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From the President



Buz Koehler

July 10, 2003

Here we are moving right into summer. Fund raisers, pancake breakfasts and festival abound. I hope everyone enjoys their summer.

Convention in French Lick this year was definitely "The Place To Be In 2003". What a spectacular job District 18 did to provide for the folks that attended this year's convention. The hospitality was terrific and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The vendor show was excellent and well attended as were all of the functions. District 18 had planned for those in attendance.

Congratulations to District 18 for a job well done!

Have you checked the web site lately? Our webmasters have changed the front page again with more information.

Items on the web site offer you a 24/7 look into the IVFA and allow each of us to search information and even visit with other departments on the web.

As I mentioned before, the computer age has made it possible for the Association to contact more members faster than ever before. If you have an e-mail address make sure you get on our list or a list with your district chairmen.

We are putting together a list of possible legislative items for the next session and we will be discussing them at district meetings. Each of you are to be congratulated on your work in the past session to assist the legislative committee.

Please plan to attend your district meeting. Keep up the good work. Please be safe and I'll see you at the meetings.

Until we meet at the district meetings, please be safe. LeMoyné Buz Koehler
IVFA President

New State officers for 2004 elected

The following officers were elected at the convention which was held in French Lick.

- President - Buz Koehler
- Vice President - Jack Kerney
- Secretary - Larry Bartlow
- Treasurer - Jack Harker
- Chaplain - Fred Page
- Sergeant at Arms - Bill Bush
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- PRSE - Roy Richardson
- PRSW - Jim Abrams

Mort Sorg chosen 2003 Mr. IVFA; Kallie Rehmel named Angel Award winner for 2003



Mort Sorg of the Poe Fire Department was awarded the 2003 Mr. IVFA Award.

Kallie Rehmel was named the Angel Award winner for 2003. She is the Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. (Photos submitted by David Bretz)



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Members who currently have health insurance, life insurance, disability income, or in need of long term care or retirement planning should take time now to compare their existing plan or inquire about protecting themselves with one sponsored by the IVFA. Members, it is in your best interest to begin shopping with IVFA Health and Benefit Solutions Programs. All programs offered to IVFA are national programs, the market has been researched for you, the pricing and benefits are correct, and the quality and service is superb. Underwriting of difficult cases can now be handled where others may not be able to help. Members must be aware that locally not all carriers are available to you and they vary not only within the state but from state to state. Our members will have access to many carriers, i.e. insurance companies, not a particular carrier that will not have the flexibility and diversity to handle our membership. Health Benefits Professionals contracts plans only with "A" rated insurance companies. This rating is the highest in the business, meaning each insurance company has high financial stability, pays claims quickly, and provides exceptional customer service. If you need service all you do is call our local 888-450-3040 and our extra competent staff will solve any problem you have without you dealing with a particular carrier directly. This service is free to our membership.

In the past, associations have attempted to administer their own insurance groups, believing that a large pool of members in one group would generate economics of scale and substantially reduce their rates. However, group plans for association members often backfired as some members in the group posed higher risks and made large claims, resulting in higher premiums for all. This defeated the purpose of administering an umbrella plan for association members. In fact, most insurance carriers today do not offer an association group plan. IVFA Health and Benefits solutions allow members to have their own individual plans at the local level, while taking advantage of the economics of scale through the large volume of business nationwide, and because we do not form a group you will never be cancelled or lose your insurance except for non-payment of premiums. This is unbelievable protection for our members. You also are not going to be singled out for rate increases due to medical conditions.

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Stay tuned for additional benefits programs available through the IVFA Health and Benefits Solutions for its members by newsletter, e-mail, and special mailings of.

For more information, visit our website at www.associationpros.com, or call us at 888-450-3040.

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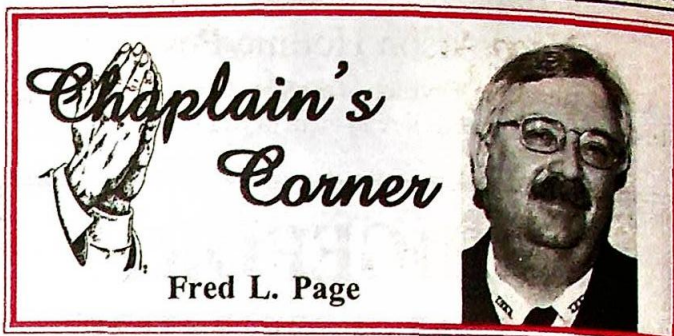
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Prayer For Today:

Merciful God, we kneel before your throne of grace and pray that we might come to this holy and healing place more often. Teach us to pray without ceasing. Fill our hearts to overflowing with that love which will not let us go. Help us as we struggle with your gift of faith so that we may better understand how it is that we are truly free when we are most fully dependent on you, how we are truly strong when we are the most vulnerable. Teach us that life and love hoarded are lost while life and love given away are found in an abundance that we cannot even imagine. Give us patients with one another and with ourselves today, for the sake of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ.
 Amen

Chaplain's Message:

Earlier this year, the bylaws of the IVFA were changed to allow the Chaplain to appoint Associate Chaplains. For the 10 years before you elected me to this position it was my privilege to fill in several times each year for Charlie Baker during his tenure as Chaplain. It was during that time that I became convinced that it would be a good idea to have Associates who could take some of the load from the Chaplain's shoulders. In the six months that I've been your Chaplain, there have already been several times when there were memorial services scheduled at the same time on the same day at opposite ends of the state. Even after 23 years as a pastor, I've never figured out how to be two places at the same time! Also, in these first six months there have been a couple of weeks when we've had five memorial services within seven or eight days. I'm grateful to the Association for agreeing to allow me to appoint Associate Chaplains.

In this paper, you will find an application form on page 27 for the Associate Chaplain's positions. My intention is to appoint one for each of the six PR Areas. The associates will work closely with me and with their PR Area Chairperson. Each associate will be responsible for the same things any fire chaplain would be: memorial services, station/apparatus dedication services, counseling firefighters and their families, sometimes being called upon to lead critical incident stress debriefing. Each Associate will be encouraged to make at least one meeting of each of the three or four IVFA Districts in their PR Area each year. He or she must be able to go on short notice (we firefighters are already pretty good at that!). I will meet with and conduct training for the new associates once they are appointed.

If you think God may be calling you to this new task, or if you know someone you think might make a good Associate Chaplain, copy the application from this paper and sent it to me so that I receive it by October 1st, along with the two letters of recommendation required.

Grace to you and peace,
 Fred

In Memoriam

Firefighters who answered the final alarm during the second quarter of 2003:

- Frederick Abel, Munster VFD, District 1
- James "Buddah" Gurney, Merrillville, District 1
- Nicholas P. Jergens, Independence Hill VFD, District 1
- Julian "Strike" Stryczek, Merrillville, District 1
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- Lisa Brown, Livonia VFD, District 16
- Clinton Ruckriegel, Haysville Community VFD, District 18
- Ernest C. Wehr, St. Anthony VFD, District 18

IVFA & IVFAA award winners for 2003

- Mr. IVFA - Maurice "Mort" Sorg, Poe VFD
- Ollie Sandberg - Nolan J. Wilson, Wright Twp. VFD
- Angel - Kallie Rehemal, Wright Twp. VFD
- President's Award - Linda Baker
- Lois Boaz - Rose Weisenbach, Morris VFD
- Miss Flame - Nicole Payne, German Twp. VFD
- Bridgeport Scholarship - Katherine Danielle Manus and Denver Joseph McDaniel

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Please send all applications to:
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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

I would like to first thank Chuck Parker and his convention committee for their hospitality in French Lick for our annual meeting and convention. You all did a terrific job.

Congratulations to Mort Sorg for being selected "Mr. IVFA", Jack Wilson for being selected the "Ollie Sandburg Award" winner, and Kallie Rehmel the "Angel Award" winner. The Midwest Award winners are: District 1 George J. Thiel, Griffith Fire Dept., District 2 Charles A. Dockemeyer, Lake Hills Vol. Fire Dept., District 3 Pam Kaufman, Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., District 4 Clyde Gaaves, Bougo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., District 5 Cam Kissinger, North Manchester Vol. Fire Dept., District 6 Michael Mackin, New Haven Adams Twp. Fire Dept., District 7 Harold "Harry" Kleine, District 8A, David L. Marshall Sr., District 8B Larry Petro, Bryant Vol. Fire Dept., District 9A Mike Titus, Flora Vol. Fire Dept., District 9B John Kendle, Morocco Vol. Fire Dept., District 10 Richard E. Emsweller, District 11A Gary Lingensfalter, Otter Creek Vol. Fire Dept., District 11B Philip Brannin, Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept., District 12

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Fire Dept., District 19 Ed Scheele, Morris Vol. Fire Dept., District 21 Jack M. Fingerle, Rosseville Vol. Fire Dept. The 2003 "IVFA Miss Flame" was Nicole Payne from German Twp. Fire Dept., District 15. Nicole is the daughter of Tim and Susan Wargel. It is not too early to start thinking about whom you would like to select for the 2004 awards. Start writing the letters and send them to me at the IVFA office. There are a lot of deserving firefighters that deserve the awards.

Rose Weisenbach 2003 Lois Boaz winner



Rose has been married forty years to her husband, Ray Weisenbach, they have eight children and many of their children are active in the fire service.

She is active member of St. Anthony Church.

In one of the letters we received for Rose defines what Rose is really like. This is a quote, "she always told me that if I needed her, she would be there even if it was just for a shoulder to cry on."

Congratulations, Rose Weisenbach.

Marilynn McFadden
Chairman of the Lois Boaz Committee

Rose Weisenbach received the 2003 Lois Boaz Award.

She has held offices of president, secretary, treasurer, chaplains and board of directors of Morris Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

She has helped with breakfasts, picnics, festivals, dues drives, and many money making projects.

Rose is always ready to prepare food, drinks, and donates her time and gives supplies for fire calls.

Rose is active in her community, always sending cards and thinking of others.

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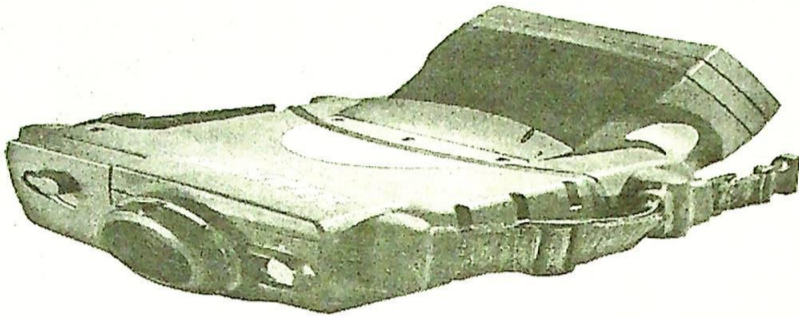
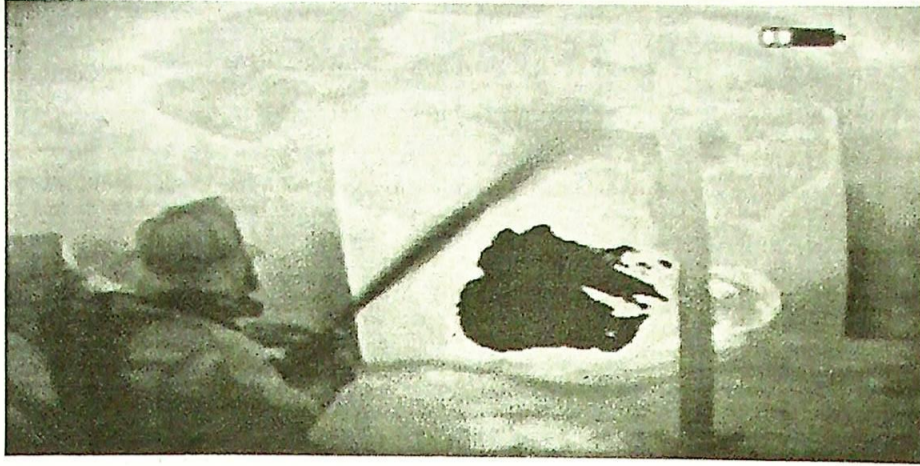
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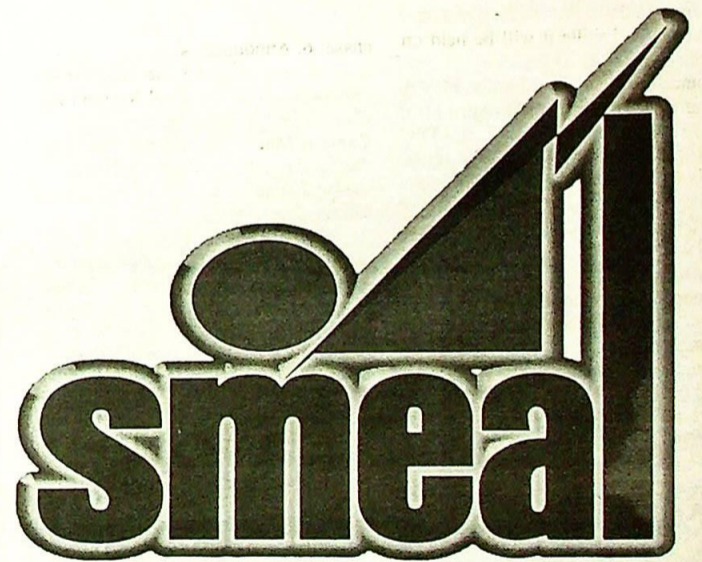
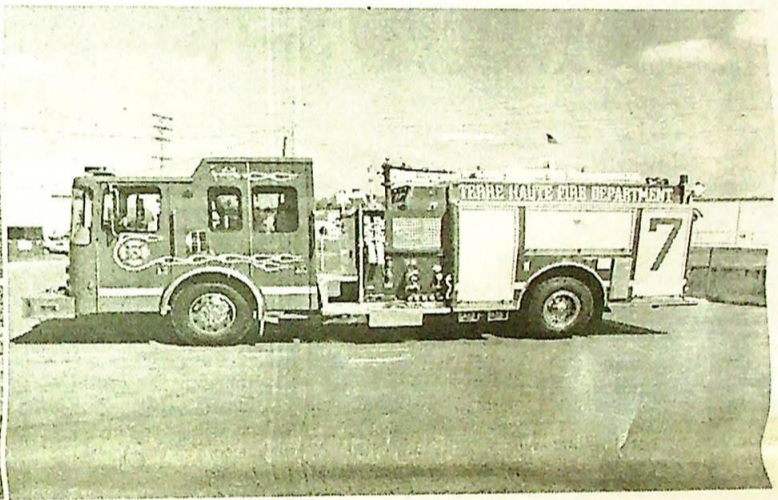
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March 20, 2003

Coolspring Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 16 members representing six departments present. Chairman Sandy led the pledge. After the pledge, Jerry Cohen from Springfield Township led the group in prayer and a moment of silence was held in honor of those that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: President Buz Koehler, PR NW director Jim Bradford and past president Mitch Parish.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$531.95.

Communications: Comments from President Koehler - 1. Gave an update on legislation including SB548, HB1106 and HB 1106; 2. Announced that the web site is on line and running at www.ivfa.org. The site has several links as well as access to IVFA forms. The site also includes: for sale items, department listings, a training page, a sponsor page, a fundraiser page and a department spotlight page. Anyone with items to be submitted or suggestions for the web site should contact the Webmaster. Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Announced that the next edition of the paper will again be 48 pages; 2. Announced that the deadline for articles to be submitted to the paper is April 10th; 3. Reminded everyone that Printco has a new e-mail address: printco@nwiis.com; 4. Reminded everyone that the convention is June 18-20 at French Lick and next year in Clarksville it will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; 5. Announced that the deadline for FEMA grants has been extended to April 11th; 6. Reminded everyone that the FDIC is March 31st thru April 5th in Indianapolis. Comments from Chairman Sandy - 1. Requested members to start thinking about fundraisers. We will need to have something in the future in order to maintain our treasury; 2. Announced that attendance at Duneland Fire School was just under 800. He thanked everyone for their support. He stated that the school is always looking to improve and requested anyone with advice to contact the Committee.

Old Business: none.

New Business: 1. President Koehler and Chairman Sandy presented 25-year pins to Phil Smith and Dave Childress of Coolspring Township; 2. Chairman Sandy announced that there is a proposed by-law change and he needs to vote the wishes of the District. The proposed change is to Article 5, Section 6. The proposed change states that after serving two terms, the President or Vice-President may hold any office except President or Vice-President. A motion was made and passed to vote in favor of the proposed change.

Good of the Order: 1. President Koehler had raffle tickets whose proceeds are going to the Burn Camp; 2. Dave Kaufman of S&S had raffle tickets for a skid unit that will be given away at their open house that is being held on April 26th from 9am-4pm. He also announced that there will be several door prizes and live fire training available; 3. Lincoln Township will be having a pancake breakfast on April

13th from 7am-noon; 4. Kankakee Township will be having a pancake breakfast on March 23rd; 5. Kingsbury will be having a pancake breakfast on April 27th; 6. Springfield Township will be having a pancake breakfast on May 4th; 7. Dave Kaufman announced that there is an NFPA proposal that outdated trucks older than 1979. Anything 1979 or newer can be brought up to current standards or must be used as a reserve truck; 8. Chairman Sandy announced that the Duneland extrication competition is being held March 23rd and reminded everyone of the open house at Chester FD.

Training: All members present viewed the American Heat video that featured Scipio Township VFD and their tragic tanker double fatality.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. John Childress won the 50/50; Dan Hogan won one hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire and Jim Hall won the other one.

Next meeting: May 15, 2003, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m., Kingsbury VFD.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

May 15, 2003
Kingsbury VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. There were 17 members representing five departments present. Chief Mark Ritter led the pledge. After the pledge, Jerry Cohen from Springfield Township led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: PR NW director Jim Bradford and Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$541.07.

Communications: Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Announced that the deadline for articles to be submitted to the paper is July 10th; 2. Announced that paperwork packets have been sent to all his departments; 3. Gave a legislative update; 4. Announced that the Association now has 17,688 members; 5. Announced that the Association now has hats and shirts available for purchase; 6. Announced that Merrillville will be competing for the 2005 convention and that the 2004 location is Clarksville; 7. Announced that Burn Camp is May 26-30 and that visitor's day is May 28th; 8. Reminded departments that are interested in free meth lab training to contact PSTI.

Old business: 1. Chairman Sandy announced that the proposed by-law change in reference to the term limits was defeated; 2. Secretary Kaufman read a letter from the National Fire Academy's Walk of Honor in reference

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to our sponsorship of a brick in honor of the Starke County Firefighter's Association Honor Guard. She also announced that the Honor Guard has been chosen to participate in a Disney movie called "Ladder 49" that is starring John Travolta. They will be traveling to Baltimore for the shootings.

New Business: 1. A motion was made and approved to give \$200 to Miss Flame Jenna Schultz. After the motion there was some discussion about the lack of communication with our Auxiliary; 2. Chairman Sandy announced that Jerry Cohen, Springfield Township Chaplain, will become an Associate State Chaplain and will assist State Chaplain Page, as needed.

Good of the Order: 1. It was announced that Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy is coming up; 2. Lincoln Twp. is having a pork chop dinner on May 24th from 5-8p.m.; 3. Dave Kaufman announced that there are 31 firefighters in their FF I/II and everything is going well; 4. Mark Ritter asked about dues of those firefighters that serve on two departments. He was advised dues need to be submitted through one of the departments and a notation should be submitted in the dues statement of the other department.

Training: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Jim Hall won the 50/50; Jim Bradford won one hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire and Tom Hyer won the other.

Next meeting: July 17, 2003, 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), LaCrosse VFD (new station).

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman



ROANOKE
MAY 19, 2003

Guests: LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler, IVFA President, Mitch Parish, past IVFA president, Mike Mackin, Public Relations (Northeast), and Gary Robison, State Fire Marshal office.

The meeting was called to order by district chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:04 p.m.

The first roll call was answered by 30 members from 14 departments.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mort reported there were two deaths in the district since the last quarterly meeting. Mort also advised everyone to be sure that their beneficiary cards are up to date and he has last year's grant reports on hand for those who wished to have one.

Mitch Parish reported on the insurance program and warned about "freelancing" firefighting. You will not be covered for the \$200,000 death benefit if your department is not called to the fire. Results are do not go to another fire if your department has not been called or requested for mutual aid.

Buz Koehler reported that two out of four bills to benefit the fire service passed the General Assembly in the past session. He also provided information on HB 1647 and advised us on bill for the next session of the General Assembly. Buz told of the Website and improvements which have been done to it. Buz announced the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy will be held on August 23 & 24 at Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Mike Mackin reported he still has some IVFA booklets and he has attended several district meetings throughout the state.

Gary Robison reported out of 20,200 grant requests, 14,400 got through to approval. Gary told most requests dealt with fire operations and firefighter safety with some approved for fire prevention. Gary stated that requests for saving the lives of children, senior citizens, and firefighters are for the most part justified. Gary told of the Burn Camp Visitor's Day to be held on May 28, 2003.

Mort advised the next meeting will

be held on July 21, 2003 at Uniondale.

The second roll call was answered by 30 members from 14 departments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon
Randle
District 9A
Chairman

The meeting was called to order at the Clinton Twp. VFD, Clymers, on May 22, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. by chairman Jon Randle. He led the pledge to the flag, and Mark Anvil gave the invocation.

Guests: Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford, Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonker, Helen Hollingsworth, Charlene Davis, Brad Idlewine, Bob Esserman, and Tom Clark.

Clinton Twp. fire chief Gary Michael, welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Roll call: 18 firefighters from eight fire departments reported 111 fire runs and 37 EMS responses.

Chairman Randle presented a 25 year service pin to Kevin Hinkel of Clinton Twp. for 29 years of service.

Reports: Mitch Parish gave news from the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting that was held in Salt Lake City. The Public Safety Officer death benefit will cover heart attacks soon. He was pleased with the 48 page May issue of the newspaper and encouraged all to help keep the news coming in. Buz Koehler reported on legislative bills that have been signed into law and those that the IVFA study committee

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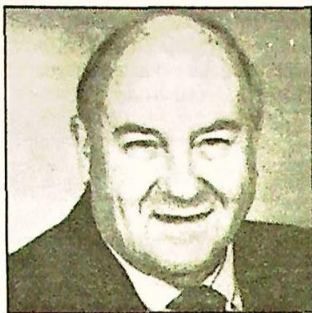
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Jack Harker

DISTRICT 9A

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will be working on this summer for the fall session. In 2004, three Bridgeport Scholarships will be awarded. Increases in license plate sales have enabled granting these awards. Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy will be August 23-24th. Our web page is IVFA.org The annual convention is June 18, 19 and 20th at French Lick. The Hoosier Burn Camp is May 28-31st with visitor day on Wednesday from 10-3. Grissom Air Reserve Base has 200,000 sq. ft. of buildings and 30 acres that could be the site of a future state fire training academy. This would be advanced training through PSTI. The Governor will have to okay this. Jim Bradford said that a one hour driver's training for all firefighters will be required in 2004. He thinks that eventually there will be a 40 hour course that will include the 24 hours and basic firefighter. The deadline for articles for the next newspaper is July 10th. Ward Lesh commented on a recent apparatus accident and stressed more safety be observed when driving. Bob Esserman, a former 44 year member of Clinton Twp. spoke about the countywide fire department setup in Florida where he now resides. Brad Idlewine of Fire Service, Inc., introduced himself and he plans to come around and visit fire departments.

Good of the Order: There will be a golf outing benefit for Pipe Creek Twp. chief, Dave Betzner on June 29th at the Peru Municipal Golf Course. He is undergoing cancer treatment. John Minglin announced a 24 hour training course will be offered at Miami Twp. VFD, New Waverly, May 27-31. ISP

Trooper Chad Woodburn will conduct a certified HazMat Awareness and Operations course on May 30-31 in Tipton County. Taylor Twp. VFD, Kokomo, will hold an open house and pancake breakfast on June 7th. Russiaville VFD has a hog roast in conjunction with "Western Days" May 30-June 1. The Delphi Ladies' Auxiliary will have their annual Fireman's Bash on Lake Freeman June 20th. The Carroll County Arson Task Force will conduct a pre-basic arson class later this year with more info later.

Program: Tom Clear of the Anderson Grain Elevator Co. presented a program on dust explosions. Lessons learned from past disasters are to have an emergency action plan and document everything including training for OSHA. Universal hose fittings would be nice, too.

Steve Troxell won the 50/50. More prizes were donated by Brad Idlewine and Jon Randle.

The next meeting is July 24th at Democrat Twp. VFD, Cutler, with election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec/Treas.

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton
District 9B
Chairman

Spring and summer has been a busy time for District 9B.

The first meeting of the year was at Monon VFD. Even with the cold weather, 31 firefighters turned out for the meeting.

A very informative training was given by Northern Indiana Public Service Company on the various types of gas meters. Now district firefighters understand how each type of meter works and how to turn each off.

Our next meeting was at Monticello F.D. The Indiana State Police along with the White County Sheriff's Department taught 29 firefighters what to look for at the scene of a Meth Lab. They also explained the hazards of a meth lab crime or fire scene.

In May, the district meeting was at the Morocco VFD. Training was given to 27 firefighters on the open burning law by IDEM. Seems that everyone has a problem understanding when,

and what is allowed to be burnt.

Our July meeting will be at the Remington VFD and according to information given; the training will be on Decontamination.

DISTRICT 10



David Israel
District 10
Chairman

DISTRICT 10 WILL HOST THE IVFA CONVENTION AT COLUMBUS IN 2005.

I would like to congratulate two individuals in the district. Richard (Rick) Emsweller, our Midwest Award winner for 2003. Thanks for all your support to District 10. We also have a Bridgeport winner from District 10 this year, Katie Manus, the daughter of Dan and Denise Manus of Greensburg. Dan retired from the Greensburg Fire Dept. this year.

Any IVFA member can receive a Bridgeport Scholarship. But you have to apply to receive it. In 2004 the IVFA is giving out three, that's right, three \$1500.00 scholarships. These forms are to be available from the IVFA web site. IVFA.org. before long or you can get them from the district chairman or from the Central Office.

I get e-mails from department members asking why their department is not listed as a member department on the web site. The department has to do that. You can enter that info on the web site and in a couple of days the webmasters will put it on the website, it's easy to do.

The district meetings are going good by the time you get this it will be time to start going to the district meetings again. August 20, 2003 at the Moral Twp. fire department in Shelby Co. at the London Road exit on interstate 74 at 7:00 p.m. This will be district officer election night. If you don't want an office you better be there and at least show the host department that we have more than 20 members in our district.

I wasn't complaining about our attendance. We average about 30-45 at a meeting and that's good. Thank you to those that come and support the district meetings.

On September 17, 2003 we will be

at Southwest Vol. Fire Dept. in Barth. Co.

The district has one death to report. St. Paul Vol. Fire Dept. member Wilbert McNeely passed away June 26, 2003. Thanks Ski for stepping in for Fred. I'm starting on 2004 district meeting list so don't be bashful when I call. Be safe and we will see you at the next District 10 IVFA meeting.

District 10 chairman
David Israel

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

Greetings from 11-A.

Thanks to Chief Pete Taylor and all of the firefighters from Van Buren Twp., Clay county for hosting our May meeting.

Congratulations to Steve Downing. Steve received his 25 year pin at the meeting.

We went to Hymera Jackson Twp. Sullivan County, to help celebrate Bob Samms retirement from the Fire Department and ambulance service. Bob helped start the Hymera ambulance service and has served since August of 1974.

We also went to Jasonville, Greene County, to the retirement party for Don Tribby. Don has served as chief for 35 years and has been on the department for over 50 years. Senator John Waterman presented Don with the Sagamore of the Wabash. Harold "Pude" Keller was named as Jasonville's new chief.

Congratulations to John Myers. John received his 25 year pin. John is a member of Otter Creek One, Vigo County and serves as Chief.

Well, we had a successful convention. Thanks to Chuck Parker and his wife, Genna and their committees for all of their hard work. Everything was great.

District 11-A has a lot to brag about. We came away from convention with more than our share of hardware. Congratulations to Jennifer Lingenfelter, Otter Creek One, Vigo County for Miss Flame runner-up. Also congratulations to Jack Wilson, Wright Twp., Greene County for winning the Ollie Sandberg award, and to Kallie Rehmel, Wright Twp., Greene County for winning the Angel Award. Also congratulations to Gary Lingenfelter, Otter Creek One for receiving the Midwest award.

We also want to congratulate Mort Sorg for being named Mr. IVFA. Mort deserves this award and has been an asset to the IVFA.

I have had a lot of feedback from my last column about Firefighters' Funerals. If you have any information, please e-mail or contact me about information you might have.

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

District 11A chairman
Jack McFarland

DISTRICT 11-B



Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman

Hillsdale
May 14, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem with the pledge to the flag led by District Sgt.-at-Arms Dave Miller and the invocation was given by district chaplain Con Mankin. The guest speaker was Kim Maxwell

Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

of the 181st IN ANG who gave a spectacular program concerning the hybrid cars (Honda & Toyota). His presentation was for the safety for firemen responding to an emergency involving these cars. The presentation was very impressive and was worthy of the attention by those in attendance.

District chairman Ketchem then called for the roll call which resulted with 11 departments and 27 members answering the roll call. Chairman Ketchem gave an update on the bills in the current legislature then called on vice president Jack Kerney who spoke on some items of interest to the IVFA. Some programs went nowhere in the legislature, others drew a lot of interest by the association. License plate forms were going great according to VP Kerney who stated there must be a reason for the upswing in this program. WCPR Diane Harrison spoke on the Bridgeport Scholarship program, also the mutual aid guidelines were addressed. A one (1) hour driver's training is in the works for everyone.

Chairman Ketchem announced the next meeting will be held on July 16th at Perrysville, this will be the election night. He then spoke about the upcoming convention to be held next month. District Auxiliary chairperson, Patty Miller, spoke about the Miss Flame contest being held at the convention.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by District Auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 13-A

Tim Martin

District 13-A Chairman

Greetings from 13A.
Our last meeting was at Buck Creek Twp. station #1 on May 15, 2003.

Not having enough departments to have a meeting, we had a brief discussion on what had been going on in our district.

President Buz Koehler and his wife were also present at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Pendleton Fire Dept. on Aug. 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Several awards to be presented that night with election of district officers. Please have your department represented!

Thank you, District 18, for a good time in French Lick.

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson
District 14
Chairman

Congratulations to the 2003 convention committee on a job well done. We were kept busy and had lots of fun at French Lick.

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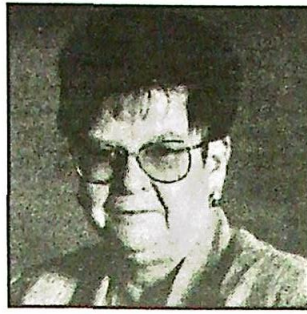
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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary was formed at Hartford City, Indiana in June, 1952. Mrs. Ridgeway of Hartford City acted as Chairman.

IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

We had a great time in French Lick. Thanks to Chuck Parker and District 18 for being our host. I always look forward to convention because it is a time to be with old friends, renew friend-

ships and make new friends. Be sure and thank the convention committee as there is a lot of work and time spent putting it all together for all of us to enjoy.

Congratulations to Rose Weisenbach, this year's Lois Boaz winner. All the letters written on her behalf stated that she works tirelessly for her auxiliary, fire department as well as her church. We applaud her efforts and certainly appreciate what she does for her community and her extended family.

Also, congratulations go to my granddaughter, Nicole Payne, who was chosen as the 2003 State Miss Flame. Please contact Nicole to let her know of your meetings and events. This year's group of girls was a great group. They are all winners and should be regarded as such. I would have hated to be a judge. I also want to thank all who provided gifts and trophies for the girls. We appreciate your support of the contest.

A big thank you to all the officers, district chairmen and committee members who served this past year. We had some big challenges facing us and thanks to all of you, we met those and went to work. I hope the membership will continue to support our efforts and will work with us toward our goals.

There are several district chairmen's positions open and we would like to fill them. If you are an auxiliary member and you are interested in helping us with these positions, please contact me.

Remember dues are due. We recently voted to increase them to \$5.00.

I am looking forward to another great year. We still have goals to meet, but we are a good team group so I'm sure we all are committed to be a winning one.

Thought For The Quarter: Be patient with the fault of others. They have to be patient with yours.

Barb Kerney

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

May 4, 2003
Columbus, Indiana
President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. followed by the opening prayer led by Chaplain Leslie Spears. Phyllis Vargo led the Pledge to the Flag in the absence of Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel.

Diana Gray gave the roll call with 23 members and three guests present. Diana read the minutes with the correction of Marilyn McFadden for the Lois Boaz committee instead of Marilyn Dever and the rest stood as read.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter as:

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 2003	= \$2965.77
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Dues	\$94.50
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V.P. Project	685.00
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Awards & Gifts	152.64
Total Disbursements:	-494.08
Balance on hand May 1, 2003	\$3252.49

Report subject to audit.

Correspondence: Martha read a thank you note from Dorothy for the prayers, phone calls, and gifts during her surgery.

Membership: Diana states that we have for 21002-2003, 61 departments, 74 Ind., 16 life, 792 paid by their departments, with a total of 867 members.

Chaplain's report: Leslie reports that Mary Mackin and Nancy Cox have been ill and we send our prayers and good well wishes, Toni has a new grandchild, Diana Griffin has a new granddaughter and Barb Parker has a new great-grandchild.

Games: Marilyn Dever says to get your applications and money in to her so that they can set up the games before convention.

Installation: Barb Parker says she is ready.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow states all is well.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller states that she has 19 young ladies and so far everything is going quite well.

V.P. Project: Joann Hayes wants all unsold tickets returned to her so that the Miss Flames can sell them at convention. Phyllis still has some calendars left if anyone wants some more.

By-Laws: Leona Uryga gave out updated officers' lists with the correct addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. Any corrections may be made at the officer's meeting.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith says everything is okay.

Nominating: Susie Stout says that they have a slate ready but if anyone would like to run for an office please contact her or anyone on the committee.

Historian: Ann Moss stated that she would need a new album for items and articles she has now. Lou made a motion with a second by Joann to buy a new album and motion passed.

President's Advisory: Lou says A-okay.

Lois Boaz: Marilyn McFadden states they have a winner and just waiting for convention.

Parliamentarian: Toni says just fine. Old Business: A reminder that dues for 2003-2004 are \$5.00 and get your registration in for convention so that you will have your rooms ready for you. Malinda Bell says not to forget the hat contest at the convention Thursday night. Let's see who can come up with the winning hat.

Chuck Parker asked if anyone needed anything more about convention. Call him if you need any help.

New Business: Martha asked if we could start again having a discussion group like we used to but some ladies like to shop but maybe something

could be arranged at another time.

President Barb read a reading called "Reaching Beyond" by Suzy Sutton.

Pam Melton made a motion with a second by Ann Moss to adjourn and motion carried.

Leslie gave the closing prayer and we wished everyone a safe trip home. Remember to take care of yourself and others and we will see in Columbus Aug. 9th & 10th.

Submitted by,
Martha Thomas
IVFAA Corresp. Sec.

June 19, 2003
French Lick, IN

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Leslie Spears, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sgt.-At-Arms Mariam Schaeckel.

Diana Gray gave the roll call with 24 members and four guests present. Diana read the minutes of the previous meeting and they stood as read.

Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand May 1, 2003 =	\$3252.49
INCOME:	
Dues	441.00
Interest	.25
V.P. Project	922.00
Unrelated Inc.	400.00
Total Income:	+1763.25
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Operating Exp.	51.59
Phone & Postage	61.28
Jewelry	433.12
Awards & Gifts	300.00
Total Disbursements:	-845.99
Balance on Hand May 31, 2003.....	\$4169.75

Martha Thomas read a note from Mary Stafford stating that she could not attend the convention because of illness and a thank you note from Don Wedgewood thanking all who sent flowers and cards following the death of his wife.

Diana gave an update on the membership for 2003-2004, as nine departments paid, six ind., 16 life, 127 paid by their department with a total of 133 members at this time. Laura Mahan (Williamson) was a guest from District 14 and is considering running for chairman for that district.

Leslie gave her chaplain's report as follows: Lou Bartlow's father passed away, Malinda Bell had been ill, Mary Mackin was ill, Mary McFadden was too ill to attend this year's convention. Get well wishes go to all who have been and hope everyone will be feeling better shortly.

Mary Mackin stated that they will audit the treasurer's books at the August officer's meeting.

Marilyn Dever said that they will have the drawing for the games Thursday night. Barb Kerney stated that the Miss Flames that are playing waterball are to be a member of the IVFAA and that girls under the age of 18 will have to have a waiver signed by the girl's parents.

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COMMITTEES FOR 2002 - 2003

AUDITING

Mary Mackin - Chm.
Jane Ferro
Diana Griffin
Faye Sallee

BUDGET & FINANCE

Lou Bartlow - Chm.
Dorothy Reiter
Beth Caudill
Mary Mackin
Phyllis Vargo

GAMES

Marilyn Dever - Chm.
Susie Stout
E.J. Smith

CHINESE AUCTION

Barbara Parker - Chm.
Martha Thomas
Leona Uryga

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Toni Sorg

V. PRES. PROJECT

Joann Hays - Chm.
Beverly Taylor
Malinda Bell
Pam Melton

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY

Mary Mackin - Chm.
Lou Bartlow
Toni Sorg

LOIS BOAZ

Marilyn McFadden - Chm.
Barbara Kerney
E.J. Smith

NOMINATING

Susie Stout - Chm.
Diana Gray
Tammy Hungate

HISTORIAN

Ann Moss

INSTALLATION

Barbara Parker
Faye Sallee

MEMBERSHIP

Phyllis Vargo - Chm.
Diana Gray
Ann Moss
Barbara Parker
Lou Bartlow

BY-LAWS

Leona Uryga - Chm.
Beth Caudill
Tammy Hungate

MISS FLAME

Patty Miller - Chm.
Miriam Schaeckel
E.J. Smith
Ann Moss
Brandy Miller

JEWELRY

E.J. Smith - Chm.
Marilyn Dever
Pam Melton
Jane Ferro

State officer's meeting ...
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Barb Parker stated that she is ready for the installation and hopes it will be short and sweet.

Patty Miller said that she has 19 Miss Flames this year and as it is has gotten to be expensive she would like to know if anyone can help her get donations to help defray the amount of money it costs to put on a Miss Flame contest. Even tho the districts donate \$25.00 it is still not enough. Lou Bartlow asked for Patty to give her a list of the expenses at the August meeting so that they can work something out. We are always proud of the girls who work so hard to be a Miss Flame and try to win Miss Flame at convention;

Joann Hayes gave her report of her V.P. projects as: V.P. 1, (state fire truck tickets sales) \$885.00, V.P. 2 (Chinese Auction) \$335.00, V.P. 3 (calendars) \$110.00. We have 28 items for the Chinese Auction for this year. Patty Miller made a motion with a second by Leona Uryga to sell the calendars for \$1.00 because they still have a year left in them. Motion passed. We will decide what to do with them at our August meeting.

Leona has nothing on the by-laws at this time.

E. J. Smith is down \$174.00 at this time but hopes she will sell them tomorrow.

Susie Stout says she has a full slate and no one coming forward so far. She is always ready to accept nominations from the floor.

Ann Moss says that she is at a standstill and looking for more items.

Mary Mackin as President's advisory says just fine.

Mary McFadden due to complications from surgery will not be in attendance so Toni Sorg and E.J. Smith will help with the Lois Boaz winner.

Toni as Parliamentarian states everything is okay.

Old business: A reminder that dues are now \$5.00 and should be paid accordingly to make it easier on the recording secretary.

New business: Joann spoke about selling cookbooks for \$5.00 with a profit of \$4.00. A Prairieon Farmer will be able to make the books for a \$1.00 fee for putting together the books and the binding. Lou made a motion to consider the cookbook and to form a committee with a second by Malinda Bell and motion passed by those present. Faye Sallee will be the chairman with a committee of Barb Kerney, Joanne Hays, Malinda Bell, Patty Miller, Barb Parker, and Toni Sorg. We will need someone to do the typing so that everything will exactly alike for the printing. So bring to the August meeting recipes and see how far we can progress as soon as possible.

Malinda says that the hat contest is going good so far and we will see what happens tonight after the joint meeting. See all of you there.

Barb asked that all the Lois Boaz winners please wear their white jackets at the Memorial Service and to sit together.

Barb also read a poem called working together: "Coming together is a beginning Keeping together is progress, and Working together is success".

Remember our officers' meeting in Columbus August 9th and 10th. See you there and get your reservations in early.

Leslie gave the closing prayer and wished all a safe trip home and to all have good health and hopes for a safe 4th of July.

Sgt.-at-Arms Mariam Schaeckel called and wanted to know if anyone needs a briefcase to let her know so that she can bring one to the officers' meeting.

Submitted by,
Martha Thomas
IVFAA Corresponding Sec.

IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hays

Thanks for a great convention. I know you all worked hard, so now it's time to relax. You all deserve it, and hope everyone had a safe trip home.

I want to say thanks to all of you who helped make the vice president's projects so easy. If it hadn't been for all of you, I would have not made it.

And WOW!! Miss Flames, thank you for topping the sales at the banquet. I really appreciated your help. You sold over \$700 worth of tickets at the banquet. Also thanks to Patty Miller for her help on this.

To Barbara Parker, to you and your committee, a great job at the Chinese Auction. You did good!

And to Phyllis, thank you for the calendar project. We had some left over, but for what was sold. Great!!

To all of those who won awards, congratulations.

Now you need to start thinking about next year. Remember, letters really help. So get busy and write.

Gals! We need to keep our membership up and it can't be done without your help. So do your best to get new members. Remember we love everybody so let's tell them. We need you in our auxiliary.

To Barbara Kerney, thank you for the help you have given me. You have done a wonderful job. I know how busy you are in other fields of work, but you're always there for me and our members. So, I want to say thanks to you and Jack (ha! Jack you thought I was gonna leave you out). No way, buster! Your great!! (Like Toney the Tiger).

Ladies' raffle winners at the meeting held in French Lick are as follows: Firetruck: Tom High, Honeycreek, District 11A; \$200 cash: Joyce Dean of LaPorte, District 3; Shadow Box: Carol Moody, Greensburg, District 10. Thank you all for participating.

Blessings to all of you. See you in August.

Love and prayers,
Joann
IVFAA Vice President

DISTRICT 11A

Beverly Taylor
District 11A
Chairwoman
IVFAA



Hello again,
I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful and hot weather we have been having.

Our district meeting was held at Van Buren Twp. in Harmony in May. We didn't have many in attendance but we had a delicious meal.

We discussed money-making projects and banking problems. We have taken care of all business.

Don't forget to get dues paid, they are due.

We had a very good 57th convention this year in French Lick, IN. on June 18-21. We got a lot of exercise as

we had a lot of walking to do, but it was worth it.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is going to make a cookbook for a project, so father your favorite recipes to be published with your name on it. Bring them to the next district meeting, which will be in Wright Twp. on July 20, 2003.

Our own Jennifer Lingensfelder won first runner-up in the Miss Flame contest. Congratulations! She has done a great job representing us as Miss Flame. We are very proud of her.

Till next time.

Chairman IVFAA
Beverly Taylor
District 11-A

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Another fiscal year for the IVFA Auxiliary has come to a close and the 2003 convention is history. Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were very good choices. We are especially proud of our Omeika Dowers 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 11-B this year. It will be on September 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Forest Park in Brazil, IN. Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Everyone is invited.

Please try to attend your next district meeting. We need lots of new blood and we want to have more input from area departments. 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 \$5.00 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, Mom, school will be in session soon!

Patty Miller

A word from the new Miss Flame

Recently this June I was crowned as the 2003 IVFA Miss Flame.

To me this is a very great honor. I am not only able to represent my district, District 15, but also all of the volunteer fire departments in the state of Indiana.

I plan to get very involved as I have already began my duties as the new Miss Flame.

I am excited to attend many events throughout the upcoming year, and I hope that you are able to share in my excitement. I also hope that you will contact me to attend functions within your districts.

As the new Miss Flame, I will try my hardest to represent the state of Indiana to the best of my ability.

You may contact me at either by e-mail at IVFAMissFlame03@aol.com or by phone at (812) 963-8368.

2003 IVFA Miss Flame
Nicole Payne

November Deadline: October 10

IVFAA Chaplain

Leslie Spears

Hello, everyone!

Convention at French Lick was wonderful! For any of you that missed it, you missed a great time. The convention committee is to be commended. Some of the highlights was the breakfast on Thursday morning (those scrambled eggs were the best ever!), the hat contest on Thursday night (great hats!), and the banquet on Friday night (the choice of desserts was truly amazing!). This was the first memorial service for Chaplain Fred Page and myself. We had a few glitches (mistakes made by us), but overall, I think the service went well. Thanks for this is due to all the people behind the scenes doing all of the work. THANK YOU!! A special thank you to Joann Hayes and Charlie Baker, who lent unending support and advice. Also, thank you to Linda Baker for your beautiful music and Bill Bush and crew for the cross. You are all truly wonderful people.

Titus 3:1-2 says, "Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to

be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men." (New American Standard). I pray that our organization lives by this advice given by Paul to Titus. By working together, supporting those who are our officers, showing consideration to each other, and maligning no one, our organization will grow in love and strength. We are a family, and we need to be supporting each other and working together. After all, being the family member of a volunteer firefighter demands a lot of us. We need each other's support to truly be able to support our firefighters. This is, after all, our real goal.

On a personal note, Dennis and I are in the process of moving into my mother-in-law's house so we can take care of her. She has been in a nursing home since March, following her hospitalization in January for an aneurism that burst in her brain. She will need someone with her 24 hours a day. This will be quite an adjustment for, not only us, but her. She has always been very independent and is not looking forward to the idea that she cannot live alone anymore. Please keep us in your prayers.

Your Chaplain,
Leslie Spears

Annual IVFAA convention meeting held

French Lick, IN
June 20, 2003

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the 51st convention. She introduced past presidents and past officers.

Chaplain Leslie Spears gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-at-Arms Mariam Schaeckel.

Roll call was given by Diane Gray and she introduced Lois Boaz winner, Rose Weisenbach and Toni Sorg, wife of Mr. IVFA for this year as our special guests.

Minutes were read by Diana and with no corrections they stood as read. Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance brought forward June 1, 2002 = \$4,516.71
INCOME:
Dues = \$3,389.00
Interest = \$8.92
Jewelry = \$745.00
V.P. Project = \$3,641.00
Unrelated Income = \$515.81
Total income June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2003 = \$8,299.73
..... + \$8,299.73
DISBURSEMENTS:
Operating Exp. = \$863.63
Annuals = \$200.00
Mileage = \$4,863.02
Phone & Postage = \$235.24
Jewelry = \$433.12
V.P. Project = \$1,058.40
Award & Gifts = \$973.28
Total disbursements June 1, 2002 to May 31, 2003 = \$8,646.69
..... - \$8,646.69
Balance on hand June 1, 2003 = \$4,169.75

Treasurer's report to audit.
Membership report by Diana was 23 officers, 34 members, 10 ind., and seven guests present at this year's convention. We need to get more ladies interested in the I.V.F.A.A. so push the word. Barb presented 25 year certificates.

Leslie gave her chaplain's report with Jeannette Myers and Mary McFadden need get well wishes as they have been ill.

Mary Mackin stated that the treasurer's books will be audited at the August officer's meeting.
Marilyn Dever says that she has three ladies' teams and four men's teams. Good luck to all.

Barb Parker states that she is ready for the installation.

Lou Bartlow gave a financial study as to why the dues had to be raised to help defray costs to keep the auxiliary going with their membership and expenses.

Patty Miller introduced the Miss

Flames for the year 2003. Miss Flame 2003 is Nicole Payne, District 15 and runner up Jennifer Lingensfelder and a really good group of girls. It must have been a difficult decision for the judges. Miss Flame 2002 is Toni Lenkensdofer and she stated that she had a really good time as Miss Flame. Gifts were given out with photo albums by Barb and Jack Kerney, key chains by Joann Hays and ditty bags by Air-Vac.

Joann Hays gave an update on the V.P. Project and says we still need more sales.

Leona Uryga has no by-law changes this year.

E.J. Smith says that we are done at this time and has sold \$300.00. Let her know if you need any tie tacks or charms.

Tammy Hungate stated that she has a slate of officers as follows but we can nominate from the floor: President - Barb Kerney, Vice-President - Joann Hays, Recording Secretary - Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary - Martha Thomas, Sgt.-at-Arms - Mariam Schaeckel, Chaplain - Leslie Spears.

After asking for nominations from the floor for each office and none being done the slate was elected. Barb Parker installed the new officers with the help of Faye Sallee.

Ann Moss states that she is still waiting for items for the albums so please if you have any get them to her.

Get your letters in for the Lois Boaz award and send to Rose Weisenbach, E.J. Smith or Toni Sorg by Feb. 1, 2004. It is such an honor and if in doubt just ask the winners.

As Parliamentarian, Toni Sorg says just fine.

Old Business: None at this time.
New Business: Barb Parker states that we need to sell those tickets fast if we want to pass up last year and we need a more exposed area to be in so that we can reach everyone.

Marilyn Dever made a motion to adjourn with a second by Barb Wilkening and motion passed. The officers' meeting will be in Columbus August 9th & 10th. See you there.

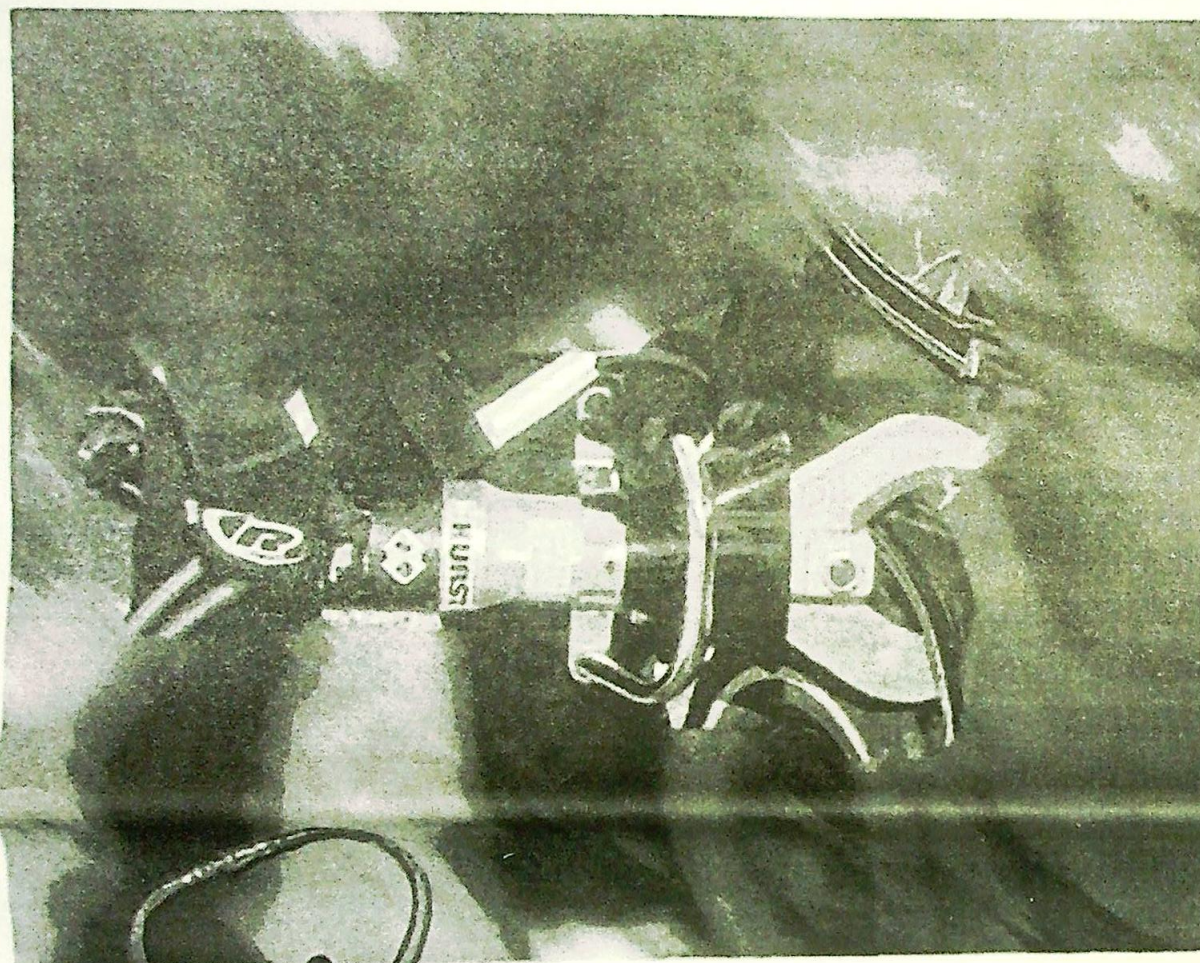
Leslie gave the closing prayer. We wish everyone a safe trip home and see you at the convention 2004.

Submitted by,
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Sec., IVFAA

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DISTRICT 14

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The McCulloch 2004 convention committee is busy planning for your visit in Clarksville. One of our events will be a cruise on the historic Belle of Louisville. The Belle holds 650 passengers, so there is room for everyone to enjoy a three-hour cruise.

(Please note I don't think we will get stranded on an island some place).

There has not been a lot happening in District 14 that we are aware of and we hope at least in an emergency since nothing does.

More convention information will be forthcoming for 2004 and we are looking forward to your visit.

Al Williamson
District 14

DISTRICT 15



Steve Anderson
District 15
Chairman

Hello, fellow firefighters.

I want to start by thanking District 18 for hosting this year's State Convention. Congratulations to everyone who helped make it a success. Special congratulations go out to all award winners, including C. L. Mitchell, District 15's Midwest Award winner, and Nicole Payne, Miss Flame 2003.

Next, I would like to challenge each department to send at least one representative to every district meeting. It is very disappointing to hear single-digit attendance reports.

I need to thank Wadesville VFD, Warrick Co. Chiefs, Newburgh VFD, German Twp. VFD, and Posey Co. Chiefs for inviting me to their events during the last quarter. I apologize to the departments that had events I was unable to get to.

Before closing, I would like to send special thanks to a person that has at-

tended almost every meeting during my tenure. Thanks for the humor, thanks for the pictures, thanks for your support - Ron Bell.

Until next time, be safe!

Steve Anderson
District 15 chairman

DISTRICT 17A



Jim Abrams
District 17A
Chairman

District 17A's last meeting in June was hosted by Bruceville Vol. Fire Dept.

Angela Cardinal spoke about being 17A Miss Flame. Chief Tim Smith, Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. and Ed Yochum spoke on Census FR.

Charles and Gina Parker and their crew did a wonderful job on convention. Every event was great. Congratulations to Mort Sorg for receiving the Mr. I.V.F.A. award.

Elnora Vol. Fire Dept. will be presented a clock for the opening of their new fire department on July 11th. Jerry Beck will receive their Midwest Award. He and Wayne Ellis will receive their 25 year pins for service.

Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting will be July 14th at Richland-Taylor Vol. Fire Dept. George Ockerman will be presented his 25 year pin. Callie Rehmel will be recognized for receiving the Angel Award. Jack Wilson will be recognized for receiving the Ollie Sandberg Award.

Owensburg Vol. Fire Dept. and Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. are both building new fire stations. Both are coming along great. Good luck to both departments.

District 17A's next meeting will be hosted by the Oaktown Vol. Fire Dept. in Oaktown on July 28th at 7:00. This meeting will be election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abrams
District 17A Chairman

DISTRICT 18



Charles Parker
District 18
Chairman

District 18 meeting was called to order by district chairman, Chuck Parker at 8:00. The meeting was held May 15, hosted by the Luce Twp. VFD at Richland station.

Sixty-nine members answered roll call. Eighteen departments represented, 214 calls answered.

A moment of silence was observed for those firefighters who passed away since our last meeting.

Five deaths in district since January (this figure includes one past member) as of 3-20. Four deaths since March 20 meeting, including one line of duty death.

Fire Prevention Week parade will be held at Troy, IN on Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. EST.

Next district meeting will be hosted by St. Anthony VFD at 7:30 p.m. EST.
Chuck Parker

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman

The convention is over for this year, but now is the time to be thinking about next year's convention at Clarksville.

Members of District 19 received some very special awards at this year's convention. Rosie Weisenbach of the Morris Vol. Fire Dept. received the Lois Boaz Award given annually at the convention by the ladies' auxiliary.

It is a very special award and Rosie is very worthy to receive the award. She has done very much for the fire service and the community.

Kim Narwold, Batesville Fire Dept. and District 19 Miss Flame was named Miss Congeniality. This is a very special award because it is voted on by the other district Miss Flames.

Kim is the daughter of Bob and Pam Narwold, Batesville. Any department in the district that would like to have Kim at a fire department function, contact her or you contact me and I will let

Kim know.

I was very honored to receive the district Midwest Award. There are many members of the IVFA and Auxiliary that are worthy of these awards. Letters for 2004 Midwest Award need to be brought to the January district meeting and letters for the state awards need to be at the IVFA office by February 1, 2004.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

Congratulations, Mort!
2003 Mr. I.V.F.A.



Maurice "Mort" Sorg beams with joy after receiving the 2003 Mr. IVFA Award.

Maurice "Mort" Sorg is Mr. IVFA for 2003. Mort has been a member of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. His father was a charger member of the Fire Department. Mort has been active in the IVFA for over 30 years. He has served as district chairman for 30 years and district secretary prior to that time. He has been a firm advocate of volunteerism. He has instilled the need to volunteer in his entire family.

Mort and his wife, Antoinette "Toni" have been married nearly 40 years. They have four children, all of which belong to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department. Their children are Ed, a lieutenant on Fishers Fire Department, Richard, a captain on the Fort Wayne Fire Department, Beverly, married to Andrew Lockwood who are both on Poe Volunteer Fire Department, and Becky, a member of Poe and the FAST team of Allen County. Ed and his wife, Teresa, have two

girls, Amelia and Emily, and Bev and Andy have three children, Terry, Olivia and William.

Mort has served as Chief, as well as on many other committees and many other positions in the Poe Fire Department. He is a strong supporter of the auxiliary and has helped over the years in designing a drying rack for the peanut brittle project.

Mort is also active in St. Joseph Hensen Cassel Church. Mort also volunteers at the fundraisers at the church and others in the community.

Mort was very surprised with the many awards he received at convention in French Lick. It is a convention which he will never forget. He was presented his 50 year gold card by President Buz Koehler. Ivan Nevil then presented him with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award from the office of the State Fire Marshal. The evening was capped off with the Mr. IVFA Award.

Now that he has made a career change and retired from the International Truck and Engine Plant in Springfield, Ohio, he plans to continue doing the things he enjoys -- spending time with the grandchildren, fire department and his Texas Long-horns.

Mort is very proud of his awards and will wear the Red Coat and medallion with pride. He extends a big THANK YOU to anyone who was involved in any way in his receiving these many awards.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU, MORT SORG!

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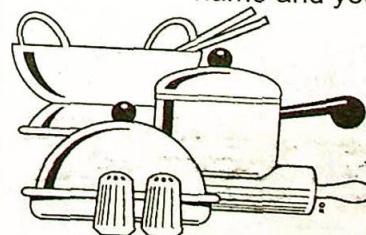
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1, 2003

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

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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 Requests** to the IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724 no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the **number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

Renewal Months By First Letter Of Your Last Name

January 31 - Corporations & Fleet Vehicles	May 31 - Ho-I	Sept. 30 - So-T
Feb. 15 - A-Be	June 15 - J-Km	Oct. 15 - U-Wk
Feb. 28 - Bf-Bz	June 30 - Kn-L	Oct. 31 - Wl-Z
March 15 - C	July 15 - Ma-Me	
March 31 - D	July 31 - Mf-O	
April 15 - E-F	Aug. 15 - P-Q	
April 30 - G	Aug. 31 - R	
May 15 - Ha-Hn	Sept. 15 - Sa-Sn	

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. You only need to send **\$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
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7. See additional instructions for BMV procedures.

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

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special 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 Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.

From the IVFA Office

Barb Kerney

Don't forget that your IVFA dues are due and will be considered late after July 31.

License plate sales are going strong, thanks to the looks of the new Indiana license plate. The increased sales of the IVFA License Plate will allow the IVFA to offer three \$1,500.00 scholarships next year instead of two.

Don't forget to contact your district chairman if you are eligible for a 25 year pin or a 50 year Gold Card. These awards are available to all IVFA members that have 25 or 50 years of fire service.

If you are moving, or have moved, please fill out the change of address form or contact the office so we may change our files to keep you current in receiving the newspaper.

We have a new supply of IVFA clothing now in stock. The demand caught us off guard and we ran out some of the items. The hats are now available, after a long wait getting the logo redesigned to fit the hats. Our thanks to Larry and Carol Curl for their help in selling our clothing at the convention.

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Celebration to be held for Charlie Baker

You're invited to celebrate 50 years in the fire service for Charlie Baker.

We're holding a celebration for **Charlie Baker at Wayne Township Fire Department Conference Center**, 700 North High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana on **August 10, 2003 - Sunday afternoon - 2-5 p.m. Presentations at 4 p.m.**

If you have "**Something Special**" you would like to say or present, please let me know. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend or two!

RSVP:
e-mail: lbaker@midwestfire.net or
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Linda Baker @ 1-765-676-4196

Recipes needed for statewide cookbook

NOTICE TO ALL IVFAA AND IVFA MEMBERS:

The IVFAA is putting together a statewide cookbook to sell as one of our fundraising projects for next year.

We need your help!

Send us your favorite recipes.

Include your name, fire department and district.

I know there are a lot of good cooks out there, so please share your favorites with us!

Send your entries to any officer or district chairman of the IVFAA.

Barb Kerney

2002 - 2003 Legislative Session

By: Shokrina Radpour Beering, Esquire - IVFA Lobbyist and Counsel

The IVFA had a very eventful and successful legislative session. The Legislative Committee met with me in September and informed me of five priorities for the legislative agenda:

1. Increase the amount which could be paid to volunteers from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00; 2. change the loan program to a grant program; 3. allow county and municipal government employees who are also volunteer firefighters to fight fires during the business day without reprimand from the county or municipality; 4. institute \$2,000.00 income tax credit for volunteer firefighters; and 5. allow volunteer fire departments to borrow funds at municipal rates through the Indiana Bond Bank.

We were successful in drafting proposed legislation and finding legislators to sponsor bills for each of the five priorities. The initiatives which had a fiscal impact on the State, which were changing the loan program to a grant program and instituting a \$2,000.00 tax credit for volunteer firefighters (which are also initiatives we tried last year) did not get a hearing. I had advised the Committee in September that legislation which would result in decreasing funds to the State would not move this year because of the State's budget deficit. We were fortunate in that Senator Sue Landske offered these bills in the Senate and Representative Bob Bischoff offered them in the House.

HOUSE BILL 1006 - Additionally, I testified at the request of State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright on his Bill 1106, Volunteer Firefighter Training. As

the Bill was originally presented, driver training requirements were to be applicable only to volunteer firefighters. We were successful in having this Bill amended in the House to have driver training requirements apply to both volunteer and merit firefighters. The amendment also deleted references to the specific number of hours required on certain topics for training in favor of an overall hours requirement, letting your departments determine the areas in which the members most need the training.

HOUSE BILL 1387 - We made some headway by having the bill proposed to allow County municipal employees to fight fires without reprimand from the County municipality. Representative Bob Bischoff submitted House Bill 1387 on our behalf; however, some legislators expressed concern that municipality and county facilities, such as jails, might be left understaffed. Rather than pursue this legislation, we choose to use our political capital regarding some legislation which was put forth that took us by surprise, House Bill 1605.

HOUSE BILL 1605 - One such piece of legislation with which many of you got involved was House Bill 1605, green lights on vehicles, put forth by representative Scott Reske. The language initially put forth mimicked the language we put through two years ago for the blue light law. However, things change on a daily basis over at the Statehouse and sometimes change several times during the day. After the intro-

duction of the Bill, Representative Reske amended the Bill to allow EMTs to run blue lights and included a provision for driver training. I worked closely with Senator Wyss, who was Chair of the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee hearing this Bill, as well as with Representative Reske, having numerous meetings with both of these gentlemen. Additionally, I testified on the IVFA's behalf in front of this Committee. I want to commend the dozens of you who contacted your legislators and committee members through email, telephone, and letter so that the amendment to the Bill did not move forward. During the Committee Hearing, several members asked questions to make sure that the IVFA's concerns had been allayed prior to passing the legislation out of Committee.

Representative Reske was disappointed by the success of our efforts and has said he will try to pass legislation next year regarding this issue. Please let your legislative committee know your thoughts regarding the green light issue so that we can try to work to get something acceptable to the membership as well as to Representative Reske as we anticipate this issue for the upcoming session.

HOUSE BILL 1808 - Our effort to increase the amount of nominal compensation which can be paid to volunteers from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00, House Bill 1808, was successful and is now Public Law 119. Representative Bill Ruppel signed on to sponsor the bill authored by Bob Bischoff, as did

Ron Alting, Allie Craycraft, Jr. and Larry Lutz. This Bill was passed without any amendments to the legislation we proposed.

SENATE BILL 355 - We worked very closely with the Indiana Bond Bank on Senate Bill 355 and were successful in having legislation passed to allow volunteer fire departments to borrow funds at municipal rates through the Indiana Bond Bank. Senator Mike Young authored the Bill, along with author Sue Landske and co-authors Brandt Hershman, Tim Lanane, Luke Kenley, and Robert Jackman. House sponsors were Bob Bischoff and Bill Ruppel. Bob Cherry, Allie Craycraft, Jr., and Eric Koch also signed on. This legislation is now Public Law 50 and went into effect July 1, 2003.

SENATE BILL 548 - Another unanticipated piece of legislation was Senate Bill 548 put forth by SEMA, authored by Senator Jim Merritt regarding emergency medical services. This legislation as proposed made changes to permit intermediate and advanced levels of emergency medical technician certifications in addition to the levels currently in use, established a disciplinary process for offenses committed by certain individuals, permitted the collection of fees, created an emergency medical services fund, and regulated emergency medical dispatch agencies and personnel. We objected to the fee created in the initial legislation being imposed on the members of the association. Your leadership is sensitive to the fact that for some of your departments, the imposition of additional fees results in monies coming out of your pockets. I spoke with Senator Merritt before he introduced the Bill at its initial Committee Hearing, and he was so kind as to state in his opening remarks that he did not wish for the fees to be imposed on volunteer fire fighters. After additional discussions with Michael Garvey and SEMA General Counsel Brad Gavin and Representative Ron Harrell, who was the House Sponsor, SEMA agreed to drop the fee provisions from the legislation.

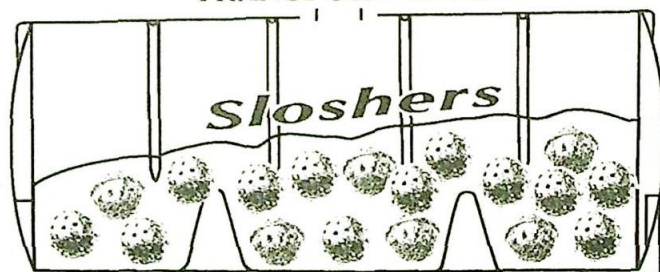
INSURANCE BENEFIT - The last unexpected event was an attempt to attach language regarding the changing of insurance benefits for volunteers on to our Bill 1808, the Nominal Compensation Bill. This language was put forth by the lobbyists of an insurance company, rather than going through the normal legislative process of having a Bill sponsored, introduced, and discussed before a Committee. This late attempt to amend onto our bill did not allow the IVFA sufficient time to investigate the merits of the proposal over the current situation, and we did not want to bring any dissent to 1808, so Senator Sue Landske decided not to allow the language to be amended into our Bill. Representative Bob Bischoff was going to see if the issue could be assigned to a summer study committee, but that has not happened as of this date. The proposal to change insurance benefits to worker's compensation benefits will likely show up again next session, but hopefully in the form of a bill which will be analyzed by the Legislative Service Agency and discussed fully during Committee hearings. If there are issues you would like the Committee to consider for next session, please let Jim Parker or Fred Page know. I e-mail weekly reports to the Central Office which go to the District Chair so feel free to call the Central Office if you want to receive your own copy. I look forward to representing the IVFA next session.



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Receive 25 year ring



MEMBERS OF THE Milton Washington Township Fire Department (from left to right) Larry Barrett, Chief Richard Pollitt Sr., and Assistant Chief Don Onstott, recently received their 25 year ring.

Air Evac helicopter visits convention



THE AIR EVAC helicopter made a visit to the 2003 IVFA convention which was held in French Lick in June.

(Photo submitted by David Bretz)

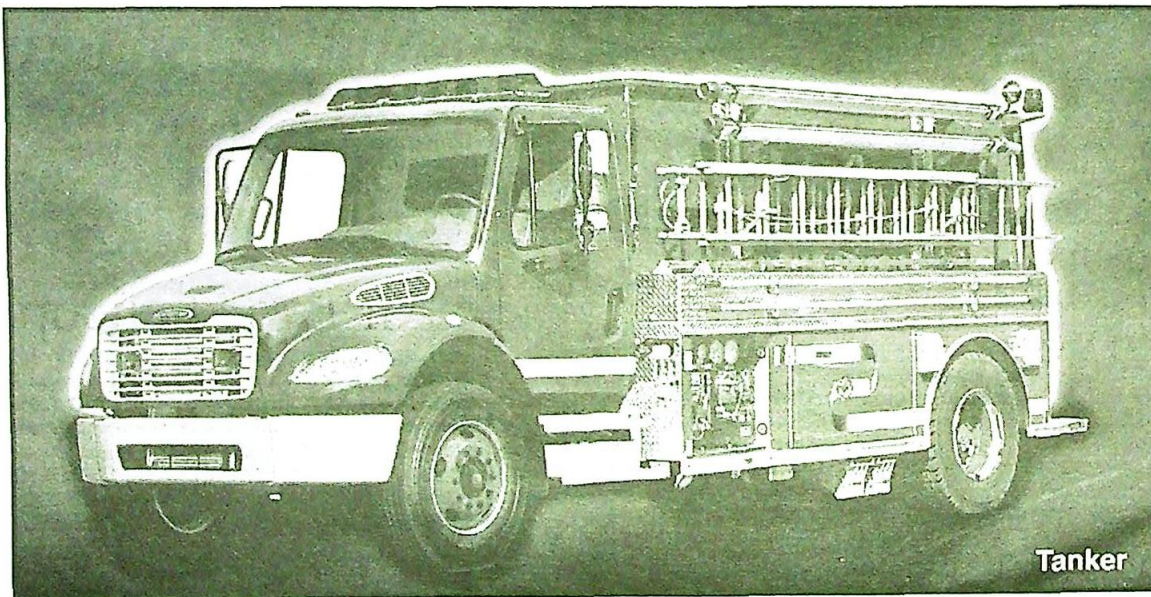
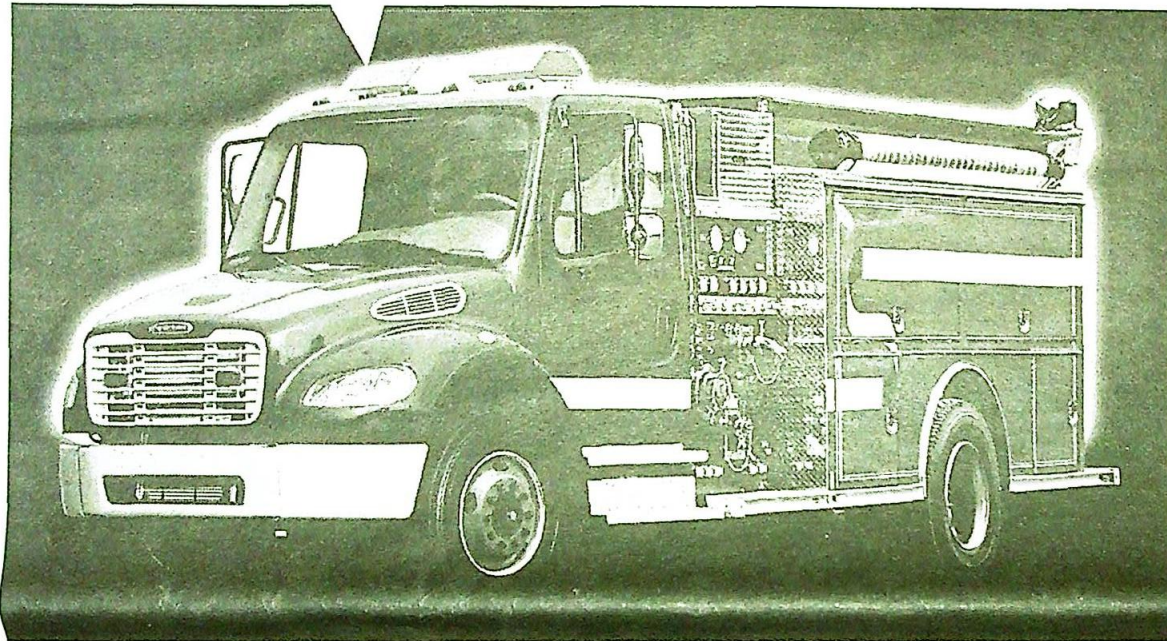
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

COLUMBUS, INDIANA
MAY 3, 2003

President Buz Koehler called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. He asked Chaplain Fred Page for the Invocation. Vice-president Jack Kerney then led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guests present included Al Mendal, Clarence Moss and Jean Smith. Also, Dee Montel, District 9A secretary, who is filling in for Jon Randle and Steve Mackey, District 19 Vice Chairman, who is filling in for Ed Scheele. New District 12 Chairman Larry Bruner was also introduced.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Buz Koehler - He has driven about 6000 miles this past quarter attending 13 district meetings, one Memorial service, three fundraisers, five committee meetings, three county meetings, five award presentations, and one legislative hearing.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jack Kerney - He has traveled 3832 miles. Attending the Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, Duneland Fire School, several district meetings, a memorial service, an awards presentation and several fundraisers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - Attended Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, three district meetings, one memorial service, and I now have the new phone cards for those that requested them. President Koehler then called for the reading of the minutes of the February meeting. A motion by Mike Mackin to accept the minutes as printed. Don Cushman gave the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - They have attended four fundraisers, one memorial service, and three district meetings. Explained the balance sheet and the profit and loss sheet. Established a gaming account of \$50; so the Convention Committee could get a gaming license for the convention raffle. This account shall maintain a minimum balance of \$50 at all times.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Fred Page - He has had 19 deaths reported this past quarter. He has conducted eight memorial services. He had a meeting April 12, 2003 in Indianapolis for the Assistant Chaplains that he is organizing. He is putting together a handbook on the needs of a chaplain that include outlines for different types of services that a chaplain will conduct.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Jack Zeeks - Pass.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Bill Bush - He has new Clothing and Death Notification forms.

Please destroy all old forms now. He will pass out new forms. He has attended several district meetings and county meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW: Jim Bradford - He has driven over 1500 miles this last quarter attending six district meetings, one awards presentation, two memorial services, five fundraisers, two newspaper committee meetings and one nominating committee meeting.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - Attended Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, one memorial service, one retirement, one fundraiser, one station dedication and District 4-6-7 meetings.

PRWC: Diane Harrison - Attended Districts 11A, 11B, 21 and 12 meetings, two Greene County firefighters association meetings, the Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, three memorial services and two retirement dinners. She also has a letter from the Greene County Firefighters Association requesting two large IVFA decals. The letter was read and forwarded to the Logo Committee for approval.

PREC: Don Cushman - Attended Districts 10, 13A, 8A and 8B meetings. Also visited one department.

PRSW: Ron Bell - Attended three district meetings, several 2003 convention meetings, one open house, one retirement dinner, one department visit and one fundraiser.

PRSE: Joe Caudill - Absent.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: Tom Orrell - Held meetings on Mar. 19, 2003 at Beverly Shores Fire Dept. There was no formal program. District 1 had 41 members from 12 departments and District 2 had 13 members from five departments. He had several requests for "educational program" in the area of "Stress Management." The next meeting will be May 21, 2003 at New Chicago.

DISTRICT 2: Paul Watland - Held meeting on Feb. 19, 2003 lake Hills Vol. Fire Dept. District 1 had 12 departments with eight members and District 2 had eight departments with 43 members present. The next meeting will be Mar. 19, 2003 at Beverly Shores Vol. Fire Dept.

The next meeting in District 2 was held April 16, 2003 at the Keener/DeMotte Fire Dept. The program was presented by Jim Branham of the Porter County Fire Investigative Strike Team (F.I.S.T.) on fire scene contamination. District 1 had 11 departments and 24 members present. District 2 had 10 departments and 49 members present. The next meeting will be May 21, 2003 at New Chicago.

DISTRICT 3: Tim Sandy - had meeting March 18, 2003 at Coolspring Vol. Fire Dept. with seven departments and 19 members present. Training was a video of a Tanker Rollover and the safe driving of the vehicle. The next meeting is May 15, 2003 at Kingsbury Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4: John Ferro - Held

meeting at Oslo Fire Dept. They had much discussion on the wording/gender language of some of the IVFA Awards. A committee was formed in the district to look at the wording. The next meeting will be July 23, 2003 at Warren Twp. Fire Dept., St. Joseph County.

DISTRICT 5: Don Kissinger - He has attended two county meetings, several fundraisers and visited with a department to get them to rejoin the IVFA. The next meeting will be May 8, 2003 at Atwood Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6: Dave Elick - Has driven 826 miles this past quarter. He attended two county chief meetings, one station dedication, and presented six - "25 Year Pins". The next meeting is May 27, 2003 at Howe Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7: Mort Sorg - Attended Fire Caucus in Washington D.C. and the Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. The last district meeting was at Preble Fire Department. They reported two deaths in the district. The next meeting is May 19, 2003 at Roanoke Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A: Bill Pape - Held last meeting March 12, 2003 at Swayzee Vol. Fire Dept. with 15 departments and 33 members present.

They discussed the IVFA clothing apparel, resolutions and the insurance plan. They had one death in the District. The next meeting will be May 14, 2003 at Van Buren Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B: Larry Petro - Held last meeting in March with seven departments and 28 members present. This was their Miss Flame contest. They reported 42 fire runs and 67 EMS runs. They had one death in the district. The next meeting will be May 21, 2003 at Yorktown Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9A: Dee Montel - reporting for District Chairman Jon Randle. They held their last meeting at Jackson Twp. at Camden with 12 departments and 36 members present. The program was on Military Aircraft Rescue given by Fire Chief Bill Barton of the Grissom Air Force Base. The next meeting will be May 22, 2003 at Clinton Twp. Fire Dept. in Clymers Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9B: Randy Denton - Absent.

DISTRICT 10: David Israel - Held meeting March 19, 2003 at Adams Vol. Fire Department with seven departments and 17 members present. The program was on Radio Communications. Also discussed the Legislative update. They presented Adams Vol. Fire Department with a Station Clock. The next meeting is April 16, 2003 at Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

The Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. meeting had 10 departments and 28 members present. The program was about Foam Pack with SCBA. The next meeting will be May 21, 2003 at Hartsville Vol. Fire Department in Bartholomew County.

DISTRICT 11A: Jack McFarland - Held meeting March 19, 2003 at Prairieon Vol. Fire Dept. with 10 departments and 32 members present. The program was presented by John Stewart on the dangers of Hybrid Automobiles. He has attended one retirement dinner. The next meeting will be May 18, 2003 at Van Buren Fire Department. The July meeting will be at Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Department on July 20, 2003. This will be the election of officers for the district.

DISTRICT 11B: Larry Ketchem - Held meeting March 9, 2003 at Dana Vol. Fire Department with six departments and 21 members present. The program was presented by Chief Bill Nugent of the Greencastle Fire Department. He spoke on the dorm fire at DePauw University. He explained some of the problems that he encountered during that incident. There were

two deaths in the district this past quarter. The next meeting will be May 14, 2003 at Hillsdale Community Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12: Larry Bruner - Just elected as district chairman and trying to get organized.

DISTRICT 13A: Tim Martin - Had meeting Feb. 22, 2003 at Fortville Fire Dept. with five departments and 13 members present. The program was on Water Awareness. He also attended one county chief's meeting. The next meeting will be May 15, 2003 at Buck Creek Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B: Dennis Spears - The last meeting was Feb. 23, 2003 at Centerville Fire Department with three departments and seven members present. They had one death in the district. The next meeting will be at Liberty Fire Department.

DISTRICT 14: Al Williamson - He has driven 284 miles this past quarter. He held his meeting April 9, 2003 at Hanover Fire Department with six departments and 15 members present. They had one death in the District. The next meeting is to be announced.

DISTRICT 15: Steve Anderson - Held meeting on March 18, 2003 at Elberfield Fire Department with six departments and 18 members present. The program was about the Hazmat equipment being placed throughout the State. He attended two chief's meetings, made eight direct and 26 indirect contacts with the departments in the district. The next meeting is May 20, 2003 at Francisco Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16: Ron Melton - Held meeting Feb. 20, 2003 at Heth Twp. Fire Dept. with four departments and 17 members present. He presented three "25 Year Pins" and discussed the insurance program. The next meeting will be May 22, 2003 at Palmyra Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A: Jim Abrams - Held March meeting at Elnora Fire Dept. with 14 departments and 54 members present. The next meeting is May 28, 2003 at Washington Twp. Fire Dept. in Bruceville.

DISTRICT 17B: Jim Zeeks - Held meeting at Marion Twp. Fire Dept. on April 30, 2003 with six departments and 11 members present. Talked about By-Law change and the Legislative Bills. The next meeting will be July 18, 2003 at the Mitchell Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 18: Charlie Parker - held meeting March 20, 2003 with 62 members present. The next meeting will be May 15, 2003 at Luce Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19: Steve Mackey - Vice Chairman - they held their May meeting March 27, 2003 at Blooming Groove Fire Dept. with nine departments present. The program was on the dangers of Meth Labs. The next meeting will be May 22, 2003 at Bright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21: Don Fultz - Held last meeting March 31, 2003 at West Lebanon Fire Dept. with five departments and 13 members present. The next meeting will be June 30, 2003 at Forrest Vol. Fire Department.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Richard Glant - pass; Mitch Parish - pass; Carl Bruns - pass; Jim Parker - pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMES: Al Mendal - Entry forms are printed in the paper for the games at convention. The patches and trophies will be ordered soon and the trailer is ready to go.

CONVENTION 2003: Charlie Parker - preparations for this year are moving along well with 120 pre-registered. Information on convention is available on the internet at www.ivfa.org

CONVENTION 2004: Al Williamson - has had two meetings.

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Quarterly meeting continued (from page 14)

EXECUTIVE: Buz Koehler - Pass.

BUDGET: Buz Koehler - Pass.

INSURANCE: Buz Koehler - The Insurance Program is moving. Flyers will be mailed to members soon. IVFA will receive 1% on all premiums written including renewals.

BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - There were 34 applications this year on time. The two winners have been selected. The committee discussed the clarification of the deadline for the application to be in by and decided that March 1 is the deadline. Also talked about maybe going to three scholarships next year.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford - The paper is 48 pages this time. The paper printers cannot reprint newspaper or fax pictures.

AD TAKER: Mitch Parish - Stated that article sent in from other newspapers must have the following information included with the article; 1. what newspaper the article is from; 2. who wrote the article; 3. the date of the article. If this information is not with the article our publisher will not use the article.

CLOTHING: Jim Bradford - Had two claims for eyeglasses. Both were approved.

AWARDS: Jack Kerney - We have a Midwest Award winner from all districts. They had three applications for the Ollie Sandberg Award and three for the Angel Award. We need to talk up the Awards at district meeting.

FIRE SCHOOL: Jack Kerney - Having good attendance at Fire Schools.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Parker - He discussed the success and failures of this Legislative session. The loan program from the Indiana Bond Bank to Volunteer Fire Departments passed. The increase in pay to remain a Volunteer was raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The one-hour Driver Training added to the 24-hour training standards. Those issues that did not pass were: Change the Fire Marshal Grant/Loan program to a straight Grant program and the no reprimand for City and Township employs who are late to work for making Fire and EMS runs.

Next year's priorities are: (1) Workers Compensation for Volunteers, (2) PERF Benefits that could be lost if that person serves on a Volunteer Fire Dept. (3) County and Township employs reprimand for being late do to Fire or EMS run, and (4) Property tax relief for Volunteer Firefighters.

We have been approached about supporting Legislative Fundraisers. This needs more time to study the possibility of being able to do this. Will be Board action.

MR. IVFA: Mitch Parish - They have selected a winner.

BY-LAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - Proposed amendment to Article XV to clarify the proper procedure to submit a proposed change to By-Laws. Must be letter submitted to the Board at a quarterly meeting stating the District that proposed the change at a district meeting on a given date, by majority vote at that meeting, propose that Article/Section numbers which read as follows: Then write the By-Law as the change would appear. The change would then be taken back to all districts for their approval/rejection and the Board would vote on the change at the next quarterly meeting.

LOGO: Charlie Parker - They have one request for large decal.

TIM JONES: If IVFA would be interested in sponsoring a cruise with Carnival Cruise. They made their presentation for the board. Will be board action.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson - Reported we have 17,688 members as of April 1, 2003. We are still working to reach our goal of 18,000 members. We need to promote the use of the Web Site for information. We need to update the Overhead and PowerPoint programs for membership benefits that the district chairmen use; benefit books need updated also.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 A.M.

Chaplain Page gave the Morning Message.

MISS FLAME: Patty Miller - Reported we have 19 contestants for Miss Flame this year. She will be getting information packets to them soon.

BY-LAWS / SOG: Jim Parker - Passed out SOG changes that were passed at the last meeting. By-Law Committee will meet to go over all By-Laws and SOGs to check for uniformity and correction that need to be made.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - Pass.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Don Kissinger - Pass.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish - meet in March with 42 states present. NFPA looking to do away with the face shield. We need to watch this issue. The next meeting is Sept. 24-27, 2003.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE: Buz Koehler - Requested to write a letter for an appointment to the EMS Commission from the IVFA. He has not heard anything from this letter to date. The next meeting is May 22, 2003 at Grissom Air Base.

INDIANA FIRE INSTRUCTORS: Jack Kerney - School attendance has been good.

PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - With the changes in the requirements for Probationary Firefighters the 24 Hour Training will be dropped. The training will be the same with the additional training for driver training and will also have a written exam and skills test. At this time the training will not have to have a class number. This will take place some time 2004.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: Mitch Parish - Hoosier Burn Camp is the last week of May. The Fire Services Dinner next year will be Feb. 2, 2004. Next meeting July 10, 2003.

WEB PAGE: The site is up and running. So far we have had about 39,426 hits. The Webmaster would like to have an IVFA Logo Shirt.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney - Closed out membership April 1, 2003 with 17,688 members. License plate for the year 2002 were 3536. Plate sales for 2003 so far is 2065. We have sold \$3907.50 in wearing apparel to date. The "25-Year" pins are at the Central Office. A list of all members that have received the "25-Year" is now in the computer and will be available as needed by the district chairmen.

CONVENTION GUIDELINE COMMITTEE: David Israel - Some changes that have been discussed for next year include: (1) set up Memorial Cross the night before, need access to

the site; (2) Miss Flame chairman needs to get list of contestants to the convention chairman by April 1; (3) still waiting on Evansville Convention report.

OLD BUSINESS

PHONE CARDS: They have been taken care of and issued to those that needed them.

CERTIFICATE: Jack Kerney has designed some different styles of certificates for us to look at. We will decide what we want to do along this line.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mitch Parish - The nominating meeting met April 6, 2003. They nominated the following for Officers in 2004: President - Buz Koehler; Vice-President - Jack Kerney; Secretary - Larry Bartlow; Treasurer - Jack Harker; Chaplain - Fred Page; Sgt.-at-Arms - Bill Bush; PRNW - Jim Bradford; PRNE - Mike Mackin; PRWC - Diane Harrison; PREC - Don Cushman - PRSW - Ron Bell.

A motion was made by Larry Petro to adjourn this meeting and go to the Board of Directors' meeting. The second was given by Don Cushman. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Board of Director's meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Zeeks. He called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Kissinger made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The second was by Mike Mackin. Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM 1: The shirts for the two Webmasters. A motion by Don Cushman that we give each person one shirt and the second was made by Bill Pape. Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM 2: Our interest in the Carnival Cruise sponsorship. Bill Bush made a motion that we decline the offer. The second by Mitch Parish. Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM 3: Update the Overhead and PowerPoint membership benefits program up to \$500. Motion by Don Cushman with the second by Dave Elick. Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM 4: Making donations to Legislatures. Legislative Committee Chairman to check on the legal ramifications of this venture.

ITEM 5: Roll call vote on the By-Law change of Article V, Section 6. The change to read: "After serving two terms of office, the President may hold any elected office in the organization except President or Vice President". This was passed on first action on Feb. 2, 2003. The vote was as follows: Voting YES: District 1, 2, 3, 8B and PRNW. Voting NO: District 4, 6, 7, 8A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 18, 19, 21, PRNE, PRWC, PREC, PRSW, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Sgt.-at-Arms, chairman of the board, past president Glant, past president Bruns, and past president Parker. Those who abstained were: District 5, 13B, president, chaplain, and past president Parish. Those absent were: District 9A, 9B, 17B, and PRSE. The totals are five yes, 27 no, five abstain, three absent. The By-Law was defeated.

ITEM 6: Purchase 1000 IVFA handbooks after they have been updated. Motion by Larry Ketchum to purchase them with the second by Mitch Parish. Motion passed by a voice vote.

ITEM 7: Need to make the certifi-

cates for presentation as a wooden plaque. Motion by Richard Glant with the second by Dave Elick. Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM 8: The Bridgeport Committee recommends that we give three scholarships in the year 2004. Carl Bruns made the motion that we do this and the second was by Buz Koehler. The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion by Mitch Parish to adjourn after the blessing by Chaplain Page. The second was made by Dave Elick. Motion passed by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 9 & 10, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

CONVENTION OFFICERS' MEETING

JUNE 19, 2003

FRENCH LICK, INDIANA

President Buz Koehler called the meeting or order at 10:15 a.m. He called on Chaplain Fred Page for the invocation. After the invocation, vice-president Jack Kerney led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Koehler then introduced the guests. Pam Kaufman who is sitting in for District 3 chairman Tim Sandy, Troy Fornof and Frank Daunhauer.

President Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by PREC Don Cushman to accept the minutes as printed and received. PRSW Ron Bell made the second. The motion passed by voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORT: President Buz Koehler - Done a little traveling the past month. The first six-months as president has been very interesting and enjoyable. It has been a pleasure attending the district meeting around over the state. Vice-President Jack Kerney - Not done much traveling this past month as the membership dues are coming in very good. They are about seven days behind on postmark dates. No membership dues packets were returned this year for bad address. Secretary, Larry Bartlow - pass. Treasurer, Jack Harker - pass. Chaplain Fred Page - Had seven memorial services this past month. Chairman of the Board Jack Zeeks - pass. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush - pass.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS: PRNW Jim Bradford - brought up that this meeting officer's mileage rate is \$.35 and delegate mileage rate is \$.36. PRNW Mike Mackin - pass. PRWC Diane Harrison - pass. PREC Don Cushman - pass. PRSW Ron Bell - please visit the vendor's displays and take part in the new events for this year. PRSE Joe Caudill - Absent.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS: District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 8A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 13A, 13B, 14, 15, 17A, 19 and 21 all pass. Districts 12, 16, and 17B absent. District 18 welcomed everyone to the convention.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS: Jack Kerney, pass. Richard Glant, pass. Mitch Parish, pass. Carl Bruns, pass. Jim Barker, pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Convention 2003 - pass. Convention 2004: Al Williamson - early registration table is set up upstairs. The deadline for the early registration package is March 31, 2004. Executive: Will meet right after this meeting.

BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - We do have two recipients this year and they will be here tomorrow. Next year we will award three scholarships.

AUDIT: Will meet after this meeting.

AWARDS: Jack Kerney - We have a Midwest Award for each district. All other awards will be announced later.

FIRE SCHOOLS: Jack Kerney - Attendance has been very good so far this year.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Parker - We had a very good year Legislatively this year.

MEMBERSHIP: Passed out new recruitment overheads for district chairman.

FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: Board meeting at 1:30 today. Try to attend and state your opinion to the Board. They need your input.

WEB PAGE: Will have all form on web page very soon. They have more items they want to include in the site. All other committees had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Buz Koehler reported that the survey for a week-end convention was inclusive. Many people wanted to try a weekend convention; so the 2004 convention will be June 10, 11, 12, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS: The convention committee will meet July 19 at Jeffersonville with the 2004 committee. President Koehler having no more business called for a motion to adjourn and proceed to the board of directors meeting. A motion was made by Larry Petro, District 8A, to adjourn and the second was by PREC Don Cushman. Motion passed by voice vote.

IVFA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Chairman of the board Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by PRNE Mike Mackin to accept the minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None. **NEW BUSINESS:** None. No further business to be conducted at this time a motion was made by PREC Don Cushman to adjourn after the benediction by Chaplain Fred Page. The second was by Larry Petro, District 8A. Motion passed. Benediction by Chaplain Page.

Respectively submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

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IVFA FIRELINE ~ www.ivfa.org ~

Welcome to the premier addition on the IVFA FIRE LINE. This column will provide you information on what's happening with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org. As mentioned by President Koehler in the last newsletter, the web site was totally revamped and brought back "on-line" in March. Since that time we asked for you to submit your department information, special events and training programs so they can be listed on the calendar, and tell us about any fire related equipment that your department wants to sell. We continue to add information on almost a daily basis.

As of June 1st we have approximately 130 departments listed. That is a good start, but there are almost 870 volunteer fire departments in Indiana, so we know there are well over 600+ departments who have not submitted information as of yet. Why list? Let's face it, we can never remember the number to the department on the "other side of the County", so now you will have a way to easily find it. Putting together a large scale fundraiser or training event, and want to invite the departments located in your County as well as each County surrounding you? Now you have a way to locate the necessary mailing address, email, and/or other contact information so that you can send them information.

The Event Calendar is also another method of free advertising your big fundraiser, benefit dinner, etc. Same with the training calendar, want to "open" that farm rescue training for other departments outside yours? List the details on the calendar.

Yes, the web page is still in its infancy stage, however, we want to tell you about some planned improvements for future. First, the site is currently

rently a one-way communication channel. Send us information and it gets posted on the site. If you want to know about special events or training in your area then you need to go looking for it. That is fine, but we believe we can offer you even more. In the next couple months we hope to launch an electronic e-mail version of the FIRE LINE which will be sent on a monthly basis and detail all of the Training and Special Events for the upcoming month. Departments who have submitted their information, and that listed an email address, will be automatically added to the email distribution list.

Second on the list is developing a web page that will show a State of Indiana Map and the IVFA District boundaries. Clicking on a particular district will open a unique District page, listing the district chairman information, and the departments in that district.

Other improvements are planned, but we don't want to unwrap all of the presents in this quarter's newsletter. What we do ask is that if you haven't visited the site yet, please give it a look. View the current SPOTLIGHT department, which provides a special focus on one of our member departments and the great work they are doing. Want your department in the SPOTLIGHT? The information on how to do it is located within the web site.

Finally, we recently added "News & Views" information from two Districts (5 and 9B) who submitted it. We KNOW there are a lot of things going on in your District and Department that would be great news to spread around and let others know about. Big fire, bad wreck that challenged your department, a member who received special recognition...send us the information and it will get posted. Details on how to submit information, including pictures, is also located in the web site.

In closing, this is your site and is intended to promote the IVFA and provide you, the member, with the information you need and want. Have an idea, suggestion, other item, gripe, whatever...email us at webmasters@ivfa.org and let us know what it is.

See you "on-line"!
Smoke Eater and Buckshot
IVFA Web Masters

Miss Flame contest update

By Patty Miller

There were 19 Miss Flame contestants this year. What a lovely group of young ladies! Each parent, District, and fire department have so much to be proud of...I wouldn't have wanted to be in the judges' shoes. I only hope each young lady came away with many memories and lasting friendships.

Toni Lenkensdofer, of Union City, returned to crown our 2003 Miss Flame. She is Nicole Payne, District 15, of Evansville, and the daughter of Tim and Susan Wargel. The 2003 Miss Flame runner-up is Jennifer Lingenfelter, District 11-A, of Terre Haute. She is the daughter of Gary and

Jane Lingenfelter. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Kimberly Narwold, District 19, Batesville. Her parents are Bob and Pam Narwold. Best in business attire was Amanda VerKamp, District 18, Ferdinand and best in formal wear was Angela Cardinal, District 17A, Bicknell. The Miss Flame court and the district and department they represented is as follows: District 1: Heather Schmitt - Schererville FD, District 2: Melissa Sobkowicz - Cedar Lake VFD, District 3: Jenna Schultz - Coolspring VFD, District 6: Kristen Smith - New Haven Adams Twp. VFD, District 7: Brittani Evans - Berne VFD, District 8A - Heather Rich - Center Twp. VFD, District 8B: Megan Blumenhorst - Dunkirk VFD, District 9A: Ashley Randle - Delpi Tri-Twp., District 9B: Emily Lyons - Rensselaer VFD, District 10: Michelle Hargett - Hartsville VFD, District 11A: Jennifer Lingenfelter - Otter Creek VFD St. 1, District 11B: Omeika Dowers - Cayuga VFD, District 12: Jaclyn Joseph - Lizton Union Twp., District 13B: Jessica Cox - Centerville F & R, District 14: Cindy McKenzie - Hanover VFD, District 15: Nicole Payne - German Twp., District 17A: Angela Cardinal - Washington Twp., District 18: Amanda VerKamp - Ferdinand VFD, District 19: Kimberly Narwold - Batesville VFD, 2002 IVFA Miss Flame: Toni Lenkensdofer, Union City VFD.

The girls formed a waterball team this year and competed in the games on Saturday morning. They had a good time.

I could not have gotten through the convention without the help of my committee: Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Kerney, EJ Smith, Ann Moss and Brandy Miller. A special thanks to the site committee, Melinda Bell and Bridget Gelhausen.

I would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Miss Flame contest this year: Provident Insurance & Jones & Ass. Insurance Agency, Miss Flame Luncheon; Larry and Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim and Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Jack and Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; Laurie Bush for making the albums; West Baden Vol. Fire Dept., ditty bags; and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc., Terre Haute Heart Center, Bliss-McKnight Insurance for the charm bracelets; and the I.V.F.A.A., convention charms, crown, flowers; Tatum & Assoc. for the sashes; Buz Koehler for the fire dog tie tacs; Brandy Miller for the Runner-Up Basket and David Bretz for all the pictures taken.

I encourage local fire departments

and districts to invite the girls to fundraisers and parades. Let them know that you appreciate their participation in the contest.

I would like to encourage each district to find a candidate for next year's convention, you and your candidate will not be sorry. It is a learning experience not soon forgotten. If you have any questions about the contest or how to go about getting a Miss Flame...don't hesitate to call.

Poe VFD presented \$500 check



BETTY SCHROEDER is presenting Tom Tilden, Chief of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department, with a check for \$500.00.

The check was awarded to the Poe Vol. Fire Department to be used for equipment for the ambulance.

Betty received the Good Samaritan Award for 2003 and she chose to have the Poe ambulance to receive the money. She is currently ambulance captain.

(Photo submitted by Mort Sorg, District 7 chairman)

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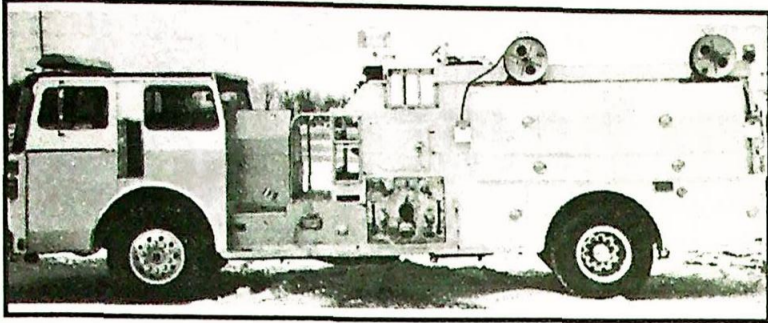
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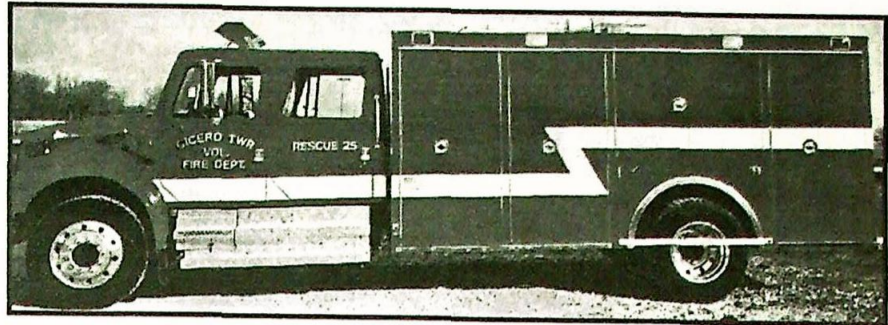
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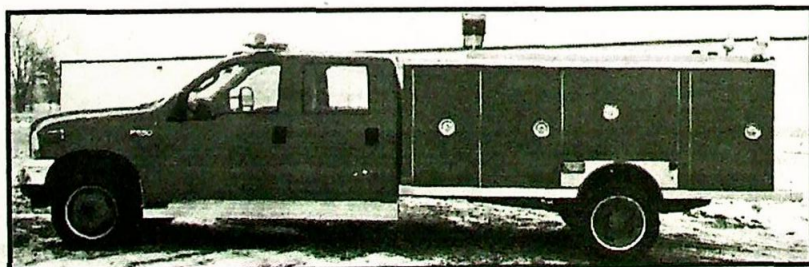
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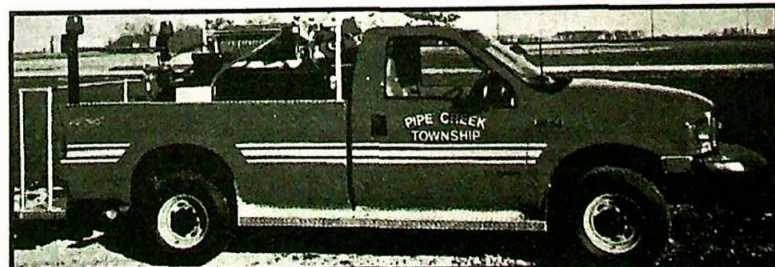
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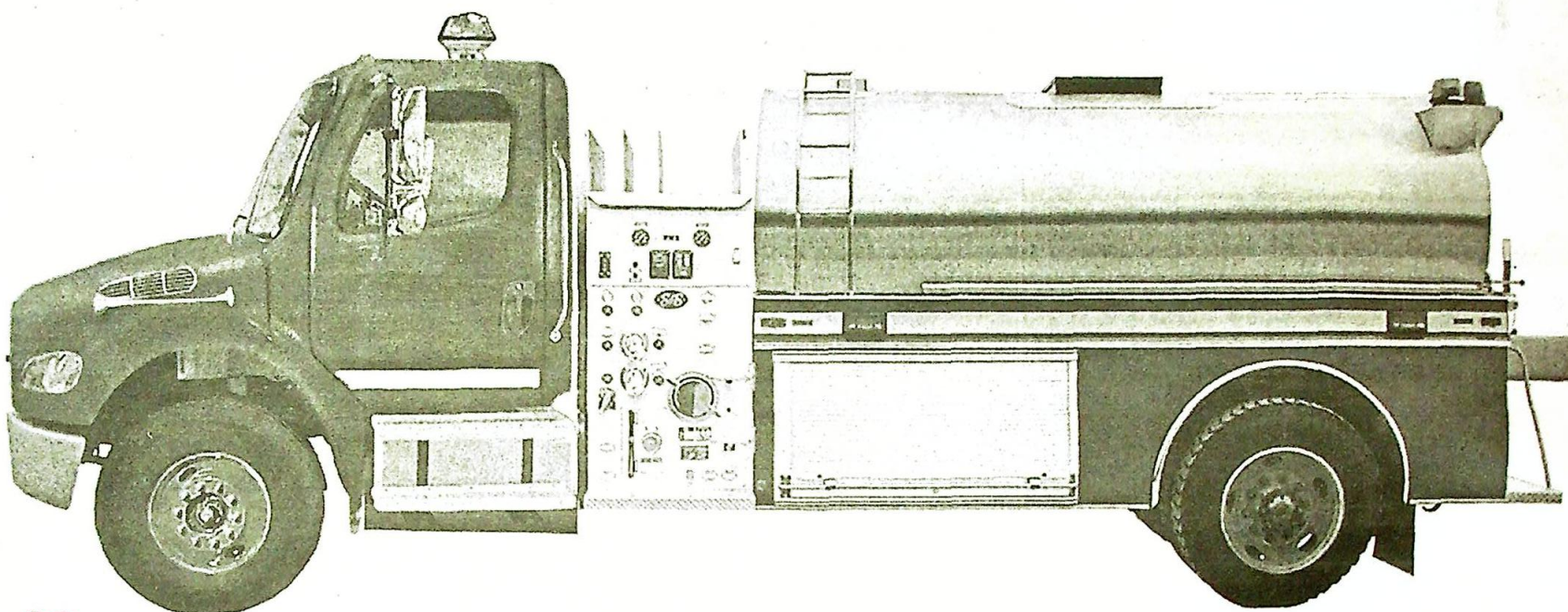
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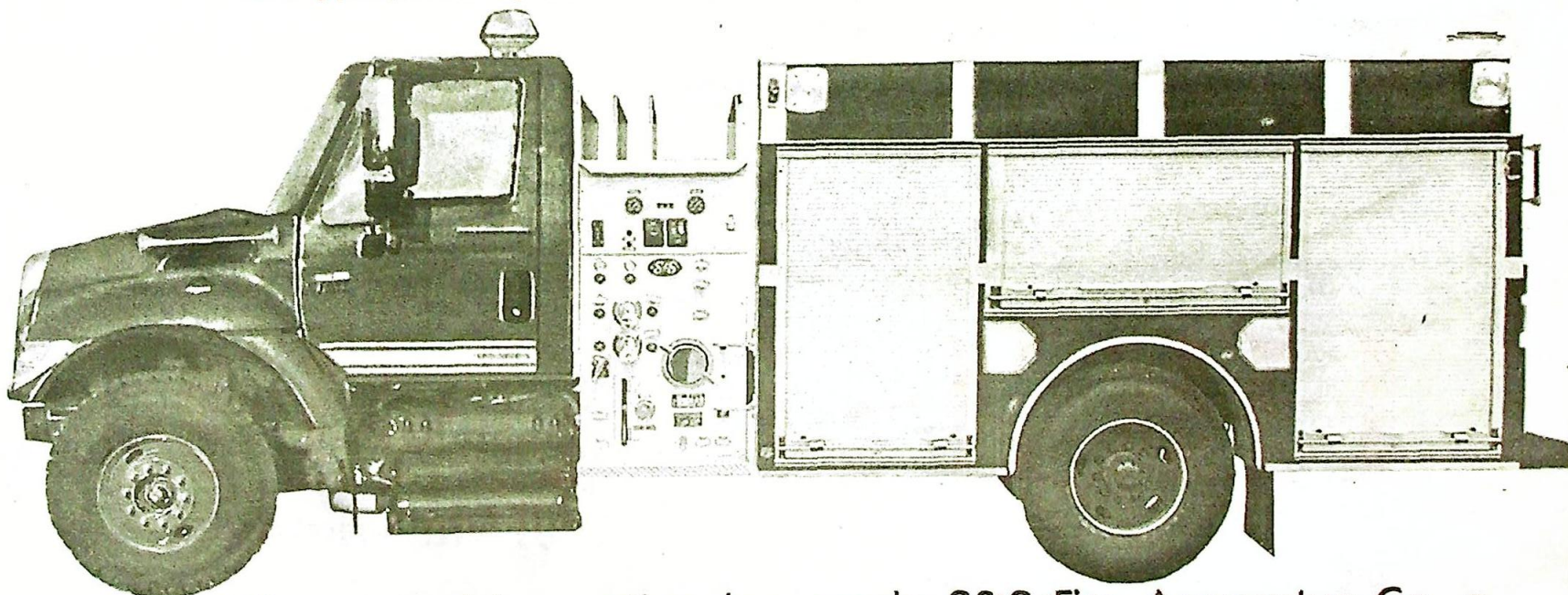
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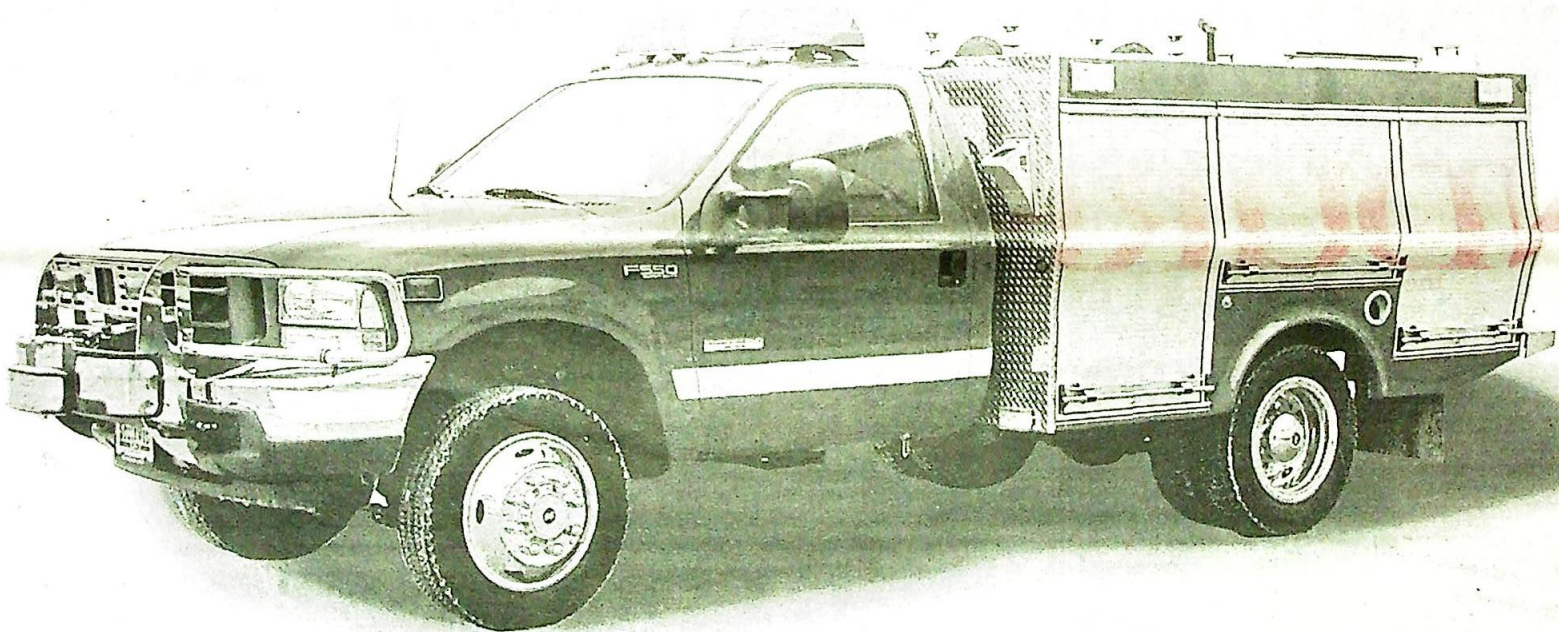
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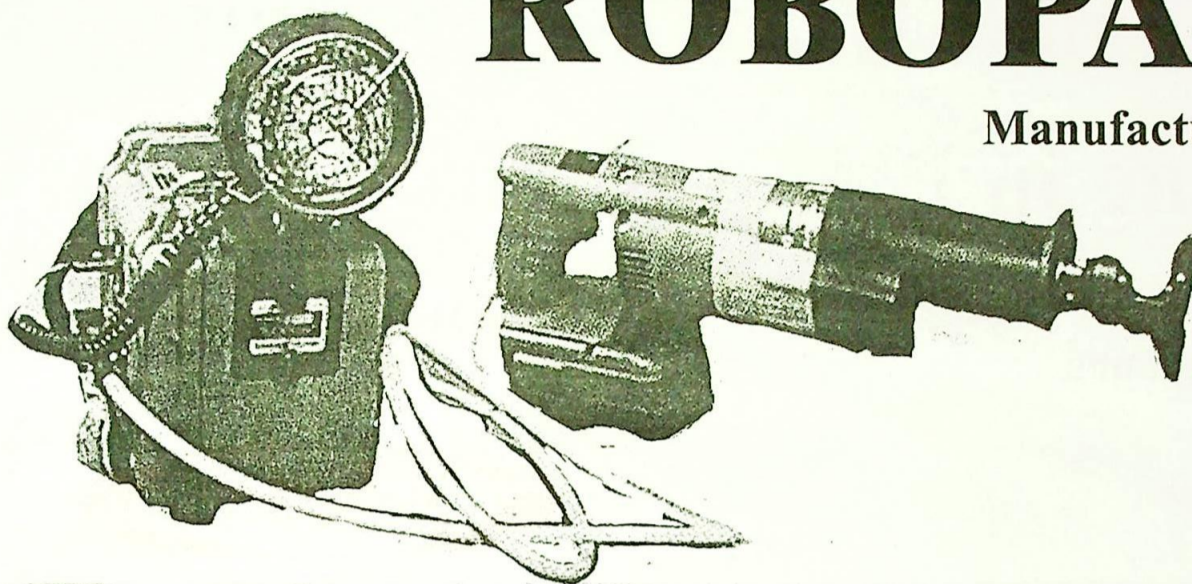
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District 19 has three award winners for 2003

At the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's convention in French Lick, IN from June 18 to the 21st, Rosie Weisenbach of the Morris Vol. Fire Dept. ladies' auxiliary was named the Lois Boaz Award recipient.

This award is given to one auxiliary member in the state that has done very much for their fire department and the community.

Rosie has held all the offices of the Morris Fire Dept. Auxiliary, and is always willing to help when needed.

Kim Narwold, of Batesville Volunteer Fire Department, and Dis-

trict 19 Miss Flame, was named Miss Congeniality at the convention.

This is a very special award because it is voted on by the other district Miss Flames in the state.

There were 19 young ladies at the convention representing their districts.

Kim is the daughter of Bob and Pam Narwold, Batesville. Ed Scheele of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department and District 19 chairman was named District 19 Midwest Award recipient.



Pictured (left to right): Rosie Weisenbach, Kim Narwold and Ed Scheele.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

This award is given to one firefighter in each district of the state that has helped to better the fire service.

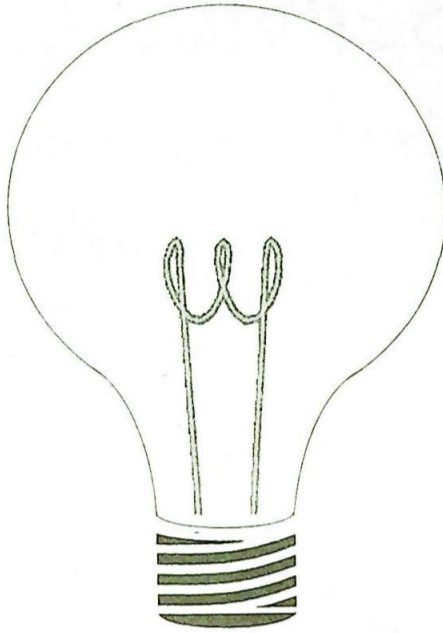
District 19 includes Franklin,

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ED SCHEELE, District 19 chairman, presenting Karl Galey, Bright Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele)

65th annual Poe Fireman's Festival to be held

The Poe Community Volunteer Fire Department of Poe, Indiana will be celebrating its 65th annual Fireman's

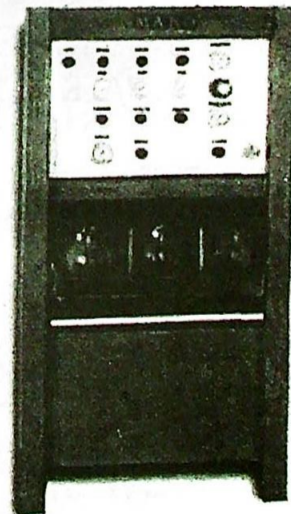
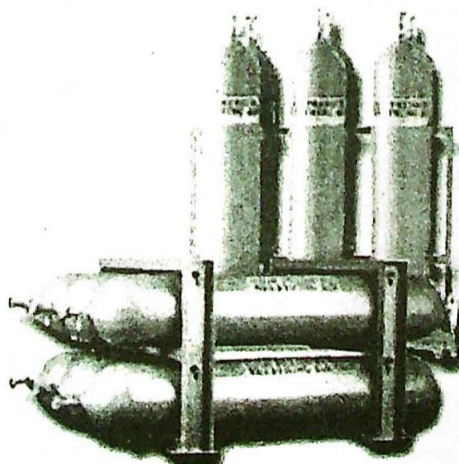
Festival, August 22 and 23, 2003.

Friday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m. will start the festivities off with a benefit auction with items donated by area merchants and the community. If interested in donating call 747-6733. Also featuring a handmade quilt 90x110 of embroidery antique roses, with throw pillows to match. Made by the Poe Community ladies. There will also be bingo, and a variety of games with food and refreshments available.

Saturday, August 23 will start with backyard volleyball at 9:00 a.m., horse-shoes at 10:00 a.m., waterball competition for both men and women, with sign in at 11:00 a.m. and play at 12:00 noon. There will be a chicken barbecue dinner serving from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A euchre tournament from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m. New Haven Alumni Band will be performing at 4:00 pm. Waynedale LTD Dancers at 5:30 p.m. and dance to The Bel Airs 50's style from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There will be a raffle drawing at 10:00 p.m.

Both days will have plenty of food and refreshments: pork & sauerkraut, food, beer tent, kid's games, bingo, country store, caramel corn, elephant ears, refreshments, moon walk with a free kid's drawing every hour.

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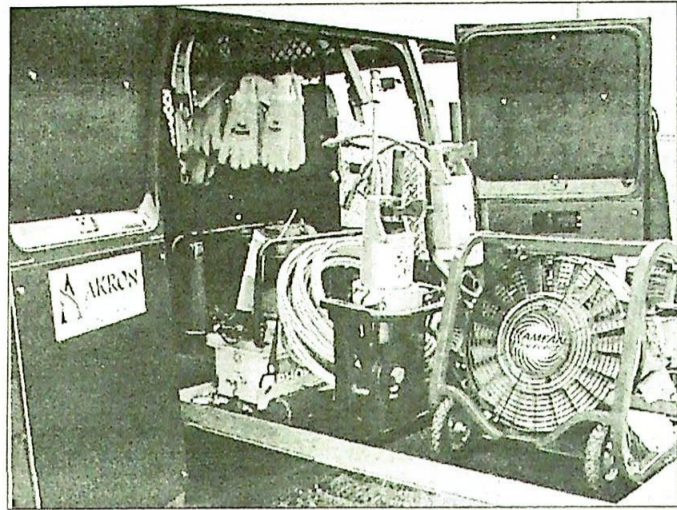
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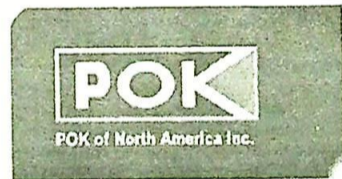
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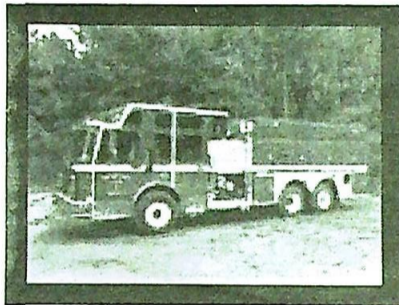
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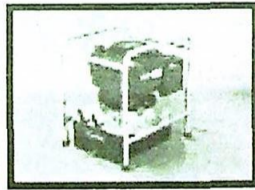
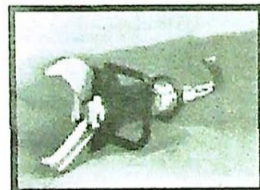
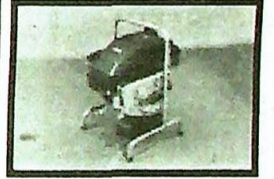
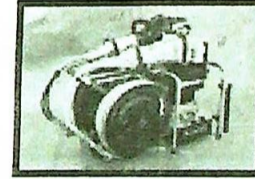
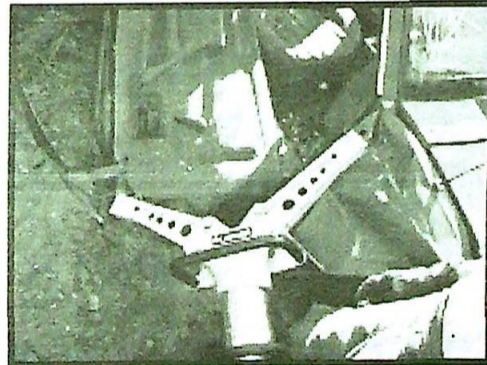
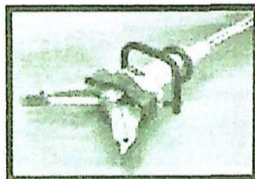
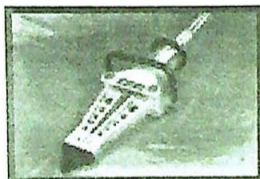


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Converse Fire Department honors two firemen for 95 years of combined service

The Converse Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., honored Roscoe Prickett for 53 years of service to our

Ambulance Corporation, and Roscoe was one of the 10 original EMT's to serve. The ambulance continues to serve Miami, Grant, Howard, and Wabash counties. Roscoe's volunteer list would continue far more

than we could print, as he and his wife Phyllis have been a great couple to lead and be the example for volunteerism. Roscoe's son, Kenny, was also a Converse fireman, having retired earlier with over 25 years of service.

Along with Roscoe's celebration, another longtime fireman was recognized for his 42 years of service. That fireman, Mark Mallott, retired several years ago but is still very active in the community. Mark and his wife Essie, were recognized for their service to the department and community.

Presenting Roscoe's lifetime membership was State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, along with District 8A rep William Pape. In attendance of over 100 members from the Swayzee Fire Department, Sweetser Fire Department, the Converse Ambulance, Amboy Fire, and the Oak Hill Times. Our department, current and past members, cannot thank Roscoe, Phyllis, Mark, and Essie enough for what they have done for our community.

Their dedication and efforts will continue to be very much appreciated by our department and communities.

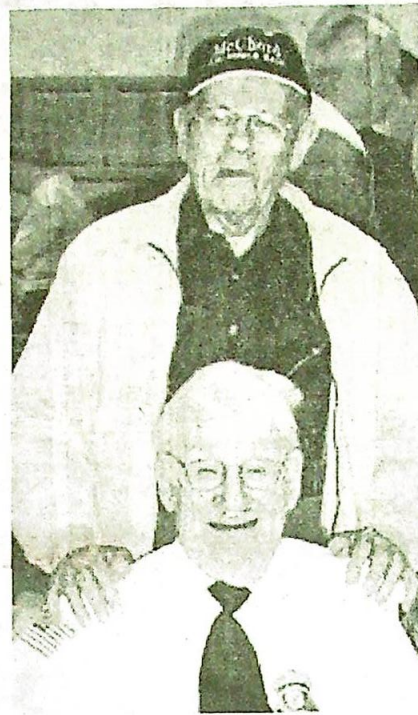
At right is Roscoe Prickett 53 years and Mark Mallott, 42 years, both very, very big parts of the volunteer fire department.



department with an open house at our regular business meeting held last month.

Roscoe has been a very vital part of not only the fire department serving in many capacities, but of our community.

Roscoe and his wife, Phyllis were instrumental in forming the Converse



Rolling out the dough

Chicken-and-noodle dinner to raise money for Burn Camp

By MELISSA VOGT
TRIBUNE STAR • Dana

Flour is the key ingredient to perfect homemade noodles.

Too little, and the dough sticks to your hands, the countertop, the rolling pin -- pretty much anywhere you don't want it, explains 61-year-old Eula Bush.

Too much, and the dough breaks apart in the cutting machine instead of rolling out as the graceful strings you'd like to slurp from your soup bowl.

Each month, members of the Dana Ladies' Auxiliary perfect their noodle-making skills. They are best known for their chicken-and-noodle dinners that raise money for equipping the Dana Community Fire Department.

But since last year, the women have added another charity to benefit from their fund-raising -- Hoosier Burn Camp.

Hoosier Burn Camp was established in 1997 as a place for young burn survivors to be kids without deal

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Our IVFA president hard at work!



IVFA president Buz Koehler.
(Photo submitted by Larry Bartley)

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Rolling out the dough ... (continued from page 25)

ing with negative reactions from other people, said the camp's executive director Mark Koopman.

"Folks don't mean to stare, but it's a normal and common human experience," he said.

During the week at Camp Tecumseh, 20 miles north of Lafayette, campers network with other burn survivors and build self-esteem and other life skills, Koopman said. Of course, they also participate in typical summer camp activities such as horse riding, swimming and hiking.

Members of the Dana Ladies' Auxiliary learned about Hoosier Burn Camp two years ago at the annual state firefighters' conference, said Bush's daughter-in-law, Laurie Bush.

"We thought it was an awesome program," the 32-year-old said.

Last year, they collected \$1,200 during a one-day Longaberger Basket Bingo event. Bush hopes to raise \$2,000 this year -- enough to pay for two children's week at camp.

Tuesday night the Bush women were busy turning eggs, milk and flour into noodle dough. A pinch each of salt and pepper rounds off the ingredient list. They chatted about neighbors and gardens as they kneaded the right amount of flour.

"Chicken noodle dinners are an easy project," said Eula Bush, Bush's

mother-in-law and one of the founding members of the ladies' auxiliary.

About \$20 buys nine dozen eggs, 50 pounds of flour and a gallon of milk, she said. The women, along with one of the group's newest members, 24-year-old Dusty Myers, would work until all the ingredients are used. The eggs usually are gone first, Eula Bush said.

Laurie rolled out the ball of dough and cut the flat pancake into strips in preparation for the next step.

Myers cranked the strips of dough through a noodle machine, which cut the dough into strands of noodles. Once a pile of fresh noodles grew high enough, she carried the tray into the next room.

There, Myers untangled the strings of noodles and laid them out in a single layer on 96 feet of tables covered in plastic. The noodles tan slightly as they dry. By morning, they'd be ready to freeze in plastic gallon bags. At the next dinner event, the bags are brought out of the freezer and their contents dumped into boiling chicken broth.

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Nolan Jack Wilson named Ollie Sandburg award recipient for 2003



NOLAN JACK WILSON was named the Ollie Sandburg winner for 2003. Wilson is from Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Also pictured with Wilson is Jack Kerney, IVFA vice president. (Photo submitted by David Bretz)

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Nikki Payne crowned Miss Flame 2003



At left, Nikki Payne, District 15, German Township Volunteer Fire Department was crowned 2003 Miss Flame by 2002 Miss Flame, Toni Lenkensdofer.



Miss Flame runner-up for 2003 is Jennifer Lingenfelter, District 11A, Otter Creek Fire Department.



At left, the 2003 Miss Flame court.



Miss Flame contestants are heading off to the bratwurst dinner.



Miss Flame contestants have arrived at the bratwurst dinner and are ready to taste some fine cooking.

(Photos by David Bretz)

Emsweller Midwest Award winner for District 10

District 10 Midwest Award winner for 2003 is Richard E. Emsweller, a member of the Clarksburg Comm. Vol. Fire Dept. in Decatur County.

Rick also received his IVFA 25 year service award on February 26, 2003 at the Decatur Co. Firemen's Association meeting held at the Clarksburg Comm. Vol. Fire Dept. of which Rick is a 27 year member.

Rick is currently a captain on the Greensburg Fire Department. (Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.)



Teenage girls make their mark as volunteer firefighters

By Tataboline Brant
Anchorage Daily News
One cold, snowy night 10 years ago in Aniak, Alaska, Pete Brown's 14-year-old son Jeremiah was struck by a four-wheeler as he was walking home from the village gym. Brown found his son lying in the snow, bleeding. It was a chilling moment for Brown, a Vietnam vet and the village's volunteer fire chief. The nearest hospital was 150 miles away. Aniak didn't even have an ambulance. It took another four hours for a plane to arrive to take Jeremiah to the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He recovered, but it was a close call.

Brown led an effort to bring ambulance service to Aniak. It was a decision that would have a profound effect on this Kuskokwim River community, especially for the kids, although no one knew that at the time.

The number of 911 calls that first year shot up from 25 to 250. Staffing quickly became a problem. A community meeting was held, and 17 high school kids showed up to help. Brown started a training program. Seven boys and one girl stuck with it. The teens called themselves the Dragon Slayers. "The boys picked the name," Brown said.

In time, the boys either graduated or quit. And then, Brown said, something odd happened. "The girls took over."

One by one they joined: Michelle, Sophia, Roxanne, Lisa, Sonya, Shgone. All were between age 13 and 16. They studied and practiced together, memorizing such lifesaving measures as the radio of breaths to compressions and how to insert oral airways.

After 200 hours of training, the new Dragon Slayers started going on calls with the town's medics. It was not a cadet program. The girls were certified in emergency trauma, basic life support and CPR and were expected to help. And they did.

Aniak is a large village, with 572 people, according to the most recent census. It's not unusual that Aniak has a volunteer fire department, said Mark Barker at the state fire marshal's office. What's remarkable is the tremendous community involvement; it's usually a struggle to keep volunteer fire departments staffed in rural Alaska, he said. Many villages have equipment but don't know how to use it, he added.

Staffing used to be an issue in Aniak, but not anymore. Today, the department has so many volunteers it's hard to keep track of them, said Dave Lemaster, a volunteer firefighter and high school teacher.

"It's kind of like counting popcorn," he said.

It's a Monday night, training time for the Dragon Slayers. They meet in the loft at the fire department, which has plywood floors and funny furni-

ture -- wheelchairs and ambulance beds for seats and an old door for a table.

Erinn Marteny and Caroline Kvamme, 16, both show up straight from basketball practice. Shauna Hamilton, 14, arrives a few minutes later. Tonight it's just the three of them.

Erinn has been on more than 100 calls. She said the most difficult are suicide attempts by teens she knows. "You just don't see it coming, and then you're the first to see it," she said.

"Everything's hard to deal with because you know everybody here," Erinn added, "but you learn to keep your emotions in check. After a difficult call, they all meet back at the station to talk about how they're feeling," she said. "We end with a group hug."

"The maturity level of some of these folks is just amazing," said Michael Duxbury, an Aniak-based state trooper who has worked with the Dragon Slayers on snow-machine and four-wheeler wrecks.

The teens come into the program as passive, unsure kids who need to be reminded that "you don't call 911, you are 911," LeMaster said, but they don't stay that way for long.

The girls throw their used needles in a hazardous waste canister, and Brown tells them to unpack a bag of equipment and explain how each item works. They act as if he's just asked them to pick up their room.

"They love every minute of it, but they complain constantly," Brown says, rolling his eyes.

Shauna, an aspiring veterinarian, is taller and quieter than Erinn and hasn't been on as many calls. She became a Dragon Slayer about six months ago after a friend and her mother asked her to. The most difficult calls for her are when elders get sick; she knows they're going to die, "and there's nothing you can do," she said.

Caroline, on the team about five months, said it's also rewarding to run into kids after you've been to their house to help or they've heard about you around town. "They say: 'I know you. You're the Dragon Slayers!' They just idolize you. It's cool."

Troopers want to capitalize on it. They've printed more than 700 posters featuring the Dragon Slayers and have enlisted the teens to help with safety presentations, Duxbury said.

Troopers are trying to figure out a way to get the teens to village schools all over the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta he said. Alcohol-related violence, injury and neglect are serious problems throughout the region. Nearly every call troopers respond to involves alcohol, Duxbury said. Kids sometimes show up drunk for school.

The Dragon Slayer program is an opportunity to stem some of that tragedy, Duxbury said. The hope is that at-risk kids will see "that these kids are on the ball, they're my age, they

come from where I don, and I can be something too," he said.

Brown is "a great shepherd," Duxbury said. "He's quite a humble man who wants to do this work so these kids can be the shining stars."

Aniak High School has tailored its curriculum to boost the Dragon Slayer program. Dragon Slayers must maintain passing grades and vow to abstain from drugs and alcohol. The program builds self-esteem and keeps the teens busy, principal Ted VanBronkhorst said. "Busy people have less time for poor decisions."

April Kameroff, 21, was inspired by her brother to become a Dragon Slayer in 1999. Four days after she graduated from high school, the local Clara Morgan Subregional Clinic offered her a job, she said. Today she's a medical lab assistant studying to become a lab technician. She's also certified to teach CPR.

Being a Dragon Slayer "gave me this great job," Kameroff said recently, sitting in her office in a crisp white lab coat. The Dragon Slayers are "saving their own lives by helping others," LeMaster said.

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Article submitted by Faye Sallee, past president IVFAA.

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Rudolph becomes certified EMT



Pershing Township firefighter, Benjamin Rudolph has recently completed requirements to become certified as an Indiana Emergency Medical Technician.

Rudolph is a student at Vincennes University majoring in Conservation Law Enforcement. He graduated with an Associates Degree in May 2003. He is also taking classes in the University's Fire Science Program. He holds a Red Card from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and is qualified to fight wildland fires.

Rudolph has been a member of Pershing Township Fire Department since 1998. Since that time he has been enrolled in regular training exercises conducted by the fire department and active in all fire department functions.

Ben is the son of Michael and Kathy Rudolph of rural Freetown. Ben serves with his father and brothers, Clint and Brian in the fire service. Clint is a graduate of Ball State with a degree in nursing. Brian is a nursing student at IU Southeast and is also certified as an emergency medical technician.

"We are very excited about the 'next generation' of firefighters at Pershing Township," said Rebecca Scott, Pershing Deputy Fire Chief. "It is a long way from where we started.

We began medical rescue with a recycled hearse and donated bandages. There were two EMTs and a few good firefighters who were committed to providing emergency care to our community. We now have several EMTs, two nurses, and two nursing students, as well as first responders."

Other medical personnel with Pershing Township Fire Department are: Richard L. Blaker, Sr., EMT, Fire Chief, NASAR; Rebecca D. Scott, EMT, Deputy Fire Chief; Mike Hall, EMT, Firefighter, NASAR; David Thompson, First Responder, NASAR; Angela Hallow, LPN, First Responder, firefighter; Jason Wynn, EMT, firefighter, NASAR; Clint Rudolph, RN, firefighter, NASAR; Jason Combs, First Responder, firefighter, NASAR; Brian Rudolph, EMT, firefighter, (nursing student); Kaleb McKinney, firefighter, (nursing student); Joseph McDermid, First Responder, firefighter; John Ferguson, First Responder, firefighter.

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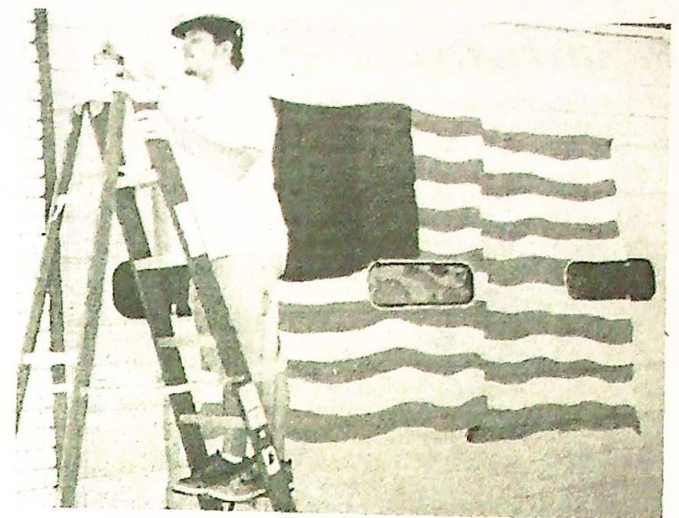
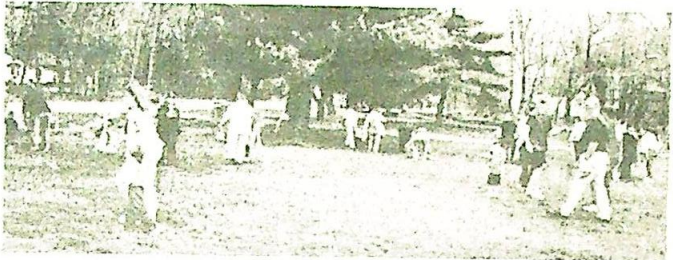
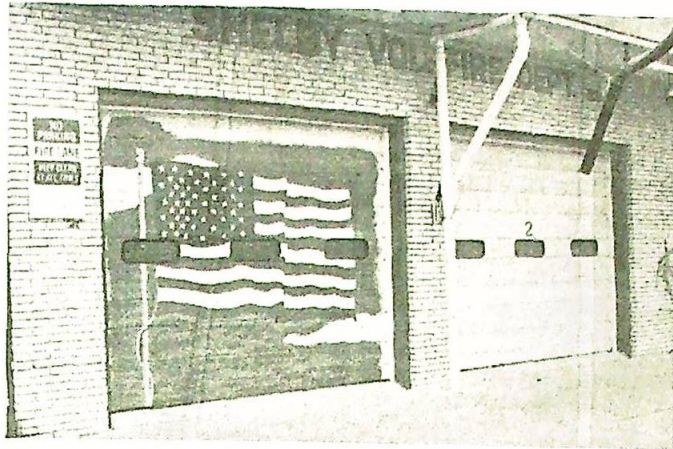
Shelby VFD hosts successful events

On Saturday, April 19, the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department hosted two highly successful events.

The first was an Easter Egg Hunt starting at noon. One hundred nineteen kids and their families enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs and chips, followed by the joy of egg hunting. Each child received a bag of candy, and small rewards for each of the eggs they found in the grassy area behind the Firehouse. Prizes were given for specially marked eggs in each age group, chocolate bunnies and stuffed animals for runner-up prizes and the grand prize in each of the six age groups was a V.I.P. pass to the Deep River Waterpark, passes were generously donated by the Deep River Waterpark.

The second was a candlelight service in support of our troops. The event drew a crowd of 300 people despite the rain. The program included participation by Lowell VFW Post, the Roselawn American Legion, Shelby Volunteer firemen and ten community speakers. Also attending to show their support were firefighters from Lincoln Township, Keener Township and Schneider. The crowd also viewed the flag mural painted by Greg Toney, on the door to bay 3. Greg is a Shelby volunteer fireman and generously volunteered his time and talent to create a beautiful tribute to all the troops. A sign created by Jerry and Joanne Cramer stands next to the firehouse with pictures of servicemen and women from the area. Anyone who wishes to can post pictures, poems or letters.

Speakers: Jerry Cramer, officer Shelby fire department; Pastor Jeff Brown, Southlake Baptist Church, Shelby; Pastor Mark Pflughoeft, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowell; Dave Zander, commander Lowell VFW and Vietnam vet; Earl Pace, World War II Navy submarines; Robert Carr, World War II Army infantry; Leroy Gottshack, Korean Peacekeeper Air Force; Herb Lennartz, Vietnam Navy Seabee; Gary Arlandson, Vietnam Air Force police; Harry Unsworth, speaking on behalf of his son; Joshua Unsworth, currently in Iraq with the 1st Marine Division.



Three generations of firefighters serve Whitley County



Together, the three generations of Reimers have served a total of 45 years fighting fires in Whitley County and another 20 years in Allen County.

Brice Reimer has served on Thorncreek Township Fire Department for 25 years. He has been the department's chaplain for the past eight years. Brice also spent 20 years as a firefighter for General Electric in Fort Wayne before he retired in 1992.

Brice's son, Duane Reimer, has served for a total of 16 years as a firefighter. He began his firefighting on Thorncreek Fire Department for four years. He has been on the Columbia Township Fire Department for 12 years. Currently Duane is the safety officer on the department.

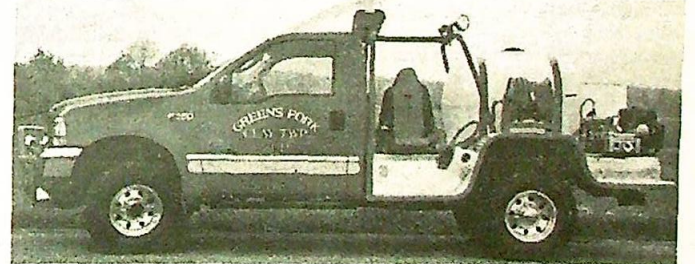
Duane's son, Justin Reimer, is the rookie of the family serving four years on the Columbia City Fire Department. He began his firefighting career at age 16 as a cadet. Justin attends Ivy Tech State College where he is majoring in fire science.

While the three Reimer men wear different uniforms and serve on different departments, they all believe it is important to serve Whitley County with pride and honor.

(Article and photo submitted by Duane Reimer, Whitley County VFD)

PICTURED FROM TOP: Justin, Duane and Brice Reimer

Green Fork Clay Township Fire Department's New Delivery

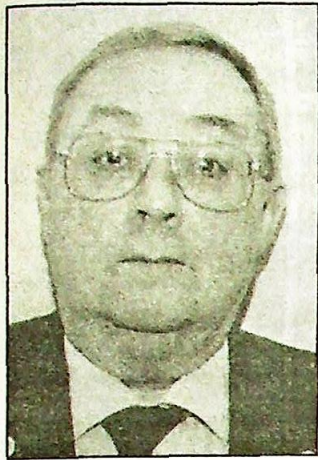


Greens Fork Fire Department in east central Indiana recently took delivery of a Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. fast attack brush fire truck conversion. This custom brush unit features a 225 gallon tank and Darley 9HP electric start pump. The conversion also has a 9,000 lb. Mile Marker remote hydraulic winch with quick connect fittings on both the front and rear of the truck. Jumpseats on both sides of the vehicle are equipped with handlines having Task Force pistol grip nozzles, as are the right and left hose reels containing 100' of 3/4" hose. Completing this custom bed design is a shovel storage box, off-road lighting, lettering and striping, and off-road tire package.

(Submitted by Wildfire Manufacturing)

Don't forget to change your clocks in October!

Public Relations Northwest



Jim Bradford

Another convention has come and gone. I want to thank Charlie Parker and his crew for a job well done.

It's been a busy quarter. As of the date of this article (July 6), I've attended five district meetings, five pancake breakfasts and one other fund raiser. Unfortunately, I have also attended seven memorial services.

So far this year, 10 Indiana fire departments have received a total of \$578,642.00 in FEMA Grants. In my PR area, the Fowler VFD received a grant of \$60,281.00 for fire operations and fire safety.

Grant aids fire department to purchase training videos

Pershing Township Fire Department in Freetown has recently received a number of training videos purchased with a grant from the Jackson County Community Foundation.

The videos will be utilized as a supplemental training avenue in combination with the department's regular training tools.

"We are very excited to have these videos in house for our firefighters," said Pershing Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott. "These programs will add a much needed dimension to our training process and will serve us well for many years to come."

The 30 to 60 minute videos cover a wide range of training subjects including basic firefighting tactics, fire science, rescue, and emergency medical procedures as well as firefighter safety and protection against blood borne pathogens.

"Sadly, we are also now faced with preparing our emergency personnel to meet the demands of a possible terrorist event", said Scott. "We were able to obtain a very good video to assist with that training area."

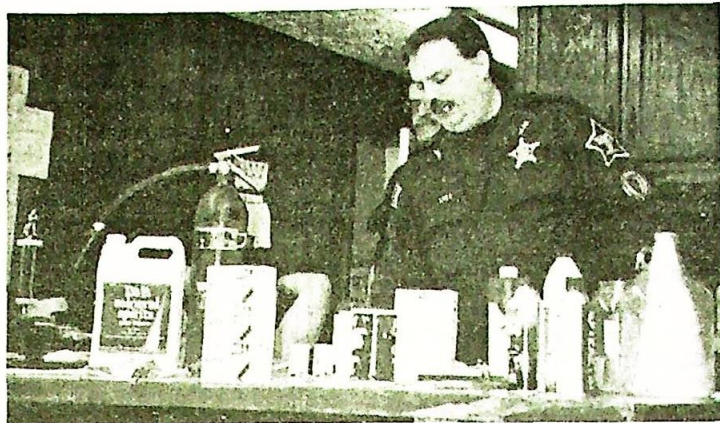
Pershing has scheduled special EMS training utilizing these videos on April 29, 30, May 27, 28, June 3 and 4. All sessions will begin at 7:00 P.M. at the fire station in Freetown and will be open to any emergency personnel interested.

Pershing Township conducts regular monthly training programs on the third Monday of each month. Recent programs included a session with Jackson County Sheriff's Department discussing Meth Labs. The class was conducted by Detective Richard Blaker, Jr., assisted by Jim Byrge, and C.J. Foster. Firefighters were also informed about changes in the Indiana Blue Light Law.

District 9B chairman, Randy Denton, let me know about a volunteer fire department in West Virginia that is having the raffle of all raffles. They are selling 10,000 tickets at \$100.00 each. That is a total of one million dollars. They are giving away \$650,000 in prizes and cash and stand to make \$350,000. If you are inter-

ested, log onto <http://www.washingtonbottomvfd.com/prizes.htm> or enter www.washingtonbottomvfd.com in your search engine.

Jim Bradford
PRNW

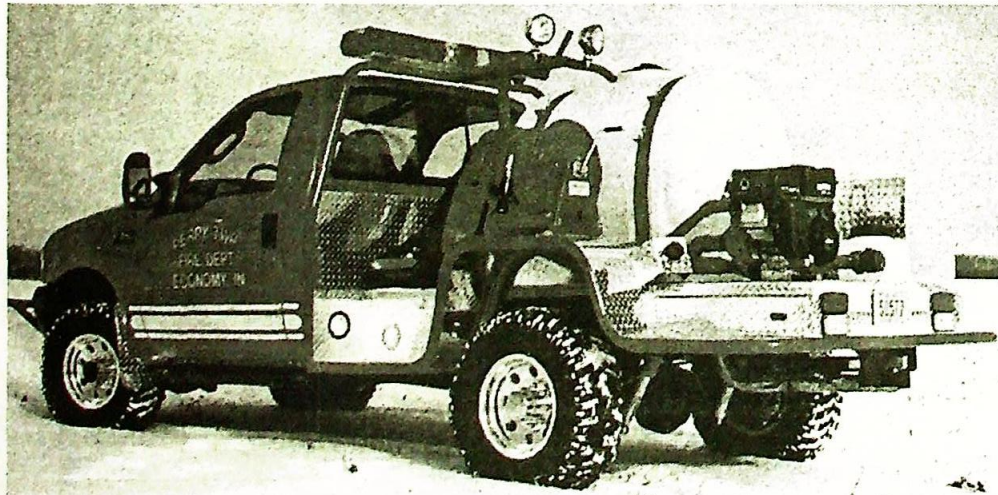


DETECTIVE Richard Blaker, Jr., conducts meth lab training at Pershing Twp. Fire Dept. (Photo submitted by Rebecca Scott, Deputy Fire Chief)



PERSHING TWP. RECEIVES VIDEOS - Pictured (left to right) David Thompson, Joe McDumid, Nevin Hollow. (Photo submitted by Rebecca Scott, Deputy Fire Chief)

Fire department takes delivery of fast attack brush fire unit



The Perry Township Fire Department in Economy, Indiana recently took delivery of a new Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc. fast attack brush fire unit. This conversion, custom designed and built to department specifications, featured a 225 gallon elliptical poly tank and a Darley 9hp electric start pump with a Scotty foam system. Among many other features, the conversion of this 2002 Ford F350 chassis includes a 9,000 lb. Mile Marker hydraulic winch mounted on the hitch receiver which can be used in both the front and rear of the vehicle. Also included in the custom design are Task Force Tips 10-24 pistol grip nozzles on both handline and reel hoses. Tool storage, LED lighting, and custom reflective lettering and striping completed this unit for the Perry Township Department.

(Submitted by Wildfire Manufacturing, Inc.)

Three year old hero



Just before 5 a.m. Sunday, May 25, 2003, three year old Tyrese Ruiz was awakened to the smell of smoke in his home. He awakened his father Omar Ruiz, and told him that something smelled funny.

Omar encouraged his son to go back to bed, but Tyrese persisted.

When Omar got up he found his apartment was filling with smoke. Tyrese Ruiz was honored as a hero that day. He was credited with saving the lives of 16 people. One unidentified male, who suffered serious injuries for burns, was pulled from the burning apartment building that contained eight apartments.

The other 15 people escaped without injury.

For his efforts, Tyrese was given a special honor by members of the Delphi Tri-Twp. fire dept. He was made an honorary firefighter for the day. He was given a fire helmet, stuffed fire dog, and action firefighter figure. As a special honor, Tyrese and his father were given a ride around town in the fire truck. While Tyrese was taking his special ride around town, other members of the Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Dept. were busy replacing batteries in the smoke detectors that were functional and replacing the entire smoke detectors that were not functioning properly.

A special thanks goes to Lt. Joel Wagoner for pulling the injured man from his burning apartment.

(Article and photo submitted by Jean Randle)

Next deadline: October 10, 2003

Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

HELLO NORTHEAST:

Well, for those of you who did get to go to the convention in June in French, hopefully you did have a good time. And for those of you who could not attend, you will be able to attend next year in Clarksville. Clarksville will be trying something different. Their convention will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

I would like to thank everyone who did vote for myself, for my bid to become your vice president. I would like to congratulate Jack Kerney for winning.

I am proud to be the Public Relations officer for Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7.

I would like to congratulate the Lois Boaz winner and the Angel Award winner and to Mort Sorg, District 7 chairman as the Mr. I.V.F.A. winner.

I also want to thank District 6 for selecting myself as the Midwest Award winner.

Until we meet at your district meeting,

Mike Mackin,
P.R.N.E.

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Firemen receive 25 year service pins



DISTRICT 21 IVFA representative Mr. Don Fultz, (in center), presents 25 year awards to Mr. Dan Smith (right) and Mr. Jerry Mundell (left) of the Forest Volunteer Fire Department at the District 21 meeting held at the Forest Volunteer Fire Department on June 30, 2003.

(Photo submitted by Chief Terry Douglass, Forest Vol. Fire Dept.)

John Meyers receives 25 year pin for fire service



John Meyers is congratulated by 11-A district chairman Jack McFarland for his 25 years of service and was presented an IVFA 25 pin.

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

*Attention all cooks
out there
Send in your recipes
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Celestine proudly takes delivery of new fire truck



Members of the Celestine fire department have recently taken delivery of a new Ferrara fire truck. The new truck will replace a 1986 FMC pumper. The new apparatus is equipped with 1000 gallons of water and a 1250-gallon per minute pump and a on board foam system will also help the department. The body has high side compartments on both sides allowing more storage for equipment. The 6 KW hydraulic generator will provide power to the department at the scenes. The chassis was purchased from Uebelhor and Sons in Jasper. The apparatus was purchased from Ferrara Fire Apparatus through M. and S. Fire and Safety in Evansville.

Congratulations to Celestine Fire Department!

(Photo submitted by Charles Parker, District 18 chairman)

St. Anthony proudly takes delivery of new fire truck



Members of the St. Anthony fire department have recently taken delivery of a new Ferrara fire truck. The new truck will replace a 1975 FMC pumper. The new apparatus is equipped with 1000 gallons of water and a 1250-gallon per minute pump and a on board foam system will also help the department. The body has high side compartments on both sides allowing more storage for equipment. The 8 KW hydraulic generator will provide power to the department at the scenes. The chassis was purchased from Hasenour Motor Company in St. Anthony. The apparatus was purchased from Ferrara Fire Apparatus through M. and S. Fire and Safety in Evansville.

Congratulations to St. Anthony Fire Department!

(Photo submitted by Charles Parker, District 18 chairman)

Daunhauer receives pin



Carter Fire District Chief Frank Daunhauer (past District 18 Chairman) was honored by receiving his 25-year pin from IVFA District 18 Chairman Chuck Parker while holding a plaque from his department for his many years of service.

Frank's wife, Jeanne, has served on the department for 21 years and the husband and wife team do an excellent job for their department and are greatly appreciated.

(Photo submitted by Charles Parker, District 18 chairman)

2003 convention highlights



Cart Race - 1st place - Nevins VFD



Cart Race - 2nd place - Fairview Park FD



Cart Race - 3rd place - New Chicago FD



Hose Replacement - 1st place - Nevins VFD



Hose Replacement - 2nd place - New Chicago FD



Hose Replacement - 3rd place - Fairview Park FD

(Photos by David Bretz)

Public Relations Southeast



Joe Caudill

CPSC, Luxo Corp. Announce Recall of Portable Fluorescent Lamps

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Luxo Corp., of Port Chester, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 18,300 portable fluorescent lamps. The ballast (the electrical part located in the arm of the lamp) in these lamps can overheat, short-circuit, and melt the insulating cover of the ballast causing the lamp to fail and posing a skin burn hazard to consumers. Luxo has received 10 reports of these lamps overheating and shorting out the fixture. No injuries have been reported.

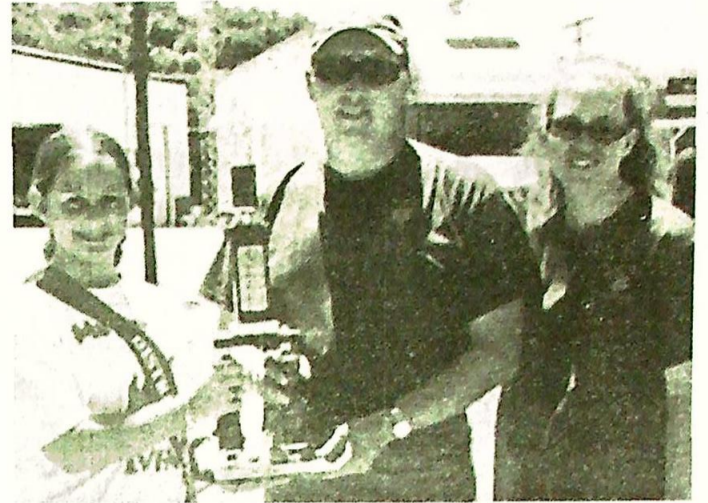
The lamps are 18-watt portable fluorescent lamps that have a black plastic housing and mount to a desk or sit on a base. Model PS355 and PS360 with serial numbers between 198076 and 244871 and between 35500001 and 36003256 are included in the recall. The PS355 model has a 34-inch swing arm and the PS360 has a 19-inch swing arm. The serial number and "MADE IN TAIWAN" can be found on a silver label located on the back of the light bulb cover. The lamps have also been sold under the names "Big Dipper" and "Little Dipper."

Office furniture distributors and dealers nationwide sold these lamps from January 2000 through February 2002 for between \$155 and \$170. Consumers with the recalled units should unplug the lamps and stop using them immediately. Contact Luxo to return the lamp and receive a replacement lamp. Luxo will extend the warranty on the replacement lamps for 3 years from the date of replacement. Luxo can be reached at (800)222-5896 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers may also contact the firm's web site at www.luxous.com

2003 convention highlights ... men's waterball



Men's waterball - 1st place - New Chicago FD



Men's waterball - 3rd place - West Baden FD

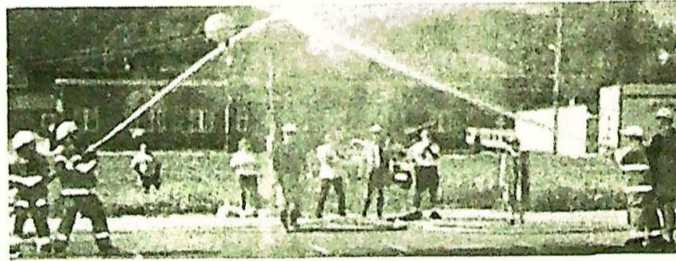


Men's waterball - 2nd place - Fairview Park FD



Women's waterball - 1st place - District 11B

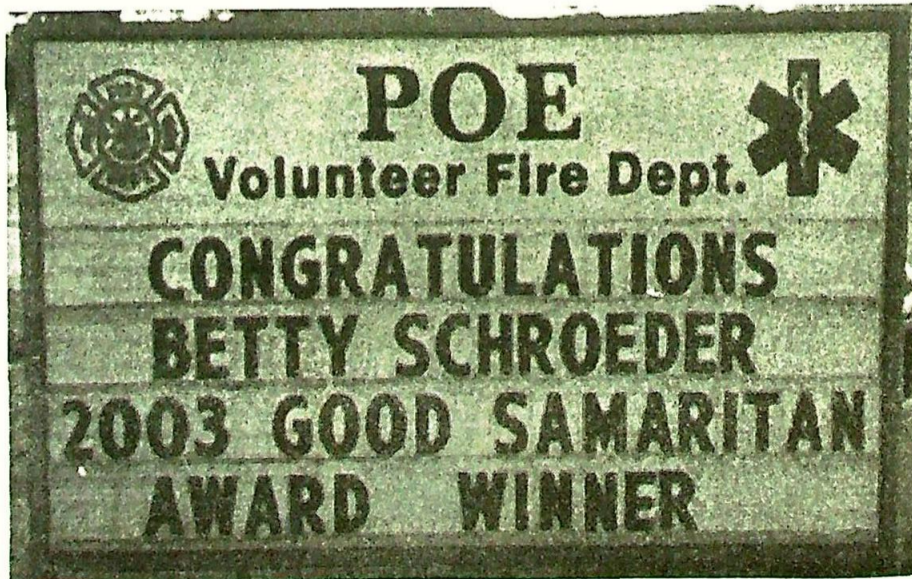
(Photos by David Bretz)



The waterball games



Women's waterball - 2nd place - Miss Flame contestants

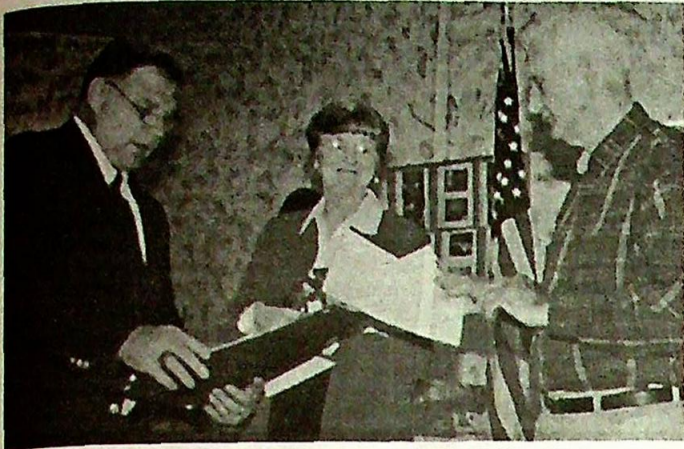


Poe ... the place to be

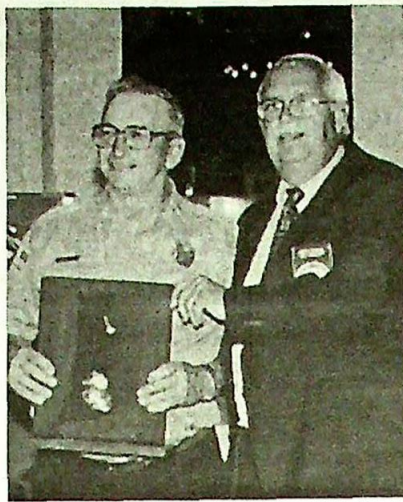
THE SIGN in Poe was the place to be. Mort Sorg and Betty Schroeder both received their awards in June, 2003. For anyone who might not know, Poe is located about 10 miles south of Fort Wayne. It is only a four-way stop in the road with a population of about 80 people, if everyone is home! (Look on page 40 for Mort Sorg's congratulations sign)

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Retiring chief receives award



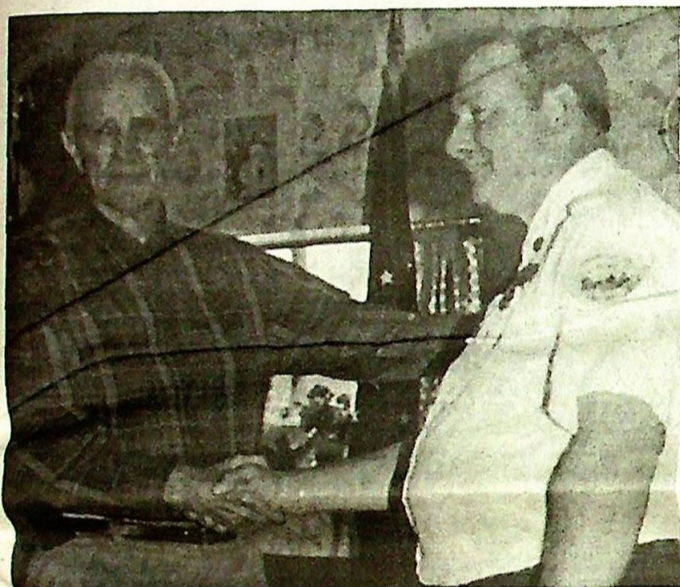
SENATOR John Waterman presents retiring Jasonville Fire Chief Don Tribby with the Sagamore of the Wabash. (Left to right) Senator Waterman, Mrs. Pat Tribby and Don Tribby. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)



Presented Ollie Sandburg award by vice president

JACK WILSON was presented the Ollie Sandburg award by vice president Jack Kerney. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

Harold Keller named Jasonville's new fire chief



RETIRING CHIEF Don Tribby congratulates Harold "Pude" Keller for being named Jasonville's new fire chief. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

Midwest Award winner for District 11-A



GARY LINGENFELSER was presented the Midwest Award by District 11 chairman Jack McFarland. (Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland)

Steve Downing receives 25 year pin for years of service



STEVE DOWNING received his 25 year pin. On hand for the presentation, (left to right) - Buz Koehler, Steve Downing, Pete Taylor, Jack Kerney and Jack McFarland. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)



Kallie Rehmel receives Angel Award for 2003

PRESIDENT BUZ Koehler presented Kallie Rehmel with the Angel Award. (Photo submitted by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland)

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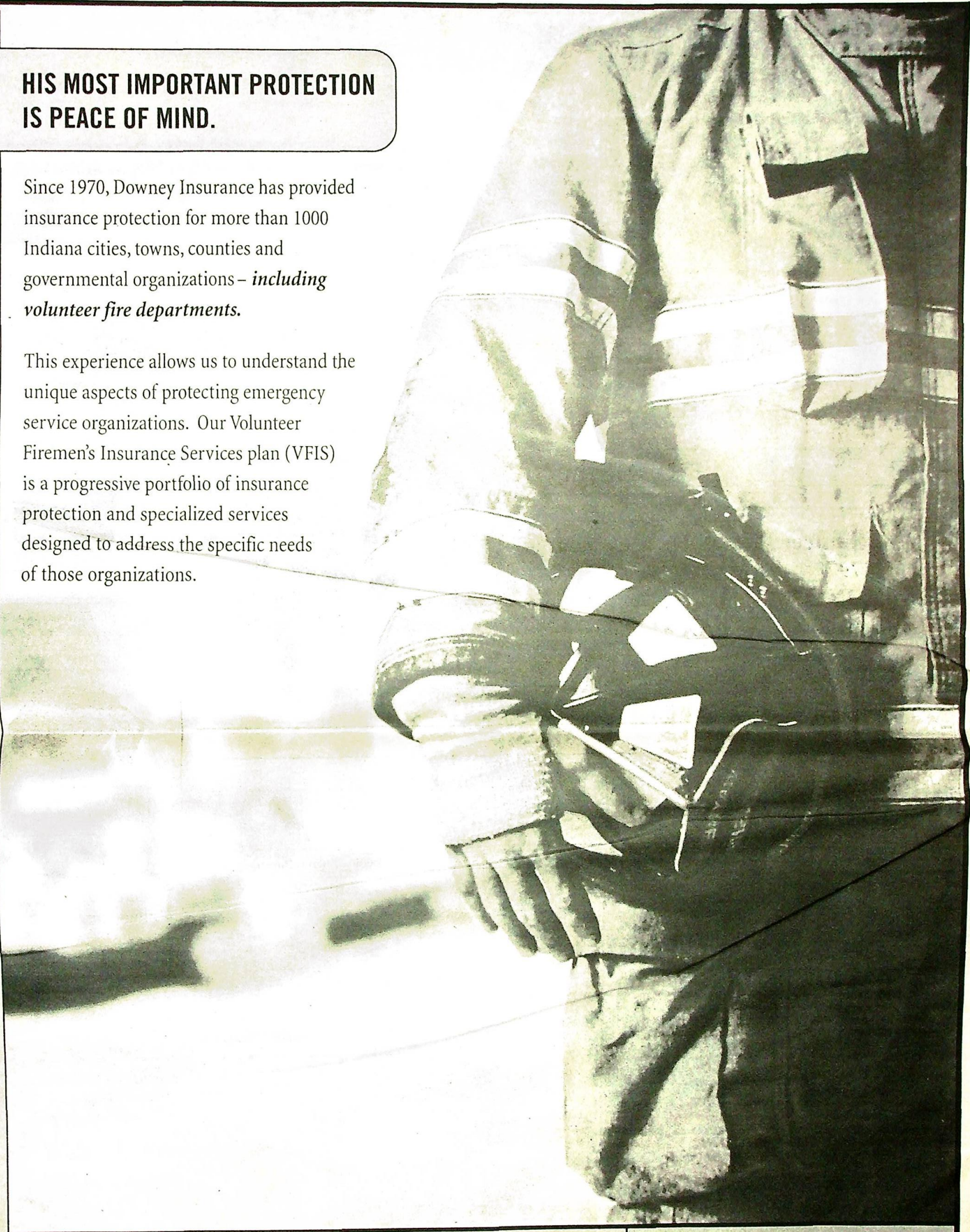
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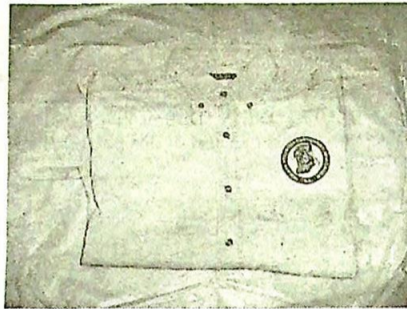
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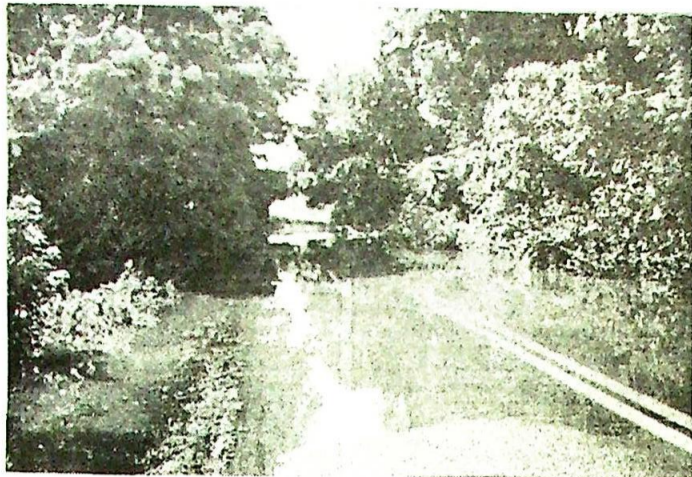
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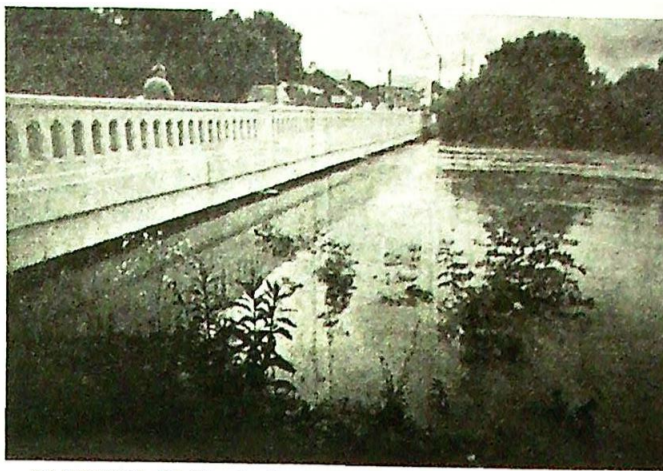
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Flooding in and around the areas of District 7



POE, IN (District 7) - July 10, 2003 - Road closed just north of intersection. Road was also closed south of intersection.



BLUFFTON, IN (District 7) - July 10, 2003 - River normally at two feet depth. It is over 18 feet at this point. Water had receded about one foot at this time.



BLUFFTON, IN (District 7) - July 10, 2003



DECATUR, INDIANA (District 7) - Hwy. 224 - July 10, 2003 - after crest.

Decatur and Bluffton, the two largest towns in District 7 were hit hard with floods.

The St. Mary's River runs through Decatur and it is currently well over flood stage.

The National Guard has been called in to assist in the sandbagging effort.

Decatur fireman and EMS have been very busy trying to save not only town property, but in many instances their own property.

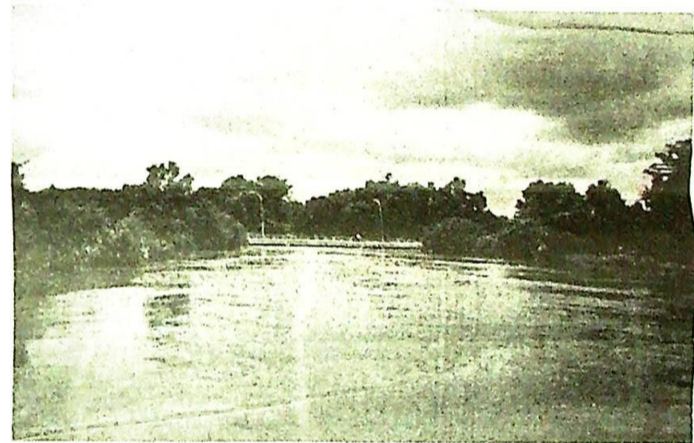
This is the worst anyone can seem to remember. The Wabash River has also hit Bluffton very hard. The river was about two feet deep less than a week ago. It is now over 18 feet deep. The support of the community has been tremendous. Senior citizens to children have joined in the sandbagging effort.

Many roads have been closed in the area. Huntington, Geneva, rural Uniondale have also been hard hit, along with the floods, the lightning and strong winds have caused many power outages and lightning strikes.

Fort Wayne is also in an emergency situation as the St. Mary's that flows thru Decatur and Poe flows into Fort Wayne and joins the St. Joe river and flows out the Maumee River into Ohio.

Adams, Allen, Huntington, Wells and Wabash are praying that today will see the end of the rains.

We hope to have picture for the next paper.



DECATUR, INDIANA (District 7) - July 8, 2003 - water crested at bridge level.

Earn Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications



WARSAW FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTERS who recently earned their state and international Firefighter 1 and 2 certification are: (left to right) - Steve Hagen, Ken Thompson, Chad Johnson, Marc Huffer and Joshua Englar.

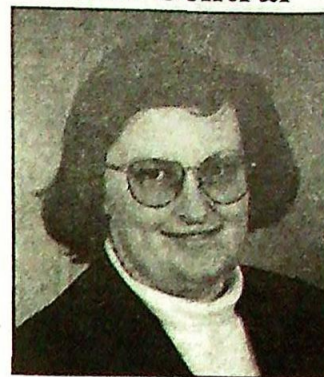
Bob Samm retires from fire service



HYMERA FIREFIGHTERS congratulate Bob Samm on his retirement. Pictured (left to right) - Rawdy Compton, Clay Shilder, Bob Samm, Mike Samm, Estel Shilder and Josh Shilder. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.)

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Public Relations West Central



Diane Harrison

Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends, I would like to thank everyone for their support during the past year, and I am very proud to be representing Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12 and 21 for another year!

I would like to thank Ammo Fire Department for hosting the District 12 meeting on such a short notice and wish their new District Chairman Larry Brunner good luck.

I attended 11-B meeting at Hillsdale and District 11-A at Van Buren and District 21 at Forest.

Our sympathies and prayers are with Larry Bartlow and his family with the passing of his father, Paul Bartlow.

Hats off to Charles Parker and all the 2003 Convention Committee for a super convention.

Congratulations to all the award winners.

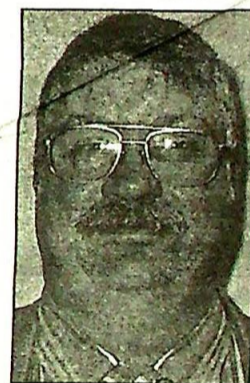
I was very pleased to attend Shelburn Fire Department meeting along with vice president Kerney and 11-A chairman Jack McFarland. We would welcome them as members again!

Please let me know of your department's upcoming events and we will do our best to attend.

Be safe out there.

Diane Harrison
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Don Cushman

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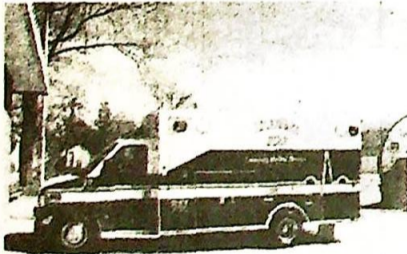
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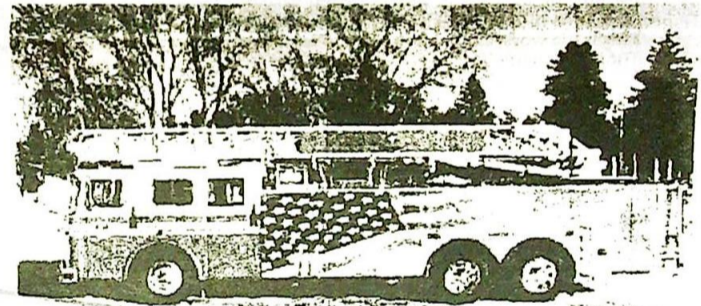
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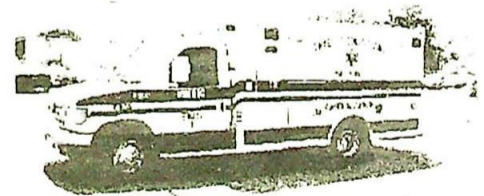
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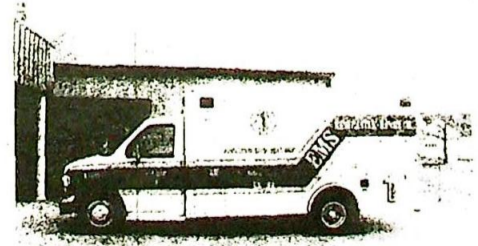
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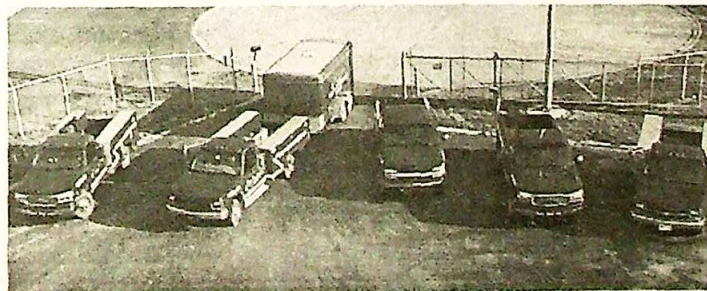
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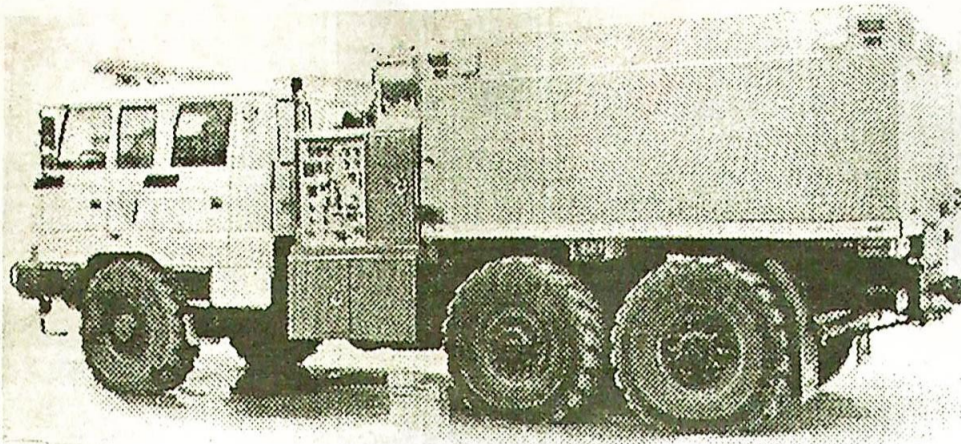
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