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From the President



Jack Kerney

I hope everyone had a good time in Evansville at the convention. It was a pleasure to host the convention this year.

I will serve as your President until the end of the year, and am looking forward to serving as your Vice-President again. I hope you

show Buz Koehler the same respect and confidence as you have shown me over the past three years. We will miss Chaplain Baker, but wish him well on his slowing down. Our new chaplain starting in January will be Fred Page from Rossville Volunteer Fire Department.

It was a surprise, and a pleasure to receive the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Governor O'Bannon. The Sagamore is the highest honor, which the Governor of Indiana bestows. "Sagamore" is a term used by the American Indian Tribes of the northeastern United States to describe a lesser chief or a great man among the tribe to whom the true Chief would look for wisdom and advice.

I would like to congratulate David Israel for being selected Mr. IVFA, Anthony Moster for receiving the Ollie Sandburg Award, E.J. Smith - the Lois Boaz Award and Mary Wesley, the Angel Award.

By the time you receive this article some of the departments will

have been notified that you were the recipient of some of the Fire Act Grant Money, congratulations. It looks like that the Build Indiana Funds are going to be tied up for a few years, and money is going to be hard to come by. There are few other grants available that I have mentioned in some of my earlier articles.

The IVFA will start working on our Legislative agenda for the coming session. If you have any suggestion call me at the office and we will discuss your proposal with our lobbyist.

Barb and I are still traveling and visiting fire departments in this fine state. Let us know if you would like us to visit your department or fundraiser.

2004

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IVFA And IVFAA Award Winners For 2002 Announced

Mr. IVFA - David Israel
Lois Boaz - E. J. Smith
Ollie Sandberg - Anthony "Tony" Moster
Angel Award - Mary Wesley
Miss Flame - Toni Lenkensdofer, District 8B
President's Award - Bev Harker
Bridgeport Award Winners - Kyle Lincoln and Jean Randle

David Israel Chosen Mr. IVFA For 2002



Pictured is Mr. IVFA for 2002 David Israel, left from District 10 and past Mr. IVFA Willie "Mitch" Parish.

(Photo submitted by David Bretz)

I, David Israel, the Mr. IVFA Recipient Award for 2002, would like to thank the Mr. IVFA committee for selecting me as the winner.

I would like to thank my wife and family and fire department for the nomination of this honorable award. They can keep a pretty good secret.

I know there were several applications for this award. One of my goals was to receive this award at some point and time in life, because my grandfather, Ralph Israel, received Mr. IVFA in 1962. He helped build up fire departments in the IVFA in the first years of the IVFA, serving as PR person, district chairman and maybe some other offices.

So 40 years later to receive this Award, the second person in the Israel family and in Decatur Co., this means a lot to me. I'm proud to be IVFA District 10 chairman and be a part of the IVFA family.

Thank you for this award,
David Israel



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After close monitoring of the postage and printing costs, it was decided to use any fees left over to assist in the maintenance of the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

We have continued that each year to present and in 2002 we added approximately \$10,000 to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

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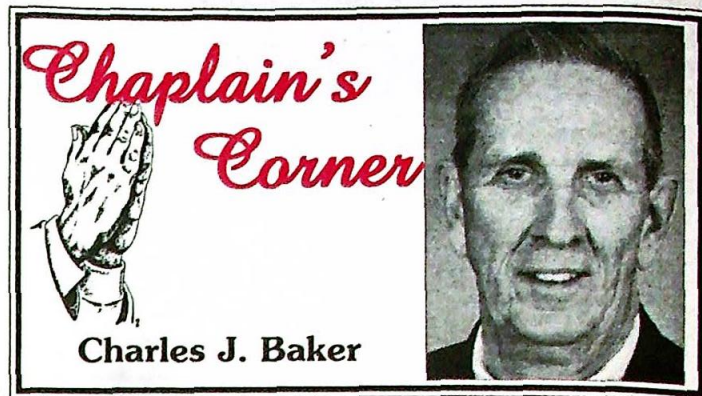
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Today's Prayer

Gracious Father, God,

For centuries in our country, one nation under God, brave men and women have left the comforts of home and family to respond to those in trouble. Lord, we pray that these dedicated few be granted the ability and the courage to continue their most important calling.

In your precious Name we pray,
 Amen

Minute Message

Following the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, a period of persecution of the new Christians ensued for many decades. It wasn't until the time of Constantine that relief was granted by the Roman emperor and the church established.

Many centuries later, the pilgrims landed on our shores and Christianity was introduced into the new world.

At a place called New Amsterdam, a hard-nosed governor named Peter Stuyvesant established the first element of fire protection in the new land, and to that point we trace our roots.

Some 98% of the founding fathers of our nation were Christians; references to the Almighty flow throughout early documents and literature.

Our heritage is colorful and rich in historic personalities who were volunteer firefighters. These Christian founders, following Jesus' admonition to help those in trouble (Luke 10), carried the theme into the soon-to-be United States of America.

History records that seven signers of the Declaration of Independence came from the ranks of volunteer fire companies:

John Hancock (businessman and first signer), Benjamin Franklin (publisher and inventor), James Wilson (judge), Dr. Benjamin Rush (physician), George Clymer (merchant), Francis Hopkinson (lawyer and writer), Robert Morris (banker and financier of the Revolution).

Additionally, three U.S. Presidents were volunteer firefighters: George Washington (1789-1797) Friendship Fire Co., Alexandria, VA; Millard Fillmore (1850-1853) Eagle Hose Co., Buffalo, NY; James Buchanan (1857-1861) Union Fire Co., Lancaster, PA

Countless other mayors, governors, senators and congressmen were affiliated with volunteer departments, especially in the formative years of our republic.

In 1948, the United States Postal Service issued a first class postage stamp (three cents) honoring the 300th anniversary of volunteer firemen in America. Year 2002 marks the 354th anniversary of volunteer firefighters in the new world.

Over these years and the 16 prior centuries, the words of Jesus have resounded from the Good Samaritan legend: "Go and do likewise."

Ironic isn't it, that the spot chosen by an early Dutch governor to establish the first fire brigade in America in 1648, was the same place where a tragedy of unimaginable and unparalleled proportion was visited on our brethren and nation on September 11, 2001. As you now know, the New Amsterdam of early days is now Manhattan in New York City.

May God grant you success in your endeavors and love in your life.
 Your Chaplain,
 Charles J. Baker

In Memoriam

A listing of deceased members as reported to the Chaplain since the Annual Memorial Service:

- Ralph W. Albert - Ferdinand VFD - District 18
- Brian W. Decker - Cedar Lake VFD - District 2
- Richard Jones - Columbia Twp. VFD - District 6
- Daniel R. Lenig - Kankakee Twp. VFD - District 3
- Walter J. Rybarski - Lake Hills VFD - District 2
- John J. Slifer - Fountaintown VFD - District 13A
- Jack L. Winkler - Wayne Twp. VFD Co. 2 - District 12

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

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From the Vice President



Buz Koehler

Once again Convention time has come and gone and we can reflect back on all the fun we had. District 15 did a superb job of host-

ing and making sure everyone had a good time and I want to thank them all.

Unfortunately we missed seeing a lot of our old friends, many of whom are no longer with us, but continue to look over us.

We want to congratulate all of the award winners and express our gratitude for being the caring and giving persons they are. Our strength as an association is within our members and many of them shine and we only get to recognize a few.

As the awards committee chairman, I can tell you that selecting only one from the many letters we received is quite a chore.

The summer is moving right along and if you have fund raisers please let the officers of the association know so they can attend.

July is the month for your district to hold elections of district officers. Please attend these meetings and participate in selecting those that will represent you at the state level.

See you at the district meetings.
LeMoynes 'Buz' Koehler
Vice President

A Note From Beverly Harker

I want to thank President Jack Kerney for selecting me for the President's Award. There are not enough words to describe how honored I feel. I always cherish the memory of receiving the award and display it at my home with pride.

I also want to thank Jim Abrams, District 17A Chairman for the Midwest Award. I have to admit, June 14, 2002 was a night that will stay with me forever.

I feel so fortunate to be a part of the IVFA. This organization is made up of the most wonderful and caring people I have ever met. Firefighters and their families are very special.

Thanks again to everyone.
Beverly Harker
Vincennes, Indiana

November 10, 2002 Deadline is October 10, 2002

A Letter From 2002 Miss Flame Lenkensdofer

Hello, everyone! I am Toni Lenkensdofer and this year I was chosen as your 2002 IVFA Miss Flame. I am extremely thrilled to have been chosen and I will do my best to represent you.

I am 16 years old and live in Union City, IN. I represented District 8-B this year at convention. I

am very involved in sports, school, and my community.

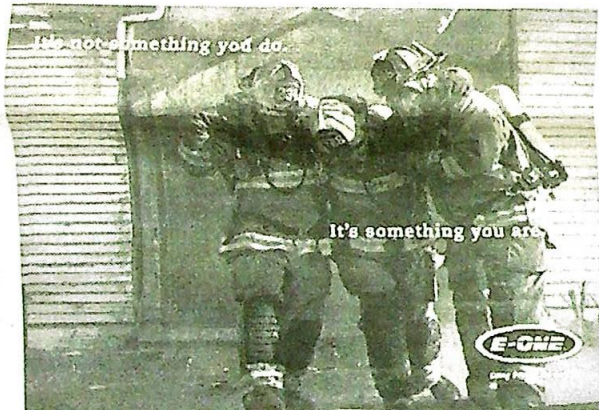
Thank you to all whom attended state convention this year in Evansville. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the districts that sent Ms. Flames from their district. All of the contestants and myself have made great friendships that will last a lifetime. Truly they were all very special people.

As part of my duties as Ms. Flame I am expected to attend many events around Indiana this year. This to me is a great opportunity to meet many different people and visit many different counties here in my home state. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. If you have any events you would like me to be present at feel free to contact me at the address below. Again, thank you so much. You are what is making my year special.

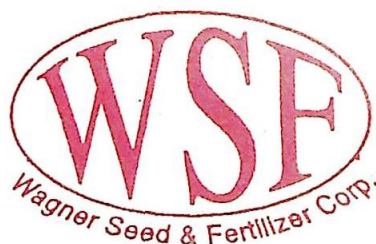
Sincerely,
Toni Lenkensdofer
2002 IVFA Miss Flame



2002 Miss Flame
Toni Lenkensdofer
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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Tom Orrell
District 1
Chairman



Liberty Fire Department
April 17, 2002

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. PR Northwest Jim Bradford led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Guests: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1 & 2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry, retired IVFA chaplain Dwayne Lance, former District 1 chairman/former PR Northwest and retired Liberty firefighter Bob Esserman, former Liberty Fire Chief Lloyd Woodrick, retired Liberty firefighter Don Oden and Dick Anderson (currently Liberty Township Trustee and Advisory Board member), Advisory Board member Tim Cole, Patty Esserman, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Liberty Township ladies auxiliary members, Porter County Sheriff's candidate Sue Resteau, 5-Alarm representative Dale Hensley, Hoosier Fire representative Jim Daly, and Midwest Fire/Safety representative Ty Radcliff.

Chief Bill Branham gave a brief history of Liberty Fire Department and introduced its members. Chief Branham then presented a plaque to retired member Don Oden, and an engraved ax to former chief Lloyd Woodrick.

Guest speaker John Kostidis, chiropractor from Valparaiso, spoke on his experience in helping for two (2) weeks at "Ground Zero".

Sixty-four members of 11 departments in District 1 answered roll call with the attendance trophy going to Burns Harbor Fire Department, and 20 members of six departments in District 2 with the attendance trophy going to Lake Eliza Fire Department.

Keith Austin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Bob Szot, passed.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford gave retired Chaplain Dwayne Lance a birthday card that had been signed by everyone that had attended the April meeting. Jim spoke on the Revolving Loan Fund, advised the Fire Marshal's office is offering free "Meth lab" training for anyone interested, contact Ivan Nevil. Jim reminded everyone that the new "blue light laws" went into effect on March 27, 2002, and advised everyone should carry a copy of the law with them in case of any problems.

IVFAA district chairperson Ann Moss advised the IVFAA Districts 1 & 2 meeting is being held on Thursday, May 2nd at Lowell Fire Station.

Treasurer's report: Clarence Moss reported a balance of \$1,641.42, also advised he had patches available to \$2 each.

No old business to report.

Jim Bradford spoke on the burn camp, advised the open house is May 29, 2002 in Brookston, IN, at YMCA Camp Tecumseh. Jim also stated that any donations of FD hats or T-shirts would be greatly

appreciated, advised they are very useful for the kids at camp.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell reported on one death in District 1. A moment of silence was observed for James Rotas of Schererville Fire Department. Tom also noted that the father of District 3 chairman Tim Sandy also recently passed away.

Bob Esserman from Liberty advised looking for patches for their patch board, also noted a pancake breakfast on May 19th from 8 to 1. New Chicago Fire Department having a pancake breakfast on May 5th from 7 to 1. New Chicago also putting on a Driver/Operator-Pumper, and Fire Fighter I/II class starting April 21st at noon for anyone interested in attending.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in Hebron.

Martha Thomas won \$59 in the 50/50 drawing. Betty Perry won a T-shirt donated by 5 Alarm. Liberty Auxiliary member Jennifer Seter won a seatbelt cutter, and Ogden Dunes Fire Chief Eric Kurtz won a deck of cards, both donated by Hoosier Fire. Retired IVFA Chaplain Dwayne Lance won a T-shirt donated by Midwest Fire/Safety.

Thanks to Liberty Fire Department and its auxiliary members.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. by Bob Szot, seconded by Keith Austin.

Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1 & 2



Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman

DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



May 16, 2002
Scipio Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 16 members representing six departments present. Chief Pete Sass led the pledge. After the pledge, past state chaplain Duane Lantz led the members in a prayer and chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler, state vice president; Jim Bradford, PR NW director; Duane Lantz, past state chaplain; Mitch Parish, past state president.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1113.25.

Communications:

1. Comments from vice president Koehler -

a. announced that articles for the newspaper are due by July 10th;
b. reminded everyone that \$3 from your license plate fee goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship fund and that \$10,000 was just transferred to the fund;

c. announced that the IVFA is working on an insurance program that could include health insurance benefits;

d. again reminded anyone with questions about the Association to call or e-mail him;

e. requested that any department with surplus equipment that they are willing to donate to less fortunate departments, call or e-mail him

2. Comments from PR director Bradford -

a. announced that the Burn Camp is May 29th;

b. gave a report on the status of the FEMA grants

c. announced that any departments wishing to obtain the "Learn Not to Burn" program should call Pam at the Fire Marshal's office;

d. reminded everyone that the Fire Marshal's office has a revolving loan available and to call to obtain the applications;

e. announced that departments wishing to obtain training in meth labs should contact Ivan Nevil at PSTI;

f. announced that a copy of the blue light law is enclosed in the Fire Marshal's mailing

3. Comments from past president Parish -

a. gave a report on the National Volunteer Fire Council

4. Comments from Chairman Sandy -

a. reminded everyone that three delegates from each department are allowed to vote at the convention and that only one will be reimbursed for mileage;

b. led a brief discussion on cutting battery cables of hybrid vehicles. Reminded everyone of the 275 volts and 77 amps;

c. gave a brief report on the Fire Institute dinner in Washington, D.C.;

d. reminded all departments that dues are due by 7/31.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Good of the order:

1. Tom Thode asked about reserving the Edith House. Chairman Sandy advised departments to contact him to reserve it. Tom requested the house during August for Kankakee Township and stated they will make the needed repairs;

2. Lincoln Township will be having a pork chop dinner Memorial weekend. Also will be having an auction soon to sell surplus equipment. Chief Kaufman announced that EMS in-services would be held at Lincoln on the third Saturday of odd months starting on 5/18 at 0900;

3. Chairman Sandy presented his commemorative plaque to Chief Sass.

Training:

Training Officer Dave Kaufman showed a video called "Terrorism Awareness for 1st Responders". After the video there was a brief discussion on the \$20 million lawsuit that was filed against some of our neighboring departments.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Duane Lantz; Joe Lopez won a patch donated by VP Buz Koehler; and, Frank Sommers won an MSA knife that was donated by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm.

Next meeting: July 18, 2002, 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) Hamlet VFD. Election of officers will be held.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

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District 4
Chairman



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District 7
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DISTRICT 8A

E.W. Pape, Jr.
District 8A
Chairman



Hello, Fellow Firefighters:

It's summer again and we are facing a hot one. I hope you all paid your dues, they were due by July 31.

I want to remind my fellow firefighters to attend their district meetings and get the information that is available.

I hope all the departments that put in for the FEMA money have received confirmation on being accepted for their grants.

Please call or e-mail me with any fish fries or parades that you would like the state officers or myself to attend.

"Keep it Safe" till next time.

Bill Pape
District 8A Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

Larry Petro
District 8B Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

Jonathon Randle
District 9A
Chairman



The May 23, 2002 meeting of District 9A was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle at the Tri-Township Volunteer Fire Department in Delhi, IN at 8:00 P.M. following a cold buffet. The pledge to the flag was said and Father Frank Kilcline gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

Guests were Senator Brandt Hershman, Lisa Hershman, Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonkers, Rev. Kilcline and Jim Bradford.

Roll call: four departments, 10 members, 69 fire runs, 33 EMs.

Senator Hershman addressed the group and discussed current legislation and issues. He backs volunteer firefighters and wants us to let him know about our concerns.

Mitch Parish spoke about his trip to the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting in Denver, Colorado. Regarding OSHA and non-OSHA states, he said that the council backs having one set of standards. 26,000 grant applications had been submitted as of April 5th. The nation's Fallen Firefighter ceremony in October will be at the MCI Center instead of the National Fire Academy because of the large number of people expected this year. The IVFA annual convention will be in Evansville, June 12-15th. The deadline for the next newspaper for articles is July 10th. 17,000 copies are sent out.

Jim Bradford, PRNW, reported on House Bill 1081 about insurance coverage that volunteer fire departments need to carry to pay medical and/or illness claims for firefighters that suffer this in line of duty. 10,000 grants were kicked out immediately because they were not filled out correctly. Get the State Fire Marshal's "learn not to burn" program into the schools. The revolving loan fund has \$180,000. Meth lab response training is free from PSTI. There were 17,071 IVFA members in 2001. The burn camp starts May 29th. The IVFA would like to have one chaplain for each district. There are 956 volunteer fire departments in Indiana. An Ohio River cruise is being added on Thursday night of the convention.

Bruce Yonkers spoke on the Expo for Special persons that will occur on August 18th at the Reynolds, Indiana fairgrounds. Challenged children and young adults have a great day with fire trucks, semis and motorcycles among other entertainment.

June 21st, the Tri-Township FD Auxiliary is having their "Fireman's Bash" on the Madame Carroll for \$7.00 per person.

Ron Wertz reported that a citizen had asked him about the Tot finder tags that can be placed in bedroom windows. Mitch Parish explained that this is no longer recommended because of predatory child molesters knowing where children are located.

Dee Mauntel said that the VIP course she attended at the National Fire Academy for Training Officers was an excellent opportunity to share with other fire departments as well as being very informative. She has applications and class openings for the future.

Jon Randle attended the Congressional Fire Services Dinner in Washington, D.C. There were many speakers who explained legislative bills for the volunteer fire service.

Lt. Richard Hawkins of the host department discussed their fire prevention program including the special fitted out golf cart and its trailer. He said that they have their junior firefighters help with this. Chief Bill Shock said that ever since they

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DISTRICT 9A

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started having fire prevention education in their schools, adolescent pranks and false alarms have been eliminated. Ron Wertz said that Camden has a smoke house that can be taken around for fire prevention programs. The 4-H has a fire prevention program, also.

Jim Bradford won the 50/50. Next meeting July 25th at Twelve Mile. Election of officers will be held.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton
District 9B
Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10



David Israel
District 10
Chairman

Hello, District 10,
Where did the summer go? I know what the heat of summer felt like. By the time you get this paper our district vacation will be over and meetings will start.

Convention at Evansville was a blast. Good to see the District 10 members on Friday morning men's meeting there that could make convention.

Thanks for the support.

Our District Midwest Award winner this year is Peggy Israel. That's right! My wife/fill-in district secretary/phone message taker/picture taker for the district and also Firefighters/EMT/Captain on our department. She deserves this award.

Now it is the time to be thinking about next year's award winner nominees. They need to be in to me or Peggy by February 1, 2003.

August 21, 2002 is our next district meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Rushville Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Rushville, IN. They are planning a hog roast supper for us, after that a program by Brad Morrin from the Indiana State Police Lab. Division on Meth Labs. It's also district election night.

Then Amity on September 18, 2002 and the next one October 16, 2002 at Anderson Twp. in Milroy, Indiana.

Hope everyone got their dues paid on time, if not you're late. Thanks to all that paid on time. The IVFA was and still is on a membership drive to reach 18,000 members for 2003. Last year we were up from 16,000 to 17,100 members this year.

Johnson County departments - thanks for making me feel welcome in your departments. Good luck on the FEMA grants. There is a lot going on in the district and within the IVFA. Attend the meetings and be up-to-date. Thank you for your support and be safe out there.

David Israel
District 10 Chairman

DISTRICT 11-A



John McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

This has been a very busy quarter. We spent two days at FDIC in Indianapolis. This is something everyone should put on their calendar and try to attend. If you only attend the exhibits, there is a wealth of information to be obtained.

I was fortunate to be one of your representatives to the National Fire Congress Dinner. President Bush was the keynote speaker. It was an awesome experience.

Thanks to Ross Emery and George Ockerman for the invitation to Richland-Taylor 25th anniversary celebration. All the department members and township

trustees have done a terrific job in putting together a highly trained and well equipped fire-rescue department to serve our citizens. Congratulations and thanks, it was a great time.

We also attended a dedication of a new rescue truck at Linton Twp. at Pimento. They also celebrated 60 years of service to their community. A job well done by Bill Nicison and the rest of Linton Twp. firefighters.

We attended the Greene County firefighters meeting at Center Twp. It's always very enjoyable going to these meetings.

The District 11-A meeting was held at Lewis Twp. We had 104 people representing 14 departments. Chief Baily presented the program on the September 11th attack. I want to thank everyone from Lewis Twp. for the great meal and all the work that made the meeting a success.

We had the pleasure of presenting Jasonville Fire Chief Don Tribby with a 50 year gold card. The members of the department also presented Don with a mounted axe plaque. Good job, guys.

We presented an eight hour driving class at Brazil for District 11-A and Clay County Emergency Management. The class was well attended.

Our sympathy goes out to the James McKenzie family. Jim was a 38 year member and former chief of the Seelyville Fire Department.

Several members of the Lewis Twp. fire department went to Visitor's Day at the Hoosier Burn Camp. West Central PR Diane Harrison presented Mark Koopman with a check from the Greene County Firefighters' Assoc.

Congratulations to Evansville and District 15 for a job well done on the 2002 convention. It was a very busy time. Congratulations to Buz Koehler, our new president and the rest of the new officers.

On June 22 we went to Wright Twp. Fire Department and presented the Midwest Award to Chief Jack Wilson. Chief Wilson has been very instrumental in the formation and continuing growth of the department. Good job, Jack.

We went to Farmersburg and took part in their awards program along with Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Twenty-five year pins were presented to Rick Thrasher, Mike Johnson, and Chief Jack Padgett. Mike Bigler presented

the Governor's Meritorious Service Award to Mike Johnson - 43 years of service to his fire department.

Convention is over. Now it's time to start thinking about those in your department who are deserving of state awards. Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Angel, Lois Boaz, and Midwest. Please send in letters for those who are deserving. Also in your department have an awards program to thank the people who go the extra mile. Also take the time - thank those outside the department who help keep the department going.

Until next time, brothers and sisters, be careful out there.

DISTRICT 11-B



Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman

Kingman
May 8, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem.

The pledge to the flag was led by vice chairman Brent Bush and the invocation was given by district chaplain Con Mankin. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The introduction of guests present was made by chairman Ketchem. The introduction of the lady guests was made by IVFAA district chairman Patty Miller. Roll call was taken with 20 members from eight departments present.

Vice president Buz Koehler announced the new blue light law had passed the recent legislators, HB 1208 signed by the Governor on March 27, 2002 and went into effect on that date. He also mentioned he is still accepting used working equipment to be distributed to the needy departments. He stated that the current membership of the organization is 17,071.

Diane Harrison, WCPR commented on the awards program currently in progress. She asked everyone to support the politicians who also support the fire service. Don Foltz, District 21, mentioned items from the officer's meeting. Diane Harrison also spoke on the same subjects as well as did Buz Koehler. The burn camp was brought to our attention by Bill Bush and what was needed to make this project function better. Chairman Ketchem asked the fire chiefs present how they were able to get the attendance up at their meetings.

The next district meeting will be held on July 10th, the place is undetermined at the present time. It will be elections and Larry Bartlow will chair the nominating committee for this meeting. Chairman Ketchem presented 25 year pins to two firemen who were in the audience, he also presented the host certificate to Chief Allen Brown of the Kingman Department.

The meeting was then adjourned.

John Davies
District Secretary

DISTRICT 12



John Ross
District 12
Chairman

To those of you who did not make it to the 2002 IVFA Convention this year, you sure missed a good one! The Executive Inn in downtown Evansville was the hub

for great fun, good food and wonderful hospitality! Our hat is off to District 15 for a job well done!

To Megan Holman of Decatur Twp. VFD and Jaclyn Joseph of Lizton VFD, our Miss Flame candidates, you did us proud girls! You're both wonderful young ladies who represented our district with great poise, beauty and distinction. You're both "winners" to us and we'll hope to see you back in 2003.

The 2002 Midwest Award for District 12 was awarded to Alton Pugh of the Amo Volunteer Fire Department. Sadly, Al passed away before this award could be given to him. His dedication to this department for over 50 years will never be forgotten. The award is presented to his widow in his honor.

With regrets, this will be my last article as your District 12 chairman. As of July 15, 2002, I will officially resign this office. I have fully enjoyed being a part of this wonderful organization and it is with great difficulty that I step down. I have made many new friends during the last few years and hope those friendships will be everlasting. I hope that in some small way I have benefitted this district and give my best wishes and strongest support to the person accepting this office. Election of officers will be at the Amo Fire Department on Monday, July 15, 2002, at 6:30 p.m.

I thank all of the officers of the Indiana State Volunteer Firefighter's Association and all of the departments in District 12 for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. I truly believe in the purpose of this organization and will forever be an advocate for it and for the brotherhood of the American Volunteer Firefighters.

God bless you all,
John Ross

DISTRICT 13-A

Tim Martin
District 13A Chairman

Our last meeting was May 16th at Jackson/Blue River Twp. VFD (Hancock County).

Thanks to Don Cushman, (E.C.P.R.O.) and to David Israel (District 10 chairman) for taking over my meeting in my absence.

At this time I do not have all the details, but I understand it was a good meeting, with good information and a good program by the Indiana State Police with their Meth Lab Program.

The spring and summer has been very busy and I hope to be back on track to making visitations to all departments soon. I was only able to make one day of the convention, but from what I saw, it appeared to be a great convention. Thanks to the convention district and all their hard work.

Our district has one less member due to the passing of John Slifer who was a member of the Fountaintown Community Vol. F.D. Our deepest sympathies go to his family, friends, and department.

Our next meeting will be August 15th at the Middletown VFD in Middletown, IN, Henry County.
District 13A Chairman
Tim Martin

DISTRICT 13B



Dennis Spears
District 13B
Chairman

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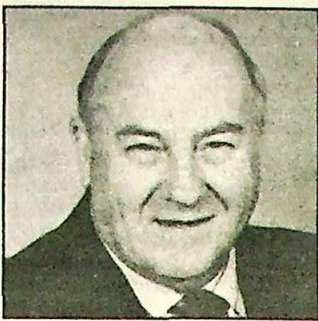


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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

What a great convention we had at Evansville. I think a good time was had by all that attended. I want to give a personal thanks to the convention committee for working so hard.

In May I attended three district meetings and two fund raisers, also a memorial service for a Vincennes Township firefighter that had been with the department since the beginning. It's always hard to say good-bye to a fellow firefighter, no matter what their age is.

Beverly and I went on vacation the first week of June and then to convention the second week of June, making the month of June go by very fast.

I'll see some of you at the August officer's meeting. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer.

Jack Harker
Treasurer

DISTRICT 14

Roy Richardson
District 14



June 19, 2002

The 2002 IVFA Convention in Evansville was a great success. The convention committee did an outstanding job.

Please, please, if you have not paid your dues, please get paid before July 31, 2002. We, the IVFA officers cannot help you if we do not know what your needs are. So please come to your district meeting and find out what is going on.

The 14th district will host the 2004 IVFA convention at the Holiday Inn in Clarksville on June 9-12. We are working on putting on a good convention. We are looking forward to this convention.

If you need any 25 year pins let me know and I will send you some. So, good luck and have a good day.

Thanks,
Roy E. Richardson
14th District Chairman

DISTRICT 15



Steve Anderson
District 15
Chairman

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 16

Ron Melton
District 16 Chairman
NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

Jim Abrams
District 17A
Chairman



I had a great time at Evansville at convention! Our district was well represented. For those of you who don't go, you don't know what you are missing, try to attend next year! Thanks to Evansville for a wonderful convention!

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Franklin N. Hale who passed away in February. He was a member of N. Patoka Vol. Fire Dept.

Our deepest sympathies also go out to the family of John D. Nesbitt, a member of Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. John was instrumental in starting Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. Were sure he's missed by the department.

I attended S. Patoka Vol. Fire Department's March meeting and presented 25 year pins to the following: Danny Ray Drew, Wilbur J. Fiscus and Henry F. Hatfield.

District 17A's March meeting was at Union Vol. Fire Dept. After a wonderful soup supper, Chief Paul Bailey of Franklin Twp. Fire Dept. spoke on the rescue at the Twin Towers in New York, he presented a slide show to music that was very emotional to all who attended. If you haven't heard him speak and get the chance, you must!

District 17A's May meeting was held at Owensburg Vol. Fire Dept. We welcome Owensburg Vol. Fire Dept. to the IVFA and thank them for hosting meeting.

Richland-Taylor Vol. Fire Dept. had their 25th anniversary on April 27, 2002. After a wonderful buffet dinner, I helped our I.V.F.A. president, Jack Kerney, present pins for 25 years of service to the following members: Carl D. Allen, Jeffrey S. Helms, Peter L. Magni, Fred D. Neidigh and Charlie A. Stahl.

The next district meeting is July 24th at Worthington Jefferson Vol. Fire Dept.

Almost all Greene Co. volunteer fire departments were represented in the Linton Freedom Festival Parade. It was a wonderful sight to behold.

If you haven't paid your IVFA dues, please contact me right away!

Respectfully submitted by,
Jim Abrams
District 17A Chairman

DISTRICT 17B



Jim Zeeks
District 17B
Chairman

District meeting for 17B was held Tuesday, May 14 at Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Department. There were 21 in attendance.

Service awards were presented to Farrell Duckworth - 31 years, Max Ferree - 31 years, Charles Lawson - 28 years, Michael Litz - 28 years, Larry Payne - 27 years, Paul Spicer - 29 years, Raymond Spires - 31 years, David Steward - 27 years, Richard Taylor - 30 years.

The 56th annual IVFA convention was held June 12-15 in Evansville.

Congratulations to Ralph Pierce, District 17B's Midwest Award winner.

Next District 17B meeting will

be in August with the host yet to be determined. If you are interested in hosting this or any district meeting, please contact me.

Until next time, have a great, safe summer.

Jim Zeeks
Chairman 17B

DISTRICT 18

Charles Parker
District 18 Chairman

(NO REPORT)

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman

We had a very good convention at Evansville.

The committee did an excellent job planning the event.

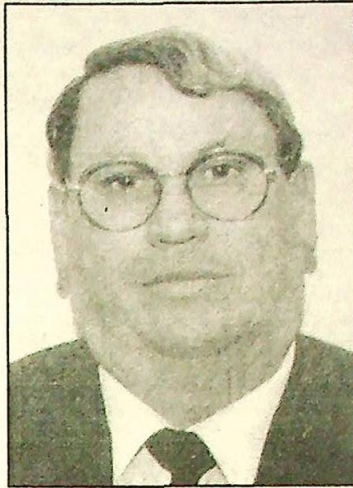
I congratulate all the award winners. I thank Kerrianna Miles for representing District 19 in the Miss Flame contest.

Now is the time for all the departments to start thinking about next year's convention, and names for the awards and Miss Flame contestants.

Our District 19 Miss Flame judging will be November 21, 2002 at 7:30 at the Delaware Vol. Fire Department.

District 19 Chairman
Ed Scheele

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Ronald Bell

Hello Everyone,
The 2002 IVFA convention has come and gone for another year. Had a great time, enjoyed the barbeque at the park on Wednesday night, attended some of the seminars and my wife and I enjoyed the Ohio River cruise.

I had the pleasure of attending retirement open house for Perry Clear Creek Fire District firefighter Milan Pece, April 7 at Bloomington.

April went to Washington, D.C. with other IVFA officers. Attended Richland/Taylor Vol. Fire Department's 25 year anniversary celebration held at the Good Times Restaurant, April 27, at Bloomfield.

Attended Sandborn Vol. Fire Department's annual pancake and sausage day, April 27. This is their annual fundraiser. May 1, was 2003 convention committee meetings at French Lick Springs Resort.

Also attended the buffet dinner on Mother's Day prepared by the Lewis Twp. Fire Dept., at Coalmont May 12.

I was unable to attend District 17B's meeting at Van Buren Twp. Fire Dept. May 14, I attended a memorial service that evening. May 16, attended District 18's meeting at Carter Fire District headquarters, at Dale.

May 21, District 15 had their meeting at Knight Twp. Fire Dept., May 30, District 17A meetings was held at Owensburg Fire Dept. They are now new members to the IVFA. ISAR Search & Rescue emergency response team member Lillian Hardy gave a very informative and demonstration with her dog Elins.

Jack and Bev Harker finally got their anniversary cake, they were unable to be at the District 17A meeting at Union Vol. Fire Dept. in March.

Attended Orange County Rural District #1's dedication of new fire station, June 1. June 19, attended 2003 convention committee's meeting at Ferdinand Fire Dept.

I have attended five memorial services. If any fire departments are having anything that you would like for me to attend, please just give me a call or e-mail me.

Enjoy the summer and see all of you at the August meeting.

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Odon Head Start Children Have Lots Of Questions For Ron Bell



Children from the Odon Head Start school had plenty of questions for fireman Ron Bell, during their field trip to the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Station.

Ron demonstrated all the bells, lights, and sirens on the fire truck and fellow firefighter Donnie Malone assisted Ron in some fire safety messages during the tour.

(Submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell.)

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IVFAA President



Mary Mackin

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Holiday Inn - Columbus, IN
May 5, 2002

Vice president Barb Kerney called the meeting or order due to the absence of President Mary Mackin. Joann Hayes gave the opening prayer and Faye Sallee led the pledge to the flag in the absence of Sgt.-of-arms Mariam Schaeckel.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray with 22 officers, seven guests and one four-legged guest.

Minutes were read by Diana and stood as read except Faye will be a grandmother in October.

BALANCE ON HAND as of Feb. 1, 2002.....\$6944.71

INCOME:
Dues.....504.00
Interest.....5.56
.....+509.56

TOTAL INCOME

DISBURSEMENTS:
Operating Exp.....41.52
Mileage.....1048.32
Phone & Postage.....54.69
Award & Gifts.....300.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....-1444.53

Balance on hand May 1, 2002.....\$6009.74

Correspondence: Martha has none.

Membership: Diana states we have 59 departments, 63 ind., 16 life with 697 paid departments with a total of 819 members.

Chaplain's report: Joann gave an update of the deaths in the IVFAA up to this time. If she has not been told of others, please let her know. She will give out the Bibles to Chairmen who need them and asked for a roll call of who has what kind on hand. An update on Mary Mackin as she is feeling better and is waiting to get stronger for the convention. We wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Auditing: Faye says everything is exemplary.

Games: Marilyn Dever says to get the game forms in as soon as possible.

Installation: Barb Parker says she will make it short and sweet if the same officers are re-elected and the longer version if we have new officers elected.

Financial Study: Faye says all is superior.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller has 20 Miss Flame contestants and she states that we need to make new guidelines due to having to make one for Districts 12A and 12B. This will be discussed in the future.

Vice-President Project: Barb Kerney still has tickets and we need to sell and sell. Miss Flames will also sell the tickets during the convention. We have a wonderful prize to win so let's go get those ticket sales.

By-laws: Phyllis Vargo has none.

Jewelry: E. J. Smith says everything is fine and she has the gold cards for 50 year members for three ladies. A motion made by Phyllis and a second by Pam to order 24 more gold cards at a decent price. Motion carried.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate states that it is possible that she will have several ladies running for

A Letter From IVFAA President Barb Kerney

Summer has arrived! I have been seeking out places to keep cool during these Dog Days of summer. Lately it has become a real challenge to find such a place.

Hope all of you who attended the convention in Evansville had a good time. It was nice to see and be with old friends and was good to make new ones.

Thanks for your vote of confidence in electing me to serve as your President. As the new year begins, there are many issues that are facing us as an organization that we will be addressing thruout the year. Two of the key issues will be membership and finances. Both of these issues are vital in keeping our organization "alive and well".

I hope you will give your officers the support they need in their efforts to work for us in the challenges that lie ahead. You as members have selected these ladies to represent you. Please help them to help you.

Please let us know if there are concerns that need to be addressed or ideas you would like to share with us. It takes all of us to make an organization work for the betterment of the group. Let's strive to make the next 50 years as successful as the first 50.

Love,
Barb Kerney

various offices besides the slate that she had before the meeting. Secret ballots will be used for the voting. Assistant Chaplain is to be appointed by the Chaplain Joann at this time.

Historian: Ann Moss still needs pictures and if she received many she will need to get more sleeves for the albums.

President's Advisory: Faye says admirable.

Lois Boaz: Toni Sorg is having trouble getting a white jacket like the previous winners have gotten and if anyone can get a polyester one let her know. She has a linen one for now and suggestions were to go with that one.

Parliamentarian: No report.

Old Business: A discussion was held concerning a Chaplain and Phyllis says she has done this numerous times and she will glad help anyone else who would like to her help. Many District's already have a Chaplain to do the services. Joann stated that it is getting very expensive to travel to all parts of the state and it would be an honor for a District Chaplain or Chairperson to do the memorials. If there is a death in your district, call Diana to see if that person is up to date with their dues before you offer an IVFAA memorial service. The district chairman also has a copy of the paid up dues. Barb Parker stated that she had a lot of items for the Chinese auction and a discussion about the price of tickets was held and a motion was made by Beverly Taylor and seconded by Ann Moss to leave the price of the tickets at 3/\$1.00. Motion carried.

New Business: We have a new chairman for District 16. We welcome Pam Melton, 101 Kirkham Ave., Corydon, IN 47112. Phone # 812-738-2974. Let's give her a big, big welcome, ladies. Patty asked if ladies who have a deceased husband could receive the newspapers. A question was asked about raising the dues to help defray the expense of the newspaper. Please discuss this at your next district meeting and report back at the next officer's meeting. Barb Kerney said that it took her over 22 hours to make the labels as there are over 17,000 members of the IVFA to be sent to the printers. We still have ladies that are working in our auxiliaries that have no spouse in the fire departments that would also like to get the papers. Leona sends letters to the auxiliaries in her district reminding them that their dues are due so that they will not be late and forfeit the memorials. Marilyn mentioned that she has found that sentences are not alike in some copies of the By-Laws. Phyllis will try to correct any mistakes that we have.

Steve Anderson stated that they have 240-250 registrations at this time and 179 for the rooms. Buz Koehler wanted everyone to know that when you send in pictures they have to be original ones and not copies. Copies do not print well. Leona has tickets for 50/50 for her Miss Flame from District 3 and Eula

has tickets for sale and they will benefit the Hoosier Burn Camp.

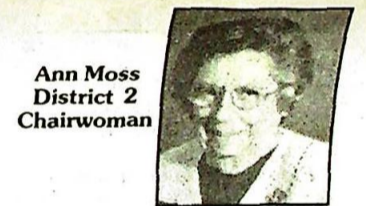
Faye made a motion to adjourn with a second by Malinda Bell followed by the closing prayer by Joann. We missed Mary Mackin, Mariam Schaeckel, Jane Ferro, and Lou Bartlow. We hope everyone had a safe, happy, and a healthy Memorial Day. Also a wonderful Mother's Day to the Mothers out there. Next meeting in Columbus August 10th & 11th.

Submitted by
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo
District 1
Chairwoman



Ann Moss
District 2
Chairwoman

May 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of I.V.F.A.A. district 2 at 7:15 p.m. followed by the pledge.

Prayer and department history was given by host department of Lowell Fire Department.

Host department Lowell served dinner.

Ann introduced the guests that were in attendance: Kim Perry, District 1 Miss Flame, Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary I.V.F.A.A., Clarence Moss, District 1 & 2 I.V.F.A. treasurer, Jim Vargo, Schererville fire department.

Phyllis Vargo took roll call with 53 members in attendance.

Phyllis Vargo read minutes of the March 7, 2002 meeting. Passed as read.

Ann Moss gave treasurer report. Passed as read subject to audit.

Old Business: Ann talked about this year's convention which is being held in Evansville.

Ann talked about Doe Doll tickets - make sure that they all get turned in tonight.

Ann showed the members the baskets that were purchased by District 1 & 2 for the Chinese Auction for the State Convention.

Ann also announced that we were able to get secretary briefcase back from former secretary.

New Business: Ann announced that we need to hold election of officers for District 1 & 2.

The winners are: Phyllis Vargo,
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DISTRICTS 1 & 2

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District 1 chairman, Ann Moss, District 2 chairman and Marge Baumgardner offer to be secretary for both District 1 & 2.

Department announcements were read.

Next meeting will be Ainsworth-Deep River on September 5th.

Attendance trophies went to Munster for District #1, Lake of Four Seasons for District #2.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner
Secretary District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 11A

Beverly Taylor
District 11A
Chairwoman
IVFAA



Hello friends,
Well, convention is over and I hope everyone had a good time. Congratulations to all who won awards. You deserve them.

Our last district meeting was held at Coalmont. They have a beautiful firehouse and served a lovely lunch. A lot of hard work went into it, I'm sure.

The ladies had a very short meeting as the men invited us to their meeting to watch a movie about the New York terrorist attack. It was very interesting and very sad. The results will be felt for years but thank God we have firefighters, police and emergency teams who can come in and help. We have so much to be proud of.

Election of officers will be at the next meeting July 21st at Linton Twp. in Pimento.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll get back with you next time.

District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor

**IVFAA
Vice
President**



Barbara Kerney

**Lois Boaz
Nominations
Needed for
2003**

I would like for all auxiliaries in the state to look around and send letters to nominate a member of their local auxiliary for this meaningful award.

You cannot know how much this award means.

After three years have passed, I am still overwhelmed.

Please, if your nomination did not win this year, resubmit their names.

Give the 2003 committee a difficult task.

- Send nominations to:
- Marilyn McFadden
17414 Comer Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46819
 - Barbara Kerney
2412 So. E. Browning
Evansville, IN 47711
 - E.J. Smith
16721 Thiele Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

A.L. Sorg

**A Letter From Miss Flame
Chairman Patty Miller**

There were 20 Miss Flame contestants this year. What a group of young ladies. This is my second year to chair the Miss Flame contest and I can't tell you how much fun it was. Each parent, district, and fire department have so much to be proud of . . . I wouldn't have wanted to be in the judges' shoes. They told me that each one would have been a great choice, but their job was to pick only one. Each and every one of the ladies were very cooperative and made my job easy. I only hope each young lady came away with many memories and lasting friendships.

Andrea Seib of Poseyville returned to crown our 2002 Miss Flame. She is Toni Lenkendorf of Union City, District 8B and the daughter of Mark and Beverly Lenkendorf. The 2002 Miss Flame runner-up is Nicole Payne, District 15, of Evansville. She is the daughter of Tim and Susan Wargel. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Kimberly Perry, District 1, Crown Point. Her mother is Elizabeth Perry. The Miss Flame court and the district and department they represented is as follows: District 1 - Kimberly Perry, Crown Point, Merrillville VFD St. 2, District 2 - Julie Gettler, Crown Point, Crown Point, VFD, District

3 - Lynnette Stoner, Rolling Prairie, IN, Kankakee Township VFD, District 6 - Amanda Conley, South Milford, South Milford VFD, District 7 - Brittani Evans, Berne, Berne VFD, District 8A - Nicole Phillips, Marion, Center Township VFD, District 8B - Toni Lenkendorf, Union City, Union City VFD, District 9A - Victoria Leighanne Randle, Delphi, Delphi VFD, District 9B - Emily Lyons, Rensselaer, Rensselaer VFD, District 10 - Rebecca Cole, Greenfield, IN, Burney-Clay Township VFD, District 11A - Jennifer Lingensler, Terre Haute, IN, Otter Creek Fire Dept. #1, District 11B - Amanda Neese, Rockville, JUGA VFD, District 12B - Jaclyn Joseph, Lizton, Lizton VFD, District 13B - Jessica Cox, Centerville, Centerville Fire & Rescue, District 14 - Cindy McKenzie, Hanover, Hanover VFD, District 15 - Nicole Payne, Evansville, German Township VFD, District 17A - Deanna Chestnut, Bloomfield, Richland-Taylor VFD, District 18 - Bridget Gelhausen, Jasper, Ireland VFD, District 19 - Kerrianna Miles, Moores Hill, Moores Hill VFD, 2001 IVFA Miss Flame - Andrea Seib, Poseyville, IN.

Patty Miller

DISTRICT 3

Leona Uryga
District 3
Chairman
IVFAA



DISTRICT 4

Jane Ferro
District 4
Chairwoman
IVFAA



DISTRICT 6

Another convention has come and gone!

What a wonderful time the people of Evansville put on for us. It was a fine time to renew acquaintances and make new friends.

It was wonderful to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the IVFAA.

I want to congratulate our district secretary, E.J. Smith. She is this year's Lois Boaz winner.

Don't forget, next year the convention is in French Lick from June 18 to 21.

Marilyn Dever
6th District IVFAA
Chairwoman

DISTRICT 7



Susie Stout
District 7
Chairwoman
IVFAA

The 7th district of the IVFAA met on May 20, 2002 at the Mount Etna Volunteer Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairperson, Suzi Stout with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by eight members from four departments and two guests.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Highlights of the May officer's meeting were discussed. Dues being raised was discussed. Some people felt that they are not getting anything out of the annual meeting, it is too cut and dried. Upcoming convention was further discussed.

Motion was made by Virginia Wilson and seconded by Dianna Gray to give the father of District 7 Miss Flame \$400.00 to help defray her expenses.

Motion was made and seconded to order Angel of Protection and the Firefighters Prayer Plaque for future Chinese auctions or raffles at the district level.

Next meeting will be at Nottingham Township Fire Station, Petroleum, Indiana, on July 15, 2002. We will be holding election of officers.

A.L. Sorg

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Another fiscal year for the IVFA Auxiliary has come to a close and the 2002 convention is history. Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were very good choices. We are especially proud of our Amanda Neese for representing our district in the Miss Flame contest. She did a great job.

The district 11A and 11B picnic is being hosted by District 11A this year. It will be in September. What a good time we will have visiting. Besides, we also have a nice time chatting.

Auxiliaries, the 2002-2003 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 765-832-6931.

Well, I guess I have said enough. I hope everyone has a great summer. Don't fret, Moms, school will be in session soon!

Patty Miller

**Thank
You!**



To all the people who have poured out their compassion, encouragement, support and prayers for my son NOAH!

I know I could never thank all the people individually who have come to his aid in whatever form, so a public address seems appropriate.

As of today, he is doing well. We just ask that you would continue to pray for healing and comfort as he battles this disease.

Thanks again.
Chris Peak
Union F.F. 817
EMS F.R. 6

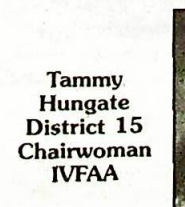
Correspondence may be sent to:
P.O. Box 11
Petersburg, IN 47567

DISTRICT 12



Sharon Bray
District 12
Chairwoman
IVFAA

DISTRICT 15



Tammy Hungate
District 15
Chairwoman
IVFAA

**E.J. Smith Is
2002 Recipient of
Lois Boaz Award**



E.J. Smith is the recipient of the 2002 Lois Boaz Award.

In November, I put an article in the IVFA paper asking everyone to Stop, Look Around! On Thursday night June 13, 2002 we put a name and face to SHE. We received many letters with nominations. All were very deserving. The committee of three narrowed it down to three. Now, what were we going to do. All were very deserving and after much deliberation, we decided the only fair way was to draw the winner out of the hat, as we could not justify eliminating any of the three.

E.J. Smith is a member in good standing in the IVFAA. She has been a member of New Haven Adams Township Auxiliary for 28

years and has been a member of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for 21 years. She has also been a firefighter on the Poe Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years. She is married to Jean Smith. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Kristen.

She can be found working about the local fire station, scrubbing floors, taking drinks out to runs, working on local fundraisers including peanut brittle, pancake and sausage, festival. She has helped with the MDA Fill the Boot.

She is a member of St. Aloysius Church and has baked cookies for many bake sales. She was in Girl Scouts for several years, first as a member, then as a leader, and later as registrar and coordinator. She received many awards for efforts in scouting.

She has played waterball over the past 24 years. She was honored with Mrs. Waterball in 1984 and 1999. She has served as District 6 secretary. She has served on many state committees, including jewelry and waterball. She has helped on the last four conventions held in our local area.

She enjoys doing crafts, camping with family and friends.

Overall, she is very deserving. "She is a wonderful, caring mother, who is always there when you need her," Kimberly stated.

Congratulations, E.J.!!
Toni Sorg,
Chairman of the
Lois Boaz Committee

Something to Think About: "Perfect Logic"

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a dalmation. The children began discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." Then a third child brought the argument to a close.

"They use the dog," she said, "to find the fire hydrant." Perfect logic out of the mouths of babes.
(Submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell.)

**November
Deadline Is
October 10**

IVFAA Past Chaplain



Joann Hayes

Hello my dear friends,
As I say good-bye to my chaplain position, there is so much I want to say. Thanks to all of you thru the state for supporting me when I have come to your department to put on memorials. You really don't realize how much help you were to me.
There are a few people I feel like I must say a great big thanks. First, I want to say thanks to Bob (my husband) for taking my messages and always driving me to the places I needed to go to. He was always there for me. In my eight years as chaplain we have traveled many miles and thru all kinds of weather, bad and good. THANKS BOB, I LOVE YOU. You

were a good sport about it all.
To Charlie Baker, I can't say enough to you and Linda for always seeing to it that I got to the memorials at convention and the lunches we had and just for supporting me. You are one great guy and gal. Bless you both, I know Charlie how you feel as the men's chaplain, because I know my feelings toward our ladies. And thanks for sharing a couple of times when you and I served at the same memorial services for the men.
To Bill Bush, thank you for taking Bob and I to Fort Wayne to do a memorial. We both enjoyed the fellowship and also for getting my roses. And Bill, I always feel so close to our fellow firefighter friends when that cross is set up. We have put that up for many years. It is such a beautiful thing. I don't think any other organization has something like it. I know Toddy and Butch were proud of it and proud of you.
Thanks Lou, for getting my Bibles and sometimes taking the time to bring them to me.
Thanks to Father Lantz for the years in the past when you were chaplain, the sweet things you always had to say. I know you were so sincere to your job as chaplain.
Thanks, Barb and Jim Parker for having us in your home for dinner.
My dear friends take care of yourselves and I pray you will have faith in the Master.
Leslie Spears is your new chaplain, please give her your support

as you have me.
Bless each and every one of you.
Love and prayers,
Joann

Please remember this:
KINDNESS
I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

IVFAA Chaplain

Leslie Spears

Hello, everyone!
I am delighted, excited, happy, and mostly, overwhelmed to be your new chaplain. Joann has done a wonderful job these past years, and I pray that I might carry on the torch that she has lit. I have a lot of ideas for this position, and I welcome any suggestions that any of you might have. My address is 310 Sycamore Street, Centerville, Indiana 47330. I can be reached by phone at home, 765-855-5680, or at work, 765-973-9279, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, I have e-mail - firewifec1a@yahoo.com. Feel free to contact me anytime for any reason.
I'd like to let you know that Malinda Bell of District 17 has agreed to be my assistant for the southern

part of the state. I could still use an assistant in the north, so if you're interested, please contact me. I would also like all district chairmen to please send me contact information for the chaplains in your district. If you don't currently have a district chaplain, please let me know. I would like to start getting to know each district. Please invite me to any of your activities, and, if at all possible, I'll attend.
In starting this new journey, I want to share with you one of my favorite prayers. It was written by Francis of Assisi.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
I pray that, as your chaplain, this, too, will be my prayer.

IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hayes

Hello, friends,
It will be my pleasure to serve the auxiliary as your new vice president. I'll do my best to serve you well.
It also has been a pleasure serving you the last eight years as your chaplain. I loved it, but felt like it was time to move on and give someone a chance to serve as chaplain. I know Leslie Spears will serve you well. Please give her your support.
I want to say thanks, Mary Mackin, for serving us as our president for two years. I know there were times when you couldn't make, but we always knew you were behind us.
Mary, we want you to take care of yourself and get better so you

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OFFICER'S MEETING REPORT

Officer's Meeting
Executive Inn
Evansville, IN
June 13, 2002
Vice-president Barb Kerney opened the meeting due to the absence of President Mary Mackin who was ill and could not attend. Joann Hayes, Chaplain read poems called "The Great Tomorrow" and "A Guardian Angel". She then led us in prayer. Sgt.-at-arms Mariam Schaeckel led us in the pledge to the flag.
Roll call was given by Diane Gray with 27 officers and five guests present. She also stated that for 2001-2002 we have 60 departments, 64 ind., 16 life, 707 paid by departments with a total of 830 members. There are 12 departments, 11 ind., 16 life, 194 paid by departments, with a total of 205 members for 2002-2003.
Minutes were read by Diana and

as there are no corrections they stood as read.
Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report as follows:
BALANCE ON HAND - May 1, 2002.....\$6009.74
INCOME:
Dues.....140.00
Interest.....1.51
V.P. Project.....205.00
Total Income = +346.51
DISBURSEMENTS:
Operating Exp.....18.87
Annuals.....450.00
Mileage.....1291.88
Phone & Postage.....28.39
Awards & Gifts.....50.40
Total Disbursements = -1839.54
Balance on Hand May 31, 2002 =\$4516.71
Correspondence: Martha has none at this time.

Chaplain's Report: Joann spoke on the sending of plants or flowers. It was decided that with the expense of the flowers that she would look into the angels and as she could not find those that could be shipped without getting broken and she had found a musical frame that could hold a poem or picture and be shipped okay. It would also state who it goes to and who it was from. She passed one around to the members and it was well received. As Mary Mackin had already had one sent to her she was touched by it as stated by daughter E.J. Smith. The cost is under \$20.00 including the shipping. Joann also stated that she will lay a gold rose for a 50 year IVFAA deceased member at the memorial service this year instead of a red rose.
Phyllis Vargo presented a gold corsage to our past president Faye Mackin and Janet Goodwin.

NOTICE:
See Page 2 for information on NEW IVFA Central Office

Auditing: Faye says just super.
Games: Marilyn Dever says not sure at this time.
Installation: Barb Parker is always ready.
Financial study: Faye says again okay.
Miss Flame: Patty Miller has 20 young ladies and it will really be hard this year to choose a Miss Flame as they are such a great group and they get along so well. We wish all of them GOOD LUCK.
V.P. Project: Barb Kerney says that we have to sell those tickets as we need the money very badly.
By-laws: Phyllis has none.
Jewelry: E.J. Smith is still selling and things are going quite well this year.
Nominating: Tammy Hungate says they are ready.
Historian: Anne Moss says she still pictures and etc.
President's advisory: Again Faye says just wonderful.
Lois Boaz: Toni Sorg states they are ready for tonight and she has the white polyester jacket which she just received in time for convention.
Old business: A question was held concerning a silent auction so close to our IVFAA Chinese auction and the selling of jewelry besides our charms, etc. It will be discussed at our next officer's meeting.
Joann read a list of 50 year members as: District 1 Hattie Bell Mayer, Betty Sonntag, Eva Owens, May Bell Byers all of Lake Station, District 7 Marjorie Bromes, Hoagland, Ruth Ford, deceased of Washington Twp. Fort Wayne and Mary Matheny of Fort Wayne.
Get well wishes go to Mary Mackin and Janet Goodwin.
A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Melton and a second by Marilyn Dever with all in favor.
Joann gave her closing prayer and showed us a Bible that was one of the original ones from a long time ago and had the name of Ruby Probst dated 6-1-1956.

Submitted by,
Corresponding Secretary
Martha Thomas

Convention
Executive Inn
Evansville, IN
June 14, 2002
Vice-president Barb Kerney called the meeting to order due to

the absence of Mary Mackin. Joann Hayes, Chaplain read a poem about a Dad as Father's Day is Sunday. She then led us in opening prayer. Mariam Schaeckel, Sgt.-at-arms led the pledge to the flag.
Roll call by Diana Gray was 27 officers, 41 members, 10 ind., and four guests making a total of 82 present.
Diana read the minutes of the 2001 convention and as there were no corrections they stood as read.
Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:
Balance brought forward June 1, 2002.....\$7,080.98
INCOME:
Dues.....\$3,224.00
Interest.....43.30
Jewelry.....425.00
V.P. Project.....2615.00
Unrelated income.....20.00
Total Income.....+6327.30
2001 to May 31, 2002
DISBURSEMENTS:
Operating Exp.....\$906.94
Annuals.....650.00
Mileage.....5,733.09
Phone & Postage.....214.94
Overpaid dues.....6.00
Jewelry.....426.73
V.P. Project.....200.00
Awards & Gifts.....753.87
Total Disbursements
June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002 =-8,891.57
Balance on Hand June 1, 2002 =\$4,516.71
Correspondence: Martha has none.

Chaplain's report: Joann again stated that the district chairmen need to know if there is an illness or death in your department so that she or the chaplain can help with a memorial. Patty Miller introduced the Miss Flames for this year and the winners are Miss Flame Toni Linkenstofer and runner up is Nicole Payne. Diddy bags were given by District 15 and albums were given by Jack and Barb Kerney. We had a wonderful group of girls and we need to get started for 2003.
Toni Sorg announced this year's Lois Boaz winner as E.J. Smith. She stated that the committee had a hard time choosing the winner. Let's get those letters in for next year.
Financial study: Faye says just fine as always.
V.P. Project: We still need to sell those tickets for the watch and

Barb Parker states that we have made \$660.00 so far for the Chinese auction and wants to make more than last year of \$772.00 so let's go ladies for both projects. Also we need to push for more ladies and departments to join the IVFAA.
By-laws: Phyllis has none.
Jewelry: E.J. has marked some of the older items down.
Nominating: Tammy states that they are ready for the election. Those nominated are as follows:
President: Barb Kerney
Vice President: Joann Hayes
Rec. Sec.: Diana Gray
Corres. Sec.: Diana Griffin and Martha Thomas
Treas.: Dorothy Reiter
Chaplain: Leslie Spears and Malinda Bell
Sgt.-at-Arms: Mariam Schaeckel
Martha was elected Corres. Sec. and Leslie Spears as Chaplain. Barbara Parker then installed the new officers with the help of Lou Bartlow.
Historian: Ann is still waiting for anything we can give her.
Parliamentarian: Lou says okay.
Old business: Patty has license plates for \$10.00 and Steve Anderson hopes everyone has had a good time so far and it's almost over for this year. A big "THANKS" to the 50 year committee. Toni wanted all to know about the Poe festival Aug. 23 & 24th. They are having a wonderful auction this year.
Phyllis Vargo made the motion to adjourn with a second by Mary Klyn. Joann gave her last closing prayer with Leslie Spears and gave her the older Bible to help her along as she does her job. Joann says to call anytime that she needs help.
Don't forget our Mary and call or send cards to help cheer her up. Always remember those around us and our families and friends. Be good to each other and "GOD BLESS".

Submitted by,
Corresponding Sec.
Martha Thomas



Attention: IVFAA Auxiliary Members

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NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

2002 Important Instructions! Please Take Note

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

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

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

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Request Application to the IVFA Central Office NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE MONTH YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR PLATES. This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 2000, along with \$5 for each plate.

Renewal months by first letter of your last name

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BMV Procedures

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

1. Submit or mail one (1) plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.

2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).

3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.

4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.

5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

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

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

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

**From
"Barb" at
the Central
Office**

Hope all of you who came to the convention had a good time. Many hours of work are put into hosting a convention, so take time to thank your host each year.

Things have been busy at the Central Office. Dues packets were sent out the first of April. If for some reason you did not receive your packet, please contact the office. At this time all dues that have been received have been entered into the computer and you should have received your current membership cards. If you haven't mailed in your dues for this year, please do so. It is important that they are paid in a timely manner so that scholarships, Bibles and grave markers can be given when there is a need.

Thanks to all who have been buying our IVFA license plates. This is a unique way to let others know you are a volunteer and that you support your state organization. Remember, \$3.00 of the \$5.00 fee you pay goes into our Bridgeport Fund. This enables us to give two \$1,500 scholarships to deserving individuals each year and also allows us a way to give a Line of Duty Death Benefit.

I hope all of you are finding the office a place where you can get current info and your questions answered in a timely manner. This is your office and we welcome your suggestions on how we can help you.

Thanks for your support and help.

Barb Kerney

**November 10,
2002 Deadline Is
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IVFAA President

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can make to the meetings as our immediate past president.

Would like to say thanks to Evansville for a great convention. You did well. It was great!!

To all of the award winners. Congratulations, I know all of you deserved it.

To all of the districts, I hope someday you can build up your membership and ours. We need to really grow, so it's going to take all of us to work together, and I feel as your vice president, if I can help in any way, let me know.

To Barbara Kerney, congratulations on becoming our new president. I'm sure you will work hard for all of us. I sure wish you the best.

Bless each and every one of you.

Love and prayers.

Joann Hayes
IVFAA Vice President

No Longer Selling Code Books

Effective July 1, 2002, the Department of Fire and Building Services will no longer sell code books.

Code books can still be obtained through several sources. The International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) can be contacted on-line at www.icbo.org and their toll-free number, 1-800-243-5736.

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Architectural Center Bookstore has a local phone number (317) 634-3871. They do not offer on-line sales.

The Indiana amendments to all codes are available on-line at www.state.in.us/legislative/iac. Title 675 contains the adoptions

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Perry Clear Creek F.D. Protection District Honors Firefighter Retiree Milan Pece

Plus History of Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District, Bloomington, Indiana

Milan was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

At age 5 his parents moved to upstate New York and he was reared in Hurley, New York. (but he found them). His family lived near a volunteer fire station and he became interested in the fire service before he was 10 years old.

As soon as he was old enough to be eligible for membership (1959) he became a member. Milan attended the University of Pennsylvania and after college he accepted a position with "Tenn Maid Dairy Products", as a production manager.

He was transferred to Bloomington RCA in 1966 and became active in the RCA plant fire prevention program. Milan's position with RCA was a "material control and product manager." (To this day no one knows what Milan did).

Prior to the Perry Township Fire Department, the city of Bloomington covered most of the counties' townships. They did very little to extinguish a structural fire and mostly tried to save the surrounding structures. They were going to increase the fee and the township trustee, Hal Raybarn along with Milan and a few other citizens decided to form their own fire department. Since most of them had employment some meetings were held at 6 a.m.

The Perry Township fire department was formed in 1969, making their first run starting January 1970. They later agreed to service Clear Creek Township and became the Perry Clear Creek Fire Department.

Hal, the trustee, bought their building with his own money and later sold it to the township. He also purchased a pumper for about \$35,000.00. Many hours of labor was donated by the volunteer. The basement for the radio room and

meeting room was dug out by hand and a floor poured. The three east bays were added at the beginning. Later the three front bays were added. Much of this work was done by volunteers.

The "I" beams were lifted using a back hoe. The concrete footers were broken out using sledge hammers. Many dinners and breakfasts were held to raise money needed to buy equipment. The wives were as much a part of the organization as were the men. The baked cakes and made desserts for the dinners. When an alarm came in, the men on duty would call two or three men to give the locations. The wives of these men called would call two or three other men. Their wives would then call two or other men and etc., until all men were notified.

First runs were made without any protective clothing. Milan located some surplus coats for \$1.00 each. They were mostly raincoats and gave very little personal protection. We needed a tanker since many of our areas did not have hydrants. Hal located a milk truck which he could purchase for \$2000.00, however, to spend \$2,000.00 he would have to advertise. He offered \$1,900.00 and we had an 1800 gallon milk tank on an old International chassis.

The truck had manual shift and if you had a half tank of water and going up a grade, you had to shift gears quickly or the water would move to the rear of the tank and almost stop the truck. Also turning a corner the water would flow to the right or left making it difficult to drive. We had to either dump the water or fill the tank. Westinghouse made the baffles so that we could lower them through the man hole, and bolt them in place. They also sent a welder for

several nights to weld plates inside the tank to mount the baffles.

Going to one of the Knight Ridge fires, Milan was driving the tanker north of Smith Road. When he came to the intersection with Moores Pike he found out he had no brakes. He drove the tanker through the intersection and on to the fire with a siren, red light, air horn and a hand brake.

Milan has always believed that an interior attack should be used whenever it was safe to do so. At one of the Knight Ridge fires he and Bill Hobbs took a line to the second floor. The smoke was so dense you could not see. Bill had the nozzle and Milan was backing him up. Milan lost Bill and could not locate him. All of a sudden Bill appeared in the doorway. Milan could not understand how Bill got behind him. Bill had fallen through a hole in the floor, landed on his air tank on the first floor and had come back upstairs.

Another example at his interior attack was at the Bailey barn fire in Clear Creek. The pumper was already there and a portable pump was pumping from Clear Creek. They radioed for the tanker and Milan drive the tanker with Joe McWhorter Senior and George Rusnak. As they approached the barn, Milan saw that the barn door was open and he drove directly into the barn, the three jumped out of the truck, started the pump, pulled two lines from the truck, and knocked down most of the fire. Some of the burning hay still had to be pulled outside, broken apart, and the fire extinguished. This really impressed the Bailey family since they had hay, straw, feed, cattle, and equipment in the barn. Mr. Bailey was so pleased that he handed Milan a check for \$1,000.00. Milan was so shocked the only thing he could say was, "Boy, we can sure use this." Mr. Bailey asked Milan what they would use the money for? Milan said, "The first thing we will use the money for is to get the brakes fixed." They also bought a very used "Bell telephone service truck" to use as a rescue truck. The rust holes accounted for about 20% of the body. The holes were filled with body putty, sanded, primed, and the truck was painted red. A red light and sired was mounted on the roof of the cab and old used two way radio was mounted inside the cab. After a few runs we found out that the engine was in such poor condition and with the added weight of the body putty we had to replace the engine with a new old

engine. Our trustee had managed to accumulate \$12,000.00. He told the association if we could come up with an additional \$12,000.00 he would purchase a new chassis for the tanker. We managed to get the \$12,000.00 and we were finally able to put a new chassis under the milk tank. We are happy to say that the tanker is still being used after about 30 years of service.

Milan has always believed that the only way to train members was to have live burns under a controlled condition. Back in the seventies it did not require much to burn a house. Today you must remove the shingles and any asbestos. It now takes about two to three months to prepare for a live burn. One of the structures which we burnt was at Old 37 and New 37. It was a well built house with a basement and cistern. The temperature this Sunday morning was below zero and never got much above zero. We drafted from the cistern and the first fire was started in the basement. We were able to burn each individual room with destroying the remainder of the house. We started with about 10 new men and trained until about noon and finally let the building burn. From the 10 recruits which we started with that Sunday morning, only Dallas Smith and Kelly Cissell remained with the department. A live burn shows a person the danger of fighting fires and is serious business. Milan has been the assistant fire chief and training officer for most of these years. Milan has been affiliated with the Monroe County firefighters since 1970 holding every office plus being president for at least 10 years.

He has always worked closely with the Fire Marshal's office and is responsible for many of the state related classes taught in Monroe County. He is one of the men responsible for Monroe County obtaining a fire safety smokehouse and tornado trailer. This will be used in all of our schools and community functions. Delivery is scheduled for later this year. Milan attended and taught many fire classes throughout the state. He has always been friendly with all the state fire marshals and has been able to have many state classes taught in Monroe County. He has been a member of the IVFA since 1969. He has served on the Bloomington Planning and Zoning Board since 1966 (present chairman), the Bloomington Monroe County Dispatch Board since 1997, and was one of the persons responsible for the Monroe County having the 911 enhanced emergency system.

Milan retired from RCA when the local plant closed. He immediately enrolled at Ivy Tech and started to earn an associate degree in fire science. Milan finished the course and received his degree. While attending Ivy Tech, his grades were high enough to make the honor roll which qualified him to be accepted in Phi Beta Kappa.

His interest in sports gave him the impendance to become a high school football official. These men also work the sidelines at the IU games helping the Big Ten officials.

After 25 years there were only six of the original firefighters left. Milan treated all of these men to a dinner at Janko's. Kelly Cissell managed to borrow the Greene and Harrell Funeral Home limo and drove them from the station to the restaurant and back.

The first 15 to 20 years at the fire department were lean years.

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and **NEW SECRETARY**

IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Quarterly Meeting
Columbus, Indiana
May 4, 2002

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He called upon Chaplain Charlie Baker for the invocation. He then asked vice-president Buz Koehler to led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Introduced our guest Bill Kinsey, Mr. I.V.F.A.

President Kerney then called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Secretary Larry Bartlow. A motion to accept the minutes as printed with corrections was made by PRSW Ron Bell. A second to the motion was made by past president Jim Parker. The motion passed by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Kerney - has been a very busy quarter having driven 5266 miles. Attended Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner. Memorial service in Salem, helped with Miss Flame judging in District 17A, retirement party for Larry Stott in Crown Point, to Rensselaer department, Greene County firefighter's meeting, memorial service at Petersburg and several district meetings. Also attended Board of Firefighting Standards and Education meeting and the Instructor's Association meeting at Fishers. Went to Denver to the National Volunteer Fire Council and to Washington, D.C. for the Emergency Services dinner. Attended the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis and spent one week at Emmittsburg reviewing Grant Application for the National Fire Grant. Over 19,000 applications sent in this year.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Buz Koehler - has driven 3708 miles this quarter. Attending the Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner, Larry Stott retirement party in Crown Point and several district meetings. He has talked to several departments about rejoining the I.V.F.A.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Charlie Baker - only had five or six memorial services this quarter. Thanked everyone who helped out with those that he could not attend.

SGT.-AT-ARM'S REPORT: Bill Bush - attended the firehouse dedication in Perrysville. He has had seven requests for firehouse clocks. Took the flags in and had them cleaned and they came out very good. We don't need to purchase a new American flag at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - attended Indiana Caucus dinner, two district meetings and two memorial services.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS:

PRNE: Jim Bradford - attended six district meeting and five memorial services. He has driven 1463 miles this quarter.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - made all district meetings, attended the Emergency Services dinner in Washington, D.C. He reported that Jack Ford is doing well.

PRWC: Diana Harrison - attended District 11-B and 21 meetings, one memorial service and several fundraisers in the area. Also attended the Indiana Fire Caucus dinner and the Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C.

PREC: Don Cushman - attended all district meetings. Thanked Mike Mackin for helping with District 8B meeting.

PRSW: Ron Bell - went to Emergency Services Dinner, attended all district meetings and two memorial services. Has driven 2186 miles this quarter. He also attended 2003 convention meeting and one open house.

PRSE: Joe Caudill - has made all but one district meeting and passed out some 25 year pins.

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Jack Zeeks - attended retirement party for Larry Stott. Richard Glant - pass. Mitch Parish - attended National Volunteer Fire Council meeting. Presented a check from National Volunteer Fire Council Grant Fund to Diana Harrison for the Greene County Firefighters Association to be used for fire Prevention and Education. Ivan Nevil - pass. Lawrence Swartz - glad to be here. Carl Bruns - pass. Jim Parker - pass.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - audit report of the financial books should be completed next week. He transferred \$10,068.00 to the Bridgeport Fund from the License Plate Application fees. He discussed the Profit and Loss report and the Budget Comparison report. A motion was made by past president Mitch Parish to accept the report and past president Richard Glant made a second. Motion passed by voice vote.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1: Tom Orrell - held meeting Feb. 20, 2002 at Independence Hill Vol. Fire Dept. with eight departments and 51 members present. The program was Terrorism and Firefighting given by Mark Everett of the Gary Fire Dept. The next meeting was April 17, 2002 at Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. The speaker was John Koslidis. He spoke of his experiences in helping for two weeks at "Ground Zero". There were 11 departments and 64 members present. There were four deaths in the District. The next meeting will be July 17, 2002 at the Griffith Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 2: Paul Watland - held meeting at Lake Eliza Vol. Fire Dept. on March 20, 2002. Phil Griffith of the Porter County EMA gave a presentation on Storms and Severe Weather. He had eight departments and 18 members present. The next meeting is April 17, 2002 at Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3: Tim Sandy - held District meeting at Springfield Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on March 21, 2002. He had training on Carbon Monoxide and the First Responder. Also honored Duane Lantz in recognition of his 85th birthday. They had eight departments and 21 members present. The next meeting is May 16, 2002 at Scipio Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4: John Ferro - absent.

DISTRICT 5: Don Kissinger - held meeting at Fulton-Liberty Vol. Fire Dept. on March 14, 2002. They had five departments and nine members present. One death was reported in the district. The next meeting will be May 9, 2002 at Breman Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6: Mike Mackin - he reported that they have a new district chairman for District 6. Their last meeting was at Auburn Vol. Fire dept. on April 9, 2002 with eight departments present. They voted to stay as one district. The meetings to be held in each of the counties in the district during the year. The next meeting will be May 21, 2002 at LaGrange Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7: Mort Sorg - had one death in the district this past quarter. The next meeting is May 20, 2002 at Mt. Etna Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A: Bill Pape - had last meeting at Orestes Vol. Fire Dept. on March 13, 2002. Gary Robinson was the speaker. They had eight departments and 19 members present. The next meeting will be May 8, 2002 at Pipe Creek Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B: Larry Petro - absent.

DISTRICT 9A: Jon Randle - absent.

DISTRICT 9B: Randy Denton -

absent.

DISTRICT 10: David Israel - held meeting at Morristown Vol. Fire Dept. on Feb. 20, 2002. There were 12 departments and 36 members present. The Shelby County Rescue Team put on a program on Swift Water Rescue Training. His next meeting was March 20, 2002 at Elizabethtown Vol. Fire Dept. They had 15 departments and 49 members present. The program on I.V.F.A. legislation presented by Jim Parker. Also Scott Chasten explained the Firefighter I and II Certification procedures. Also presented five "25 year" pins. The next meeting was April 17, 2002 at Clay Two. Vol. Fire Dept. Mike Bigler from the Fire Marshal's office put on a program to us on Terrorism, Hazmat, and what is going on in these areas. Also discussed the new Blue Light Law. There were 13 departments and 33 members present. The next meeting will be May 15, 2002 at Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A: Jack McFarland - held last meeting March 17, 2002 at Thunderbird Fire District in Farmersburg. There were 11 departments and 27 members present. The next meeting is May 19, 2002 at Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B: Larry Ketchem - held meeting March 10, 2002 at Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept. with six departments and 22 members present. State representative Dale Grubb, state senator Mark Blade and the Vermillion County sheriff Kim Hawkins spoke before the group. The dedication of the new Perrysville Firehouse was held immediately after the meeting.

DISTRICT 12: John Ross - the last meeting was at North Salem Vol. Fire Dept. with five departments and 18 members present. There were two deaths in the District this past quarter. The next meeting will be May 20, 2002 at

Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept..

DISTRICT 13A: Tim Martin - held meeting Feb. 21, 2002 at Green Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 12 departments and 28 members present. The program was provided by Chief Paul Bailey on "Ground Zero" in New York City. The district has had one death this past quarter. The next meeting will be at Jackson-Blue River Twp. Fire Dept. on May 15, 2002.

DISTRICT 13B: Dennis Spears - held meeting Feb. 23, 2002 at Centerville Vol. Fire Dept. This was the district Miss Flame judging. They had nine departments and 28 members present. The site of the next meeting is undecided at this time.

DISTRICT 14: Roy Richardson - held last meeting April 17, 2002 at Henryville Fire Dept. Roy has driven 355 miles in the district visiting departments. The next meeting is July 17, 2002 at McCullough.

DISTRICT 15: Steve Anderson - held meeting March 19, 2002 at Wadesville Vol. Fire Dept. with 13 departments and 50 members present. The program was by the Black Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on their new water rescue boat. The next meeting will be May 21, 2002 at Knight Twp.

DISTRICT 16: Ron Melton - held meeting Mar. 14, 2002 at Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. I.V.F.A. president Jack Kerney was on hand to answer any questions and introduce the district officers. Ron has presented nine 25-year pins, had one memorial and two firehouse dedications this past quarter. The next meeting is May 9, 2002 at Southeast Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A: Jim Abrams - held last meeting at Union Community Vol. Fire Dept. with nine departments and 28 members present. He has passed out 19 25-year pins and had one death in the district. The next meeting will be

May 30, 2002 at Owensburg Fire Dept. starting at 6:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 17B: Jim Zeeks - absent.

DISTRICT 18: Charlie Parker - had meeting March 21, 2002 at Ireland Fire Dept. with 75 members present. There were two deaths in the district. The next meeting is May 16, 2002 at Dale Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19: Ed Scheele - held last meeting at Laurel Vol. Fire Dept., Posey Twp. Station on March 28, 2002 with eight departments and 28 members present. The program was on Fire Investigation and Preserving the Scene. There was one death in the district. The next meeting is May 23, 2002 at Napoleon Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21: Don Fultz - the last meeting was April 29, 2002 at Tippecanoe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Battleground. They had five departments and 27 members present. One death reported in the district. The next meeting is July 29, 2002 at Shadeland Vol. Fire Dept. This meeting is the election of officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: David Israel - discussed IVFA host convention committee responsibilities including host chairman attending all quarterly meetings starting with August meeting preceding convention. Need to have recorder for annual meeting identified by February meeting and coordinated with the IVFA Secretary. Head table with P.A. system as space permits. Security to include both inside and outside displays.

BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - had 30 applicants for the scholarships; 24 were considered and six not considered for various reasons - not member, late mailing. We need to stress that the guidelines must be followed.

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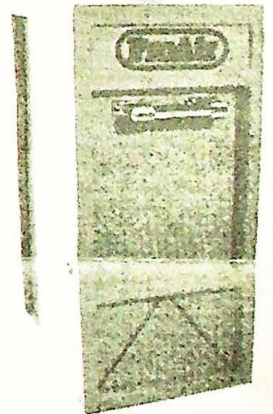
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Milan Pece . . . (continued on page 11)

We were at the mercy of the township trustee. With the efforts of Milan and a few others, "The Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District" was formed. This has proven to be a more ideal way of supporting a fire department. Many Monroe County firefighters feel that the entire county should be in a fire district. The Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District is appreciative at the support of the county commissioners.

Larry Bosell, past state fire marshal and now assistant chief at Jackson, Michigan, presented Milan with an award and his very own cap.

IVFA Public Relations Southwest Director Ron Bell presented Milan with his 25 year fire service pin. Ron was standing in for District 17B chairman Jim Zeeks.

Monroe County vice-president firefighter Ron Vandeventer talked of a very emotional experience at a fire that Milan saved his life, if not for Milan Ron would not be here today.

Guests at the retirement celebration for Milan were: Mike Bigler,

deputy state fire marshal, Larry Bosell, past state fire marshal, now assistant chief of Jackson, Michigan, David Welch, Judge in Monroe County and husband of Peggy Welch, state representative, Iris Kiesling, Joyce Poling, county commissioners, Craig Patnode, Perry Clear Creek Vol. Fire Dept. president, Jack Knapp, retired city of Bloomington fire dept., John Warring, RCA - Milan's first supervisor at RCA, Jeff Barlow, city of Bloomington, Mike Cornman, Ellettsville fire dept., assistant chief, Joel Bomgardner, Bloomington Township assistant chief, Jeff Calabrese, Perry Clear Creek Fire Dept. Protection District assistant chief, Keith Klein, county commissioner, Ron Vandeventer, Monroe County fire dept., vice-president Ron Bell, IVFA Public Relations Southwest Director, and all fellow Clear Creek firefighters.

This was written by George A. Rusnak, speaker was Keith Klein.

Re-written by: District 17A Malinda Bell. Submitted by: PR SW Ron Bell

Earn 50 Year Gold Cards



Roy E. Richardson (left) giving a 50 year gold card to Robert Perry, John Reed, John Hoffman of Washington Fire Co. #2, Madison, IN.

Also third from left is Cindy McKinney, District 14 Miss Flame and right is Bill Andrews, Sheriff-elect, Jefferson Co., Madison.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman)

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The Emergency Generator Works

On February 23, 2002 at the annual fish fry, the Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department operated the fish fry with their portable emergency generator.

It was a good opportunity to see if this 60 KW portable generator could carry the fire station during a need for an electrical emergency situation. Well, it worked. We ran all day with ceiling fans, freezers, refrigerators, lights, etc. We even held the weather spotters class.

Prior to the fish fry, we used a

total of 21 gallons of diesel fuel. "We didn't have any problems all day," said Ersel Rogers of Letts Fire Department.

According to Chief Steve Dinn this portable generator will be used in emergency situations when electricity is needed and the power is out.

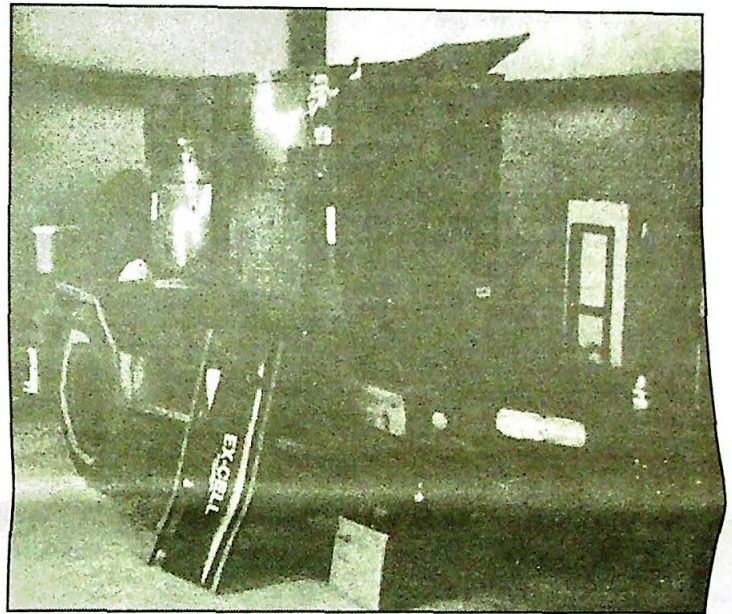
The generator is stored at Baltus Electronics. Bert and his boys did a lot of work changing wires and getting it ready for service. Ersel Rogers stated, "It takes special

training and instructions to operate the generator safely." There were training classes held at Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department to teach members on the use and dangers of operation.

Emergency Management owns another generator like this one.

This will be a large asset to the fire departments and the community in emergency situations.

I.V.F.D. Reporter
Jeremy Haley



MEMORIAL LIST FROM THE IVFA ANNUAL MEETING, EVANSVILLE, JUNE 14, 2002

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AUDREY DEPINE, AINSWORTH-DEEP RIVER VFD
ANNIE J. KLYM, LAKE STATION VFD
EVA OWENS, LAKE STATION VFD
- DISTRICT 6**
RUTH FORD*, ALBION VFD
JEAN KINSEY, NEW HAVEN/ADAMS TWP. VFD
- DISTRICT 10**
THEMLA MILLER, WALDRON VFD
- DISTRICT 12**
LEONA BURKE, DECATUR TWP. VFD
- DISTRICT 18**
KATHERINE DORSAM, HAYSVILLE VFD

*DENOTES PAST IVFAA PRESIDENT

Richland/Taylor Ladies Auxiliary Awarded Pins



Richland/Taylor Fire Dept. ladies' auxiliary was awarded pins from the department at the 25th anniversary celebration held at the Good Times Restaurant at Bloomfield.

(Names not in order) - Jennifer Mendenhall, Kathy Ferguson, Wanda L. Johnson, Marie Emery, June Cahill, Annette Baker, Janet Hargrave, Annette Wells, and Darla Chestnut.

(Submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell)

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From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

Convention Officer's Meeting June 13, 2002
 Evansville, Indiana
 President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called on Chaplain Charlie Baker for the invocation. After the invocation, vice-president Buz Koehler led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
 President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Cushman, PREC, made a motion to accept the minutes from last year as they were printed. The second was by Bill Pape, District 8A. The motion passed by voice vote.
OFFICERS' REPORTS:
 President Kerney - pass
 Vice President Buz Koehler - thanked everyone for their hard work this past year
 Chaplain Charles Baker - no report but he does have Bibles for those that need them. Also, the memorial service is at 8:00 a.m.

tomorrow morning.
 Secretary Larry Bartlow - pass
 Treasurer Jack Harker - needs audit committee to meet after this meeting to approve the audit.
PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS:
 PRNW Jim Bradford - questioned why list of nominees was not published in the paper
 PRNE Mike Mackin - pass
 PRWC Diane Harrison - pass
 PREC Don Cushman - pass
 PRSW Ron Bell - pass
 PRSE Joe Caudill - pass
PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS:
 Jack Zeeks - pass
 Mitch Parish - pass
 Carl Bruns - introduced guest Bill Howe
DISTRICT REPORTS:
 Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 14. All passed. District 15 welcomed everyone to Evansville and the attendance numbers are looking good. Districts 16, 17A, 17B, 18, 19, and 21 all passed.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 Mr. IVFA Committee - Mitch Parish - read letter from Bill Kinsey that due to his recent surgery he will be unable to attend convention this year.
 No other committees need to report.
OLD BUSINESS: NONE
NEW BUSINESS: NONE
 There being no further business to come before the body, the Chair heard a motion to adjourn from Don Cushman, PREC and a second from Don Kissinger, District 5. The motion approved by voice vote.
I.V.F.A. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
 Chairman of the Board Jack Zeeks

called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Mike Mackin, PRNE, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and Randy Denton, District 9B, made the second. The motion passed by

voice vote.
OLD BUSINESS: NONE
NEW BUSINESS: NONE
 No further business to be conducted at this time, a motion was made to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Baker by Don

Cushman, PREC and the second was by Bill Bush, Sgt.-at-Arms. Motion passed by voice vote.
 Benediction by Chaplain Baker. Respectively submitted, Larry L. Bartlow Secretary

To Host District 18 Parade

The St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Department is pleased to host the 2002 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association District 18 Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame Contest on Sunday, October 6, 2002.
 The Miss Flame competition will be held on the Archabbey Grounds beginning at 8:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. The judging stand will be located at the fire house on SR 545. Trophies will be awarded and the Miss Flame contest winner will be announced immediately following the parade.
 Come on out and help us celebrate the St. Meinrad volunteer fire department's open house, chicken and pork chop dinners - that will be sold starting at 10:00 a.m. - cash raffle and 3rd annual antique tractor & farm machinery show and field demonstrations with tractors and horses.
 The following categories will be judged in the parade: Float, Fire Equipment (pre-1961), Fire Equipment (1961 to present), Shrine Unit, Horse Unit, Band, Walking/Marching Unit, Antique Tractors, and Antique Vehicles (pre-1970).

IVFAA Announce Officer Changes For 2003

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Sgt. At Arms.....	Miriam Schaeckel
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District Chairwomen	
District #16.....	Pam Melton
101 Kirkham Ave., Corydon, IN 47112	(812-738-2914)
Past Presidents	
Mary Mackin - 831 Chamberlin Court, New Haven, IN 46774	
Phone 260-749-2866	

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should please call one of the persons listed below for an entry form.
 Nick Dilger 812-357-2372
 George Schaefer 812-357-2010
 Todd Ruxer 812-357-2650

Mark Leffert 812-357-2012
 Anyone interested in participating in the Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show should contact: Randall Schaefer at 812-357-2135.

October 10, 2002

Is The Next Deadline

Officer's meeting ...

(continued from page 12)
EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Buz Koehler - paper looking good. Pictures are a problem; send original pictures for best results. Newspaper pictures do not copy. Need pictures of all district chairmen and PR people for the paper. Also need list of all officers with area code changes for corrections in the paper. The next deadline for the paper is JULY 10, 2002.
AD TAKER: Mitch Parish - one account still unpaid for 2001 and two accounts for 2002 not paid for 2002. Final notices for payment were sent to these accounts.
CLOTHING CLAIMS: Jim Bradford - meet and approved all clothing claims.
AWARDS COMMITTEE: Buz Koehler - had seven applicants for the Angel Award and five applicants for the Ollie Sandberg Award. We have a Midwest Award for all districts.
MR. IVFA: Mitch Parish - had 24 letters for nine people. The committee would like to recommend the following changes to the Mr. IVFA award guideline. In the section on rules to select the Mr. IVFA recipient in sentence #1 the words "over the past year" be deleted. In sentence #2 delete the "will not have any bearing" and insert "will be considered". Add sentence #5 naming who is to be the Chairman of the Committee. A motion by past president Jack Zeeks to wait until after the board meeting tomorrow. If SOG change is accepted or rejected by vote at Board meeting, the people on the committee should submit the changes that this committee is recommending. The second was offered by past president Richard Glant. The motion passed on voice vote.
BY LAWS & SOG: Jim Parker - vote on proposal for change to Mr. IVFA committee in board action.
LOGO COMMITTEE: Charlie

Parker, pass.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Steve Anderson - our membership increase shows that what we are doing is working. Also need district list of 25 year pin recipients.
GAMES: Al Mendel - all game entry forms are printed in the paper. He would like to have them in by June 1, 2002. Everything is ready to go.
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish - the meeting was in Denver CO. NFPA 1500 and 1582 concerning annual physicals stressed that everyone should have one. Maryland has problem with Firefighters Union telling members that volunteering they will lose union card. The Biden Amendment would exempt the first \$1000 dollars of income from the nominal fees paid to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency workers from F.I.C.A. payroll taxes. Homeland Emergency Response Operation Act (HERO) HR 3397 would expedite the increase of assigned radio spectrum for Public Safety use. This bill directs the FCC to give public safety services the spectrum that was allocated to them in 1996. 440 total firefighters deaths last year including those of 9-11. It was suggested we form a committee to talk to the person who is handling the Homeland Security Funds for the State. Pat Ralston is handing this for the State of Indiana and Peter Beering is the Chairman of that committee. We need to be in contact with that committee to see that the volunteer fire service is getting some of the funding. Hybrid Vehicles are not every well identified only small tags on trunk. These gas and electric car combinations are very dangerous. Cutting the battery cable is very dangerous as they carry 275 volts and 77 amps of current. Still trying to get NFPA 1710-1720 into on Standard. The Union firefighters say they will never let it happen.
FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE: Mitch Parish - had 35 applicants for the Burn Camp which is held the last week of May. The dinner

next year is February 3, 2003 at the same place.
CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT: We closed out 2001 dues at 17,071 members. We had 3226 2001 license plates and 1932 2002 plates. Dues notices are not going out and all will be mailed by May 13, 2002. Meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2002
 President Kerney called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He called on Chaplain Baker for the morning message. Chaplain Baker spoke on the writings of the Apostle Paul.
COMMITTEE REPORTS continued:
LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Jim Parker - H.B. 1081 passed. This deals with line of duty injury or illness. Requires governing unit to pay medical and hospital expense if injured or hospitalized in the line of duty. Blue Light Law - use some discretion on the lights. No more than four Blue Light assemblies may be displayed on one vehicle.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Richard Glant - slate is full except for Chaplain.
OLD BUSINESS:
2002 CONVENTION REPORT: Changes in the Friday morning schedule - the Koffee Klutch is from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. The Memorial service will be at 8:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's Catholic Church. The IVFA and IVFAA meetings will start at 9:30 a.m. in the convention center.
JEFF STANFIELD - is working on insurance benefits for members of the IVFA. He will have more information at the convention.
REQUESTS FOR LARGE DE-CALS: Franklin Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. was previously approved. Delphi Fire Dept. for education and training trailer - notion to grant request made by past president Richard Glant and the second was offered by PRNW Jim Bradford. Motion passed by voice vote.
 Tippecanoe County firefighters on E.D.I.T.H. House in District 21. Motion by past president Richard

Glant and the second by Chaplain Charlie Baker. Motion passed on voice vote.
IVFA MERCHANDISE: Product made in U.S.A. assembled overseas will be used. This is to be a quality product. Carol Curl will be doing our embroidery work. She will help with marketing of our products, keep some product at shop on for quick supply and she will have booth at convention and market our merchandise at no cost to us. A credit card machine has been obtained for the Central Office. We will be able to take credit card payment for dues and license plate fees.
NEW BUSINESS: PRNW Jim Bradford inquired about an IVFA front license plate.
 No other business to bring up. A motion by past president Jim Parker to adjourn to the board of directors meeting with the second offered by past president Jack Zeeks. Motion passed on voice vote.
IVAN BOARD MEETING MAY 5, 2002
 Board Chairman Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and called for the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Don Kissinger, District 5 to accept the minutes as printed with the second by Don Cushman, PREC. Motion passed by voice vote.
 Past president Jim Parker - By Laws/SOG - changing of the annual award affecting the Mr. IVFA committee. Changing the committee from three (3) previous winners to five (5) previous members. First action was taken on Feb. 3, 2002. A motion by past president Jim Parker and the second by PRSE Joe Caudill to vote on change today. A roll call vote showed Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 8A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 18, 19, 21, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Sgt.-at-arms, chaplain, PRNW, PRNE, PRWC, PREC, PRSE, PRSW, past presidents Richard Glant, Carl Bruns, Jim Parker, Mitch Parish and Jack Zeeks all voting yes. Past president Lawrence Swartz voted no. Districts

4, 6, 7, 8B, 9A, 9B and 17B were absent. Vote totals 35 yes to one no and seven absent.
Logo Committee: Districts 2, 6 and 18 have been re-appointed.
 A motion to give \$500 for Miss Flame gifts was made by past president Richard Glant and the second was by PREC Don Cushman. Motion passed by voice vote.
 A motion to adjourn after the benediction by chaplain Baker was made by PRNE Mike Mackin and a second by PRSW Ron Bell. Motion passed by voice vote.

2002 Convention Games Winners and Participants Announced

Following are the winners and participants of the 2002 Convention games which were held at the convention in Evansville, Indiana.
Men's Waterball:
 1. New Chicago
 2. Fairview Park
 3. Liberty
 Lyford
 Poe
 Scott Twp.
 Skelton #1
 Skelton #2
Women's Waterball:
 1. District 11-B
 2. Poe
 Miss Flames #1
 Miss Flames #2
Hose Replacement:
 1. Fairview Park - 42 sec.
 2. Skelton - 48 sec.
 3. New Chicago - 61 sec.
Cart Race:
 1. Fairview Park - 62 sec.
 2. New Chicago - 72 sec.
State Games Committee: Al Mendel, chairman, Mike Mackin, Dennis Schavey, Jean Smith.

Arson Suspected In Parke County Burning Bridge

(Editor's Note: The following article taken from the Terre Haute Tribune newspaper was written on a fire the Bridgeton VFD responded to. The article is being submitted for publication in the IVFA newspaper by David Gilstrap, Chief, Bridgeton Fire Dept., Bridgeton, Indiana)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002
By Patricia L. Pastore
Tribune Star - Bridgeton

Flames lapped the skeletal remains of Jeffries Ford Covered Bridge about midnight Monday while musty-eyed residents watched their childhood dreams die.

The 87-year-old wood span withstood the test of time, but it could not withstand the work of an arsonist.

Overhead electrical lines didn't spark the fire.

It was the fire that damaged the power lines, said Dave Gilstrap, Bridgeton Fire Chief who lives near where the bridge stood, on County Road 150 East, about two miles southwest of Bridgeton.

"We were alerted by Brad Rooks, a neighbor, who saw it when his lights started flickering," he said. "The whole bridge was on fire. It was still standing when I got here about 1 a.m. The south end didn't drop into the creek until 30 minutes later. It wouldn't have self-ignited. It probably had some help."

Police now are guarding Parke County's 31 other historic covered bridges.

"Security is a priority," said Commissioner William "Bill" Jeffers. "I think the sheriff made the right decision when he asked for help to watch over each of the bridges."

Many Parke County natives stole their first kiss in a covered bridge, others played in and around the bridges in their youth and many sought refuge under the spans when

fishing was interrupted by a down-pour, said Anne Lynk, executive director of Parke County Inc., in September 2000.

"It's not just a loss in tourism for us; it is like an old friend died," said Pam Sanders, administrative assistant for the Parke County Covered Bridge Convention and Visitors Bureau. "There is the sentimental aspect. It is very difficult for us to have to deal with this unnecessary loss."

Sheriff Charles Bollinger, with jaw clenched and fist wrapped around a note pad, said the fire is suspicious and he suspects arson.

"I've got two deputies devoted full time to this case and I requested the Indiana State Police help us with bridge security and the investigation," he said.

"It's only been about three weeks since someone tried to burn down the Jackson Bridge," in northern Parke County.

Structural damage to the Jeffries Ford is beyond repair.

Mike Cooper of Myers Engineering Inc. of Terre Haute works with Parke County on bridge projects. His furrowed forehead spoke volumes.

"It's ruined," he said. "There is nothing out there they can use. I don't know if the commissioners will build another covered bridge or a concrete structure. It will have to be brand new."

Either type of bridge will cost the county about \$1 million or more, Cooper said. He said a value cannot be put on the destroyed structure.

"How can you put a value on what is [worth] historically?" he said.

Fifty-nine-year-old Donald Turner heard Cooper's remark.

"What is so sad is that it is a piece of Parke County's history," he said. "There is no other county

in the country that you can just walk in and see all the covered bridges like this. It's the bridges that make us special."

Lynk and others have called each bridge a jewel in this county's crown of tourism, which is a major part of the area's economic base.

"It is second only to agriculture," Lynk said earlier, after showing a report on annual tourism numbers. "Tourism is the lifeblood of this little county," she said. "It brings more than \$29 million a year into this county and it's growing."

The bridge loss is not only painful to county residents, it is an inconvenience. Each day, about 120 or more, cars pass through the bridge is seven to eight miles.

"Most people driving across the bridge are going to work or coming home from work," he said.

People already are giving police tips on possible suspects.

Bollinger went from one side of the bridge to the other.

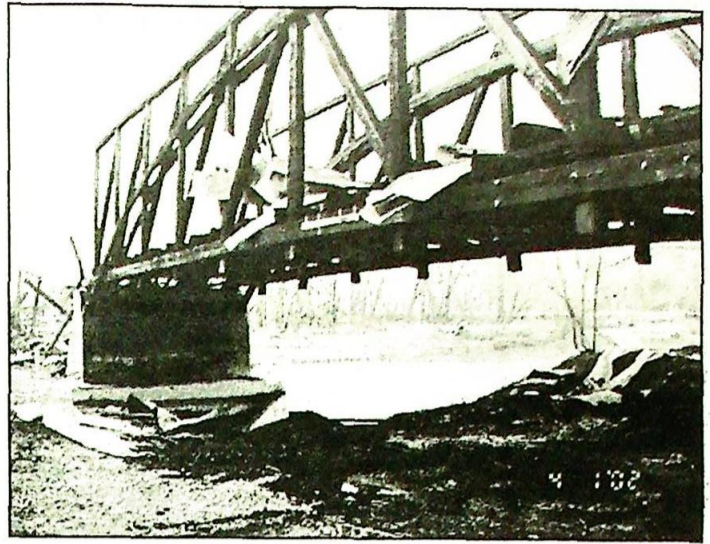
"We've got a description of a car and a truck," he said. "The truck shouldn't be too hard to find. Somebody has seen something and may not know it is important. I want anyone who has seen anything to call. We won't quit until we find the responsible person. I'm overseeing the investigation."

Bridge replacement is expected to take two years or longer.

"If the county commissioners had the money in hand, which they don't, it would take at least two years to build a new bridge," said Cooper.

Footsteps in the bridges echo the sound of former travelers from Wales, South America, England, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and every state in the union.

Parke County is still the covered bridge capital of the United States, Sanders said Tuesday after-



noon. "We have one more than a county in Pennsylvania" she said. Parke County Inc. is offering a reward of \$800 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who set fire to the bridge, Sanders said. People are calling her office and offering

money for a reward fund, she said. "The whole county is outraged," she said. "They want the damage to the bridges stopped." Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Department at (765) 569-5122.

Honored For Years Of Service To Department



Former Fire Chief Lloyd Woodrick of the Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., of Porter County, was recently honored for his years of service to the Department at a District 1 and 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.

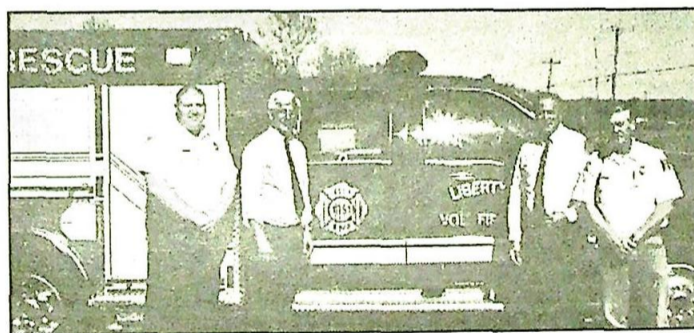
Lloyd joined the department in 1970 and served as chief from 1985 to 2000. Lloyd is still active serving as a Lieutenant and is on the Board of Directors. Pictured is former Chief Woodrick receiving a bronze axe from Fire Chief Bill Branham Sr.

(Photo submitted by Raymond M. Wesley, Asst. Chief L.T.V.F.D.)

Indiana Fire & Arson Conference August 2002

NOVEMBER 10TH DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10

Liberty Twp. Purchases Rescue Support Vehicle



The Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Department of Porter County, recently received \$89,000 from the Build Indiana Funds. The department used the money to help purchase a \$130,000 rescue support vehicle from American Fire & Rescue of Goshen, Indiana. Securing the funds for the department were State Representative Ralph Ayres of Chesterton with \$59,000 and State Representative Duane Cheney of Portage with \$30,000. Pictured with the new truck is Department President Mike Laingren, State Representative Duane Cheney and Ralph Ayres and Fire Chief Bill Branham Sr.

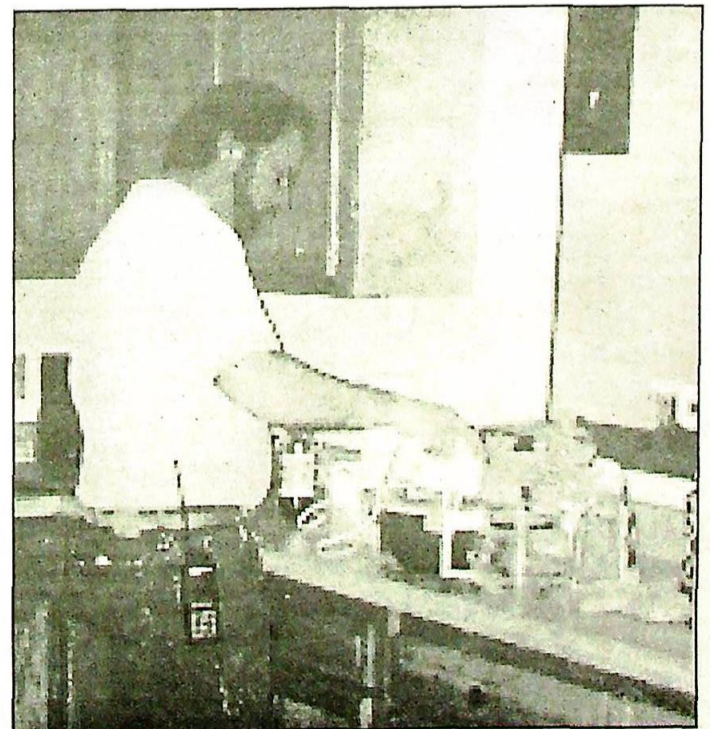
(Photo submitted by Raymond M. Wesley, Asst. Chief, L.T.V.F.D.)

Sandborn VFD Holds Annual Pancake/Sausage Day

A Sandborn firefighter busy mixing another batch of pancake batter.

Sandborn volunteer fire department held their annual pancake and sausage day on Saturday, April 27 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is their annual fund raiser. (Submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)



Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

Hello, North East Districts:
By the time you read this you should your dues paid, or otherwise your department will be LATE on paying which does affect some of your benefits, which are based on being a member in good standing with dues paid on TIME. Hopefully you have your dues paid, and you do have your new card in hand. If you do have your dues paid and have not received your card yet, give your district chairman, or myself a call. We will do what we can in helping you.

This is the time you should be thinking about the legislation and asking is there something that you feel would be helpful in the legislation session that would be helpful for the whole state. If so, give your district chairman or myself a call so we can pass it on to the Association's Legislation Committee.

Hopefully those who could attend this year's convention in Evansville did have a fun time. I want to thank the convention committee on all of the hard work so all of us that did attend could have a good time.

I also want to thank everyone who did vote for myself in my bid to being your vice-president even though I did not get it. (I do thank you for your support.) It is my pleasure to be able to serve Districts #4, #5, #6, #7 as your Public Relations Director.

Until we meet at your district meeting, have a safe summer of what is left of it.

P.R.N.E.
Mike Mackin

Code Books

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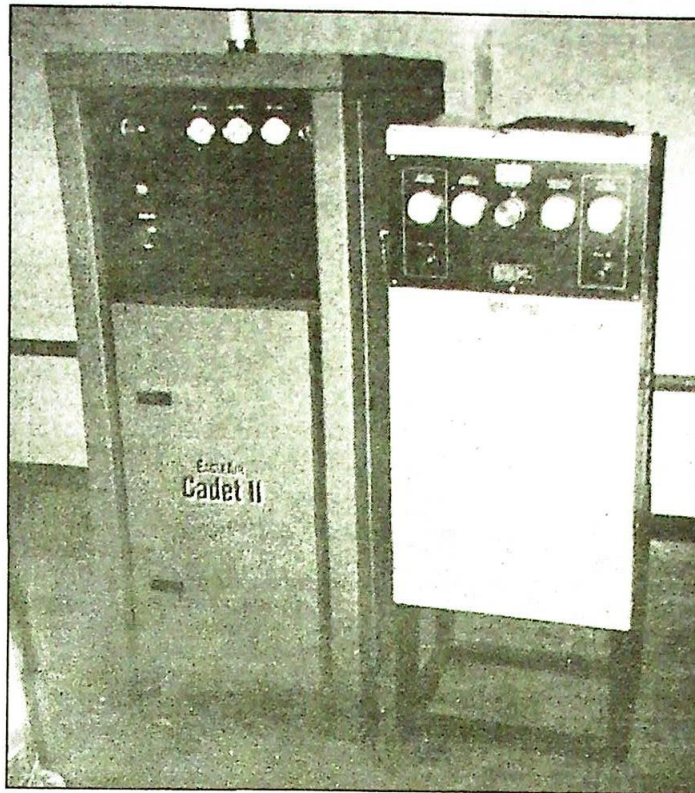
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The Lawrence W. Tuck Fire Investigator of the Year Award is given to an investigator who demonstrates exceptional investigative skills. It is given each year at the annual Indiana Fire Arson Conference.

If you would like to submit an entry form describing someone you think deserves to be considered for the award, contact the Arson Division at the State Fire Marshal's Office at 1-800-423-0765 to have one faxed to you or sent to you in the mail. The form will be posted on the Fire Marshal's website in the future. Be sure to visit the website for this and other valuable information concerning the Indiana's Fire Service.

New Grant Purchase



The Letts Community Fire Department received a grant from The Decatur County Community Foundation to purchase a new Air Purification System.

This air system is to refill air bottles for self contained breathing apparatus used in interior firefighting. It consists of air compressor and a four bottle cascade system, and refill station.

As of the first of April the system is in service and available to all County fire departments. This system can fill 30-plus air bottles when needed.

This system will save time and travel, refilling bottles during a fire or hazmat situation, and will serve as a back up to Greensburg Fire Department.

Chief Steve Dinn stated, "Last year we fell into a situation where we had to go out of county to refill our air bottles when Greensburg's system had mechanical problems."

Luckily the county didn't have a major incident. Hopefully the county won't be in that situation again with Greensburg Fire Department and Letts Volunteer Fire Department we will have two air purification systems available.

Thank you to the Decatur County Community Foundation for helping us with the opportunity to help benefit our County, and Volunteer Fire Departments.

I.V.F.D. Reporter
Jeremy Haley

Length of Service Awards at Monroeville

Several local volunteer firefighters were awarded Length of Service pins at the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 7 meeting, March 18 held at Monroeville fire station. The evening began with a meal prepared and served by the MVFD Auxiliary.

After dinner the firefighters and auxiliary members held their respective business meetings. When the meetings ended, they came together for an auction of baked goods. The district's Miss Flame contestant was on hand to help acting auctioneer, Jerry Marquardt. She will compete for the state Miss Flame title at the annual convention in June.

Length of Service pins were then presented by Maurice Sorg, IVFA 7th District President to the following who accepted in person, for consecutive years of fire service to the community:

Robert Marquardt 54 years, Dan McCoy 50 years, Leo Martin 47 years, Robert Goetz 35 years, Jerry Marquardt 31 years, Steven "Skip" Howard, 30 years, Dean Reidenbach 26 years.

Other recipients not in attendance:

Richard Girardot 48 years, Dale House 47 years, Tom Jones 44 years, Richard Wolff 44 years, Lynn Meyer 41 years, Ralph Klinker 32 years, John Smith 32

years, Paul "Louie" Meyer 31 years, Mike Girardot 30 years, Phil Meyer 29 years.

Together, their efforts yielded 651 years of volunteer fire service

to the Monroeville community primarily; and when summoned, rendering mutual aid to surrounding communities.



Pictured are Loe Martin, Dean Reidenbach, Dan McCoy, Robert Marquardt, Jerry Marquardt, Steve Howard and Robert Goetz.

Poe To Hold Annual Fireman's Festival

Dear Friends,

On August 23 and 24, 2002, the Poe Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 64th annual Fireman's Festival. This is our main fund-raiser for the year. We turn to fund-raising to help cover the increasing costs of training and operations. Our funds are acquired by township contracts, donations, and fund-raisers.

This year the department is replacing its 1985 Ford ambulance with a 2002 Braun ambulance at a cost of \$105,000. In order to defray our operating costs we are seeking your support.

The festival consists of continuous events of food, beer, bingo, craft tent, and children's games. We also have an auction on Friday night. On Saturday we have a chicken BBQ dinner, kiddie tractor pull, entertainment, and a free dance featuring the country band High Noon. There is also waterball, volleyball and euchre tournaments. We hope to draw a large crowd with these activities. We find that many people come to see old friends and renew memories as well as support the fire department.

We are asking for donations for our benefit auction, which is held on August 23. We auction such items as new merchandise, gift certificates for services, meals, savings bonds, carpeting, etc. This list goes on and on. We are contacting you by letter in hopes of being able to compile a sale bill listing all items. We realize some companies need lead time to contact their corporate offices.

If you feel you do not have items or services suitable for the

auction, please consider sponsorship of one of the above items. The sponsorship would help defray the costs of the festival.

Please call 639-3992 with any questions you may have regarding the festival, donation or a sponsorship. Receipts for donations available upon request.

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Saturday, Aug. 24th:
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- Waterball sign in 11:30 play @ noon

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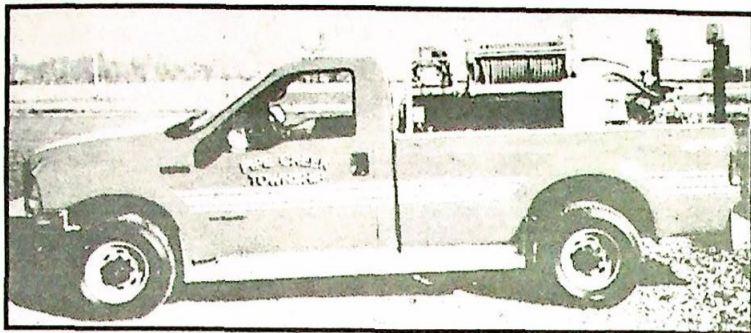


Mike Mackin, Public Relations North East, recently awarded Paul Gardt his 50 year gold "LIFE MEMBER" card.

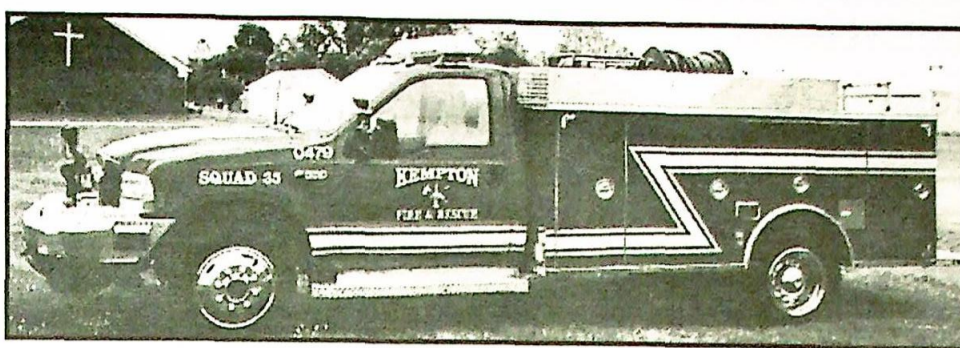
Pictured above Washington Township (Allen County) Fire Chief Doug Cox awarded Paul Gardt his 50 year award from the Fire Department.

Paul has held many of the fire department's command positions throughout his career and currently, as a senior member, is still active within the fire department.

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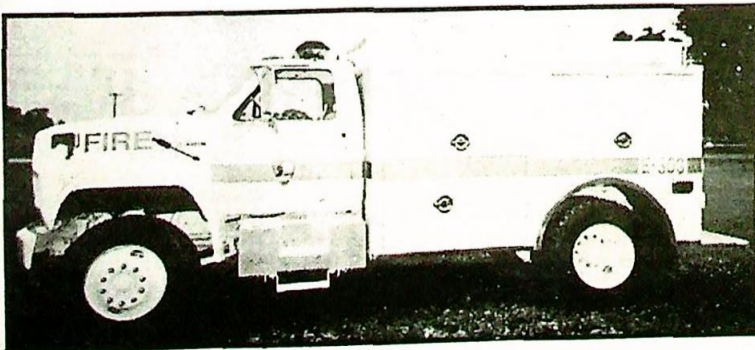
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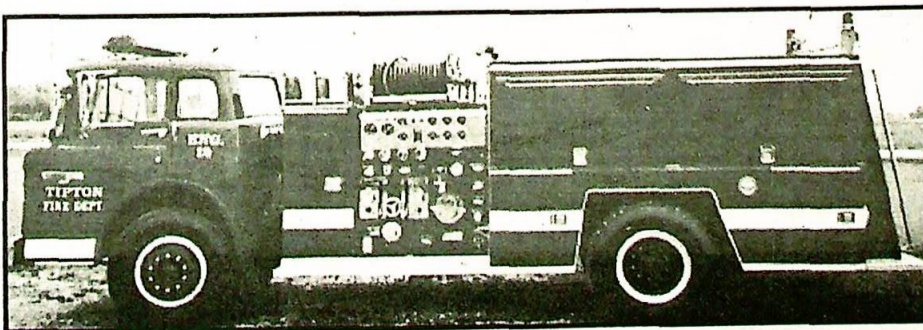
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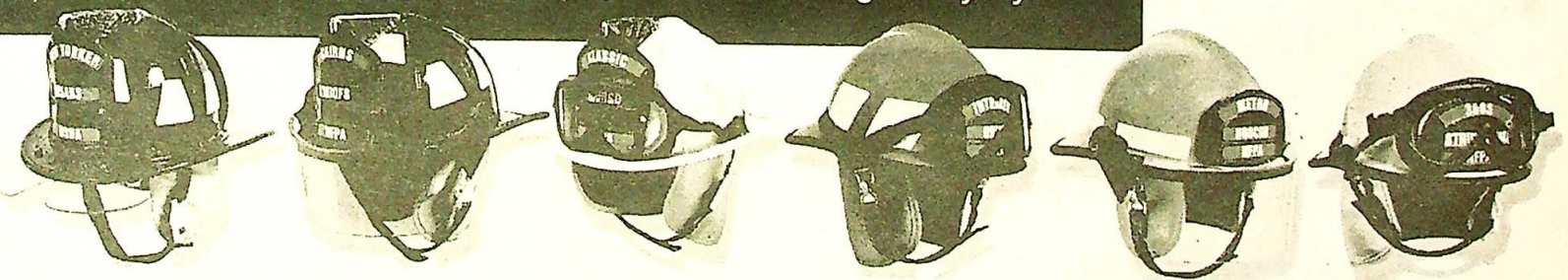
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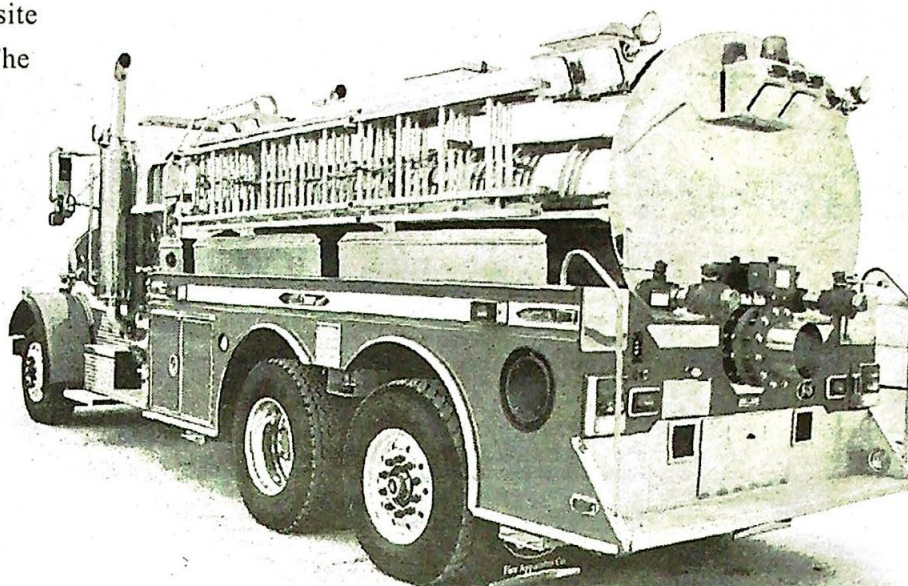
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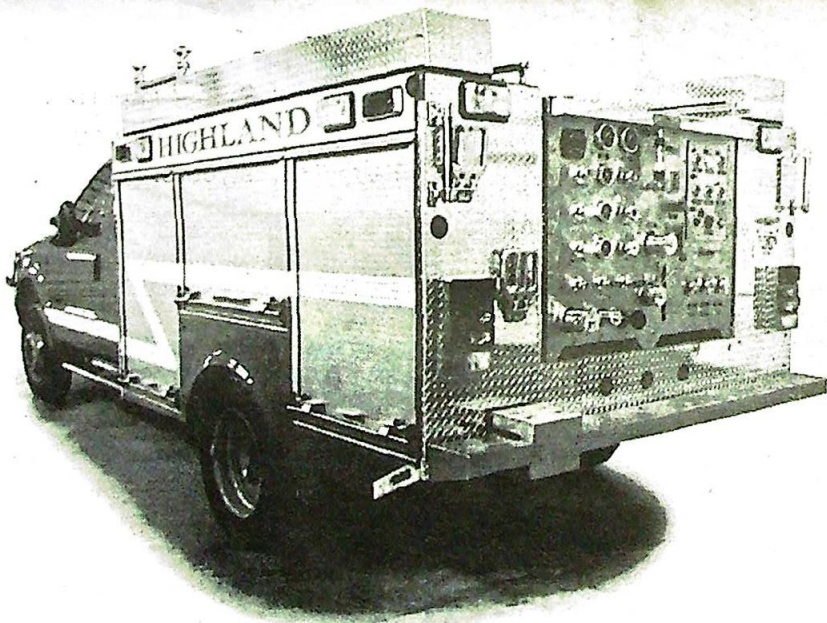
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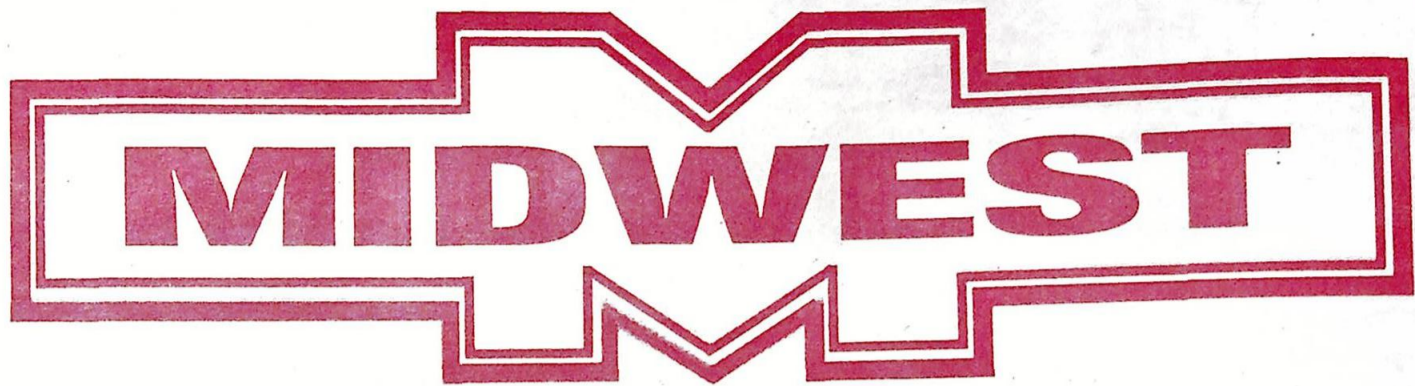
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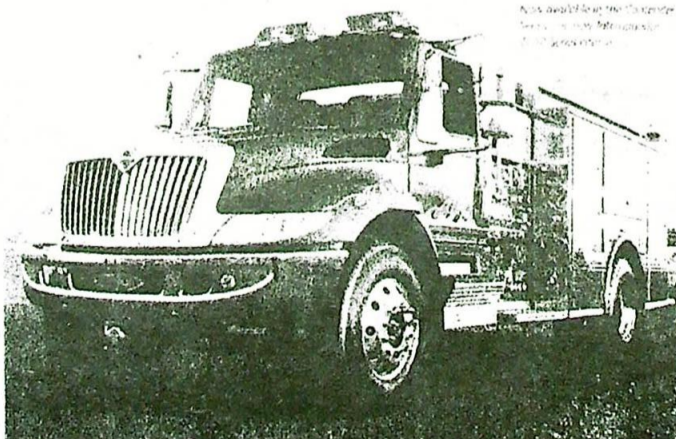
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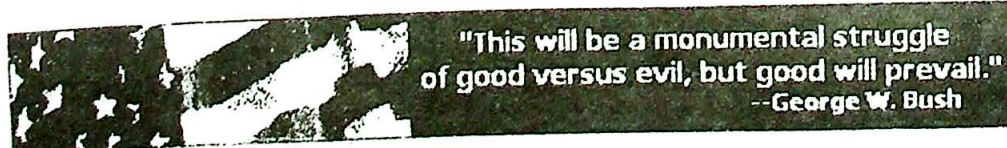


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Public Relations Northwest

Another convention has gone to the wayside and I want to thank Harry Logan and his crew for a job well done.

Convention for next year is in French Lick and in 2004 will be in Clarksville. Hope to see you there.

It has been a quiet summer so far but I was honored to attend two station dedications, Dyer in District 1 and Morocco in District 9B. Both towns can be proud of the addition to their community.

Another important piece of legislation was passed and signed by the governor. It is HB 1081. I suggest you look it up and see just how

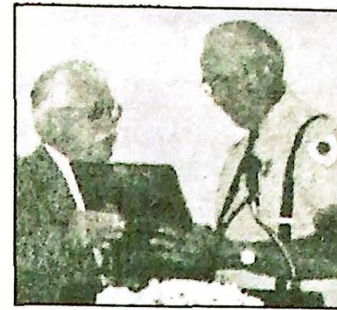


Jim Bradford
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Morris Firefighter Receives Ollie Sandburg Award



(Photo submitted by David A. Bretz)



Tony Moster receiving Ollie Sandburg plaque from I.V.F.A. vice president LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler. (Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

Anthony "Tony" Moster received the Ollie Sandburg Award at the state convention in Evansville.

Tony was a member of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department for 37 years. He is a Master Firefighter in Tactics. He regularly attends training sessions and other fire

schools.

Tony was captain of the fire department from 1975 thru 1980, and fire chief from 1990 thru 1996. He was water supply officer 1997 thru 1998 and staffing officer 1999 thru 2002.

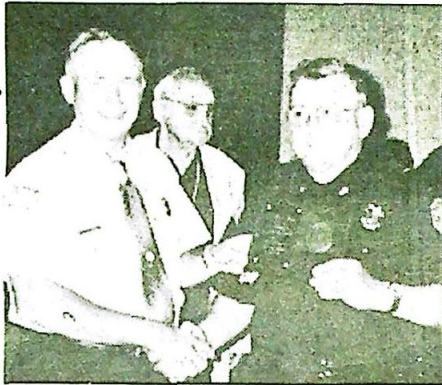
He was vice chairman of District for five years, and Midwest Award 1994. He was president of Ripley County Fire Chief's Association for two years.

Tony and his wife, Pat are always willing to help at fire department and community activities.

Some other community functions Tony is active in are Ripley Co. Farm Bureau president 1998 thru 2001, 4-H crop leader, Ripley Co. Park Board, Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony's Church.

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Batesville Firefighter Receives Midwest Award



Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky received District 19 Midwest Award at the State Convention.

Ski was a member of the Batesville Fire Department for 29 years. Presently he is safety officer on the department.

He takes vacation to go to schools and organizations for Fire Prevention.

Ski and his wife, Pam, have been married for 32 years and have three children.

He is District 19 chaplain on the Batesville Fire Department.

Shown above is Ed Gerdowsky with Midwest Award being presented by District 19 Chairman, Ed Scheele.

(Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

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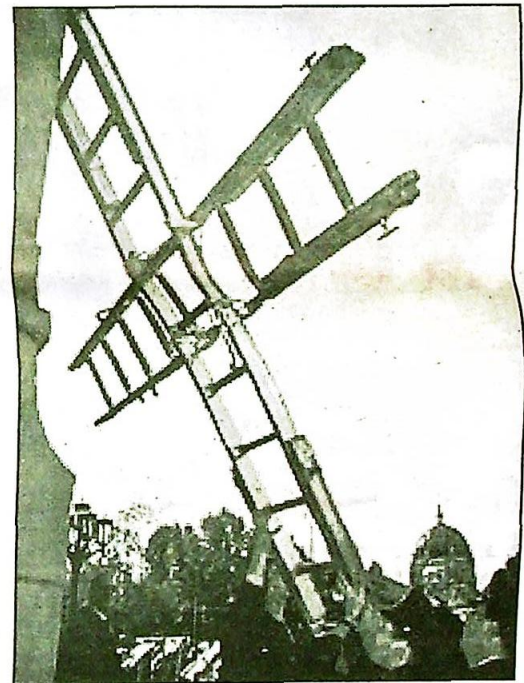
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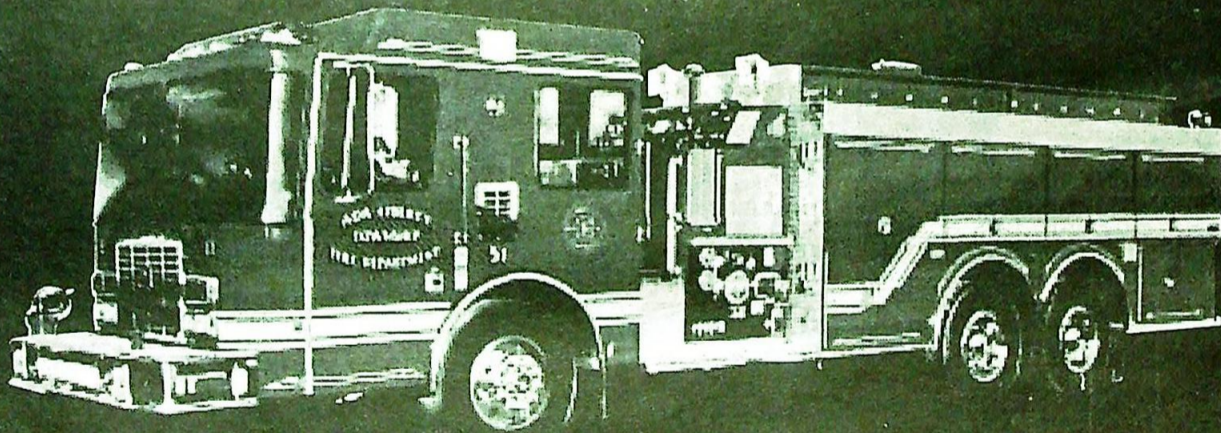
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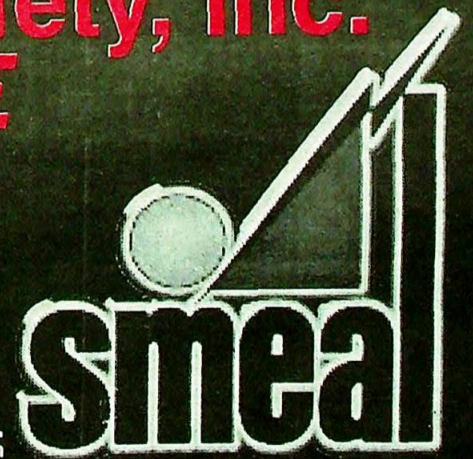


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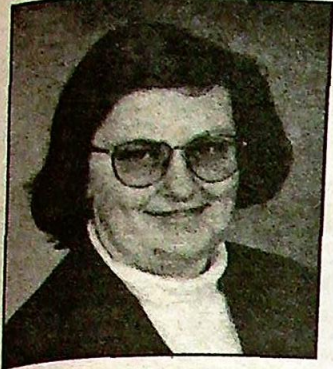
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Diane Harrison

Hello, firefighters, I attended district meetings at 11-B at Kingman, 11-A at Lewis Twp., 12 at Hazelwood, 17-A at Owensburg, Greene County Firefighter's Association meetings at Center Twp. and Wright Twp. I attended two memorial services. Our prayers go out to those families and departments. I was pleased to help District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland present a gold card to Chief Don Tribby at Jasonville Fire Department. Thank you, Chief Tribby, for your dedication for 50 years of service to your community. I was also able to attend Thunderbird Fire Department awards program. Congratulations to all receiving awards. Your time and dedication to your

Carter Fire District Women's Auxiliary recently dedicated the *Smokey The Bear - Fire Prevention Officer*, which was added to the front of Carter Fire District Fire Station, Buffaloville Road in Dale. Pictured kneeling in front is chain saw artist Kim Marshall. Also pictured, from left: Auxiliary members Kyla Jenkins, Jane Stout, Jeannie Daunhauer and Kathy Hamilton. *Smokey* will display the fire code of the day, to warn people when it is or is not safe to burn.

(Photo by Cheryl Hurst)
(Photo submitted by Carter fire District, Dale, Indiana)

community is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to District 15 for a great convention! Remember fall elections are coming. Tell all of your family and friends who the fire service so they will know who to support. They say five to seven phone calls on subject sends up a red flag. The fire service is very strong and we should be a very loud voice to the politicians.

I would like to send a big thank you to District 12 chairman John Ross for his time and dedication to the district. After serving as district chairman for the past nine years, John has decided to step down. He will be missed.

Congratulations to Mary Wesley, 2002 Angel Award winner and to David Israel, 2002 Mr. IVFA and to all of the other award winners.

I would like to thank Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12 and 21 for allowing me to serve you for another term. If your districts or departments have anything going on please let me know and I will do my best to be there.

Be safe out there,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

New Chesterfield Fire Station To Open

CHESTERFIELD - The community will dedicate the new Union Township Fire Station and unveil and place into service the new 2002 American LaFrance fire engine pump truck Thursday following the town's annual Fourth of July parade.

An open house will be conducted following the ceremony.

"This station for the community has been many years in the making and the reality of its completion is very fulfilling," said Union Township Trustee Michael Phillips in a press release. "The addition of the new fire engine is part of the long range planning for the growth of the community."

The new station, which has been under construction since November 2001, is located next door to the current firehouse on Main Street in Chesterfield. The new 12,000-square-foot facility will replace the current 6,000-square-foot station, which has served the community since the mid 1970s. This building is soon to be the new home



CHESTERFIELD-UNION FD STATION DEDICATION - Clock presentation on July 4, 2002 - District 8A Chairman Bill Pape, I.V.F.A. Vice President Buz Koehler and Fire Chief Gary Hutton. (Photo submitted by District 8A chairman, Bill Pape)

of the Chesterfield Street and Water Department.

"This is a great day for our community, the members are very excited and proud of our new facility," said Chief Gary Hutton. "This facility was planned not only to meet our current needs, but for the growth of the community. This is something the community can be proud of."

The town has extended an open invitation to all former members of the Fire and EMS Department to be on hand Thursday.

(Article submitted by Bill Pape, District 8A chairman)

November Deadline
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Smokey Gives Burn Warnings

Spencer County Leader, Section A - Thursday, June 27, 2002 by Cheryl Hurst

Carter Fire District Women's Auxiliary dedicated a new *Smokey The Bear* statue, erected in front of the fire station, located on Buffaloville Road in Dale.

After Fire Chief Frank Daunhauer suggested the project, Auxiliary members held numerous fund-raisers.

Daunhauer says the statue's official title is *Smokey The Bear, Fire Prevention Officer*. *Smokey* will

display the fire code of the day, to warn people (especially area farmers) when it is or is not safe to burn. A nearby marquee will also give the definition of each colored flag *Smokey* displays.

A red flag means the day holds an extremely high fire possibility and is not a good day to burn. The orange flag means it is a very high risk day for burning. Blue is moderately high risk day. Yellow is a high risk day and green is a low risk day.

Chief Daunhauer said the marquee will be installed within the next couple of months, but the flags will go into use immediately.

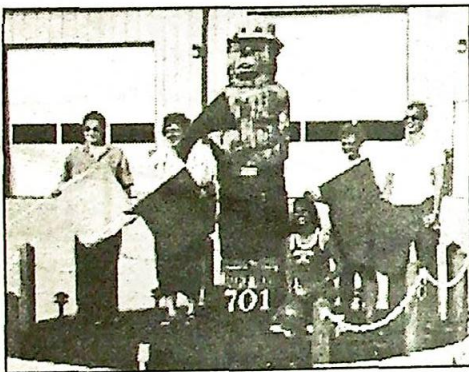
The flag colors are the same used by the Department of Natural Resources for fire potential codes.

Smokey is the creation of artist Kim Marshall - self-described "chain saw chick", and is situated in a beautiful, lighted display area at the edge of the road in front of the fire station's bay area. Marshall estimates 10 hours of chain saw sculpting went into *Smokey's* details.

Assistant Fire Chief Murray Stout came up with the idea to add a shovel to *Smokey's* hand.

The public is invited to drive by and take a look at the department's "newest member", and asked to make good use of the valuable information *Smokey* will be passing on to the community.

(Article submitted by Carter Fire District, Dale, Indiana)



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Firefighters Last Hurrah For Fire Service

Local reservist gives 20 years to service

By Gus Pearcy
Senior Staff Writer
Flyer

For 20 years, Lt. Jim Tharp has been a Plainfield reserve firefighter. Never full time, but always there to help. This week he will work his last shift, ever.

The Plainfield Fire Department will deactivate its Reserve Firefighter Division Dec. 10. Chief Byron Anderson says the department will replace the seven reservists with full-time firefighters hired by February.

"We're trying to increase our 'on demand' power due to the increase in demand over the last several years," Anderson said. "We're going to replace them with full-time (firefighters)."

Staffing appears to be the main issue. Fourteen full-time firefighters and one reserve firefighter are to be on duty each 24-hour shift.

Reserve firefighters can work either a 24-hour or 12-hour shift. But the reserve program has had difficulty filling each 12-hour shift. Anderson said he wants more stability.

"For the amount of money that we are putting into the reserve program, we are only getting 60 to 70 percent staffing," he said. "For that same amount of money, I can put three full-time people on and get 90 percent or more staffing for that money."

Tharp agrees that the town is growing and more firefighters are needed, but he sees no reason to discard the service of the reservists.

"I do see the need for additional

full-time people," he said. "I think we could've benefited the town as reserves but the department deems different."

Part-time firefighters usually hold another job. In some instances they hold civilian jobs. Tharp works as a custodian at Van Buren Elementary School in Plainfield.

The reserve firefighter division evolved out of a volunteer program three years ago. At that time, Tharp was in charge of scheduling 17 reserve firefighters.

He says he was told that he couldn't replace anybody that left

Today, there are only seven reserve firefighters so he says he's not surprised by the unfilled shifts.

The reserve firefighters were paid between \$8-\$9 an hour.

Tharp claims he never made more than \$5,000 a year. Anderson said the program was budgeted for 10 reserve firefighters this year.

Full-time firefighters Emergency Medical Technicians will start at \$30,000 a year, Anderson said.

But the change in status won't be the end of Tharp's interest in firefighting.

He has been a firefighting apparatus aficionado for many years, collects antique firetrucks and has actually carved many truck replicas out of wood.

His last day will be this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"By no means has anyone ducked out of their commitment prior to this notice," Tharp said. "We're going to be there 'til the last day and the last hour."

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25 Year Pins Presented To Firefighters



On May 14, IVFA District 17B chairman, Jim Zeeks, presented 25 years and more service pins and a special recognition letter from District 60 representative Peggy Welch to 11 (Monroe County) Van Buren Township firefighters.

From left to right: 17B Chairman Jim Zeeks, Clarence Eller, Charlie Belden - Assistant Chief, Gary Bruce - Fire Chief, Mike Litz, Max Ferree, Larry Payne, David Stewart, Richard Taylor, Paul Spicer. Not pictured are Farrell Duckworth and Ray Spires.

(Photo submitted by Tim Deckard)

Members Earn 25 Year Service Pins



Mike Mackin, Public Relations North East, recently awarded 25-year service pins to 16 members of the Washington Township Fire Department (Allen County).

The 16 firefighters and senior members have acquired a total of 563 years of experience.

Pictured from (left to right) are: Lester Rice, Glen Conkling, Craig Balliet, James Schenkel, Gail Balliet, Mike Dill, Bill Daniels, Bob Arnold, Paul Gardt, Bob Minnich, Phil Baughman, Bill Hand, Terry Masters, Rex Bowlin, and Al Chamness.

Three of the members - Glen Conkling, Lester Rice and Paul Gardt have received their 50 year gold "LIFE MEMBER" cards.

(Photo submitted by Mike Mackin, PRNE)

New Truck Dedicated



Above is the new fire truck of Chesterfield-Union Twp. which was dedicated on July 4, 2002.
(Photo submitted by District 8A chairman, Bill Pape)

Receives Station Clock



Fire Destroys Skatepark

Early Morning Blaze Was Fueled By Wooden Ramps

By Ron Browning
Staff Reporter

June 20, 2002 - Investigators shifted through charred rubble Wednesday searching for clues to what might have sparked an early morning fire that destroyed a popular indoor skate park on Anderson's north side.

A nearby resident spotted the blaze at Just Ride Skatepark, 3209 N. Indiana 9, just after 3 a.m. Wednesday and called 911. It was too late for firefighters to save the 9,800-square-foot building.

"It had a big head start," Frankton Fire Chief Chi Baldwin said of the fire. "When we first got here, the roof had already collapsed."

Firefighters from Anderson, Richland Township, Chesterfield and Orestes provided assistance,

but had to battle the blaze from outside the structure.

Large wooden ramps inside, which had provided challenges for skaters and bicyclists, served as fuel to the fire, creating a challenge for firefighters.

By noon Wednesday, the structure had been reduced to a pile of rubble. Just two scorched walls remained standing.

"You can't tell there was ramp one inside," Baldwin said, surveying the damage which he estimated at between \$750,000 and \$800,000.

The extent of the damage made it difficult to determine how the fire started or where, he said.

Investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office and a dog trained in arson detection were to scour the scene Wednesday afternoon.

"Once we start, it's going to take a lot of digging," Baldwin said.

It likely will be a day or two before investigators have determined a cause, Pam Bright, spokeswoman for the fire marshal, said Wednesday afternoon.

No one was injured in the blaze.

Carolyn Knopp said she and her husband, Howard - who own the skate park with their son Brian and

his wife, Diana - were notified about the fire about 4:45 a.m. Wednesday by the Madison County Police Department.

The couple rushed to the scene to find their business going up in smoke.

"It was pretty much to the ground," she said. "It was pretty devastating."

The family opened the business in October 1996. The facility - which also includes a pro shop and two outdoor skate parks - draws between 100 and 200 people a week, Knopp said.

"I'm just thankful there were no kids in the building at the time," she said.

Knopp said she also was happy that none of the surrounding businesses or homes was damaged.

The family had insurance on the facility, but it will be along time before area skaters and bikers will be able to return, she said.

"It's too early to tell, but we're probably going to rebuild," Knopp said.

Staff reporter Ron Browning can be reached at ron.browning@heraldbulletin.com (Article submitted by District 8A chairman, Bill Pape)

Ninevah Township Volunteer Fire Department was honored by the IVFA for their hard work on the Fire Station Addition Project.

Pictured at left receiving the Station Clock for the Ninevah Fire Department is Lonnie Roach and which is being presented by IVFA District 10 Chairman David Israel at their June fire meeting

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

November Deadline is October 10, 2002

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Roger Records Honored



Amity Comm. Vol. Fire Dept. honored Roger Records for his 25 years of service with a 25 year fire axe plaque. Roger also received his IVFA 25 year pin award at the Johnson County firefighters meeting held at the Amity Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) are Amity Fire Chief David Porter, Roger Records, Chris, IVFA District Chairman David Israel.
(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel)

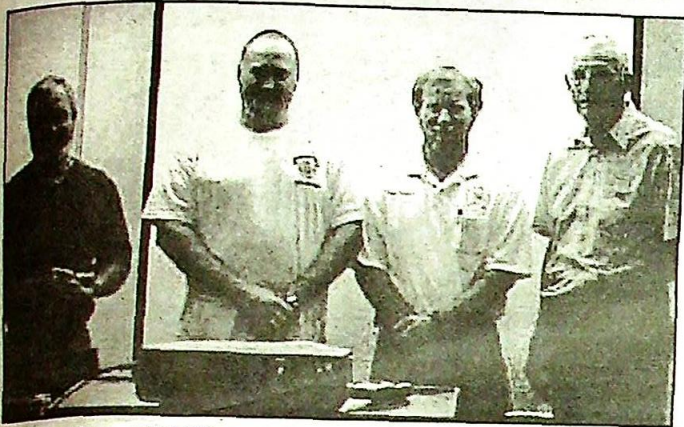
Denver Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins



Steve Hagan, Kent Ireland and Richard Robins of Denver Fire Department received their 25 year pins recently.

(Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

25 Year Pins Awarded

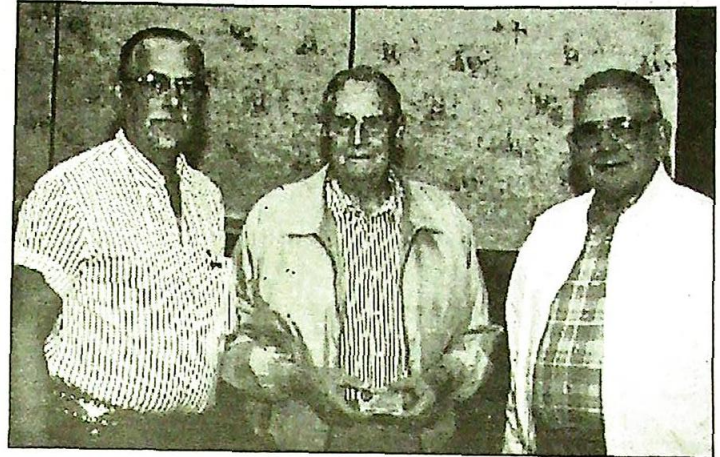


Ninevah Twp. VFD 25 year pins were awarded to Stanley Thompson, Kerry Richards, David Israel - District 10 Chairman, and Unie Brooks.
(Photo submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel)

Honored With 50 Year Gold Cards

Kenneth Huber and Norman McGowen of Breman Fire recently received their 50 Year Gold Card from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger.

(Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)



Mary Wesley Is 2002 Angel Award Winner



Pictured above is Mary Wesley, the 2002 Miss Angel Award winner.
(Photo submitted by David A. Bretz)

Kissinger Receives 25 Year Pin



District 5 chairman Don Kissinger received his 25 year pin from District Secretary Cam Kissinger.

(Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Fondue Sets Recalled

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Trudeau Corp., of Woodbridge, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 20,000 fondue sets. The plastic ring with handles that is attached to the upper rim of the fondue pot can crack during normal heating or cooling, posing burn and fire hazards to consumers.

Trudeau has received 30 reports of plastic rings breaking, including one report of a consumer who was burned on the hand and reported of fire damage to a rug.

The recalled fondue pots are blue or white metal and have a black plastic ring that is attached to the upper rim of the fondue pot. The

plastic ring includes two handles that allow for safe usage of the fondue pot. The fondue pot sits on a black, four-legged stand, which houses the burner. The fondue sets were sold under the brand names "Distinction by Trudeau" and "Trudeau Fondue Set."

Retail stores nationwide, including Target, sold the fondue sets from October 2001 through January 2002 for between \$20 and \$40.

Consumers should stop using the fondue set immediately and contact Trudeau at (800) 465-8909 anytime to receive a replacement fondue pot.

Consumers also can visit the firm's website at www.trudeaucorp.com.

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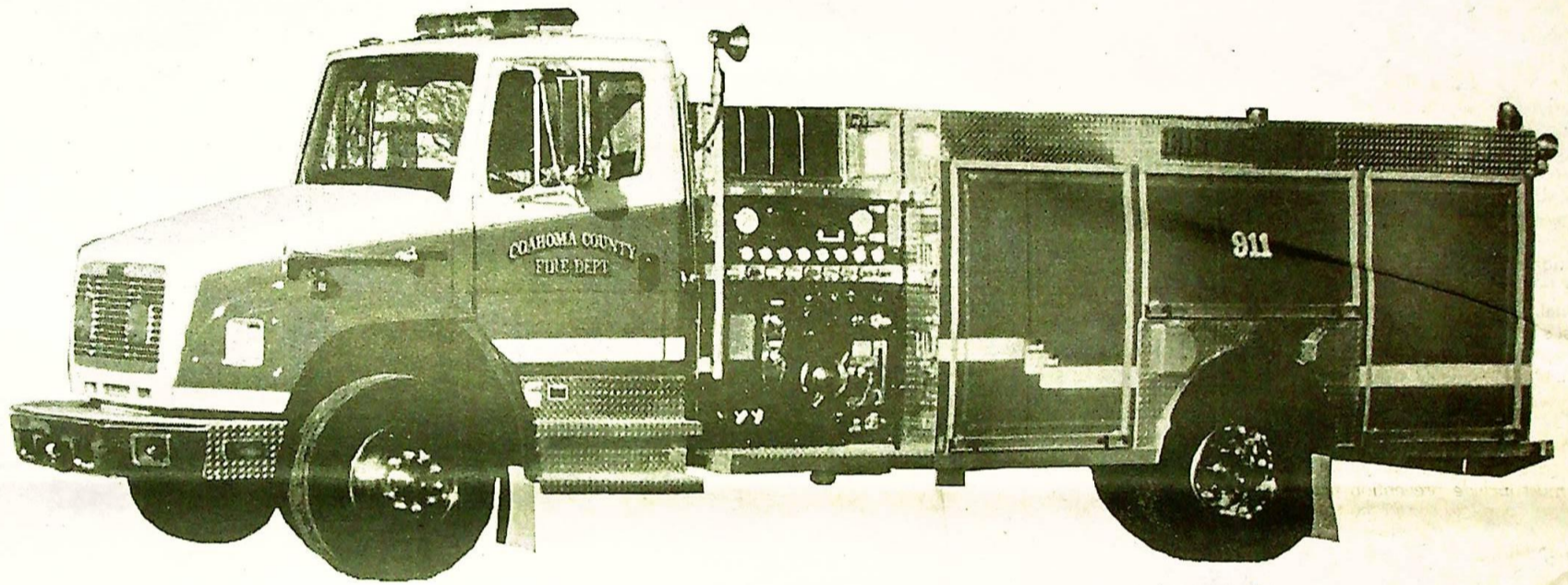
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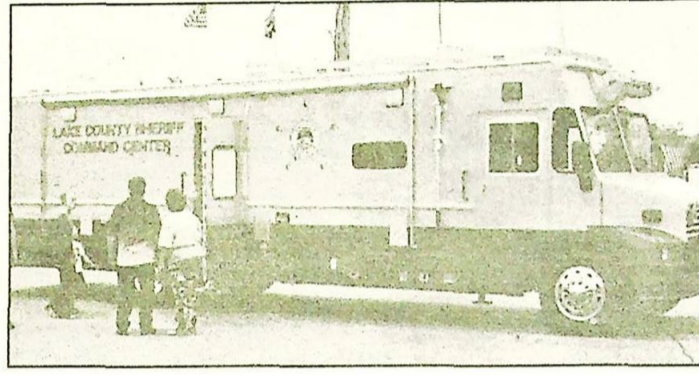
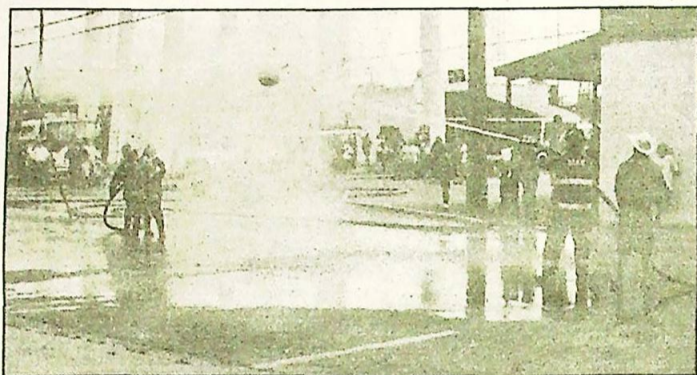
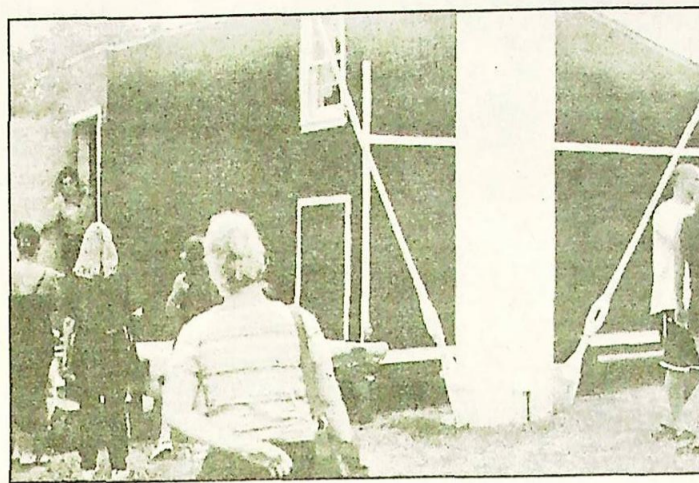
Soot Sifters

The first week of May is Arson Awareness Week. You can still promote arson awareness even if you did forget. It's never too late to promote arson prevention. This year's theme is "Arson is NOT a Victimless Crime." You can visit the International Association of Arson Investigator's Website to obtain more information and campaign material.

Let's reflect a moment on the concept of Arson Awareness Week. Many investigators think that to prevent arson you have to conduct a thorough investigation and incarcerate the "bad guys". This is only part of arson management. You must include prevention programs to complete the process of tackling the arson problem.

The National Fire Academy's Arson Management program teaches that the components of an effective arson awareness campaign are either a program and a campaign or both. A program is a presentation that utilizes a variety of communication mediums to address a limited audience on a single fire prevention or survival topic. A campaign is a collection of several programs using print, video, and/or audio mediums to address multiple audiences on a single fire prevention or survival topic. Arson Awareness Week uses a variety of media to get the message of the arson problem to the public. So, it would be considered a campaign. The Indiana Arson Hotline targets a single subject or topic. It is considered a program. (Which, in case you didn't know, the reward was raised to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of an arsonist.)

Lake Station VFD Holds Open House



The city of Lake Station is having its sesquicentennial (150th birthday) this year. The Lake Station VFD held an open house in conjunction with the celebration. On display were all of the department's apparatus as well as its haz mat trailer. Several hundred citizens attended the open house and every child went through the Edith House and several had their finger prints recorded. Demonstrations were given on auto extrication and vehicle fire extinguishment. Everyone enjoyed the waterball competition. Also on hand was the Lake County Sheriff's Department Command Center. This Command Center is equipped with communication equipment that allows them to communicate with any department in the state. (Photos submitted by Jim Bradford, Public Relations North West)

Morris Firefighter Honored With Awards

Ray Weisenbach received a 50 year gold card at the I.V.F.A. convention in Evansville.

Also on June 22, 2002 at the annual Morris Fire Department chicken dinner, he received a plaque from the Morris firemen.

Ray is retiring from the Morris Volunteer Fire Department after 50 years of service.

Ray and his wife, Rosie, are very active in the community along with all eight of their children.

Ray is a master firefighter in tactics and was fire chief from 1969-1971.

Ray will be missed at fire runs, but he still will be helping a lot in the community.



Ray Weisenbach with plaque from firemen upon his retiring from the fire department.

(Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)



Ray Weisenbach with 50 year gold card and I.V.F.A. vice president "Buz" Koehler and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

(Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy

August 24 and 25 combined classes with Mississippi Firefighters.

This year we are trying a new format. We are joining with the state of Mississippi for our weekend at the National Fire Academy. At this same time we are offering the students from both states the opportunity to mix in the classroom on courses.

For this year the classes offered are:

1. Managing company tactical operations: Tactics
2. Leadership II: Strategies for personal success
3. Leadership III: Strategies for supervisory classes
4. Incident Safety officer
5. Arson detection for Fires Responder (2 classes offered)
6. Courtroom preparation and testimony First Responders

As in the past, all classes will be on a first in placement in

classes. This also applies to Mississippi students.

The rates for students is the same as in the past \$90 if you drive and \$120 if you ride the bus. Presently we are ONLY scheduling one bus for the trip.

Make checks payable to Public Safety Training Institute. We will work with you on the claim voucher if required.

We cannot accept credit cards for payment.

All applications shall be completed on the NFA 75-5 long form only. Call if you need a copy.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-666-7784 or e-mail at ineivil@sema.state.in.us and we will reply as soon as possible.

We are going this year. We are not cancelling for lack of participation by students. We will fill the most requested classes. Mark your choice of classes 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

Changes In Blue Light Law Under HB 1208

1. Lights may be used while en route to scenes of emergencies or to the fire station.
2. A light is only required to have a source of at least 35 watts, instead of 50 watts.
3. Lights may not be placed on the (i) top of the vehicle, (ii) the dashboard inside, shielded to prevent distracting the driver OR (iii) front of the vehicle upon the bumper or at bumper level.
4. No more than 4 light assemblies may be displayed on 1 vehicle and each assembly must be of the flashing or revolving type.
5. A blue light assembly may contain multiple bulbs.
6. Alternately flashing head

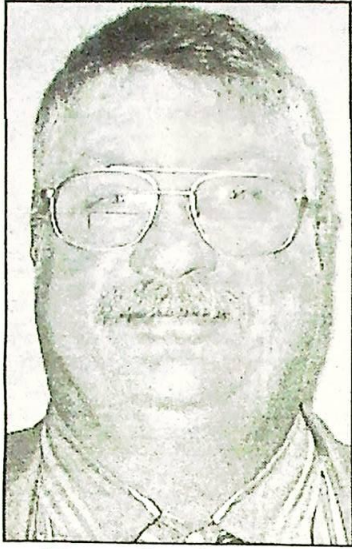
lamps may be used as a supplemental warning device. Strobe lights or flashers may be installed into the light fixtures on the vehicle other than the alternating head lamps. The strobe lights or flashers may be either white or blue, with the exception of red to the rear.

7. If a member of a volunteer fire department violates the blue light law, the chief of the department shall discipline the firefighter under fire department rules and regulations.

Signed by the Governor on March 27, 2002 and effective that date.

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Don Cushman

Congratulations all winners of awards.

Good to see all the people at convention.

Let's all help the new officers elected at convention and help all we can make the association get better.

Let's start thinking about District 14 with 2004 convention at French Lick.

Please send me information about anything going on in your department so we can pass the word around the state to all officers.

Let's keep it safe out there.

Don

The Marshal's Extra Alarm

E-Mail Information Network

Indiana Fire Fighters this program is for you. Each month we mail out an information package to every fire department in the state. Some of the information is timely and needs to be out to the fire service before the next monthly mailer. This is information on training classes, safety concerns, new laws, firefighter deaths, and much more.

If you send us your E-mail address we will place your address on our master E-mail list. We can then E-mail you direct with up-to-date information.

Please e-mail your Name, Your Fire Department Name and your E-mail address to the State Fire Marshal's Office at: thinkle@sema.state.in.us

Remember if you don't help us we can't help you!

Marshal Boatwright



November Deadline Is October 10

Morris Firefighter "Web" Zimmer Honored

Wilbur "Web" Zimmer was a member of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department for over 18 years.

On June 22, 2002 at the annual Morris Fire Department chicken dinner, Web received the Fire Marshal's Medal for Notorious Service from Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright.

Web is a second class firefighter. Web and his wife, Edith, are always willing to help whenever needed.

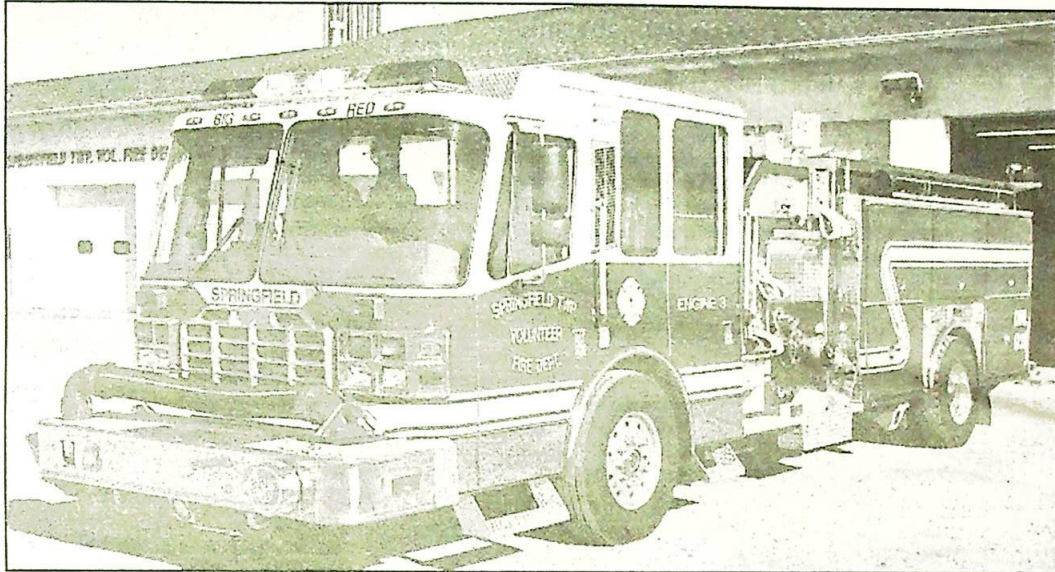
He attends most training sessions and meetings.

Pictured at right is Wilbur Zimmer receiving Fire Marshal's Award for Notorious Service from Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright and Morris Fire Chief Bob Hartman.

(Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)



Springfield Township Receives New Engine



The Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, in LaPorte County, recently took delivery of

this Ferrara "Inferno Igniter - Limited Edition Series" engine. It replaces a 1969 American

LaFrance which was the workhorse of the department for over 32 years.

Features on the apparatus include a six place custom Ferrara, Inferno Igniter, chassis; 1500 GPM waterous pump with top mounted controls; 1000 gallon water and 30 gallon Class A foam tanks; Foam Pro - foam system, Task Force Tips Deck gun and nozzles; 8000 watt hydraulic generator with 200; cord reels on each side, 15 SCBA units with storage for 18 spare air bottles; and many other features too numerous to mention.

The engine was purchased and equipped through a cooperative effort of the citizens of Springfield Township, the Springfield Township Trustee and Advisory Board and the members of the Springfield Township Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Tim Sandy)

Richland/Taylor VFD Celebrates 25 Years

They started with very little. There was some gentlemen that wanted to provide fire service to their community. With hard work, new members and trustees, they worked to have more training and newer equipment to go into the future.

The firefighters would like express their appreciation with the support from loved ones, friends, and the community. "Thank you"!

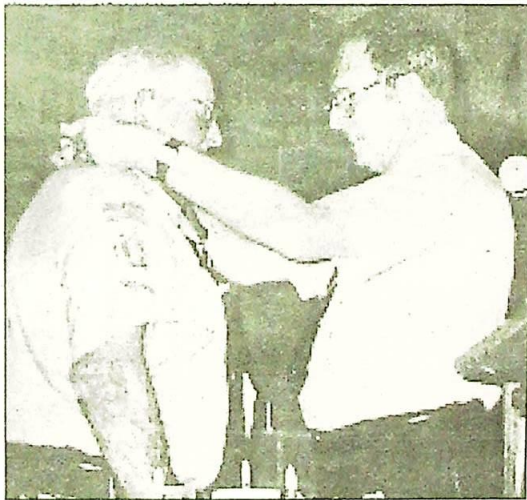
The celebration was held at the Good Times Restaurant at Bloomfield, IN. The program started with welcoming the firefighters, families, and guests by George Ockerman, Chief of Richland/Taylor Fire Dept.

George also gave the prayer before the buffet dinner. From the State Fire Marshal's office, Mike Bigler gave Johnnie Johnson the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his dedication to the fire service.

IVFA officers and wives were introduced: Jack and Sherry McFarland, Diane and Harold Harrison, Jack and Bev Harker, Ron and Malinda Bell, Jim and Stella Abrams, Jack and Barb Kerney, Jack and Carolyn Zeeks.

IVFA Jack Kerney, guest speaker, Leon Allen, Greene County Sheriff, guest speaker.

IVFA awards 25 year fire service pins were passed out. Richland/Taylor awards: 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, and life members: Pete Magni, Dewayne Allen, Charles Stahl, Sam Emery, Johnnie



Life members Richland/Taylor Fire Department Dewayne Allen, Charles Stahl, Sam Emery, Pete Magni, Johnnie Johnson, Jeff Helms.

Johnnie Johnson receiving Governor's Meritorious Award from State Fire Marshal's Officer Mike Bigler.



Neal Robertson, Randy Baker, Jim Peco and Ross Emery.



Richland/Taylor firefighters.

Johnson, and Jeff Helms. Others receiving awards Neal Robertson, Randy Baker, Jim Peco and Ross Emery. Service awards also to: Larry Blackmore, Jerry Boyer, Max Townsend, George Ockerman, Debbie Ockerman, John Hardesty, David Grounds, Pat Fitzgerald, Brian Chestnut, Tim Barker, Lee

Baker, Janie Barker, Brian Gainey, Kenny Minhall, Scott Sargent, Jim Resler, Bill Babcock, Mike Cahill, Jerry Helms, Fred Neidigh, Carl Allen, and Gary Blackmore. Memorial: Firefighters Herschel Dowden, Warren Hasler, Harvey T. Henry, Lee Roy Jensen, Noel "Doc" Workman. Trustees Wayne

Moore - Richland, Joe Stone - Taylor.

John Smith played the bagpipes. The evening was very much enjoyed with memories and albums of the beginning of the fire department and through the years to now. (Submitted by PRSW Ron Bell)

Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District Firefighter Milan Pece Retires

33 Years of Fire Service



Jeff Calabrese, fellow firefighter with Milan, presented him with an award from the Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District. Now Milan has his very own horn.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Director Southwest)

Milan Pece received from the office of the State Fire Marshal, the state of Indiana Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his 33 years of dedicated, unselfish service to the Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District, the citizens of Monroe County and the great State of Indiana. Milan was presented this award from Mike Bigler, Deputy State Fire Marshal.

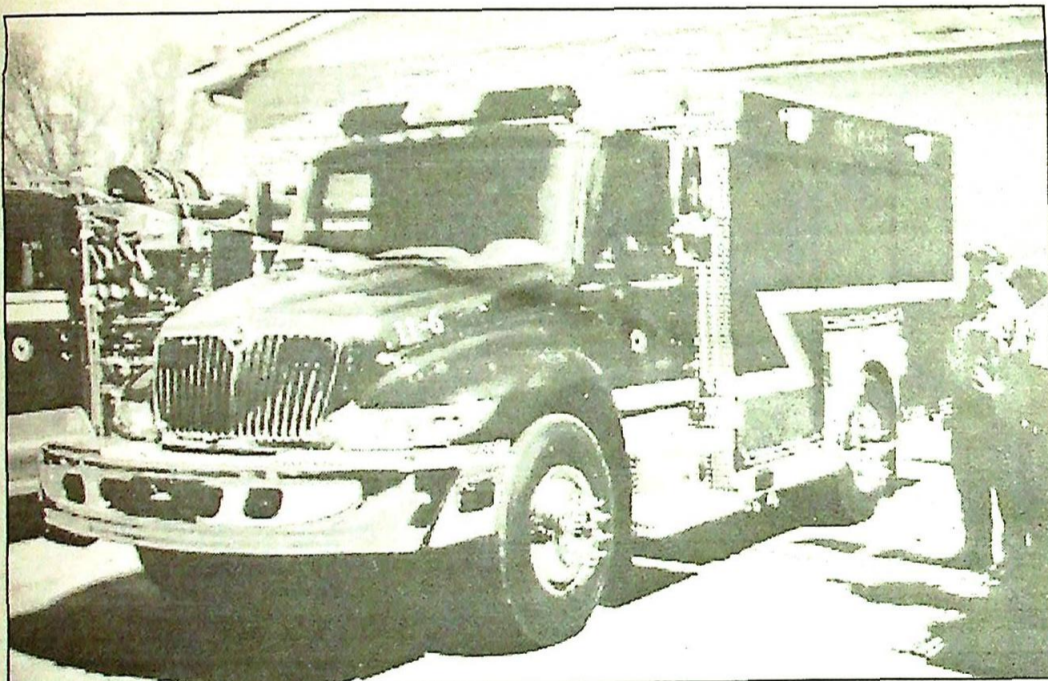
(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Director Southwest)

Pictured at right - Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District fellow firefighters pose for one last picture with retired firefighter Milan Pece.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Director Southwest)



New Fire Truck For Perry Clear Creek



Pictured at left is Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District's new 2002 International fire truck.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Director Southwest)

Fire and Arson Conference To Be Held

The 2002 Indiana Fire and Arson Conference will be held August 19 thru 21 at Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites, Keystone at the Crossing-Indianapolis, 8787 Keystone Crossing.

Mon., Aug. 19 - 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.: Registration, conference staff

Mon., Aug. 19 - 8:30 a.m.: Street Chemistry for the Fire Investigator, Rick Dufek, Battalion Chief, Fire Department, Hamilton County Haz-Mat Team, Carmel, IN

Mon., Aug. 19 - Afternoon session: Clandestine Drug Labs, Eric Lawrence, Director of Forensic Analysis, Indiana State Police

Mon., Aug. 19, 5:00 p.m.: Indiana Chapter of IAAI, Annual Meeting, Membership

Tues., Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Explosions and their Investigation, John DeHaan, Author, Kirk's Fire Investigation

Wed., Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Post-Blast Investigation, Steven Zellers, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Toledo, Ohio

Wed., Aug. 21, 2:30 p.m.: Legal Panel, Judge, Prosecutor, & Civil Attorneys from Central Indiana

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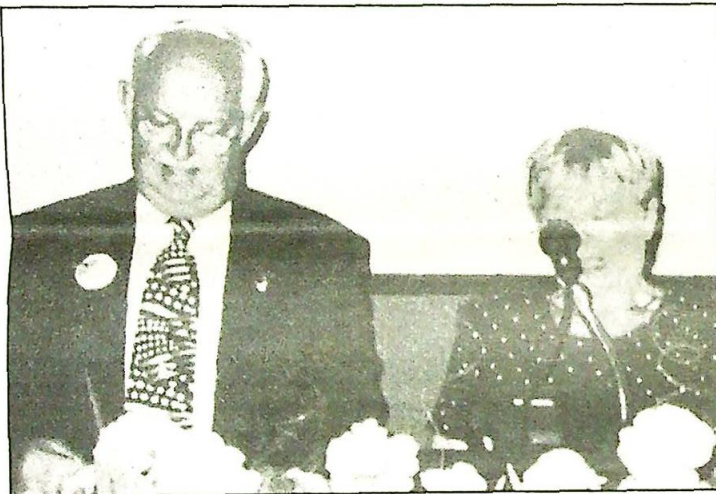
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Vincennes Firefighter Honored With Award



Jack Harker was awarded the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his unselfish dedication to the Vincennes Fire Department. Mike Bigler from the office of the State Fire Marshal presented the award to Jack at the IVFA convention 2002 at Evansville. (Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

Bev Harker Honored With Awards



Bev receives the President's Award from IVFA president, Jack Kerney, and Bev also received the Midwest Award from District 17A. We are all very proud of Bev. Bev is the wife of IVFA treasurer, Jack Harker. (Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

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Make checks payable to Poe V.F.D.

For more information call: 639-3992 or 639-6778

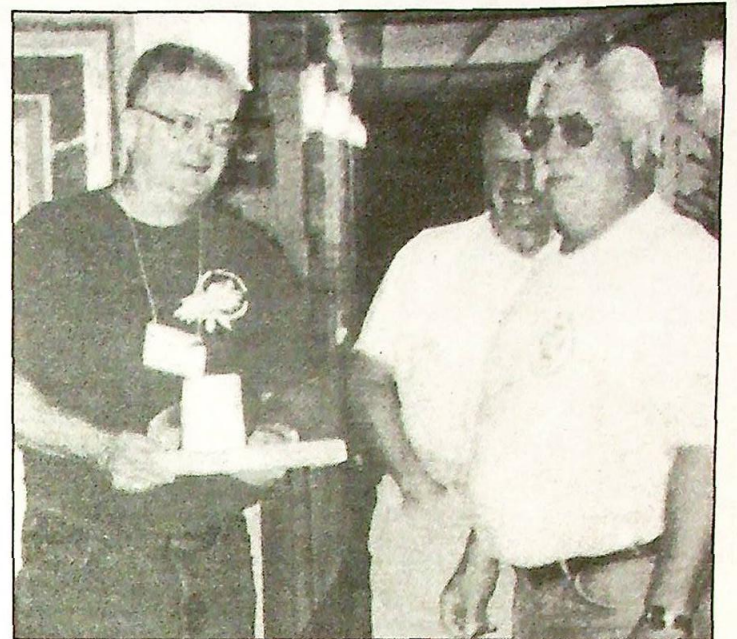
"Bite the Bullet" Awarded

Larry Petro, District 8B chairman, was awarded the "Bite the Bullet" Award at the 2002 IVFA convention.

If you want any information on this award, contact any of the Miss Flames that sat at his table at the convention banquet.

In the picture with Larry is IVFA vice president, Buz Koehler.

(Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)



Air Evac Flown In For Dedication

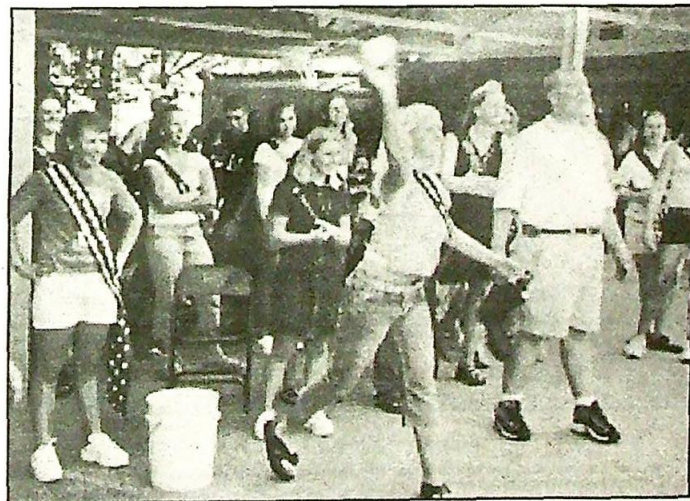


Air Evac flight nurse Kelly Lee-Heaton poses with Aaron Parker, son of IVFA District 18 chairman Chuck and wife, Gina Parker and Brandie Judd, daughter of Orange County Fire Rural District 1 firefighter Bobbie Parke.

The Air Evac helicopter was flown in for the open house and dedication of the new fire station and IVFA members, French Lick, IN.

(Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

Ready To Dunk Someone



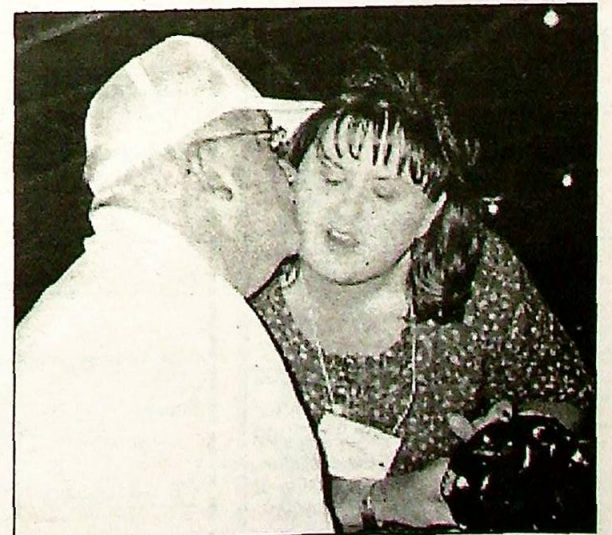
BURDETTE PARK - District 17A 2002 Miss Flame candidate Deanne Chestnut gets ready to throw the ball at the dunking booth.

(Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)

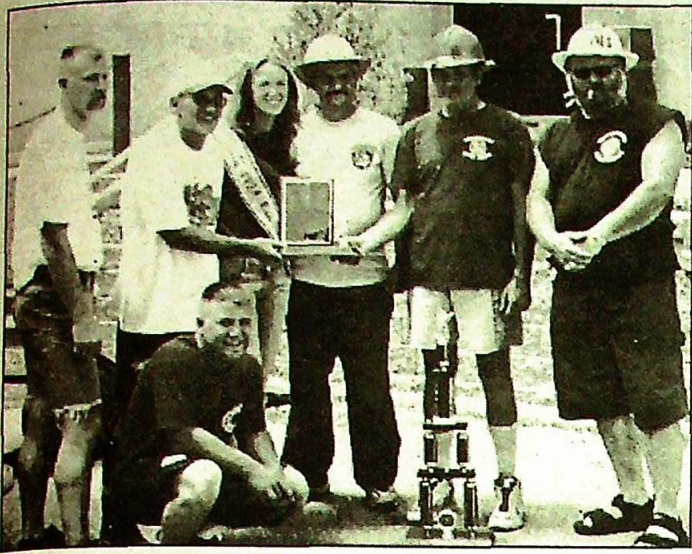
Stealing A Kiss!

BURDETTE PARK - IVFA past president Jack Cox was caught giving his step-daughter, Wendy, a kiss at the barbeque and dance, Wednesday at the park.

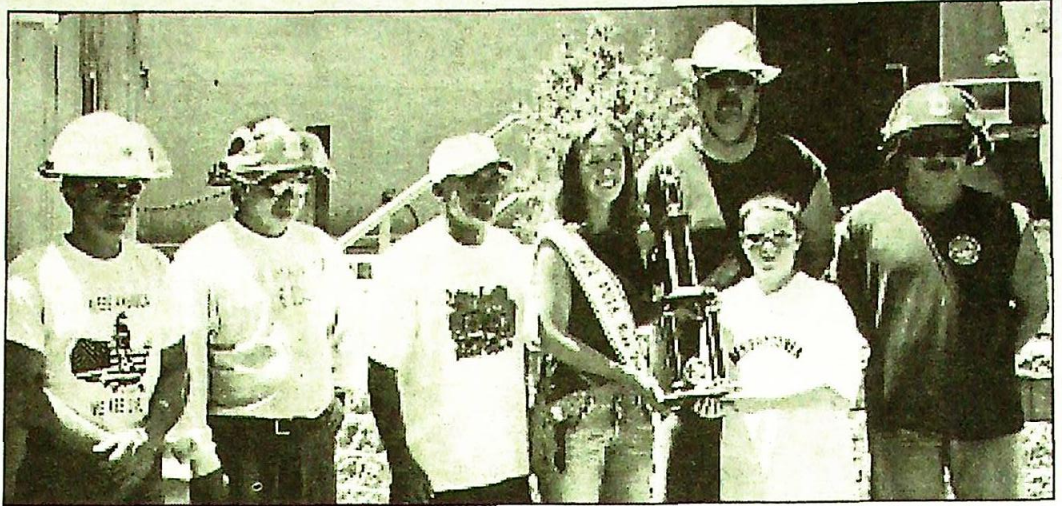
(Photo submitted by District 17A chairwoman, Malinda Bell)



Winners Announced In Waterball, Hose Replacement and Cart Contests



New Chicago - Waterball - 1st place



Fairview Park - Waterball - 2nd place



District 11B - Waterball - 1st place - Auxiliary



Liberty - Waterball - 3rd place



Poe - Waterball - 2nd place - Auxiliary



Fairview Park - Cart Race - 1st Place - 62 sec.



Fairview Park - Hose Replacement - 1st place - 42 sec.

New Chicago - Cart Race - 2nd place - 72 sec.



Skelton - Hose Replacement - 2nd place - 48 sec.



New Chicago - Hose Replacement - 3rd place - 61 sec.

Miss Flame 2002 Toni Lenkendofer and Mike Mackin, P.R.N.E., passed the trophies out to all winners.

(Photos submitted by Mike Mackin, PRNE)

Bell Poses With Miss Flame Candidates



IVFA PR SW Ron Bell poses with District 18 2002 Miss Flame candidate Bridget Gelhausen, Ireland VFD, District 15 2002 candidate Nicole Payne, German Twp. and District 17A 2002 candidate Deanne Chestnut, Richland/Taylor VFD.

(Photo submitted by District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell)

Jim Farr Earns 25 Year Pin



Chairman Jack McFarland presented Fairbanks firefighter Jim Farr with his 25 year pin.

(Photo submitted by District 11A chairman Jack McFarland)



Truck Dedication

Linton Twp. Pimento dedicated a new rescue squad.

(Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland)

Presented With Bible and Car

(At right) Ross Emery, president of the Greene County Firefighters Association, presented John Brumfield with a Chaplain's Bible for a going away gift.

(Below) Jim Abrams, District 17-A chairman, presented John Brumfield with a Chaplain's Car that he requested when he joined the fire service.

(Photos submitted by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland)



Presented Check for Hoosier Burn Camp



West Central PR Diane Harrison presents Mark Koopman with a check to the Hoosier Burn Camp from the Greene County Firefighters Association.

(Photo submitted by District 11A chairman, Jack McFarland)

Presented With Check



Jack Kerney and Diane Harrison presents George Ockerman and Ross Emery of the Greene County Firefighter's Association with a check for \$9,500 for Fire Prevention Education.

The grant was from the National Volunteer Fire Council.

(Photo submitted by District 11A chairman, Jack McFarland)

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Phone: _____

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Antique Fire Apparatus Muster

Saturday, August 17, 2002 at Gas City Park in Gas City, Indiana.

Parade lineup is at 10:30 a.m. behind City Hall. (City Hall is located on Main Street. Main Street is also St. Rd. (22 & 35).

Muster begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

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If attending, reply by August 15 to: Mark Storey, 765-674-8936 (home) or e-mail: mstorey303@aol.com. Web Site: www.pppsi.org

Announces Donation To Hoosier Burn Camp



West Central Public Relations Diane Harison announces a donation to the Hoosier Burn Camp in Mary Wesley's name for winning the Angel Award.

(Photo submitted by District 11A chairman, Jack McFarland)

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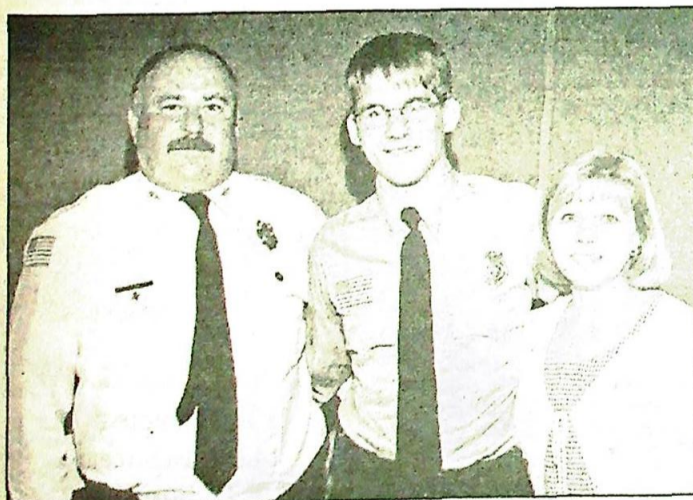
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2002 Miss Flame Queen and Runner-Up



Pictured above is the new 2002 Miss Flame queen Toni Lenkendofer, daughter of Mark and Beverly Lenkendofer, Union City Fire Department and her runner-up Nicole Payne, daughter of Tim and Susan Wargel, German Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.
(Photo submitted by David A. Bretz)

Bridgeport Scholarship Winner



Pictured above is 2002 Bridgeport Scholarship winner Kyle Lueken (center) with his parents, Greg and Mary Lueken. The Luekens are from the Newburgh Fire Department.
(Photo submitted by David A. Bretz)

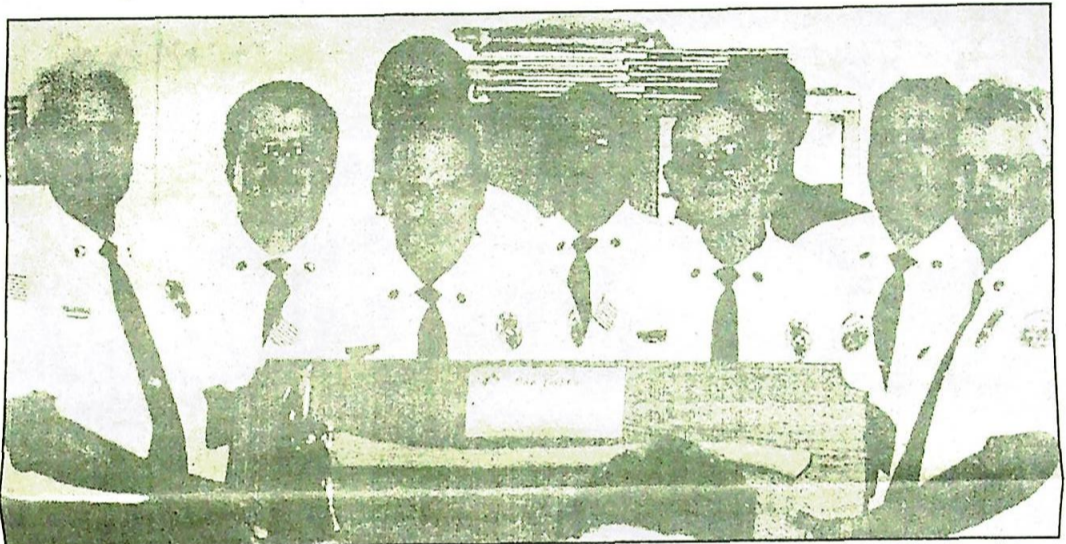
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Don Tribby Presented Gold Card

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presented Jasonville Fire Chief Don Tribby with his Gold Card. On hand to help Don celebrate was Jack Kerney, Ross Emery, Jim Abrams and Diane Harrison.
(Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland)

Chief Tribby Presented Axe Plaque



Jasonville firefighters Pude Keller, Russell Keller, Mike Duckworth, Darren Sluder, John Boucher, Brian Pilant, Dave Neal, and Dave Burger present Chief Tribby with a mounted axe plaque for 50 years of service as chief.
(Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland)

Thunderbird Awards Presented

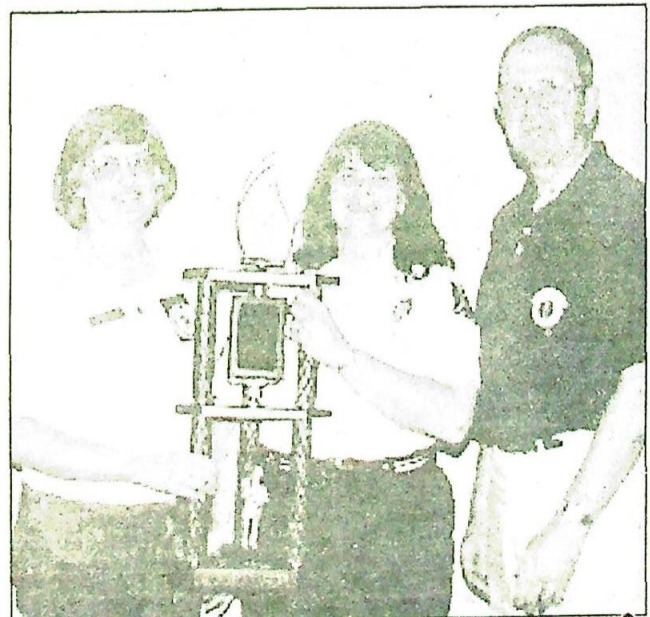


Thunderbird Training Awards were presented to (back row, left to right) Dennis Henderson, Troy Hampton, Debbie Vines, Mark Hughbanks, Carl Hughbanks, (front row, left to right) Paul Alexander, Adele Alexander, John Quillian and Chris Fry.
(Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland)

Wesley Receives Congratulations

West Central PR Diane Harrison and Deputy State fire Marshal, Mike Bigler, congratulates Mary Wesley for winning the Angel Award at Convention.

(Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland)



Jack Wilson Wins Midwest Award



District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland congratulates Jack Wilson, Chief of the Wright Twp. Fire Department for winning the Midwest Award. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

Project Hoosier SAFE-T

What is Project Hoosier SAFE-T?

The goal of Project Hoosier SAFE-T (Safety Acting for Everyone Together) is to implement a statewide wireless voice and data network using a multi-agency governance structure with voluntary participation by local, state, and federal agencies.

Project Hoosier SAFE-T will offer all of Indiana's public safety personnel an increased level of safety in performing their duties by significantly improving their ability to communicate.

Project Hoosier SAFE-T Receives Funding

Project Hoosier SAFE-T has been funded! In HEA 1001, the General Assembly allocated \$1.25 from various service fees collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of funding both the ISP communications system and addressing the Indiana State Police laboratory backing.

Estimates indicate this funding mechanism will provide approximately \$14 million in the first year. This funding will continue through the year 2019.

This revenue, along with various other sources of federal funding, provides the financial backbone for Project Hoosier SAFE-T.

How Will the System Be Implemented?

Just as was done in the other project areas, the Integrated Public Safety Commission will hold meetings with public safety and government officials to discuss what the system will look like in their areas and to solicit input from them on local needs.

The full rollout of the system will begin in the northern portion of the state and move southward.

IPSC is implementing the system in multiple phases over the next few years.

Additional phases will follow until complete statewide coverage is achieved.

Prior to the beginning of implementation, an MOU will be signed by participating agencies that outline the responsibilities of IPSC and other participants.

Local Participation Is Voluntary

Joining the system is completely voluntary.

Local agencies joining the system will have enhanced interoperability and improved communications during routine and emergency responses, at costs lower than they could obtain on their own.

All local, state and federal public safety agencies are eligible to participate in Project Hoosier SAFE-T.

Government transportation agencies and others that are involved in disaster or emergency response are also welcome to participate.

Benefits to Joining the System

A shared use of statewide voice and data radio network.

participation (via representatives) in the governance of the system

Access to state-of-the-art technology that would be difficult for local agencies to obtain on their own.

Ongoing maintenance and support of the radio network.

If you have any questions, please contact Les Miller, Project Director at (317) 232-8317 or Michael Thayer, Project Consultant at (317) 233-2988.



Please submit all articles and photos for the next IVFA issue before October 10, 2002



Firemen Earn 25 Year Pins

District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland, presented 25 year pins to Thunderbird firefighters Rick Thrasher, Mike Johnson, and Chief Jac Padgett.

(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

Recalls Announced By CPSC

CPSC, Longwell Electronics Announce Recall of Power Cord Sets Sold with HP Inkjet Printers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, (CPSC), Longwell Electronics, of Brea, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 2.5 million power cord sets sold with inkjet printers from Hewlett-Packard Company. The connector can break, exposing electrical contacts and posing a shock hazard to consumers.

No injuries or incidents have been reported. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The gray, two-wire power cord sets with a LS-7C connector were sold with the following HP printers: HP Deskjet 800 series and 900 series, HP Photosmart 1000 series, 1100 series, 1200 series, and 1300 series inkjet printers. The name "Longwell" is molded on the plug between the blades.

Department, computer, office and electronic stores including Best Buy, CompUSA, Costco, Office Depot, Office Max, Staples and Wal-Mart stores sold the printers with the Longwell cord sets nationwide between April 2001 and February 2002 for between \$100 and \$400.

Consumers should stop using these printers immediately and contact HP for a free replacement cord. For more information, consumers can contact HP at (877) 917-4378 anytime or visit the firm's web site at www.hp.com.

HP Printer Power Cord Recall Notice

Hewlett Packard Company has a recall on certain Power Cords for some of their DeskJet (inkjet) printers. This recall only affects those Deskjet printers manufactured by Hewlett Packard in the list below. Laserjet, Thermal Wax and other types/manufacturers are not affected.

HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR CORD IS PART OF THE RECALL:

Step #1: If you have one of the following printers the power cord may be defective?

Deskjet 800 series: (Deskjet 810C, Deskjet 812C, Deskjet 825C, Deskjet 825Cvr, Deskjet 825Cxi, Deskjet830C, Deskjet 832C, Deskjet 840C, Deskjet 841C, Deskjet 842C, Deskjet 843Cxe, Deskjet 845C, Deskjet845Cvr, Deskjet 845Cxi, Deskjet 880C, Deskjet 882C, Deskjet 895Cse, Deskjet 895Cxi).
Deskjet 900 Series: (Deskjet

930C, Deskjet 932C, Deskjet 934C, Deskjet 940C, Deskjet 940Cvr, Deskjet 940Cw, Deskjet 940Cxi, Deskjet 950C, Deskjet 952C, Deskjet 960C, Deskjet 960Cse, Deskjet 970Cse, Deskjet 990Cse, Deskjet 990Cxi).

Photosmart 1000 series: (Photosmart P1000, Photosmart 1000), Photosmart 1100 series: (Photosmart P1100, Photosmart P1100xi, Photosmart 1115, Photosmart 1115vm), Photosmart 1200 series: (Photosmart 1215, Photosmart 1215vm, Photosmart 1218, Photosmart 1218xi), Photosmart 1300 series: (Photosmart 1315).

If your printer is not listed, it is not affected by this recall and you may safely continue to use it.

Step #2: Is your power cord gray?

If your power cord is black, it is not affected by this recall. If your cord is gray, proceed to step 3.

Step #3: Identify & inspect the power cord.

Unplug the power cord from the wall outlet or power source (do not unplug the cord where it connects to the back of the printer).

Once the power cord has been unplugged from all power sources, check between the prongs of the plug and verify if the name "Longwell" is molded or printed on the cord.

If your power cord has "Longwell" on the plug, stop using it immediately and contact a member of the Ft. Wayne Information Technology staff so that we can remedy the situation.

If your power cord does not have "Longwell" on the plug, your printer is not affected and you may continue using it.

If you have one of the bad cords, you can call HP at 800-752-0900.

CPSC, Hunter Fan Co. Announces Recall of Humidifiers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Hunter Fan Co., of Memphis, Tenn., is voluntarily recalling about 100,000 humidifiers. The motors in these humidifiers can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Hunter Fan has received nine reports of the humidifiers' motors overheating, including one incident involving minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled humidifiers have the following model numbers and date codes, which can be found on a label located on the back of the motor/switch housing (see example of the label below):

Model: 32500 CareFree, Size: 5 Gallon, Date Code: 15200 through 36500; 00101 through 36501; or 00102 through 6002, Description: Light beige, made of plastic with a dark beige base, dark beige top vent and tinted water tank.

Model: 33300 CareFree Plus, Size: 3 Gallon, Date Code: 15200 through 36500; 00101 through 36501; or 00102 through 06002, Description: Light gray, made of plastic with dark gray top vent and dark gray base with a tinted water tank.

Model: 33330 CareFree Plus, Size: 3.3 Gallon, Date Code: 15200 through 36500; 00101 through 36501; or 00102 through 06002, Description: Light gray, made of plastic with dark gray top vent and dark gray base with a tinted water tank.

Model: 33350 CareFree Plus, Size: 3.5 Gallon, Date Code: 15200 through 36500; 00101 through 36501; or 00102 through 06002, Description: Light gray, made of plastic with dark gray top vent and dark gray base with a tinted water tank.

Discount, hardware and lighting stores; wholesale clubs; home centers; catalogs; and various online stores sold these humidifiers nationwide from August 2000 through February 2002 for between \$50 and \$120.

Consumers should stop using these humidifiers and unplug them immediately. Consumers should call Hunter Fan at (800) 207-5982 anytime to arrange for a free repair or replacement. For more information, consumer can log on to the company's website at www.hunterfan.com.

CPSC, Milwaukee Tool Corp. Announce Recall of Automotive Chargers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp., of Brookfield, WIS., is voluntarily recalling about 18,000 Power Plus automotive chargers that plug into automotive cigarette lighters. The automotive chargers are often used on job sites to charge power tool batteries. When used under low voltage conditions, the chargers can overheat. This poses a fire hazard.

CPSC and Milwaukee Electric Tool have received six reports of the chargers overheating. No injuries or property damage have been reported involving these chargers.

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Meth Lab Suspected In Trailer Fire



Odon Fire Department responded to the scene of a house trailer being on fire at 203 Race St. After arriving at the scene, the firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze, and then reportedly discovered items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. A special lab team from Evansville was called in and firefighters remained on the scene for several hours until the team arrived on the scene.

(Photo submitted by PR SW Ron Bell)



Jack and Jessica . . .

IVFA past-president, Jack Cox, posed for a picture with his granddaughter, Jessica Cox, who was the 2002 Miss Flame candidate for District 13B, Centerville Fire and Rescue.

Also pictured with Jack is his lovely wife, Nancy, taken at the IVFAA Convention 2002 at Evansville.

(Photo submitted by District 17A Malinda Bell)

Recalls ...

(cont'd. from p. 36)

The recall includes Power Plus automotive chargers and Impact wrench kits containing these chargers. A label on the front of the charger reads, "Milwaukee...POWER-PLUS 9.6 Volt - 18 Volt AUTOMOTIVE CHARGERS." A nameplate on the back of the charger lists the catalog number.

Impact wrench kits containing these chargers have serial numbers within the range listed below. The serial number is located on the side of the Impact wrench kit.

Catalog Numbers: Charger 48-59-0184 Serial Numbers: All Serial Range.

Catalog Numbers: Wrench Kit 9079-23 Serial Numbers: 241A401520001 through 231A402080126.

Home centers hardware stores and industrial distributors sold these chargers and wrench kits containing these chargers nationwide from March 2000 through April 2002. The chargers sold for about \$115. The Impact wrench kits containing these chargers sold for about \$325.

Consumers should stop using the chargers immediately and return them to their nearest Milwaukee factory service center or authorized power tool service center. Consumers can choose from three options, an exchange for a 12, 14.4 or 18-volt battery pack, a replacement charger or a refund.

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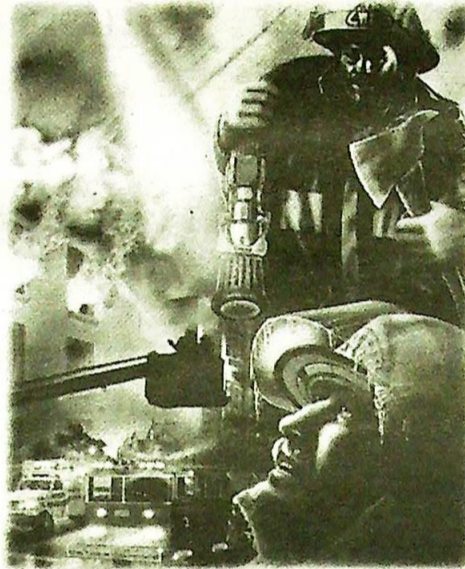
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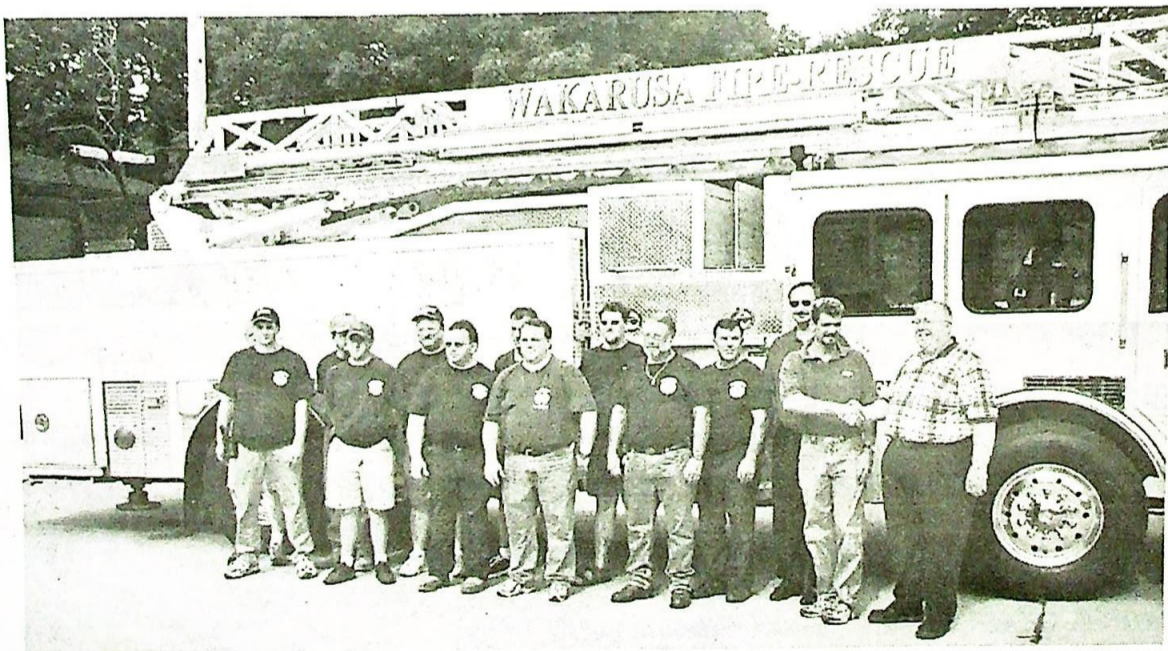
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