Naturally, everyone was in favor, however, we all listened to Chaplain Baker's Benediction before leaving the room.

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I have attended convention for the last thirty (30) years until this year. I fell down the stairs and busted by head open on June 15th (seven

stitched) and the doctor advised against traveling.

I called Jack Kerney at convention headquarters, but I don't know if he received the message or not as he never returned my call.

I lost the election for P.R.W.C. so Larry Bartlow will be the new P.R.W.C. He will take office Jan. 1, 2001.

I have enjoyed working with everyone and maybe I'll see you at future conventions.

Keep up the good work!

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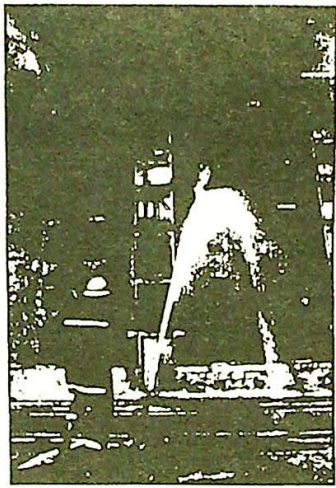
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# IVFAA Convention News

**Blue Chip Hotel  
Michigan City, IN  
June 16, 2000**

President, Faye Sallee opened the 8 a.m. meeting by asking Joann Hays, Chaplain to lead us in prayer.

Sgt. of Arms, Miriam Schaeckel then led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Faye then thanked the host Dept. and Leona for all their work for the convention. Everything has been so nice!

Recording secretary, Barbara Kerney gave the roll call. There is no number present, because Barbara did not get it to me for the printing of the notes.

Faye introduced special guests, Marilyn McFadden, the new Lois Boaz winner, Jean Parish, wife of the new Mr. I.V.F.A. Mitch Parish, and Barbara Kerney, wife of the I.V.F.A. President, Jack Kerney.

Recording Secretary, Barbara Kerney read the minutes from last convention. Minutes were approved as read.

Eula Bush then introduced the Miss Flame and her court. They were presented with gifts, including a red bag hand painted with a light-house scene on it, along with some goodies from District 3, a gold locket and chain from the I.V.F.A., a convention charm from the I.V.F.A., photo albums from Barbara and Jack Kerney, a cup from AET Films (Eula's employer), Angel Pins from District 1 & 2, and several other articles.

Eula thanked her committee, Barbara Ketchum, Barbara Parker and Miriam Schaeckel.

Chaplain Joann Hays gave her report as having lost 15 ladies throughout the year. She has sent 26 Get Well, 21 Sympathy, six Thinking of You, two new baby cards and has held five memorials.

Joann has the Bibles with her so if anyone is in need, please contact her. She only has two Protestant and four Catholic left, and so will be placing an order for more.

If you have a death, illness or anything that needs to be recog-

nized, contact Joann or your District chairman, and it will get done. Joann was then excused to leave in order to go prepare for the Memorial Service.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter, gave her report as follows:

Balance brought forward June 1, 1999.....\$6845.56

INCOME:

Dues.....\$3782.00

Interest.....80.73

Jewelry.....720.00

VP

Project.....3173.00

Unrelated

Income.....386.66

Total Income June 1, 1999 to

May 31, 2000.....+ 8142.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating Expense

.....827.93

Annals.....670.00

Mileage.....2901.05

Phone & Postage

.....469.82

Overpaid Dues

.....57.00

Jewelry.....560.90

V.P. Projects

.....434.00

Awards & Gifts

.....911.11

Total Disbursements June 1,

1999 to May 31, 2000

.....- 6831.81

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1,

2000.....\$8156.14

\*SUBJECT TO AUDIT\*

Membership, Barbara Kerney,

said as of 4/30/00, we had 78

depts., 41 individuals, 22 life mem-

bers and 939 depts. with a total of

1002 members.

President Faye Sallee handed out

certificates, one new auxiliary and

several 25 year members.

Auditing, Lou Bartlow, said it will

be done at the August meeting.

Games, Marilyn Dever, said we

have two cart, two hose replace-

ment, and five women's waterball

teams.

Installation, Barbara Parker said

they are ready.

Eula Bush, Miss Flame, has noth-

ing more to add.

V.P. Project, Mary Mackin, said we are down. She has \$900.00 in so far, so get busy and sell those tickets and buy them...we need the money!

Chinese Auction, Barbara Parker, has taken in \$547.00 but needs \$182.00 more to be \$1.00 ahead of last year.

By-Laws, Martha Thomas, said she has none.

Jewelry, E.J. Smith said we are down, have plenty of items left.

Nominating, Tammy Hungate, said she is ready.

Historian, Wanda Johnson, said the books are on the table...still looking for the original #1.

Lois Boaz, Mary Mackin, said we need to get more letters in for next year. There are a lot of deserving women out there.

Phylis Vargo said she has the two year planners (2001-2002) and at the next meeting the District Chairmen need to know how many they will be needing. They will sell for \$2.00 each. Pick them up at the August meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tammy Hungate held the nominations for officers for the year 200-2001.

Barbara Parker read some of the duties of each officer elect. They were then sworn in.

Your new officers are:

President - Mary Mackin, Vice

President - Barbara Kerney, Record-

ing Secretary - Diana Gray, Corre-

sponding Secretary - Martha Tho-

mas, Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter,

Chaplain - Joann Hays, Sgt. of

Arms - Miriam Schaeckel, Imm. Past

President - Faye Sallee.

Congratulations to all of you, and

remember members, give them all

your support for the next year.

Lou then presented the gavel and

the Past President pin to Faye.

Toni then reminded us that the

Poe Festival was August 25-26th.

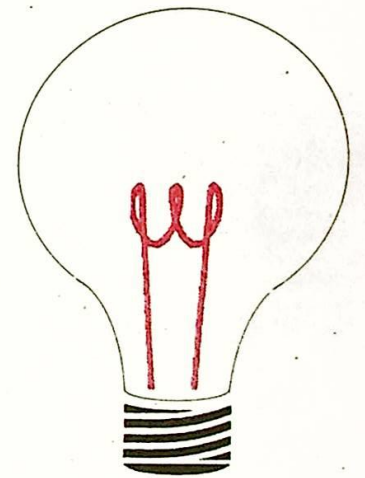
Mary McCoy will be entertainment

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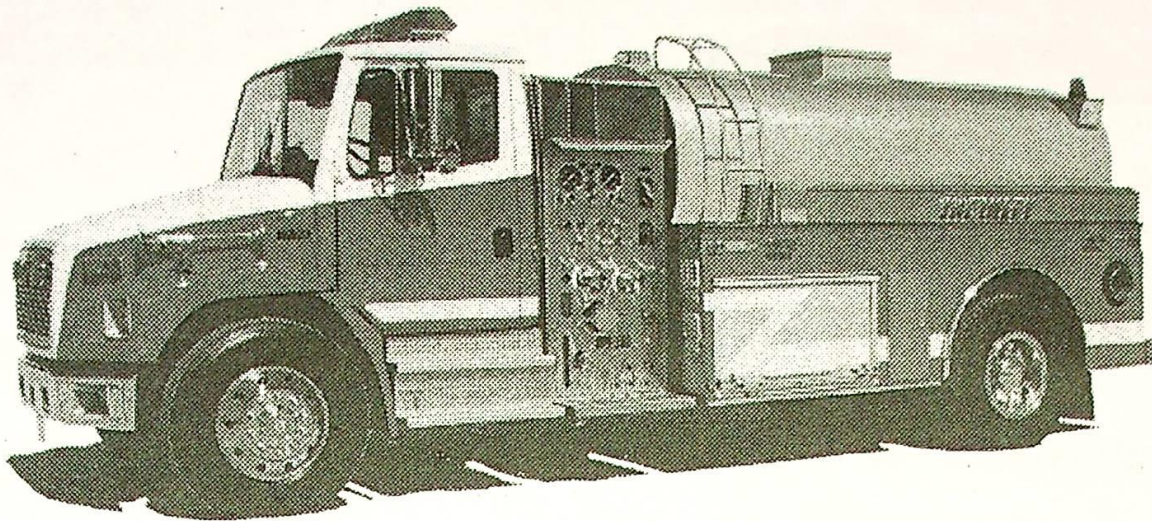
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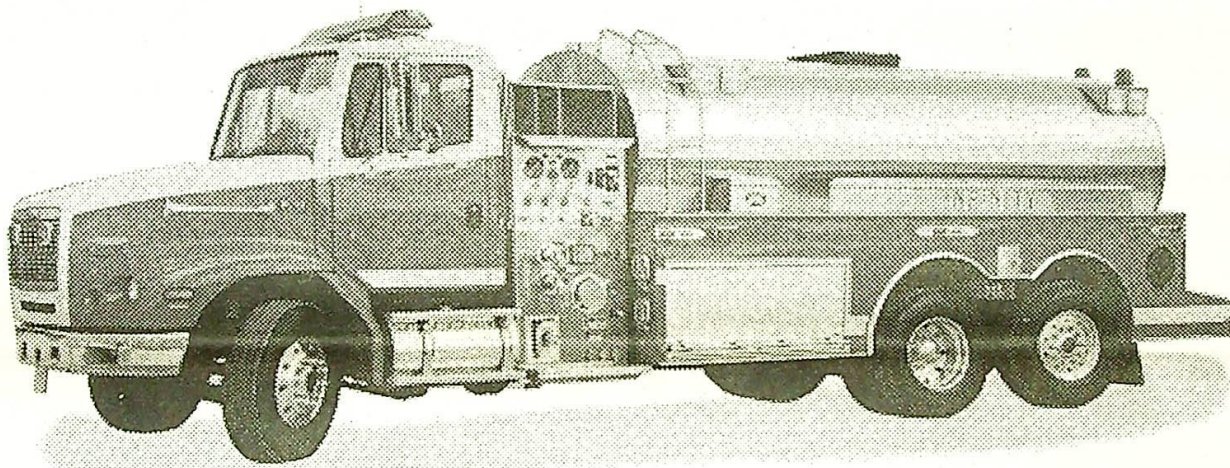
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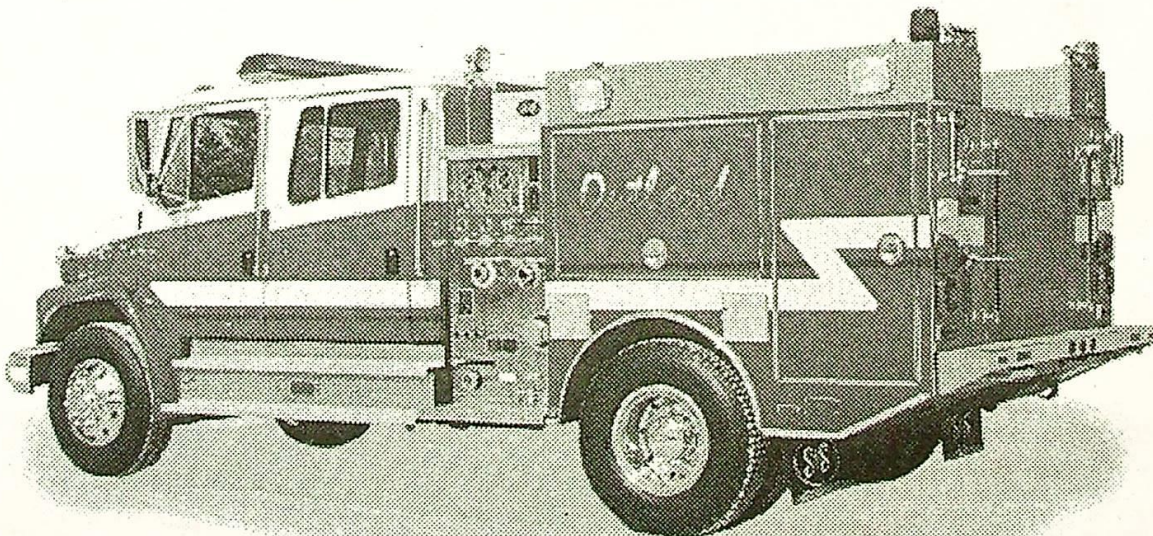
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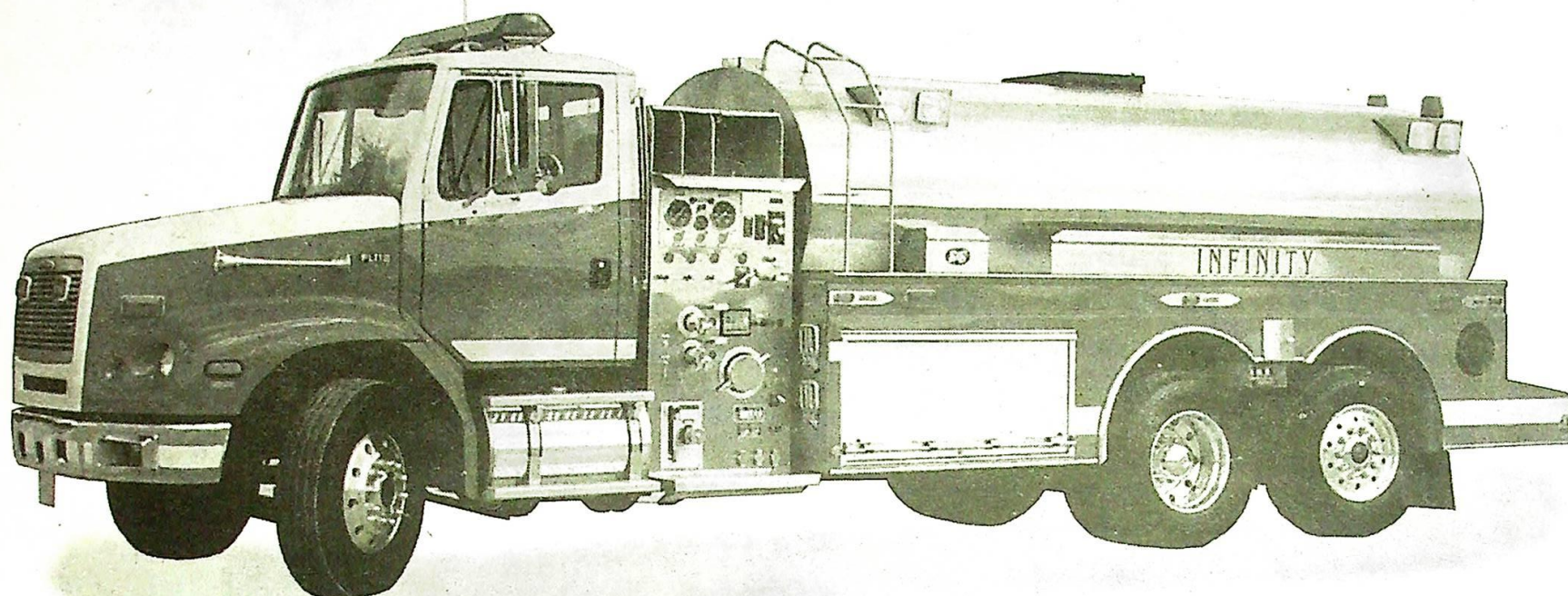
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# Celebrating 150 Years of Fire Service



STATE & LOCAL OFFICIALS help celebrate 150 years of fire service at Western Fire Co. #3 at Madison, Indiana Sat., May 20, 2000. Pictured left to right are: Tracy Boatwright, State Fire Marshal; Barran Hill, U.S. 9 Dist. Rep.; Charlie Baker, State Chaplain I.V.F.A.; Whitty Andrews, Bill Goins, Bill Lohrig, Ron Lohrig, Mayor Huntington of Madison; State Rep. Mark T. Lytle; Pete Backus, President of Western Fire Co. #3. (Photo contributed by Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman IVFA)

## Gold Card Presented for 50 Years Service



ROY E. RICHARDSON, IVFA District 14, presented IVFA Gold Card to Bill Lohrig for 50 years service in fire service. Pictured (left to right) are: Roy E. Richardson, IVFA District 14 chairman; Bill Lohrig and Pete Backus, president Western Fire Co. #3. (Photo contributed by Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman).



WESTERN FIRE CO. #3 celebrated their 150 years of fire service. From left to right are firemen that have over 200 years of combined service at this station: Pete Backus, president of Western Fire Co. #3; Bill Goins; Whitty Andrews; Bill Lohrig and Ron Lohrig. (Photo contributed by Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman.)

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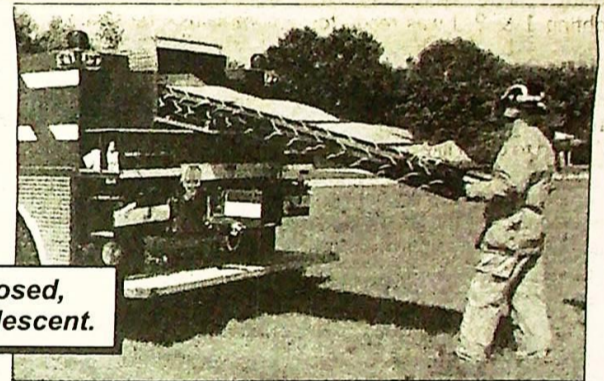
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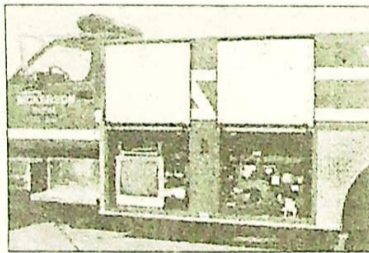
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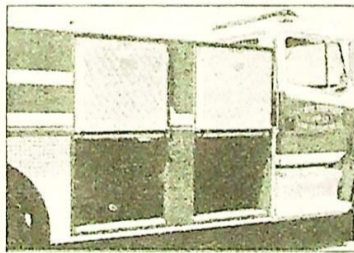
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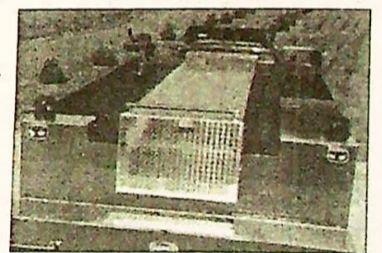
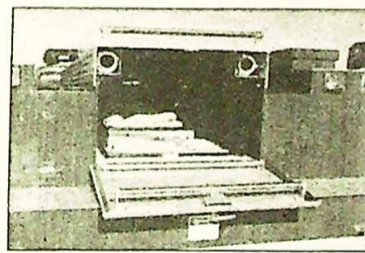
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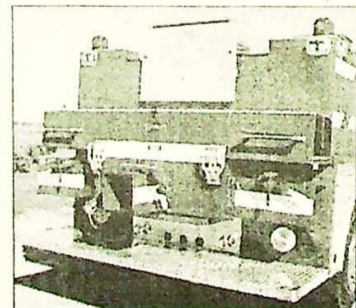
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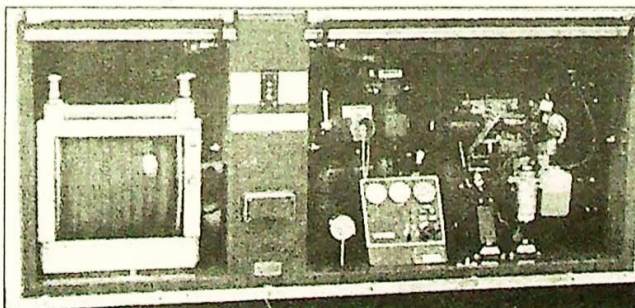
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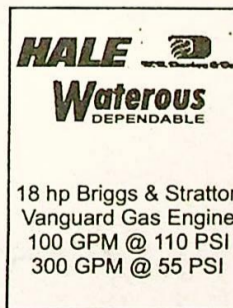
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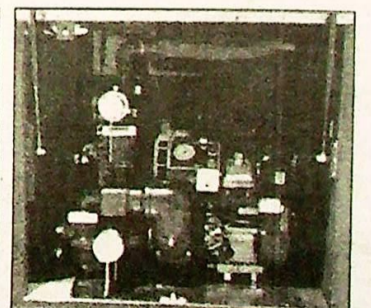
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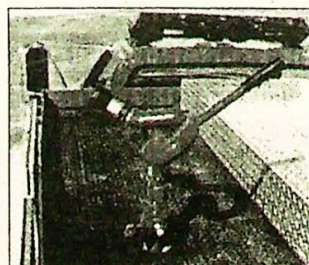
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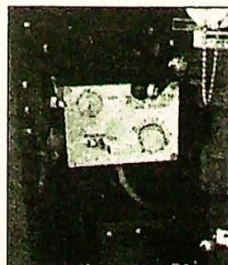
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## Highland's First Female Firefighter Passes Training



Highland firefighter Mandi Scheidt

BY SHELLEY SEPIOL  
STAFF WRITER POST-  
TRIBUNE

HIGHLAND - They don't hold doors for her anymore, they don't watch their language around her, and they've seen her looking her worst.

Forget about smudged mascara, the men in Mandi Scheidt's life have seen her covered in black soot as if colored by a giant mascara wand and she loves it. As the first female Highland volunteer firefighter to stick through training, Scheidt's novelty wore off quick.

"They first started with holding the door and minding their p's and q's, and now it's, 'You can get your own door,'" said the 21-year-old. That's fine with this full-time emergency medical technician who grew up with a firefighter in her household.

*Though even with footsteps to follow, there have been moments of doubt. "The first day of firefighting 1 & 2, I was ready to quit," she said. "We did a lot of physical work. The whole time I was thinking, 'What have I gotten myself into?'"*

"We had to crawl like a mile that day," added a fellow rookie Brian Barr, 24. The "we" is commonplace in the language of the six-member rookie class and even from others who describe them.

Chief Bill Timmer says the

strength of this class is its reliance on one another. "It's funny to watch them work," he said. "If they're on the fire ground, they tend to gravitate toward each other."

Dealing with the pressures of the first year are easier with her fellow rookies, Scheidt says. "It's easier because we always stick together."

The six, who bring the department total to 48, have trained two days a week for a total of 100 hours over three months before taking their certification test. Only one didn't pass the test - by one point - and now the group has focused its attentions on getting him through, Timmer said.

The rookies go on about four or five calls a week, admitting they jump at every signal of their pagers.

"My dad's been on (the department) for 28 years and they've got the laid-back attitude," Barr said. "Oh, I'm not going to that car fire. Let the young ones go."

The young ones are coming into their own quickly, noticing the way their world has changed. "I was in Meijer once thinking, 'If there was a fire, this would pull and this would pull,'" Scheidt said, "and I had to stop myself."

While Scheidt realizes her expertise is growing, others, usually those she serves, are realizing her growth more slowly. "It's my size, I think, that turns people off, not that I'm female," she said.

She's not discouraged and hopes to continue with the department and eventually receive certification as a paramedic. Timmer said her attitude will see her through.

"She always walks in here with a smile on her face and she always does anything we ask her and never complains," he said.

So, while Scheidt gains the respect of her fellow firefighters and the other rookies and her novelty becomes as invisible as the glass in the doors she opens herself, she knows one price remains. "They've got this big, huge shower," Scheidt said of the men's locker room, "and I've got nothing."

(This article is courtesy of the Post/Tribune)

## Bill Windsor Sr. of Knightstown Fire Department Retires



Tim Martin, District 13A Chairman, presents Bill Windsor Sr. of Knightstown with the Midwest Award.

William W. Windsor Sr. has devoted his life to public safety. Windsor began his volunteer public safety career when he joined the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department at the age of 18 in 1952. In the mid-1960s, he was elected chief. He served the Carthage community on its Fire Department until 1976, when he moved to Knightstown.

Within a few months, he volunteered for the Knightstown department. Two years later he was elected chief, and he served in that capacity until December 1999. In January 2000 he stepped down as chief, knowing he will be retiring in September.

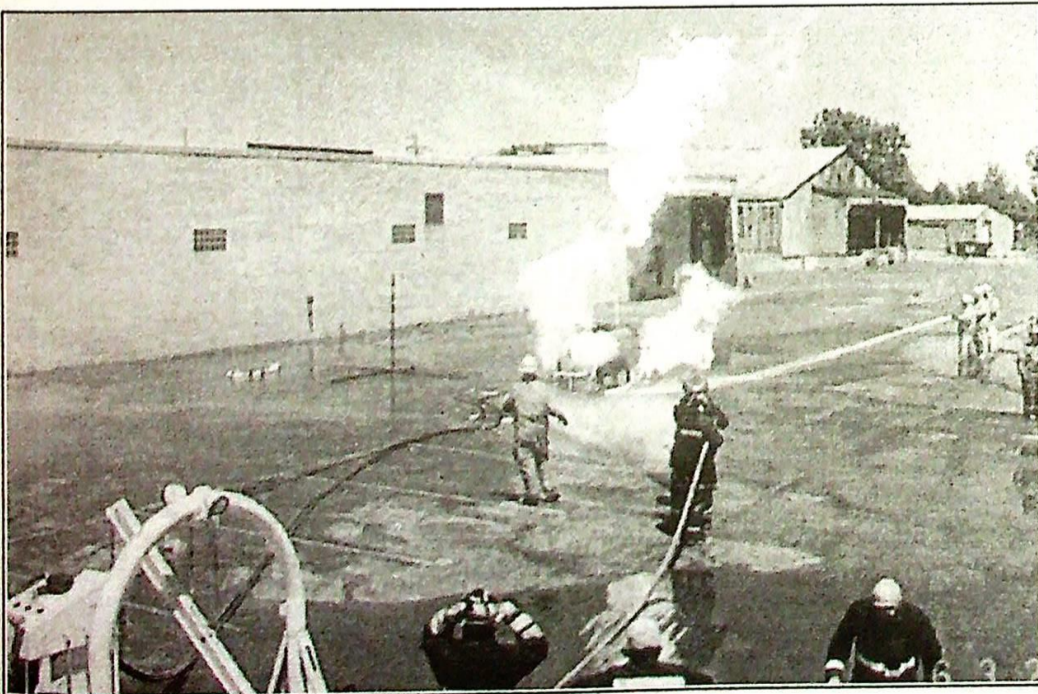
In 1995, when the private ambulance services in Knightstown went out of business, Windsor began working with Henry County officials to bring a public-supported ambulance service to the community. Because of his efforts, Windsor was selected to serve on the ambulance oversight committee.

In 1997, at the age of 62, he decided to attend the Indiana Emergency Medical Technician Certification Course. He was certified in 1998. Now, in addition to being a volunteer firefighter, he serves his community as an EMT.

He served on the Henry County 911 organizational committee and helped to develop a countywide emergency dispatch center. He was appointed to the New Castle/Henry County Emergency First Aid Unity Advisory Committee in 1997.

In 1999 he was awarded the Jefferson Award, which is given annually to recognize outstanding volunteerism. At the age of 65, he is knocking on the doorstep of five decades of serving his community in the public safety aspect. Windsor has served the community to the fullest of his abilities, many times compromising his own schedule to help someone in need. William Windsor will be missed as a firefighter. Those who look up to him for guidance and advice know that he will always be just around the corner to help whenever and wherever he can.

## Firefighters Train For Propane Emergencies



Area firefighters from seven fire departments participated in a special training session to help prepare them for emergencies involving propane at Schumachers on Sat., June 3.

RENSSELAER - Several different area departments spent the day in Rensselaer training for propane emergencies on Sat., June 3.

This course was sponsored by the Jasper County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and hosted by the Rensselaer Fire Dept.

Firefighters from seven different departments in three counties spent the morning in the classroom training at the fire station as well as the afternoon refining their firefighting skills with actual "live" fire training.

Ron Huffman, who supervised the training session, is an 11-year

career firefighter, a 14-year volunteer firefighter, and works on his days off at a company which manufactures trucks used to haul propane.

His years of experience made him a capable teacher in both the classroom and live fire training sessions.

The classroom training focused on the different types of propane vessels destroyed in explosions as part of his training tools. Items such as propane characteristics, propane as a liquid state versus a vapor gas, its explosive characteristics, and identification signs of impending propane storage container failure were some of the topics discussed.

After a lunch break the attendees moved to Schumacher Electrical on Melville Street where the live training portion took place.

The first round of exercises involved a modified 200-gal. propane tank, similar to many that are found around farming communities. This tank was modified with two propane burners on the outside of the tank. Fed with propane, these burners created a roaring jet engine sounding fire that soon enveloped the tank. Crews of seven firefighters then attacked the fire using strategic tactical movements taught by Huffman.

Moving in unison, all seven firefighters advanced towards the burning storage tank with two fire hose lines. Using the knowledge learned, the group was then able to move up to within two feet of the burning tank, even with flames ranging from 75-100 feet.

A designated person was then responsible for turning off the gas valve located on top of the tank to kill the fire.

Another exercise involved an item called a "Christmas tree". Standing about 12 ft. tall and resembling a Christmas tree, it contains dozens of nozzles that feed raw propane. This produces intense heat with flames well over 100 ft. high. This exercise used the same tactics as before, but produced much more heat and flames.

The goal of the exercise is move towards the object, push the blaze back with the hose lines and shut off the valve controlling the flow of propane. The intent of both exercises is to teach new firefighting skills, show that when followed the tactics do work, and to build trust amongst the team members.

Throughout the afternoon, the seven member teams were made up of a mixture of members from all departments so building trust was vital to the teams' success.

Several area organizations and businesses helped to support the training session, Jasper Co. LEPC, Schumacher's, Jasper Co. Co-op and Hicksgas, which donated over 1,000 gals. of propane for this training.

Participating fire departments included: Rensselaer, Remington, DeMotte (Keener Twp.), Wheatfield, Brook, Morocco and Reynolds.

(This article courtesy of the Rensselaer Republican. R.V.F.D. member Ken Haun contributed to this story).

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## IVFAA Convention

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With no further business, Faye asked for a motion to adjourn, and get ready for the Memorial Service. Ann Moss made the motion and Eula Bush seconded it. Motion carried.

Reminder...there will not be an afternoon meeting. See all of you at the Banquet tonight.

Some of the winners were:  
Miss Flame - Nikki Luebcke, District 2

Runner-up - Amanda Davies, District 11B

Lois Boaz - Marilyn McFadden, Poe, District 7

Mr. I.V.F.A. - Mitch Parish  
Recognition Award - Bob Hays  
Congratulations to all of you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Gray  
Corresponding Secretary  
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# Groundbreaking Ceremony Held In LaCrosse April 29th



Pictured above at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new fire station/community building in LaCrosse on April 29th were Town Council member Bob Wheeler, Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kasten, Council President Denver Turner, Interim Fire Chief Paul Mahoney, Council member Larry Fifield, Rep. Ralph Ayres, Senator Bill Alexa and Awadhesh Pratap Singh. (Photo contributed by Jim Hall, LaCrosse, IN.)

(Article courtesy of The Regional News)  
By Barbara Thomas  
The Regional News

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new LaCrosse fire station/community building was held on Sat., April 29th. Indiana District 5

Senator William Alexa and Indiana District 4 Representative Ralph Ayres joined LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department Interim Fire Chief

Paul Mahoney, LaCrosse Town Council President Denver Turner, Council members Bob Wheeler and Larry Fifield, and Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Kasten in the ceremonial shovel digging. Also attending were Women's Auxiliary President Shirley Hall, Volunteer Fireman Pat Messer, Junior Firemen Nick Poort, Aaron Rust and Michael Shoaf. A special guest was Awadhesh Pratap Singh, Indian Under Secretary M.P. State Legislature and member of the Rotary International Group Exchange Team.

After the groundbreaking, a reception for those in attendance was held at the Town Hall. During the reception, Representative Ralph Ayres and Senator William Alexa presented Interim Fire Chief Paul Mahoney with an Indiana State flag.

Seeing the cramped conditions in the current fire station, Representative Ayres agreed that a new station was necessary for the fire department. Both Ayres and Alexa pledge to help the town representatives in obtaining future funding for needed projects for the town.

Actual construction on the fire station/community building will begin in the next couple of weeks.

## Fire Chief Hanging Up Helmet After 40 Years of Firefighting

By Michael Dawson, mdawson@news-sentinel.com

(This article is courtesy of The News-Sentinel®, Fort Wayne, Indiana)

Like a moth to a flame, George David Mason is drawn to anything hot. From spoonfuls of his five-alarm chili to splintering a burning door with one blow from a pickax.

But the New Haven fire chief has had enough of the flames that rip through buildings. Now he'll focus on the controlled fires outside his tent and in the kettle.

The 62-year-old fire-whopping fixture of New Haven — who when not on duty could occasionally be seen zipping around on a moped — made his last fire run this week, hanging up his helmet after 40 years.

"It's just time to go," he said. "While I still have my health."

Instead of hook and ladders, Mason's off to what he loves most; camping. First stop: somewhere hot. The Ozark Mountains in Arkansas.

Mason got his start 40 years ago as a volunteer firefighter for Adams Township. In 1989, when the township merged fire service with New Haven, Mason became chief, where he shaped the Fire Department into what it is today, said Lynn Shaw, former mayor of New Haven.

"Dave was the glue that held that department together," Shaw said, noting the department's mix of volunteers and full-timers.

"He really handled it smoothly."

The kudos are many for the chief who helped fight hundreds of fires and once had to get a pet bird out of a tree for a frantic owner. But what many on the force say makes Chief special was his hankering for chili he's whip up for the force he called family.

"Hot peppers are what really make it come together," said the man who loves scarfing down raw jalapenos.

"There's nothing too hot that he won't eat. Let's just say that," said Steve Mason, son and assistant fire chief.

Between camping trips, Mason will volunteer and help out around the station. Probably to avoid house and yardwork.

His wife, Barbara, has a "Honey Do List", he said. "She'll put me to work."

The department has not selected Mason's replacement.

## Funding Legislation for Indiana Fire Services

By Troy D. Fornof  
Regional Director - Provident Agency, Inc.-Midwest

Throughout the past several months presentations to the IVFA officers, as well as several individual districts and key legislators, were made regarding an additional funding source for the Indiana fire service. Although in its infant stages, the concept has received accolades and strong support.

But what does this type of legislation mean to you and your members? In simple terms, the Act, introduced as the Indiana Firefighters Relief Association Act, will create an individual non-profit body within each fire department known as a relief association. This relief association would receive the approved monies from the state to purchase any benefits/services approved by the Act, including financial protection to your members and their families.

This groundbreaking legislation would extend the state's continued commitment to the fire service. Over the past several years, legislation has been put into place increasing the insurance requirements for the volunteers without any direct funding mechanism in place to provide assistance to the units responsible for this coverage. Additional safety and equipment standards have also created additional strain on the re-

will create a solid foundation for continued fiscal support to protect those who protect us. These monies will qualify the monies provided through grants and other available funding sources as well.

We will continue to update the progress of this legislation and urge you to become active in the passage of this important Act. For more information or to schedule a speaker for your meetings or to meet with your legislators, please contact:

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**Don Cushman**

It was good to see all the members at Michigan City. We need to help all the old departments talk up the IVFA to get the membership up. Good luck to Jack Kerney as president and all the other officers. Let's not forget to keep our heads up and eyes open on runs as safety first.

Don Cushman  
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**International Association of Arson Investigators  
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As of January 1, 2000**

TOPIC	DATE	LOCATION	LOCATION
Electrical Fire Investigations	August	TBA	Steve Shand of Shand Forensic
Car Fire and Vehicle Theft	September	TBA	Vehicle Invest Nationwide
Furnace, Water Heater and Gas Fueled Appliance Investigations	October	Indianapolis	Jim Wood of Herb Miller & Assoc.'s
ANNUAL MEETING	December	Indianapolis	Rev. 2. 2-21-00

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**IVFA Vice President Jack Kerney, Receives Fire Marshal's Service Award**

Jack is an individual who has given over 35 years of service to his community and state while serving as a Volunteer Firefighter in various capacities over the years. He has been recognized for his leadership in the fire service a number of times. In 1997, he was selected as Mr. I.V.F.A. and in the same year was selected as the outstanding Volunteer Fireman of the Year in Vanderburgh County. He has had the privilege of serving on the Board of Firefighter Personnel; Standards and Education; appointed by Governor O'Bannon. He at present serves as its Board Chairman. Jack realizes that in order for his goals to be successful, he has presented and aspired to be a leader in a team effort to promote better ser-

vice to his fellowman. He presently, in addition to Board Chairman, is Chief of McCutchanville Fire Dept. He has served as Chief five different occasions, as well as Training Officer, Assistant Chief and Secretary/Treasurer. He presently is serving as Vice President of I.V.F.A., and serves as Secretary/Treasurer of IVFA District 15. He served eight years as PR Director of the Southwest. Jack presently serves as Secretary of Vanderburgh County Fire Chief's Association and is Past President of the organization. He is a member of Evansville Area Fire Investigators, Indiana Fire Chief's Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Volunteer Fire Council and a member of the Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch Board.

Other boards he presently serves on are McCutchanville Community Association, McCutchanville Methodist Church Trustee. He also serves as Past Commodore of Outboard Boating Club of Evansville.

Even with all these activities, Jack is a man who never says "no" or "I don't have time." He shows a relentless hunger for instilling pride and the awe of wanting to help others. He helps others, especially young firefighters to see how they too can be good neighbors and to take pride in their talents. Others easily take on his teachings, attitudes and desires. He has tried to instill in all of us to judge thoughtfully, and act in an effective manner and live to high standards. He has always been there to open new doors, promote new ideas and give his all in service to others. He helps to make our community a better place to live.

A father of five, he is very proud that his wife, Barb and his two daughters, as well as their husbands, are all volunteers in the fire service. You might say that this is a family who knows what the fire service is all about, and are willing to serve along with a true volunteer who is very dedicated to the cause.

We are sure there are other deserving volunteers, but we put Jack at the top for one that should be honored for his many contributions.

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405	NFPA Instructor II	32	Cranfill	\$135.00	9/9, 10, 16, 17
407	Wildland Fire S-130, Basic Fire S-190, Intro ICS 1-100	32	Harmont/Schuerman	\$135.00	9/9, 10, 16, 17
500	EMT-B Skills & Practical Testing	6	Peterson	\$35.00	Sat., 9/16
501	Get Out Alive -- Firefighter Safety	6	VanZile	\$45.00	Sat., 9/16
503	Flammable Gases and Liquids	6	Good	\$45.00	Sat., 9/16
504	Swede Burn Chamber Phase I	6	Giere	\$50.00	Sat., 9/16
508	Forcible Entry	6	Abernathy	\$40.00	Sat., 9/16
509	Defensive Tactics for the First Responder	6	Whitesell	\$35.00	Sat., 9/16
510	First In Officer	6	O'Donnell	\$35.00	Sat., 9/16
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528	Death Scene Investigation	6	O'Shaughnessy	\$35.00	Sat., 9/16
529	The New NFIRS Report for Fire Depts.	6	Robison	\$30.00	Sat., 9/16
530	Law, Records and Reporting	6	Gevers/Churchward	\$35.00	Sat., 9/16
531	Swede Burn Chamber Phase II	6	Fitch	\$50.00	Sat., 9/16
532	PowerPoint 97 Introduction	6	ExecuTrain of Fort Wayne	\$55.00	Sat., 9/16
601	Get Out Alive -- Firefighter Safety	6	VanZile	\$45.00	Sun., 9/17
602	The Do's & Don't of Aircraft Emergencies	6	Hollopeter	\$40.00	Sun., 9/17
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607	Youth Fire Prevention & Safety I - Age 7-10 Years	8	Neibert	\$ -	Sun., 9/17
608	Youth Fire Prevention & Safety II - Age 11-17 Years	8	Murflitt	\$ -	Sun., 9/17
610	Reading a Fire Building	6	O'Donnell	\$35.00	Sun., 9/17
613	Understanding the Risk Taker	6	Copeland	\$ -	Sun., 9/17
622	Understanding Thermal Imaging Cameras	6	Boes	\$40.00	Sun., 9/17
627	Electrical Hazards for the First Responder	6	Adams	\$40.00	Sun., 9/17
629	The New NFIRS Report for EMS & Medical Depts.	6	Robison	\$30.00	Sun., 9/17
631	Swede Burn Chamber Phase II	6	Fitch	\$50.00	Sun., 9/17
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## Receives 50 Year Gold Card

Raymond Doering, Henry Township, Fulton County, receives a 50 Year Gold Card from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger.

## Public Relations Southwest



**Jack Harker**

Hello, firefighters and friends. It seems spring is over and summer is here. I think we have some hot weather ahead of us. We all need to take advantage of the summer months and enjoy the outdoors.

The convention for year 2000 has come and gone. I am sure everyone who attended had a great time (and won lots of money!!). I want to personally thank the departments that put the convention on this year, they did a great job. I know it is a lot of hard work. The seminars were very educational and I'm sure everyone that attended one got some good information to take back to their department. It was good to see all the friends I have made over the past few years and also to make some new friends, too.

I want to thank everyone for electing me as your treasurer. This will be a challenge for me, but I will do the job to the best of my ability.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July. The first half of the year has been very busy and hectic, the second half will probably be that way, too.

Thanks to all my friends in the Southwest District. I still hope to see all of you just as often.

Jack Harker  
Treasurer, IVFA

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# LEGALLY SPEAKING

BY JOHN N. SHANKS II, ESQ.  
BUSCHMANN, CARR & SHANKS, P.C.  
IVFA COUNSEL & REGISTERED LOBBYIST

Congratulations on a fine annual convention in Michigan City. It was obvious that a lot of hard work went into the preparation and planning at this extraordinary venue. The convention committee should be very proud of their efforts. And now, they can breathe again!

As part of the convention activities I participated in a two hour legal and risk management issues seminar which, to my surprise, drew an almost standing room only crowd. Competing that successfully with the glitter of a casino for anyone's time and attention tells me of your great interest in these issues. After the seminar many people stayed to pursue some of the topics in greater detail. There seems to be a great hunger within the volunteer fire service for more education on legal issues which affect the lives of the members and that of their departments. Therefore, by popular demand, for those of you who didn't make it to Michigan City, this article is an edited, condensed version of my part of the seminar presentation.

When this seminar was first discussed with the convention organizers, they had no particular topics in mind. They suggested that since I spent so much time answering questions presented by members of the IVFA that I should select what I perceived to be the "hot" topics of the last year or so, aside from the usual legislative issues. I selected the following:

- charitable gaming
- obtaining & maintaining nonprofit and income tax exempt status
- use and misuse of blue lights and red lights
- tort liability immunity of volunteers and departments

## CHARITABLE GAMING

In 1992 the Indiana General Assembly passed Public Law 24 which at Section 50 authorized certain nonprofit organizations to legally conduct games of chance including bingo, "Monte Carlo" events called charity game nights, raffles, door prizes, and the selling of pull tabs, punchboards, and tip boards. However, in order to legally conduct any of these games it is necessary to be approved by the Indiana Department of Revenue (IDOR) to be what is known in the law as a "qualified organization". This means that the organization must be one of the following:

- civic/fraternal/charitable organization
- religious
- private educational
- senior citizen
- veteran
- political (other than a candidate's committee)
- hospital
- licensed or psychiatric facility

Further, the organization must file a Form CG-1 with the IDOR which certifies that the organization meets the following standards:

- has been in continuous existence for at least five years, or if not, that it is affiliated with a parent organization that has been in continuous existence for at least five years,
- is exempt from federal and state income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c). (Volunteer fire departments are eligible for exempt status under IRC Section 501 (c)(4) because they perform a public service.)

The rub seems to be that many volunteer fire departments mistakenly believe that just because they are "nonprofit" they may conduct charitable gaming without the need for a license. Unfortunately, this is

not true even though there are circumstances where a "qualified organization" may conduct a gaming event without the need for a specific license. Nevertheless, before a department may conduct any legal charitable gaming event it must first qualify before the IDOR using a Form CG-1. (This form is only required to be filed once.) After the department is qualified by the IDOR it may conduct the following events without a license:

- bingo (including the sale of tip boards, pull tabs, and punchboards), charity game night, raffle or door prize **provided** the total market value of all prizes awarded at the event is not more than \$1,000 for a single event and not more than \$3,000 for all non-licensed event during a calendar year,
- the organization registers with the IDOR at least two weeks before the event, and
- the organization must keep accurate records of all financial transactions related to the event and file a financial report with the IDOR at the end of each year.

There are substantial penalties for conducting a charitable gaming event without being qualified or if qualified for violating the Charitable Gaming Law:

- civil fines of \$1,000 for the first violation, \$2500 for the second and \$500 for each one thereafter,
- if the violations are continuous, each day may be considered a separate violation,
- suspension or revocation of the violator's license to conduct a particular event,
- possible imposition of unrelated business income tax by both the IRS and IDOR, and possible loss of tax exempt status, and
- criminal charges ranging from a class B misdemeanor to a class D felony.

A frequently asked question involves the hiring of someone (generally who has approached the department about setting up a bingo operation for them) to run a charitable gaming event. This is specifically prohibited by law and could lead to felony charges. The law requires that the gaming be operated and supervised by volunteers who are bonafide members of the qualified organization. (IC 4-32-9-15, IC 4-32-12-4).

Other "little" things to keep in mind if you are considering doing charitable gaming:

- maintaining accurate records and a separate checking account for the gaming event
- filing timely financial reports with the IDOR following gaming events
- filing timely annual financial reports with the IDOR
- filing timely renewals for annual bingo licenses with proper renewal fees based upon the organization's annual gross revenue from charitable gaming for the previous year
- purchasing gaming supplies only from IDOR approved vendors
- not allowing workers or operators to participate in gaming events at which they are working
- keeping the games within the county in which the qualified organization is organized (there is an exception to this run for statewide organizations holding an annual meeting or convention outside the county in which they are organized)
- not paying operators or workers to conduct the games - use only your own bonafide members
- follow the law with regard to prize limitations and limitations on

the amount which may be spent for daily facility and equipment rentals.

NOTE: Since the convention, the IDOR has published a schedule of charitable gaming seminars around the state beginning in August. Any department even thinking about engaging in charitable gaming would be very wise to send one or more representatives to one of these seminars. There is no charge nor is it necessary to make a reservation of any type - just show up with a good pen and plenty of paper to take notes. This year the IDOR is going to concentrate on some of the finer aspects of the bookkeeping necessary to comply with the law. I am assured there will be plenty of forms and procedures to be discussed and lots of opportunity for questions. It has been my experience with the Charitable Gaming Division that they work hard at helping qualified organizations comply with the law and the Division's staff are some of the nicest "revenue" you'll ever meet. Even though they're from the government, they are really there to help you, so please take advantage of a great opportunity to learn the law from the very people who are charged with enforcing it.

The schedule of seminars is as follows and all sessions are from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM:

- August 18 - Indianapolis, Ft. Harrison State Park, Garrison Building
- August 25 - Plymouth, Ramada Inn
- September 23 - Huntington, Huntington College
- September 28 - Turkey Run State Park Inn
- October 20 - Mitchell, Spring Mill State Park Inn
- November 4 - Madison, Clifty Falls State Park Inn

If you have any questions about these seminars, please call Kim Hall at 317.232.4646.

## OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING NONPROFIT AND INCOME TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Often volunteer fire departments have been around so long that no one can remember how the department was initially organized. Even though the present members know that they operate as a nonprofit organization, there are frequent lapses in record-keeping. One of the misconceptions is that if the department operates as a nonprofit they are automatically exempt from federal and state income tax. This is not true. To be exempt, as an organization, from state and federal income and other taxes, it is necessary to be granted that status by the state and federal governments.

### NONPROFIT STATUS

Things to consider is establishing and maintaining nonprofit corporate status:

- articles of incorporation (public benefit corporation)
- bylaws
- officers & directors
- meetings
- liability insurance
- annual report to the Secretary of State to maintain corporate status

### TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Federal status:

- IRS Form 1024 for exemption under IRC Section 501(c)(4)
- requires special provisions in the articles of incorporation and bylaws relative to dissolution of the corporation and liquidation of assets
- annual information return Form 990 & 990T (unrelated business income tax) to maintain exempt status (penalties for failure to file)

### State status:

- IDOR Form IT35A
- File annual information return (Form IT35AR) with IDOR to maintain exempt status

### USE AND MISUSE OF BLUE LIGHTS AND RED LIGHTS

The Indiana General Assembly has authorized volunteer firefighters to display blue or (green lights for certified medical personnel or first responders) on their private vehicles when they are responding to an emergency. The use of these lights does not give the driver any rights greater than those of any other licensed driver using the public highways. These are courtesy lights. Many drivers when encountering a motor vehicle displaying a flashing blue or green light will yield the right of way or perform other acts of courtesy. Vehicles displayed flashing blue or green lights are not emergency vehicles under Indiana law nor do motor vehicle insurance companies treat them as such. However, some auto insurers will ask if you are a volunteer fire fighter or first responder on their application form. Person running with blue or green lights flashing must obey all traffic laws the same as all other drivers except those running red, red/white or red/blue flashing lights.

A common question is whether or not a chief of a volunteer fire department may put a red light and siren on his or her privately owned motor vehicle. The answer is yes, provided written permission is granted by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the person is willing to pay the additional premium to his or her insurance carrier. The vehicle will then be treated as an emergency vehicle. Practically speaking, the best solution is for the department to provide its chief or other necessary officers with emergency vehicles rather than using a privately owned vehicle.

### TORT LIABILITY IMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS AND DEPARTMENTS

The Indiana Tort Claims Act, under certain circumstances, provides immunity from tort liability for volunteer firefighters and their departments. Indiana Code 34-13-3-3 provides, in part, that a "governmental entity or an employee acting within the scope of the employee's employment is not liable if a loss results from ... (6) the performance of a discretionary function..."

A volunteer fire department, as described in IC 36-8-12-2, is a governmental entity pursuant to the IC 34-13-3-22(a)(3)(A). (The term "governmental entity" is defined to include "political subdivision" which in turn is defined in the Tort Claims Act to include a volunteer fire department.) Key to immunity is that the department or employee be acting within the duties of the department or employee. Acts which are outside of the scope are not subject to immunity.

A natural question which arises in any discussion of immunity is "if we're immune why do we need insurance?" Good question. The answer is that the immunity is from liability not immunity from suit. Even though there may be an immunity argument under the Tort Claims Act, it still must be asserted by the defendant department or unit. This is usually in the form of a Motion for Summary Judgment. However, before that motion may be argued before the court there is usually a

process undertaken known as "discovery" where the two sides literally discover what, if any, evidence the other side has to offer to the court.

Discovery generally involves interrogatories (written questions to the other side asking for identification of witnesses, documents and other evidence), interviews with witnesses and depositions of witnesses (an oral interrogation of a witness under oath). The cost of getting to the point of having a hearing on the motion for summary judgment can easily cost more than \$20,000 in legal fees and expenses. The liability policy carried by the department, or unit with which the department contracts, includes the cost of defense. If the department is sued the insurer has the responsibility of paying the legal fees and expenses to defend the department and, if there is a judgment, pay the plaintiff to the limits of the policy.

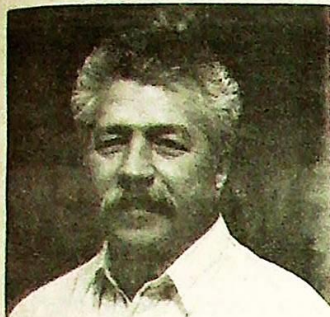
For several decades the courts in Indiana have applied various tests to determine immunity under the Tort Claims Act. To make a long story short, immunity still lives but with restriction. As recently as this spring, the Indiana Court of Appeals addressed the issue in a case known as *Gates v. Town of Chandler*, where it affirmed the principle that firefighting activities are subject to liability immunity. It found that firefighting should be treated as an exception to the general denial of governmental immunity under a case known as *Campbell*. In *Campbell* the Court found that governmental entities are bound by the same standard of care as everyone else except where the duty alleged to have been breached involves prevention of crime, appointment of competent public officials or making of correct judicial decisions. In other words, providing of adequate police protection and adequate fire protection are so closely aligned that firefighting would fall under the "public safety" exception to the normal standard of care. On May 9th the Bartholomew Superior Court 2 found that German Township and its volunteer fire department were immune from liability under *Campbell* as a result of a fire at a furniture store in 1997 in Taylorsville. The insurer was VFIS and this presenter represented the fire department on behalf of the insurer.

Departments and their units need to watch this area of the law very carefully. The area of governmental immunity has changed a lot since the days where the sovereign could do no wrong. It is conceivable that the extension of immunity will continue to shrink, so be careful to avoid situations which might lead to litigation.

If you have questions about any of these topics, please feel free to contact me toll-free at 800.548.9325 or by email at [jshanks@buschmannncarr.com](mailto:jshanks@buschmannncarr.com) at your convenience. It is our continuing pleasure to serve the men and women of Indiana's volunteer fire and emergency service and represent the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association. We look forward to the future with the hope that the bond we share will grow even stronger. Best wishes for a safe and "cool" summer.

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**LeMoyne 'Buz' Koehler**

Summer is here and the 2000 Convention has come and gone and a good Convention I might add. The folks in District 3 should be proud of a job well done. Their hard work paid off for all of those that attended.

We have a new Mr. IVFA, a new Miss Flame and many other award winners and I congratulate all of them.

Once again two young people will be helped by receiving scholarships and we wish them well this fall as they head off to college.

I want to thank all of you for your support and vote of confidence and as your new Vice President in the coming year I would like to meet and talk to as many firefighters as possible during my term. Should you want to contact me, please call my home at 219-866-8647 or my

office at 219-866-5206, if there is no answer please, please leave a message and I will return your calls.

You may also send e-mail to [buz@yahoo.com](mailto:buz@yahoo.com). If you have meetings or events you would like for me to attend, please drop me a note and I will try to be there.

Have a fun summer and I will see you at the district meeting.

L.E. "Buz" Koehler  
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**Sept. 23 Waterball Contest**

**Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Firefighter**

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**Fire Strikes Steuben Twp. V.F.D.**

On June 27, 2000, the Steuben Twp. V.F.D. was engulfed in flames. Through the heroic efforts of several members, one truck and some equipment were saved; unfortunately, however, all of the other six vehicles were lost. With the help of fellow firefighters from neighboring departments, the fire was controlled before it could destroy the entire station structure. The Department's insurance agent, Jason Brimmer of Stewart Brimmer, was alerted and immediately notified Downey Insurance, the broker for the V.F.I.S. insurance program here in Indiana. Marge Berks, the claims manager at Downey's in Kokomo, immediately set about making the necessary contacts to insure that adjusters would be dispatched immediately.

Property Specialist Adjuster Dennis Ryder flew in the next morning and as soon as the Fire Marshal's investigators allowed, began his assessment. Shortly before noon Agent Jason Brimmer, and Jeff Dechert, of Downey's, arrived with lunch for the weary volunteers who had been securing the site, and sorting thru the debris. By mid-afternoon, Don Bailey, a V.F.I.S. vehicle and equipment specialist had arrived on scene from Appleton, WI, to begin his work.

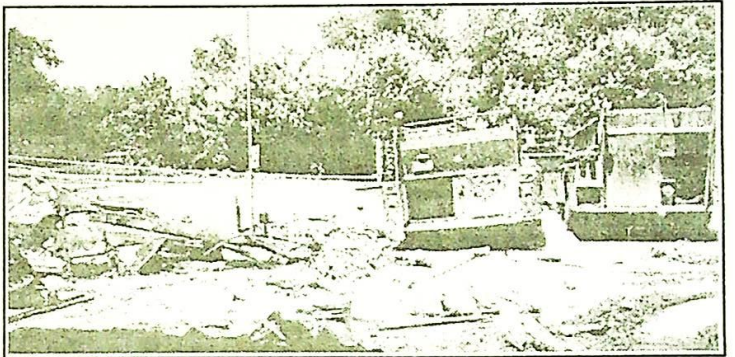
The painstaking work of taking inventory, inspecting, and evaluating continued on site on Thursday with Dick Norris and Marge Berks of Downey Insurance meeting with the adjusters and Steuben Twp. Trustee, Mary Hutchins. By evening the adjusters were ready to begin putting together some totals.

Friday morning, just less than 72 hours after the tragic event, Agent Jason Brimmer, Jeff Dechert, and V.F.I.S. adjusters were on hand to present Trustee Mary Hutchins, Chief Shane Taylor, and Brad Mills, Asst. Chief, initial checks for over \$586,000. These initial amounts will be supplemented after repairs and further evaluations are made to damaged property and portable equipment.

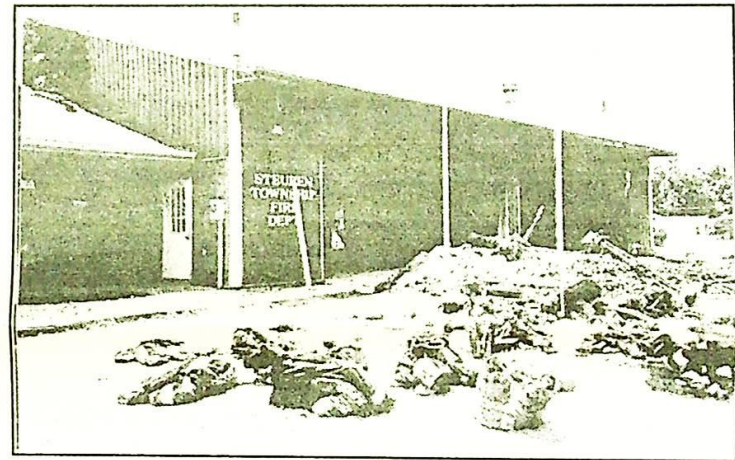
With space provided by Trustee Mary Hutchins, and borrowed equipment from Orland, Ashley, and Freemont V.F.D.'s, the Steuben Twp. V.F.D. is again operational and answering the calls of their community.



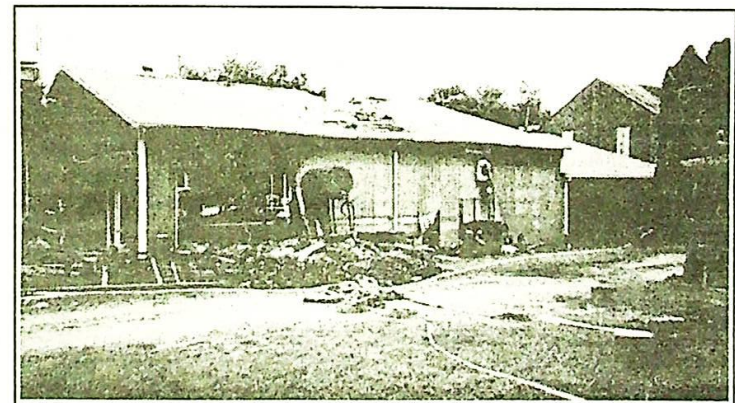
Receiving their checks are Agent Jason Brimmer, Board member Rita Stackhouse, Chief Shane Taylor, Brad Mills, Assistant Chief and Jeff Dechert, Downey Insurance.



Destroyed pumpers in the Steuben Twp. V.F.D. fire on June 27, 2000.



Front view of Steuben Twp. fire station.



Rear view of Steuben Twp. fire station.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

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**Nelson Ehlers**

Volunteer Wanted: More and more we're seeing this sign. Last time I was in Scipio, the Scipio-Geneva Twp. Fire Dept. had a sign in front its fire station.

I saw an ad in the paper for a fire dept. looking for volunteers.

Last week while in Louisville, KY, there was a radio ad for volunteers for a fire department.

Madison #6 Fire Co. has started a cadet program. I don't know how this has worked for them and seems like a long term answer.

While talking to a fireman about this problem he thought the problem was the demand put on training and the hours you have to put in.

Training done right will save lives, so I don't see how we can relax on this part of firefighting.

I don't know any good answers. If anyone can help with this growing problem, let's hear from you.

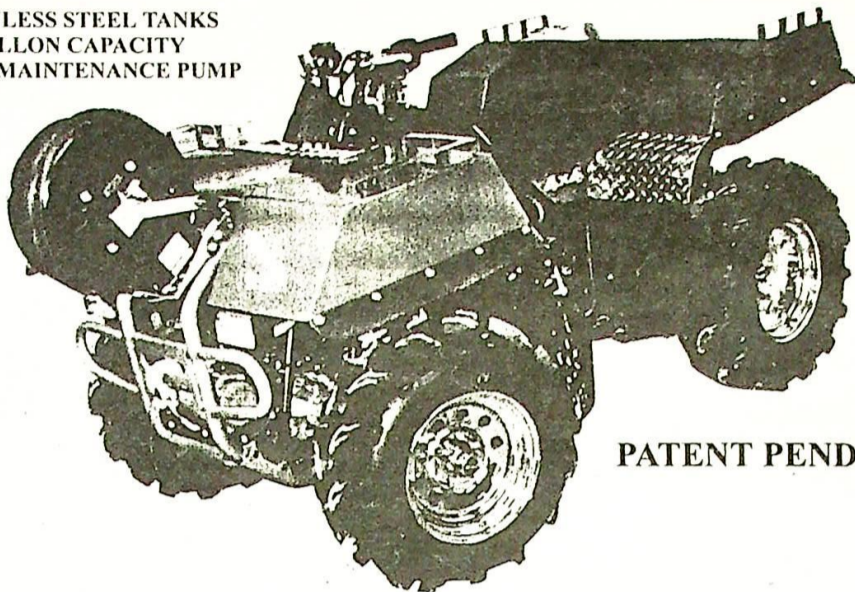
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## Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

### TO THE NORTHEAST:

First, I would like to thank Districts 4, 5, 6, & 7 for allowing me to be your Public Relations Director for the past year. Your support in reelecting me at the annual meeting in Michigan City is appreciated. If there is anything that I can help your District or Department with, feel free to contact me at any time.

As we look at ways to help our organization grow, let's look at the different types of memberships of the Association. There are four types of membership.

1. **ACTIVE.** An active member is a member in good standing of a volunteer fire department or a volunteer EMS service or a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer hazardous material team or is a member in good standing of a fire company within the state of Indiana serving primarily an institution of higher education or an industrial or commercial facility. Active member benefits include eyewear and clothing replacement. The Association's

publication, death benefits, option to purchase special Association license plates and eligibility for annual award programs.

2. **ASSOCIATE:** Any person or firm who shares a concern for the purposes of the Association.

3. **HONORARY:** Conferred to any person the Board deems deserving upon such conditions as it may from time to time determine, including but not limited to employees of the Indiana State Fire Marshal and members of the Association who are absent from active fire department participation while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States of America.

4. **INACTIVE:** A person who retires or resigns from active participation in a department while in good standing in the Association and continues to pay their dues. Each person shall receive a death benefit consisting of services of the Chaplain, a memorial Bible, and a grave marker if the member's family so desires.

We need to keep these memberships in mind as new members join your individual department and as members retire. If you have any questions on membership requirements, contact your district chairman or myself. It will be including additional information in the next issue of the paper.

The members of the Allen County Fire Departments are working hard on the convention in Fort Wayne.

So **'FIRE UP FOR FUN IN 2001!'**

Hope to see you at your district meetings. Have a safe and fun summer.

Mike Mackin  
P.R.N.E.

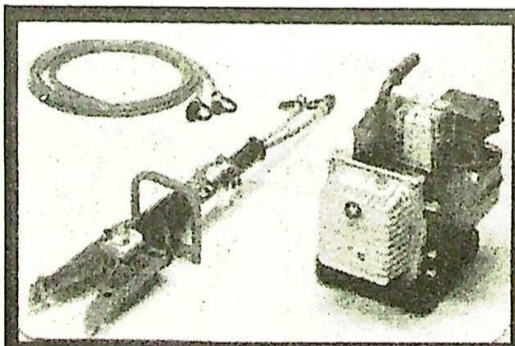
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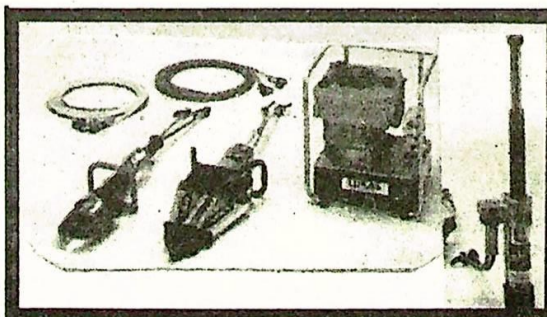


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- District 2: Paul Watland - Crown Point VFD
- District 3: Rod Carringer - Center Twp. VFD
- District 4: Gregg Freed - Nappanee Vol. Fire Dept.
- District 5: Larry Baldwin - Kewanna/Union Twp. V.F.D.
- District 6: Richard Mackin - New Haven Adams V.F.D.
- District 7: Roger Roth - Monroe Town VFD
- District 8-A: Robert Fleener - Pipe Creek VFD
- District 8-B: Robert Coffield - Montpelier VFD
- District 9-A: Bill Schock - Delphi-Tri Twp. V.F.D.
- District 9-B: Willis L. Johnson - Brookston VFD
- District 10: Edward L. Stone - Clifford VFD
- District 11-A: Larry Schell - Otter Creek VFD
- District 11-B: Brent Bush - Danna Community VFD
- District 12: Mark A. Belford - Amo Vol. Fire Dept.
- District 13-A: William Windsor, Sr. - Knightstown VFD
- District 13-B: Warren Jones - Lewisville/Franklin Twp. VFD
- District 14: Alvin Williamson, Sr. - McCullough VFD
- District 15: Kevin Brown - Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue
- District 16: Orel Allen - Georgetown VFD
- District 17-A: Bill Babcock - Richland/Vaylor VFD
- District 17-B: Jimmy Zeeks - Marion Twp. VFD
- District 18: William Skelton - Grandview VFD
- District 19: Bob Peelman - East Enterprise VFD
- District 21: Kenneth Hester - Lauramie Twp. VFD

# Grant Awarded Fire Department To Purchase Child-Care Seats

Toddlers who are riding in ambulances now have an extra measure of safety, thanks to the Madison County Community Foundation. The foundation awarded the Summitville Fire Dept. a grant to purchase 10 child-care seats. The seats, worth over \$2,520, have been distributed to the 10 ambulance-service providers that participate in the Madison County Emergency Medical Services Council.

"Little ones can be difficult to transport because sometimes they cannot be or refuse to be secured on the ambulance cot," said Linda Ferris, Summitville's assistant ambulance chief. "The car seats give an extra measure of safety."

The ambulance crews plan to not only use the seats for ill children, but also for those who may have to accompany a parent, grandparent, or babysitter to the hospital.

"With the car seats, the ambulance's driver and the EMT tending to the patient in the back can focus on their duties, and not have to worry about an unrestrained child," Ferris said.

The car seats are inflatable and can be folded down, taking up less space than conventional car seats in ambulance compartments already crowded with equipment such as suction machines and defibrillators. Using a small pump that plugs into a cigarette lighter, the ambulance crew can inflate a seat in about 60 seconds. The car seat is then anchored by a seat belt.



Pictured from left (back row): Jamey Burrows, Chesterfield Fire Dept., Tim Layton, Alexandria Fire Dept., Wally Covington, Frankton Ambulance Service, David Parker, Pendleton Ambulance Service, Bill Gregory, Richland Township Dept. who are shown with Amber Moore, age 1, and the great-niece of Linda Ferris of the Summitville Fire Dept.

(Photo by Linda Ferris)

Besides Summitville, the departments receiving the car seats were from Alexandria, Elwood, Frankton,

Richland Township, Lapel, Chesterfield, Adams Township, Anderson, and Pendleton.

"We recommend the Madison

County Community Foundation for choosing to fund a project that benefits every child in Madison County," Ferris said.

The Madison County EMS Council meets quarterly to discuss the concerns of the ambulance services and to work toward improving patient care. One result has been the establishment of a county trauma response unit, in conjunction with the Madison County Fire Chief's Association. The trauma response unit is a trailer outfitted with nearly 70 of 100 available spineboards, hundreds of cervical collars, blankets, and a dozen large plastic kits filled with trauma dressings, tape and other supplies necessary to handle a mass-casualty disaster, such as a school bus accident. The trailer is housed at the Pendleton fire station.

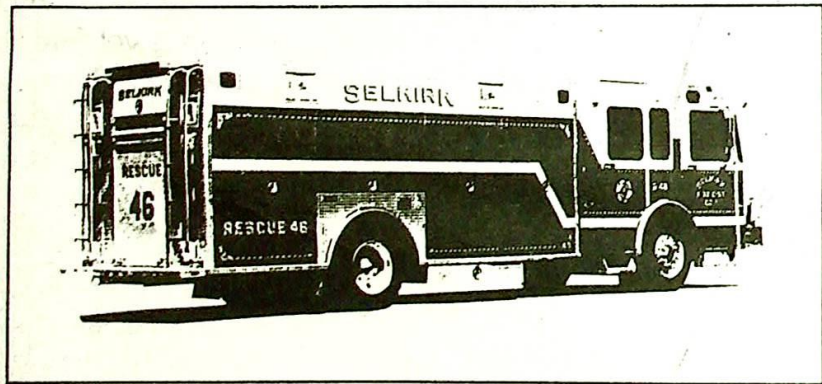
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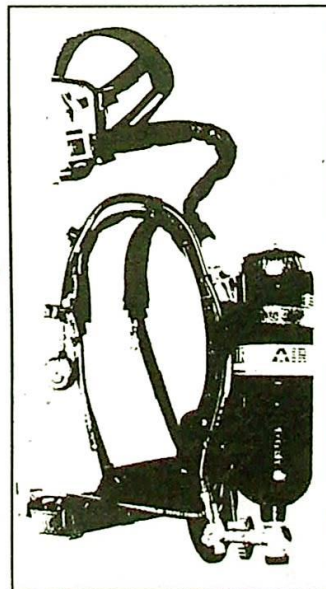
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# Hoosier Burn Camp

From Ginger K. Shanks, Executive Director

Friday, June 2, 2000

Burn Camp 2000 is over. We had our tense moments with camper pick-up. It seemed for a while we might be adopting a few campers, but it was only that I-65 near Lebanon was closed because of an accident and our pick-up crews had been rerouted. The waiting campers stayed busy having that last hour or so of fun they had not anticipated. All of the campers left with parting words of "see you next year." They truly have made Hoosier Burn Camp their place to be "Just One of the Kids."

The week started for staff on Sunday, May 28. Most of the staff was returning from last year and it was like a big family reunion. It was hard to get any training done because they were all so excited to get things together for the campers and get settled in. The volunteers that serve as staff are as excited about getting to camp as the campers. It is as though they are returning to childhood in many ways. We are very blessed with the staff we have; they give everything they have.

**CAMPERS ARRIVE!!!**

**Monday, May 29.** This year we had 22 campers arrive. They were all smiles and excited to see the familiar faces of the counselors and each other. The "old-timers" were great about helping the new campers get settled in and feel part of everything. The afternoon was spent basically on sports and group activities. Of course we had the clowns. They have become part of camp. They are there on arrival, Visitor's Day, and departure day to say good-bye. Every once in a while, I catch a glimpse of a clown at other times throughout the week.

The evening activity for Monday was a terrific magician. He left everyone spellbound and wondering, "how he did that." His performance was indeed one that we will not forget soon. Hopefully he will come back next year to entertain us again. After the almost hour long magic show, we had a snack and went to our first campfire and friendship circle. It was a very warm, close time for everyone. Soon they headed back to cabins and lights out. Tomorrow holds the promise of another busy day.

**Tuesday, May 30** was fire department day. Everyone was in a fire department T-shirt thanks to the

many departments that donated shirts. The campers really enjoyed getting to choose a T-shirt from the many available. I think some may have even managed to snag a couple of shirts. They were sure a hit! We had our first polar bear fishing and flag raising before breakfast. The day was filled with activities that campers had preselected: archery, woodworking, tennis, tie-dyeing, boating, high ropes, and sand art. The tie-dyeing turned into a competition (not just for campers). We had everything from hats to bed linen dyed and dripping in the craft hall. There were some pretty interesting designs. I was lucky enough to have someone do a shirt for me. THANKS BUNCHES. I love it.

For the evening activity, the City of Lafayette was gracious enough to open their new water park, Tropicanae Cove, to our group exclusively from. The campers were treated to pizza and soft drinks while taking a very short break from the water fun. The park was truly remarkable. As Mark, a burn camp veteran said, "this is the best place ever." I can't describe it better than that. We thought they were so exhausted they would sleep on the bus ride back to camp, but the excitement continued with chatter of what they had just experienced. It did not take long after friendship circle for all eyes to be closed and according to the campers, a lot of snoring.

**Wednesday, May 31.** We had a great Visitors' Day complete with a parade of fire apparatus, motorcycles, clowns and fire dogs. Every camper was able to ride a fire truck, go up in one of the aerial buckets, and participate in games with firefighters, Harley riders, and other guests that attended. Of course, the clowns were there! We had a great cookout and several donations were presented to Hoosier Burn Camp. Many thanks to all who helped raise funds so these kids could have their week at camp. One of the high points of the afternoon was the dunk tank in which the State Fire Marshal, Tracy Boatright, volunteered to be the "dunkee". It was hard to fight the firefighters off. We required a donation from them to try their hand at dunking Tracy. Many asked if we accepted credit cards. I am still trying to figure out what happened that caused ice to be dumped in the

tank. Someone indicated it was something the Marshal did or said. I guess every camp has a mystery to solve. Visitors' Day concluded with a mini-fair with lots of games and prizes.

Of course, what would camp be without at least one severe storm? We were just finishing snow cones, cotton candy, and the black hole when the storm decided to hit. We moved inside quickly and safety thanks to the great work of the staff and the cooperation of the campers. I know, you are saying, "what is the black hole?" I guess you need to come to Visitors' Day next year and find out.

Since the theme for the day was country/western, what else for an evening activity than a country western band and line dancing? The band was great and thanks to MCAxe for providing the sound system. Brian and Chad always seem to be there when we needed them. Great job guys! Unfortunately, because of the weather we did not get to have the planned hayride, but there is always next year. It was a busy day and EVERYONE was exhausted. Another night of campers listening to snoring!

**Thursday, June 1.** The theme for the day was Mardi Gras. The staff was all given Mardi Gras beads at breakfast. That gave the campers something to nag the counselors about all day. Thursday also was a big day in that we added sun catchers, the climbing tower, and horseback riding to our many activities. Most campers went horseback riding one of the two times it was offered. The climbing tower is really something to see. Our campers seem to go up that 30-foot tower like spiders. It is quite an accomplishment. I envy them. I don't have nerve enough to try. Climbers are well secured, but I still can't find the courage to try it.

After dinner, there was enough free time for the campers to prepare for the evening activity - a Mardi Gras party and dance, complete with their very own creative masks, pinatas and lots of beads for everyone. I am sure parents are still picking up beads at home. Again MCAxe did a great job of MCing the evening. We also had cabin awards before going to our last campfire for this year. The camp-

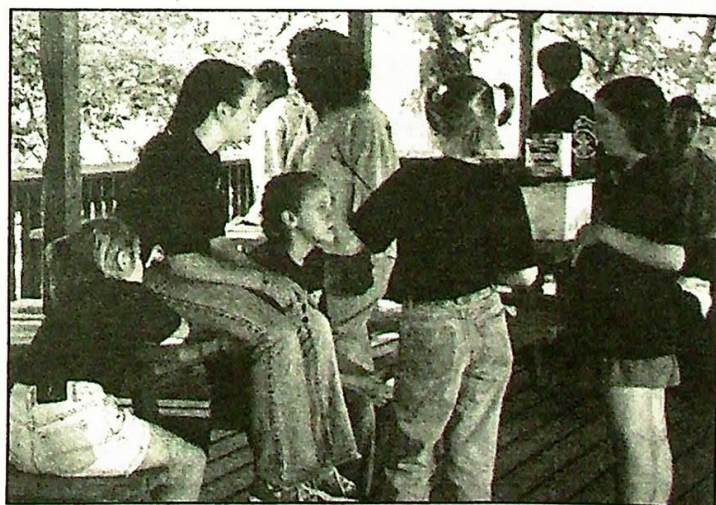
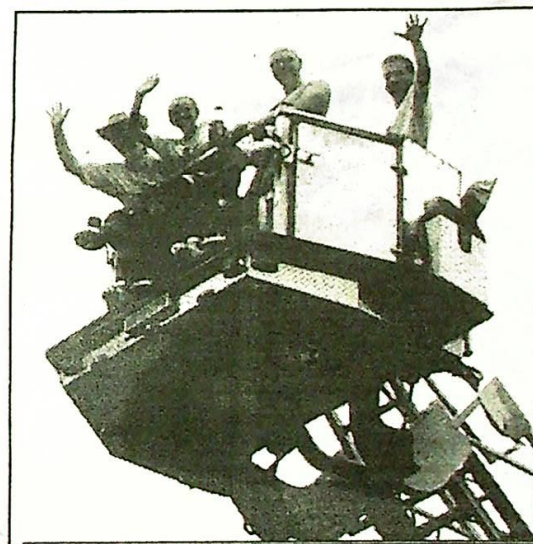
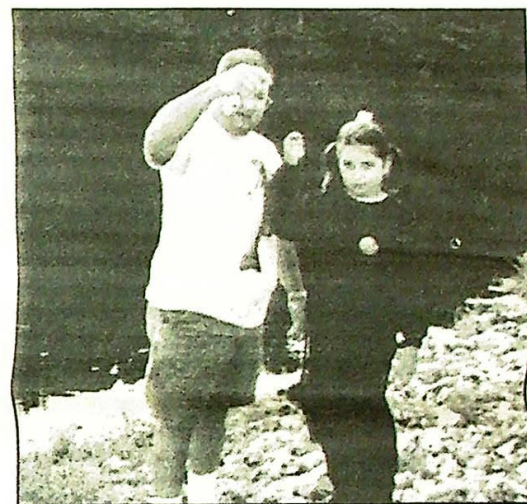
## Letters from Camp

fire was very emotional, but at the same time very upbeat. It seems as though all the campers are looking forward to next year and all the staff is hoping to be invited back. After the campfire everyone very quietly went to their cabins for their last night of Hoosier Burn Camp 2000.

**Friday, June 2.** After a pajama breakfast, it was time to pack and get ready to go back home, each one on their separate ways. There were lots of hugs, tears, exchange

of names and addresses, parting gifts, but best of all the promise of "I'll see you next year."

Many thanks to all of our volunteer staff, mostly from the fire and emergency services community and the many volunteer fire departments who continue to support us through their participation in camp activities and fund-raising projects. We couldn't do this without you! Bless you all!



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# District 11-A Dedicates New Station



From left to right: John W. Haley, Jr., Prudential; Bryan Husband, Fire Chief; Diane Harrison, Treasurer; and Michael L. Craig, Prudential.



(Left to right): District 11-A chairman Diane Harrison, Prairieton Chief Monty Hunt, President of the Board John Wells, State Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush. On June 4th Prairieton Fire Department hosted an open house to dedicate their new station. The IVFA clock was presented to them. This is a fine building that was built all on fundraisers by the department and auxiliary.

## Retirement Dinner Held April 9 for Benny Summers



Pictured (from left to right) are: Ben Summers, Mike Bigler, Deputy State Fire Marshal, who presented Ben with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award from the State Fire Marshal's Office; Ron Bell, District 17-A Chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, who presented Ben with a plaque; Loogootee Fire Chief Gerald Huebner, who presented him with an engraved watch; and Loogootee Mayor Brian Ader.

Ben Summers, shown at left, was honored at a retirement dinner held on Sunday, April 9th, at the Loogootee American Legion Country Club. Summers, who has been a very active member of the Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department for the past 25 years, served for the past 15 years as the Assistant Fire Chief. He retired from the department on January 1, 2000.

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association District 17-A Chairman, Ronald Bell of Odon, presented retired Loogootee fire fighter Ben Summers with a plaque.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, District 17-A)

## Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Purchases Defibrillator

The Lewis Twp. Fire Dept. purchased a Life Pak 300 Defibrillator in February with the assistance of Prudential Insurance.

Prudential's "Helping Hearts" Program, designed to help volunteer Fire/EMS Departments, makes grants of \$1,000.00 available to volunteer departments to help them toward the purchase of a defibrillator.

After acceptance in the program, a department receives a fund raising kit from Prudential and has six months to raise the department's share of the funds.

After the goal is met, the department orders the defibrillator it wants and Prudential sends a check to the manufacturer.

## Jonah Fish Fry At Odon V.F.D.



BBQ Chicken & Hamburger Fund Raiser

Pictured at left - The Elnora/Elmore Twp. V.F.D. held their annual Chicken and Hamburger Barbecue on Sat., May 27. The annual event was held at the outside shelter house at the Elnora Park and Daviess County fairgrounds. The money raised at this annual event is used to purchase much needed equipment for the department.

Pictured at right - Odon Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Jona Fish Fry June 10th at the Odon Park. This is an annual fundraiser for the Odon Dept. Money raised goes for the purchase of needed equipment for the department.

## Union Fire Chief Archie Sapp Honored With Award



Union Volunteer Fire Chief Archie Sapp was awarded the Governor's Meritorious Service Award from the Indiana State Marshal's Office May 23rd at the Pike County Fire Chief's meeting.

Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's Office and District 17A Chairman Ronald Bell presented Archie with this award.

Archie has been fire chief for about four years. He works diligently for the betterment of his department.

Fellow firefighter Chris Peaks, states that Archie has done more for the department as a whole than anyone that he knows. Thanks to Chief Sapp they do get some second hand turn out gear, radios, hoses, and etc. Chief Sapp is 76 years old, has organized a lot of fund raisers to try and raise money for their fire department needs. Chris said that Chief Sapp can work circles around the rest of them. Chief Sapp genuinely believes in and digs in to serve his community.

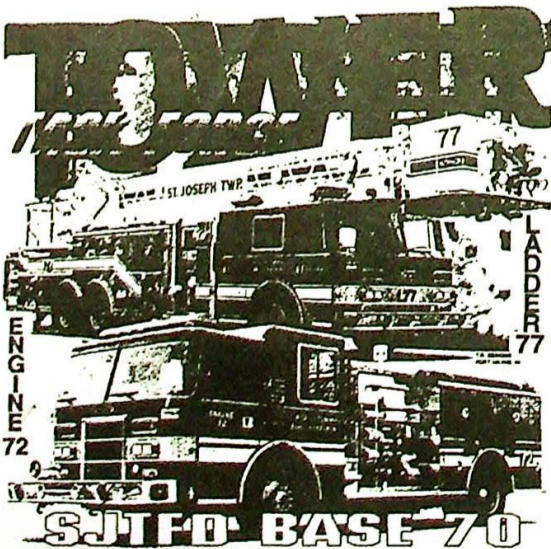
July 15, Archie Sapp will be presented at the Winslow District 17A meeting, The Ollie Sandburg Award. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, District 17A Chairman)

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# 2000 Miss Flame . . .

I announced at the convention that I am "retiring" from the Miss Flame Committee after about 16 years. After learning of that the girls, some moms and I do not know who else decided to surprise me. At the banquet, they said some really nice things and presented me with a beautiful porcelain angel, a pink rose, and a card signed by all of the girls. Each one had written a special note. I was totally surprised and was pretty much at a loss for words. I still cannot think of enough words to convey my thanks and appreciation for the very nice gifts and kindness given to me.

I cannot emphasize enough that the young ladies that participated in the contest this year and in the past have been the "cream of the crop" and great to work with which has made me look good. The same with the committee, Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Kerney and Barbara Ketchem. Anything I have asked them to do or they just did things on their own and I didn't have to worry about it. I knew it would be done. Also the convention Miss Flame committees over the years; they have been wonderful. It could not have happened without all of them.

I also want to thank the follow-

ing for their contributions to the Miss Flame Contest this year and past years (hope that I do not forget anyone); Buschman, Carr & Shanks, Miss Flame luncheon; Larry & Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim & Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Jack & Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; District 1, 2 & 3, diddy bags; Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. & Bliss-McKnight, gold hearts and chains; I.V.F.A. Auxiliary, convention charms, crown, flowers; Mitch Parish, Don Kissinger, Shirley Hall, photographs; Quilts & More, Patty & Dave Miller, Sashes and vinyl folders; AET Films, acrylic cups & ballpoint pens.

I also want to publicly thank my family for their help and support. They have all been there for me and helped me but I want to mention husband, Bill, who has been my secretary taking calls while I was gone, running to the post office, etc. and daughter-in-law, Laurie who did the Miss Flame flowers and made the photo albums for several years.

I do have a request, I would appreciate it if you will give the same support to your new Miss Flame Chairman, Patty Miller. I would like to see all 25 districts sponsor a girl in the Miss Flame contest for the

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2001 convention to be held in Fort Wayne and give Patty a good start for her first year. We only missed by six this year. *It can be done!*

I encourage local fire departments and districts to invite the girls to fund raisers and parades. Let them know that you appreciate their participation in the contest.

I realize that I have said thank you a number of times and directed it to several but it just doesn't seem to be enough. I just do not know how to convey how much I appreciate having the opportunity to work with the Miss Flames, the committees, sponsors and everyone who has helped to make the contest what it is. *Thanks from the bottom of my heart!*

Eula Bush



Pictured (left to right) are Amanda Davies, Miss Flame Runner-up and Nikki Luebecke, Miss Flame 2000.

## Bush Receives District 11B Midwest Award



Brent Bush, District 11B, Dana Community Vol. Fire Dept., received the Midwest Award. Brent joined the Dana Dept. on his 21st birthday and has been a member for 13 years. He is a First class Fireman, First Responder and is currently Assistant Chief of the department.



District 11-A wishes to thank Carol Tempel for representing the District and State. We wish you all the luck in your future endeavors.



Briana Husband representing District 11-A for 2000. Thank you for representing us!!

### IN MEMORIAM NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

NAME	DEPARTMENT	DISTRICT
Drew A. Froman	Schererville VFD	1
Lawrence Gray	Lake Station VFD	1
David Hamilton	Lake Ridge VFD	1
John (Jerry) Janda	Schererville VFD	1
Reginald A. Mabin	Chesterton VFD	1
Paul E. Miller	Liberty Twp. VFD	1
Phillip H. O'Connor	Lake Station VFD	1
James A. Scott	Merrillville VFD	1
James Earl Stowers	Union Twp. VFD	1
Herbert Thiel	Schererville VFD	1
John A. Wilson	Merrillville VFD	2
Lavern (Vern) Blankenbaker	Keener Twp. VFD	2
Sheryl K. Cabot	Lake Twp. VFD	2
Raymond G. Dewes	St. John VFD	2
Ewalt V. (Pappy) Jahnz	Kouts VFD	2
Robert E. Laney	Crown Point VFD	2
John Robert Stierer	Shelby VFD	3
Brian K. Burnett	Scipio Twp. VFD	3
Walter Gramals	Michiana Shores VFD	3
Robert Ulrich	Scipio Twp. VFD	5
Carr E. Beecher	Denver VFD	5
Michael E. Charlton	Milford VFD	5
Claude C. Davis	Etna Twp. VFD	5
Gilbert E. Griffiths	Mentone VFD	5
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Robert Brown	Monroeville VFD	7
Jack Lillard Fawbush	Preble VFD	7
Tow A. Myers	Decatur VFD	8A
James R. Boyland	Pipe Creek Twp. VFD	8A
Donald E. Hart	Fairmount VFD	8B
Johnny Oldfield	Gaston VFD	8B
Charles Ridgeway Jr.	Hartford City VFD	9B
Lorin G. Foulks	Wolcott VFD	10
William A. Goodwin	Warren Twp. VFD	10
Kenneth Shafer	Franklin Twp. VFD	10
Donald Snapp	Marietta VFD	11A
Ladislav (Toddy) Michl	Prairieton VFD	11A
Edward A. Reed	Linton Twp. VFD	12
Charles E. Harper	Brooklyn VFD	12
Barney W. Russell	Hazelwood VFD	12
Cecil E. Vanarsdale	Wayne Twp. Co #2 VFD	12
James Earl Whitcomb	Lawrence VFD	13A
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Bill Huffline	Webster VFD	14
Daniel W. Groce Sr.	Charlestown VFD	14
Terri Leann Hood	McCulloch VFD	14
William J. Mayfield	Charlestown VFD	14
Frank J. Waters	New Washington VFD	15
Raymond A. (Sonny) Niemeier	Marrs Twp. VFD	16
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Artie (Smitty) Smith	West Baden Springs VFD	21
James E. Alexander	Kirklin VFD	21
William F. (Bill) Day	West Lebanon VFD	21
Larry A. Hertz	Wabash Twp. VFD	21
Charles Pulley	Forest VFD	21

### NAMES OF DECEASED AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Bernice Esserman	Liberty Twp. VFD	1
Eva Owens	Lake Station VFD	1
Cynthia Spiller	New Chicago VFD	1
Lenora Volkman	Munster VFD	2
Florence Sabermeak	Cedar Lake VFD	3
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# 62nd Annual Poe Fireman's Festival Set

The Poe Community Volunteer Fire Department of Poe, IN will be holding its 62nd annual Fireman's Festival, August 25th and 26th, 2000.

Friday, August 25th at 5:30 p.m. will start the festivities off with the **BENEFIT AUCTION** with items donated by the area merchants. Also for the auction will be a Queen Size, Broken Star Quilt made by the Poe Community Ladies. There will also be Bingo, and a variety of Games with Food & Refreshments available.

Saturday, August 26th will start with a Backyard Volleyball Tournament at 9:00 a.m. and Waterball Competition for both men and women, with sign in at 11:30 a.m. and play at 12:00 noon. There will be a Chicken BBQ Dinner serving from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; a Euchre Tournament from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m.; Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m.; New Haven Alumni Band will be playing at 4:00

p.m.; The Suzy Fuelling Dance Academy of Decatur at 5:30 p.m. Starting at 8:00 p.m. the dance will begin, featuring Mary McCoy and is 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 then 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.

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

# New Washington VFD Celebrates Opening of New Headquarters

Story and Photos by Jim Bruner N.W.V.F.D.

On June 25, 2000, the New Washington Volunteer Fire Department, Clark Co., Indiana held an open house for the residents of Washington, Oregon, Owen and Bethlehem Townships to dedicate their new fire headquarters.

The New Washington V.F.D. which was planned in late 1952 and chartered in 1954 has built new headquarters on the site of their fairgrounds on Hwy. 62 in New Washington.

The department consists of a combination of Nabb V.F.D. and New Washington V.F.D. with 40 members currently serving.

On hand to celebrate the opening of the new headquarters were several State and District officials, as well as local board members and a house full of the residents we serve.

District 14 Chairman Roy Richardson recognized 25 year I.V.F.A. members, dept. auxiliary and spouses for their contributions to this department over the years.

Chairman Richardson, on behalf of the I.V.F.A. presented a wall clock/plaque to the N.W.V.F.D. in recognition of this occasion.

All in attendance were treated to a fish fry, hamburger/hot dog cook-out and house warming cake and refreshments served by the members and juniors.



The New Washington Fire Dept. Hq. dedicated on June 25, 2000



The New Washington VFD Auxiliary was recognized for all their continuous support.



Officers, staff and membership of the New Washington Fire Dept.



District 14 Chair Roy Richardson presents IVFA clock and plaque to NWVFD Chief Crace.

District Chair Roy Richardson recognizes NWVFD 25 year IVFA members. Pictured from right to left are: Mike Holloway, Frelin Kimberlin, Glen Bower, Jerry Dickey, Charles Bower, seated David O. Bower. Also pictured are NWVFD Chief Crace and Ass. Chief Parkhill. Not pictured are Larry Lawrence and John Clapp.



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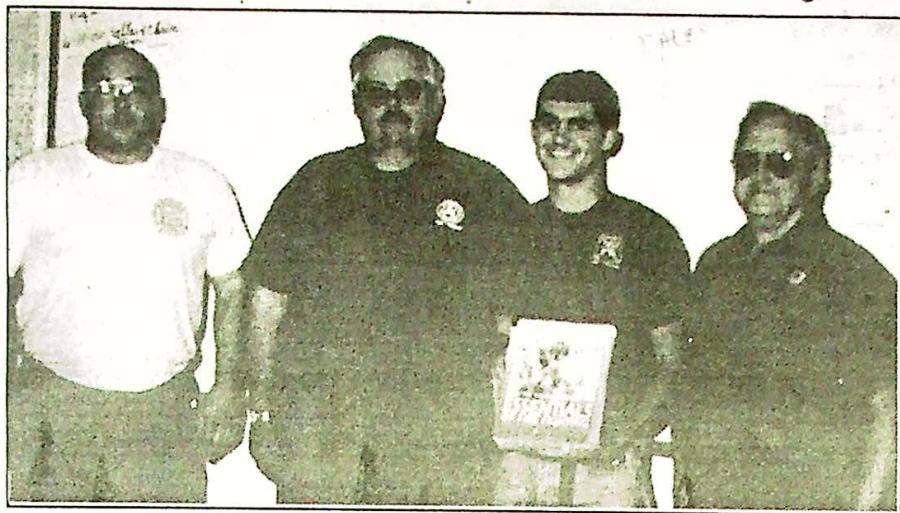
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Pictured above (left to right): Training instructor Tim Whitham, President Jay Cleveland, Firefighter Alister Norton and 14th District Chairman Roy Richardson. (Photo by Roy Richardson, Dist. 14)

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Shortly after joining the fire de-

partment, his many talents and skills, as well as his leadership abilities, were recognized by his peers. He helped build some of the first apparatus and fire stations. He was Company Lieutenant, Company Captain and Training Officer. He

was selected as Firefighter of the Year in 1990 for saving a four-year-old boy from drowning.

The WTVFD, in addition to field operations, also had corporation business that needed attention. Chairman of the Board of Directors, member of the Board, Ways and Means, By-Laws, Treasurer and, finally the last several years, President of the Corporation were the many positions he served.

At the Annual Awards Banquet of the Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department, Dushan "Doc" Stiko was honored for his many years of public service to the community of Indianapolis, Marion County and Warren Township. In addition to receiving his 50 year service pin and plaque, Indiana State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatright presented Doc with the ISFM Medal of Honor (the highest award presented by the Fire Marshal) and on behalf of Governor Frank O'Bannon was also made a Sagamore of the Wabash.

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