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From the President



Buz Koehler

June 10, 2004

Wow, another great convention, the folks in District 14 put on a good convention in Clarksville, the sunny side of Louisville.

The weather was warm to say the least and the rain held off till Saturday noon. On Sunday it was sunny and bright once again for the games.

We crowned a new Miss Flame and her court, gave out many awards including Mr. I.V.F.A., Angel Award, Ollie Sandburg Award, Lois Boaz Award and a Midwest Award for each district. A good time was there for all to enjoy.

I want to remind everyone that we will be putting together our agenda for the next Legislative session in August. If you have any suggestions please feel free to send your suggestions to me or your district chairman.

Please visit the web page and view the new pages that have been added. The History page went up the first week of June. The Memorial page will be up the middle of August.

As I mentioned we are starting to put together our legislative agenda for the next session and we will be adding a legislative page to the web site to help keep our members informed. This should occur sometime in September well before the next session. We will meet in August to begin to put together an agenda for the upcoming year so if you have suggestions for legislation, please e-mail them to me as soon as possible.

Please ask your department to submit their information to the webmaster to be included on the web page.

I wish you the joys of summer and the fruits of a good fall harvest.

Please be safe and I will see you at the meeting.

President

2005 officers elected at 2004 convention

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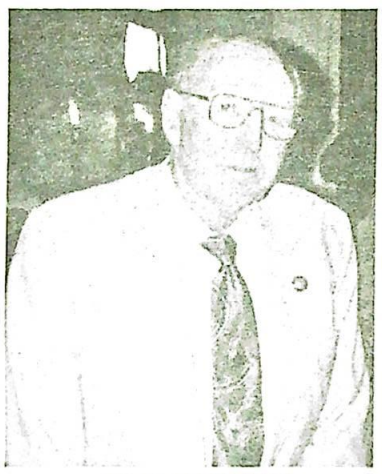
Each session of the legislature we ask our members to submit their items and requests for bills to be submitted. Then we support those bills through our lobbyist and ask for support at district meeting.

Each district chairman or public relations director will pass information along to the members via e-mail, regular mail and at each district meeting.

The Association also is an Indiana Fire Caucus member. We assist in informing and advising legislators of fire-related legislation.

Fire department loses a great man

Served his department for 62 years as fire chief



ISAAC ALLEN 'IKE' HOLLINGSWORTH
Sept. 21, 1914 - July 4, 2004

RUSSIAVILLE - Isaac Allen "Ike" Hollingsworth, 89, Russiaville, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004, in Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, after an illness of three months. He was born Sept. 21, 1014, in Russiaville, the youngest child of Calvin Wasson "Cappy" and Mary Iona (Newlin) Hollingsworth. They preceded him in death in 1942 and 1967. I.A. was named for his grandfathers, Isaac Hollingsworth and Allen Newlin.

On Oct. 16, 1943, in the parsonage of the Friends Church at Anderson, he was married by the Rev. John Compton to Helen Lucile Butler of Russiaville, who survives.

He was a self-employed plumber and electrician. Allen attended Russiaville School, graduating with the class of 1933, the largest (22 members) in school history.

A lifelong member of the Russiaville Friends Meeting, he served in several capacities through the years, including trustee, Sunday School superintendent and Clerk of Ministry and Counsel. He had been presiding clerk of the former New London Quarterly Meeting of Friends and a trustee of the New London Friends Cemetery.

Ike served during World War II with the U.S. Army from December 1944 to August 1946, with overseas duty in the occupation forces in Korea. From childhood until his departure for military service, he had assisted his parents in the operation of the family farm and the Daisy Roller Mill.

Because his parents owned and operated the water works in Russiaville, his involvement with fire protection in the town began at a young age. When the word "fire" was called out by mouth or telephone, the water pump was started to give more pressure to the town water system. As a small boy, he would go along to the scene to help fight the fire. After some large local fires and the total loss of the Methodist Church on Jan. 8, 1942, the officials of Honey Creek Township opened bids the following day to purchase a fire truck. The Russiaville Volunteers organized later that year when the new fire truck arrived and Ike was named chief. Since this was the only fire truck in the west end of Howard County, the volunteers spent many hours fighting fires in other surrounding townships at any time of day or night.

Ike was still chief of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department when a radio system was installed in March of 1965. On April 11, 1965, the firehouse and all equipment was demolished in the Palm Sunday tornado that struck the entire community. Neighboring fire departments helped after this terrible disaster and thousands of dollars were collected to help buy new equipment as people drove through the town to see the path of the tornado. The firemen were still needed to help in the cleanup operation of burning the destroyed homes. Borrowed equipment could be seen near the homes of the volunteers as they were ready to roll on a moment's notice.

Ike has seen many volunteers give of their time, energy and money to keep the fire department operating.

In 1989 at the State Fire Marshal's Leadership Conference, Ike received the State of Indiana Meritorious Service Award. In 1994, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association awarded him the Ollie Sandberg Award. On Oct. 17, 2003, Ike was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Gov. Joseph Kernan, in recognition of his contributions as a lifelong firefighter.

Surviving with his wife, Helen, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Peggy Ann Hollingsworth, Connersville and Russiaville, and Alma Sue and John Edward Pierce of Plainfield. Grandchildren are David Allen Pierce and Holly Suzanne Pierce of Plainfield, both students at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Other survivors include brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ralph and Esther (Butler) Davis, Michigantown; niece, Emily Jane (Hollingsworth) Smith, Rock Island, Ill.; nephews and wives, William Penn (Bill) and Ilean Hollingsworth, Yukon, Okla., and Jared William "Jerry" and Martha "Marty" Butler, Kokomo; nieces and spouses, Odel (Butler) and David Strange, Fort Myers, Fla., Barbara (Davis) and George Wilson, Bear, DE, and Beverly (Davis) Eppley, Michigantown; great-nieces and great-nephews with their families; and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Isaac was preceded in death by brother, Frank H. Hollingsworth (1991), and wife Dora (1996); brother, Clyde C. Hollingsworth (1930); sister, Alma Melissa Hollingsworth (1915); father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl J. (1967) and Hazel O. (Miller) Butler (1982); and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ralph M. (2003) and Mary Elizabeth (Robertson) Butler (2001).

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2004 at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville with the Rev. Jamie Lyon officiating. Burial followed in the New London Friends Cemetery with full fire department honors. The casket was carried to its final resting place aboard the 1969 engine of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorial contributions may be made to Russiaville Friends Church or the Russiaville volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by LeMoyne 'Buz' Koehler)

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Thank you, Al Williamson, 2004 Convention Chairman

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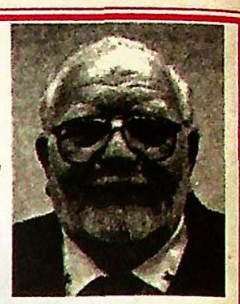
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Jerry Cohen

Greetings to all I.V.F.A. members and their families,

Father Duane Lantz set the standard for Chaplain, Charlie Baker perfected the standard and Fred Page fine-tuned it.

I will try hard with God's help to live up to the standard of my predecessors and earn your confidence. May our Lord God bless and keep you in His care.

Shalom

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Mr. IVFA 2004

Our nominee for the Mr. I.V.F.A. Award is married, the father of two and grandfather of three children.

He has been a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years, having started his career in the Lawrence Vol. Fire Dept. in 1961.

Enjoys going to Little League games to watch their grandchildren play.

He enjoys watching football and was a referee for high school games for 20 years.

Has a woodworking shop in his back garage and loves to make furniture and yard decorations.

He serves as a Trustee and Greeter at his local church and likes to putter around the church looking for ways to make improvements now that he is retired.



Mort Sorg is shown presenting Al Mendel with his 2004 Mr. IVFA Award.

He joined the I.V.F.A. in 1964. He started playing waterball and hose replacement a year later. Soon after that, he was transporting the games equipment to and from Convention in a cart he and a few friends made from a donated axle and wheels.

This trailer lasted a few years until he figured out a way to make a bigger and better trailer.

Every year before Convention, he takes out all the equipment before the games and gets it ready. He paints, cleans up, drives, loads and unloads the equipment. On the morning of the games, he is at the site at 5 a.m. to set up the equipment and get volunteers to help.

This individual was also on the winningest Hose Replacement team in the history of I.V.F.A. competition.

He and his wife have a motor home and enjoy camping with friends and relatives and they are looking forward to a long trip out west very soon.

When the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Dept. Co. #7 closed their doors in the mid 80's, he was instrumental in having the proceeds donated to the I.V.F.A. for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and Death Benefit Fund, which is still being used today.

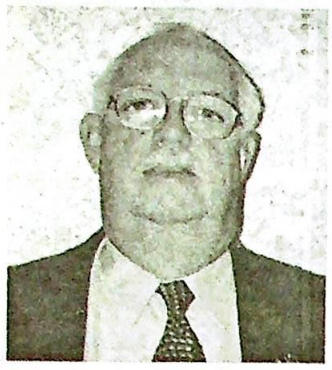
This person still attends I.V.F.A. meetings and officers' meetings. His dedication, resourcefulness and obligation to duty make him a unique individual!

He does all of this out of love for the I.V.F.A. That's why we are proud to announce Mr. I.V.F.A. for 2004 Is Mr. Alfred Mendel.

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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

I would like to thank all those that supported my return as President of the IVFA. I am looking forward to taking office in January and implementing some new ideas. I am also looking forward to working with Vice President Larry Ketchem. Larry has been a member of the Association for many years and has served as district chairman.

I hope everyone attending the convention had a nice time. I know some of the things that happened were out of control of the convention committee, and were a problem of the hotel. Please consider letting the convention committee know you had a good time. Those of you that have not had the pleasure of serving on a convention committee, it is a tremendous undertaking and this year's committee did a good job overall. Thanks from Barb and I for all of your hard work and effort.

While Barb and I have been processing the new dues, it is very disturbing that we are still losing volunteers. Some departments are losing considerable numbers. You, as a department, have a considerable investment in these lost members. You have paid for their training, and in some cases purchased personal protective equipment for them. Maybe we should be consulting with these firefighters we are losing, and find out why they are leaving. Maybe some of the problems can be worked out and we can keep these valuable volunteers.

I have said this many times, and I am going to state it again, we need to make the time that we require these firefighters do be with us, whether it be training, work detail, or whatever, that time has to be quality time and well planned. If the time we have with these firefighters is not planned, and they feel that their time is wasted, they will go somewhere else and volunteer their services. Everyone of us are being asked to volunteer for other organizations, and we only have so much time to give, and we are going to give our time to the one we feel is the most productive. Again, I ask all of you to make sure the time you ask for is quality time and well planned, so they can go away and feeling that the time they spent with you was worth their time.

If you are having a hard time keeping volunteers, or recruiting volunteers and you would like some help, I would be more than happy to visit or talk with you and give you some of my ideas.

Again, thanks for all of your support in the past, and I am looking forward to your support in the year to come.

next deadline:
October 10th

2005 Convention to be held at Columbus

Folks, it is not too early to think about making your plans for registering for the 2005 Convention at Columbus and also making your room reservations.

We have several ideas in the hopper for events for your enjoyment.

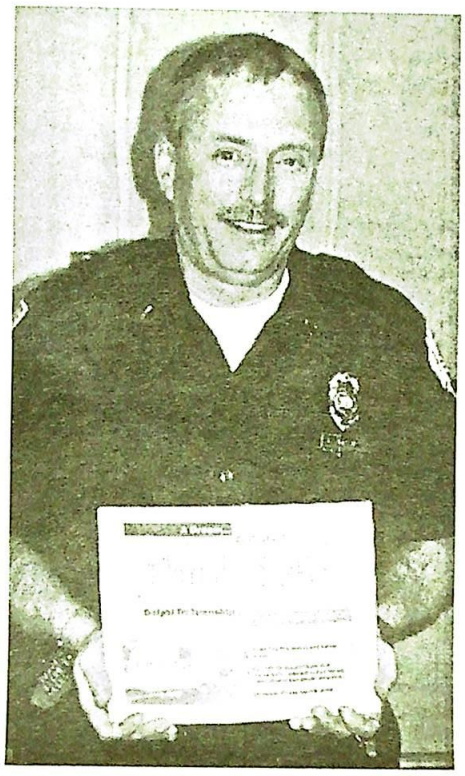
Don't forget to bring the kids along as the Holiday has an indoor pool and several attractions for the youngsters.

The convention in 2005 is set for June 15, 16, 17, 18. So set the time aside and come enjoy the Columbus area with us.

You will find a registration form in this issue of the paper.

Dave Israel
Jim Parker

Hawkins given keys to new smoke house



Richard Hawkins was given the keys to the new smoke house which is used to teach fire prevention.

Lieutenant Hawkins is in charge of fire prevention at the Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Dept.

The new smoke house was purchased through a grant.

Lieutenant Hawkins, along with other members of the Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Dept. teach fire prevention to several counties around the state on a year round basis.

(submitted by Jon Randle, District 9A chairman)

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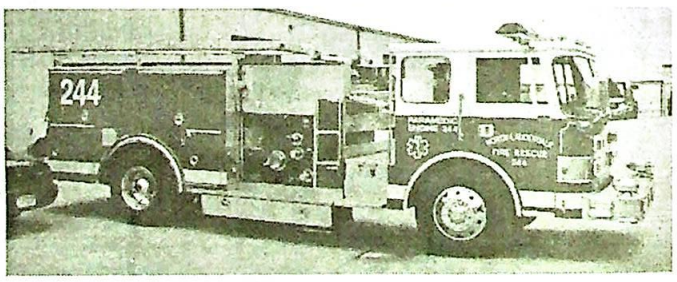
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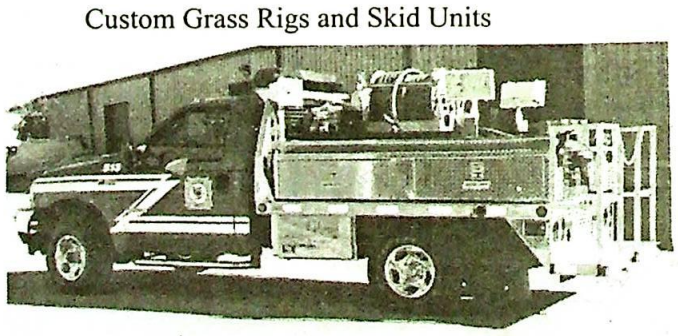
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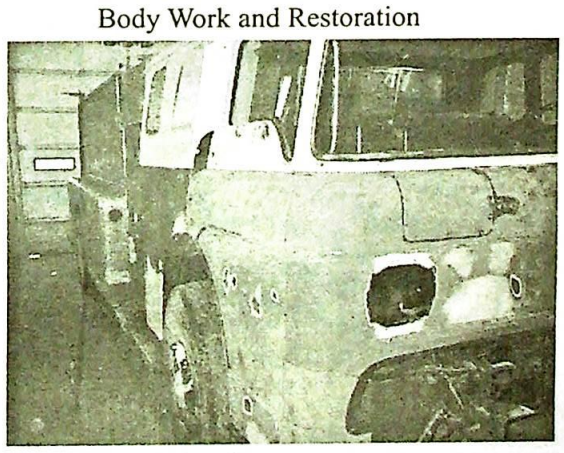
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District Meetings

DISTRICT 3



Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman

LaPorte FOP
March 18, 2004

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. There were 21 members representing seven departments present. Hazmat Director Roger Wolff led the pledge. After the pledge, Associate State Chaplain Jerry Cohen of Springfield Twp. led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: President Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford, PR NW, Past President Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of $291.70.

Communications:

Comments from President Koehler:

1. Gave a legislative update, which included HB 1257.

2. Announced that the IVFA and IFA have met with one of the gubernatorial candidates.

3. Requested that all persons, specifically Chiefs, return the firefighter surveys as soon as possible.

4. Announced that the webmasters are adding a history page to the website and should have a memorial page ready by summer.

5. Asked any department with used equipment that they are willing to donate to less fortunate departments to contact him.

Comments from Jim Bradford:

1. Gave a FEMA grant update.

2. Reminded everyone that FDIC is quickly approaching.

3. Announced that grant money is available thru the Fire Marshall's office.

4. Announced that April 10th is the deadline for the next edition of the newspaper.

5. Announced that the Federal Death Benefits now cover heart attacks.

6. Announced that the study on Grissom as a Fire Academy is still in progress.

7. Announced that new DOT hazmat books will be out this year and are available thru your County EMA.

Comments from Chairman Sandy:

1. Requested members with ideas for a fundraiser for the District to contact him.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Chairman Sandy advised that he is a member of the By-Laws Committee.

Our By-Laws have some housekeeping issues that need to be addressed and he has agreed to sponsor these changes. Examples of changes are: changing firemen to firefighter, convention sites to be voted by Delegates, and several other wording changes. Chairman Sandy stated he needed authorization from the District to present the changes to the Board of Directors. A motion was made and seconded to write the changes and present them to the BOD. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Sandy advised he will be presenting the changes to the BOD at their meeting at the end of this month.

Good of the Order:

1. President Koehler announced that he will seek the office of President again.

2. Kankakee Twp will be having a pancake breakfast on March 21st from 7a-noon.

3. Kingsbury will be having a pancake breakfast on April 25th from 7a-noon.

4. Lincoln Twp will be having a pancake breakfast on April 18th from 7a-noon.

5. Springfield Twp will be having a pancake breakfast the 1st Sunday in May.

6. Chairman Sandy reminded everyone about Duneland Fire School. The first Saturday there will be a guest speaker and lunch will be provided. There will also be a memorial for John Brown and his family will be presented with a plaque. A Duneland Fire School Scholarship winner will be announced too.

7. Roger Wolff thanked the FOP#54 for the donation of the use of their facility for our meeting.

Training: Training Officer Dave Kaufman presented a video about Firefighter Safety in Wildland Urban Interface.

Jerry Cohen adjourned meeting at 8:50 pm with a prayer. Chip Winters and Tom Thode won hats donated by the LaPorte County Hazmat Team, Eli Russi won an insulated sleeve cooler donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire, Tara Timm won an IVFA Anniversary book donated by the State Office, Roger Wolff won a pocket knife, Buz Koehler won a Hurst T-shirt donated by Tom Thode of 5-Alarm who also had notepads available for the taking, and Ed Ritter won the 50/50.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2004, 7:30 pm, (Refreshments at 7:00 pm), Long Beach VFD.

DISTRICT 5



Don Kissinger
District 5
Chairman

January 8, 2004
Chester Township Fire Department
North Manchester, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1938 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 10 members representing six departments.

Guests: Holly Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary/treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger talked about some insurance companies that are not paying for firefighters that are injured or killed when their department is not toned out, but do respond to other department's calls.

Discussed legislation going through the State.

Bridgeport Scholarship applications have to be in by February 1st.

Chairman Kissinger introduced Holly Farrer as District 5's Miss Flame candidate. Holley advised if any department needs anything from her to let Bremen Fire Department know.

Held a discussion on accountability systems.

Good of the order: North Manchester and Chester Township Fire Departments are hosting a Fire Instructor I class on January 24, 25, 31 and February 1.

The next meeting will be held March 11, 2004 at Fulton-Liberty Township Fire Department, Fulton, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

March 11, 2004
Fulton-Liberty Fire Department
Fulton, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 20 members representing nine departments.

Guest: LeMoyne Koehler, IVFA president and Holly Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary/treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger turned the meeting over to President Koehler who talked about:

- HB 1257 made it through the state's short session;
- The IVFA has voted to oppose bills that will do away with township trustees;
- The web page has everything you need to know about the Association;
- Before long, the website will have a memorial and historical page;
- The IVFA is sending out a survey for members to fill out regarding training certifications;
- Mike Blair asked President Kochler if he has heard any more on the "Brick and Mortar Academy." President Koehler advised he has not heard any more.

Chairman Kissinger talked more about the training survey and held a discussion.

Chairman Kissinger asked how many government employees are on the district's fire departments because of PERF issues pertaining to bloodbourne pathogens.

Next month, the EMA directors should be distributing the new HazMat guidebooks. Let your local EMA director know how many your department needs.

Apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant - you can't get one if you don't apply.

Good of the order: Denver is planning their third annual Harley raffle. Kewanna will be having a pancake breakfast on 5/30/04.

The next meeting will be held May 13, 2004 at Burket Fire Department, Burket, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Maurice Sutton of Fulton-Liberty Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2027 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

May 13, 2004
Burket Fire Department
Burket, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1932 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 15 members representing seven departments.

Guests: Holley Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate, Dave Seckelka, IVFA assistant chaplain, Mike Mackin, PRNE.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary/treasurer Kissinger and approved as read.

Chairman Kissinger advised the members that the IVFA's lobbyist's law firm is giving discounts to IVFA members on legal services.

The 2004 convention is rapidly approaching (June 10-13) at Clarksville. The 2005 convention will be held in Columbus.

The IVFA has sent the IVFA's insurance provider a letter stating that if they do not produce the information the officers have asked for then they will be dropped.

Chairman Kissinger read four proposed changes to the By-laws and the members voted yes to all four.

Chairman Kissinger asked that if any member would like to see a new bill in the legislative session to contact him or the IVFA office.

Mike Mackin apologized to the members for not making the last couple of meetings.

Each department needs to make sure that they send their dues in to the IVFA office by July 31st.

The IVFA will be giving out three Bridgeport Scholarships this year.

Good of the order: Denver is planning their third annual Harley raffle on July 8th. Bremen will be having a Fireman's Festival from 6/30/04 to 7/5/04. North Manchester and Chester Twp.'s annual tenderloin dinner will be on 6/12/04.

The next meeting will be held July 8, 2004 at Bourbon Fire Department, Bourbon, IN.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Craig Southern of North Manchester Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

DISTRICT 7



Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman

MAY 17, 2004
BLUFFTON

GUESTS: Gary Robison, SFMO, Mike Mackin, IVFA Public Relations Northeast, representatives of Nowak Supply (Fort Wayne).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:05 p.m. and led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first roll call was answered by 36 members from 16 departments.

"Mort" reported on current events in the fire service, IVFA Convention information, the IVFA booth at FDIC, and the National Fire Caucus with Vice-president Cheney and several

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 7

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Senators and Representatives as speakers.

GARY ROBISON: Gary addressed new computer information, including the updating of E-Mail addresses. Gary announced the new Emergency Guide Books have still not arrived. Gary advised of OSHA safety regulations and "WALK THRU" fire department inspections. Gary presented brief grant information and dates for grant writing classes, and warned to beware of companies offering to write your grants for you. Gary also reminded everyone of the need for incident reporting.

"MIKE" MACKIN: Mike stated he has been busy as of late, but he did attend District #5 meeting on May 13, 2004.

It was moved by Gary Markley and seconded by Len Smith to ratify proposed changes to Article V - Section 2 of the IVFA by-laws. Motion passed.

It was moved by Len Smith and seconded by Dave Brinneman to ratify proposed changes to Article VII - Sections 1 and Section 7 and Article VIII - Section 1 and Article XIVAmendments. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at Chester Township Fire Station on July 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The second roll call was answered by 36 members from 16 departments.

Becky Sorg presented a 30 minute video on Indiana Burn Camp.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Gary L. Markley,
Secretary

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon Randle
District 9A
Chairman

The meeting was called to order on May 27th at Harrison Twp.-Alto VFD.

Chief Jason Lemons introduced Chief Keith Smith of the Westfield FD. He spoke on issues facing the fire service. No fire is routine. Stress training and safety. Big helps include the Fire Act offering grants, the various magazines and journals with a wide range of information, the FDIC for training and networking with each other such as we are doing this evening. No one does what firefighters do. So, we do it all which includes terrorism response now. Staffing and the "two hat" situation were discussed.

Guests: Mitch Parish, Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers, and Leighann Randle.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, convention date corrected and approved. Roll Call: seven departments, 22 members, 64 fires and 76 EMS responses. Communications: A thank you was received from the Richard Nance family.

New Business: Chairman Jon Randle read over three changes proposed by District 3 to the state by-laws. Passed.

Leighann spoke on the Miss Flame program. 9A does not have a candidate this year and she encouraged more participation with this.

Mitch reported that 35-cents per mile will be paid for one delegate per department to the convention. No registration is required to attend the business meeting. There are a lot of changes coming tied to grants.

Jim talked about the $694,000,000 in grants last year and Indiana's portion. Delphi received $37,000 for a smoke house trailer. He asked if all had received the driver safety video. The next deadline for newspaper articles is July10th.

Bruce had information on the 20th "Expo for Special Persons". It will be August 15th at the Lake County Fairgrounds. This is a big day dedicated to giving handicapped youngsters many activities including riding in fire trucks.

Chief Lemons had dates for state certified classes at Harrison Twp.-Alto: Safety Officer, August 28th & 29th and Auto Extrication, Sept. 18th. Instructor I and Trench Rescue classes are also planned. Call 765-453-3755 for more info.

Fire department day at the Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh is June 2nd.

Bill Hardy won the 50/50. Thanks to Hoosier Fire Equipment for providing door prizes.

Supper from the grill was enjoyed by all.

Next meeting is July 22nd at Harrison Twp. Lucerne, with election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec/Treas.

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A,

Another convention has come and gone. I think most people had a great time. There were some interesting moments to say the least. Al Williamson and his committees did a great job. Everyone should get a chance to work on a convention committee then you would understand sometimes things just happen.

Our May meeting was held at the Cory (Clay County) fire department. Thanks to everyone there for their hospitality. IVFA vice president Jack Kerney and West Central PR Diane Harrison discussed the upcoming convention, discount legal fees, FDIC booth, National Credentials system, Outstanding Hoosier Award, Attendance Award and changes in the 24 hour training. Our next meeting will be at Poland Community Fire Department with elections being held. The September meeting will be a joint picnic with 11- B at Forest Park in Brazil starting a 1:00 pm. Come on out, bring a covered dish and join us for a good time.

We were able to work the IVFA booth at the FDIC show. It was nice to see so many of our fellow Indiana Volunteer Firefighters at the show. I hope IVFA will be able to have a booth at the 2005 show.

We have had two memorial services this quarter. Harry Carpenter passed away on May 14 and a service was held at Holples Chapel in Sullivan Harry served as Chief of the Hymera Fire Department for over 20 years. Many of you might remember Harry as one of the Jonah fish fry men. The second service was for Samuel Ruddock. Sam was a charter member of the Nevins Township Fire Department where he was a member for over 40 years. Our sympathy goes out to the Carpenter and Ruddock families.

Remember no two fires are alike.

Until next time brothers and sisters be careful out there.

Jack McFarland
District 11A chairman

DISTRICT 11-B



Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman

ST BERNICE VOL FIRE DEPT
MAY 12, 2004

The meeting was called to order by chairman Ketchem, the Invocation was given by district chaplain Mankin and the Pledge to the Flag was led by vice chairman Brent Bush. Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests present, roll call was taken with four departments with 12 members present.

Chairman Ketchem spoke of the new benefits for the members of the IVFA, he then spoke on proposals to the By-Laws. A lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the district chairman votes for the favor of the change. Art.VI, Sec. 2, the district voted for the proposed version. Art.VII Sec. 1, the district voted for the proposed version. Art.VII, Sec. 7, the district voted for the proposed version. Art. VIII, Sec. 1, the district voted for the proposed version.

Chairman Ketchem introduced past president Mitch Parish who spoke on the increased death rate nationally with the main cause being heart attacks. President Kochler spoke on the legislature activities, the convention format and also the recent FDIC convention held recently in Indianapolis. District 17A Chairperson Bev Harker spoke on her recent trip to the National Fire Service Conference held in Washington, D.C. WCPR Diane Harrison remarked on the 2005 convention. Chairman Ketchem introduced Brad Idlewine from Fire Service, Inc. St. John, IN, he explained what his company had to offer the fire service in terms of equipment and supplies.

District department announcements were made at this time. Chairman Ketchem presented the host certificate to Chief Hawley of the St. Bernice VFD. 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 12



Larry Bruner
District 12
Chairman

May 17, 2004
Coatesville Volunteer Fire Department
20:10 hours

Dinner was served, courtesy of the Coatesville Volunteer Fire Department.

Meeting opened at 20:10 with pledge to flag, and a prayer led by district chairman Larry Bruner.

Larry Bruner introduced guests: Buz Koehler, IVF A president and Don Fultz, District 21 chairman.

Roll call: Amo VFD - three members present; Coatesville VFD - 7.5 members present; Hazelwood VFD one member present; Lizton VFD - one member present; Stilesville VFD - 7.5 members present (Jim Ellett serves on both Coatesville and Stilesville).

Minutes from the March 15, 2003 meeting were read, discussed, and approved, as submitted.

Larry Bruner announced that District 12 now has a Miss Flame contestant, who will be present at the annual IVFA convention this year,

Buz Koehler noted that some of the proposals for this year's congressional session will include making Fire Fighting I & II training mandatory for all members of a department, and "white hats" will be required to take Fire Officer I training. Comments can be posted at the IVFA web site: www.IVFA.org. Mr. Koehler noted that any and all training would be helpful and beneficial to all members.

Brian Edwards, Lizton VFD, reported that the 1st Annual Car Show sponsored by his department, will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and urged everyone to attend. Brian also announced that the Lizton Chamber of Commerce is applying for a $150,000 grant for a new rescue engine for the department. Public support at the upcoming hearing would be welcomed.

It was announced that a Fire Officer I course will begin on June 2 and continue on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn VFD. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jeo Griffin at 317-761-6409 or 317-856-4529.

Buz Koehler announced that HB *1257 was signed by 11 legislators (noting that was a record number of signatures for any one bill) and passed Phase* II, which prohibits employers from

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IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

From your treasurer:

The last three months have really been busy. I have attended five district meetings, two memorial services, The Congressional Fire Service Dinner in Washington, D.C. and the IVFA Convention in Clarksville and two fundraisers.

Time has gone fast and the weather has not been too bad. I'm sure we've got some hot days ahead of us before summer is over.

The convention went very well. I want to commend District 14 for all the hard work they did. I'm sure everyone had a good time.

Hope to see everyone in the months to come. I know there are several parades and events coming up.

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 12

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penalizing any employee of a government entity for being absent or tardy due to a fire run. Phase I only covered State employees. Mr. Koehler announced a new IVFA benefit of discounted legal fees through the law firm of Cohen and Malad. He stated that they will not handle divorces or a few other situations, so contact the office first for further information. There will be a Memorial Page and a Historical Page added to the IVFA web site very soon, so continue to check on the status of that. IVFA received 40 applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship program, 35 of which were scored. Three $1,500 scholarships will be awarded at this year's convention. The Convention will be held in Clarksville, June 11, 12, and 13. Mr. Koehler also announced that he would be running for IVFA President one more year and would appreciate any support.

Four changes to the by-laws were presented for a vote by District 12. They are as follows: Article VI Sec. 2 proposes that annual meeting sites be made from a proposal from the floor at the convention, rather than a proposal from the Convention Committee. Article VII Sec 1 proposes that the Executive Committee be expanded to include the Chairman of the Board (no other changes). Article VII Sec 7 proposes that the Insurance Committee be expanded to include the Vice President and that the Bridgeport Committee be expanded to include the Board Chairman (no other changes). Article VIII Sec 1 proposes that language be changed from "may be general or confined" to "SHALL BE CONFINED" to specific instances regarding contracts entered into by the Board. Jim Ellett, Coatesville/Stilesville VFD's moved to approve the proposed changes, Brian Edwards, Lizton VFD seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. District 12's vote will be presented for final acceptance or approval of the changes.

Larry Bruner, Hazelwood VFD, was the $25.00 winner of the 50/50 drawing.

New Equipment Reports: Stilesville now has a 4,000 gallon tanker in service and announced that eight members have just completed the Fire Fighter I & II training.

Local Fish Fry announcements: Amo - June 10, 11 & 12, with fireworks on the 12. Hazelwood - June 24, 25 & 26, with fireworks on the 26th.

Jim Ellett of Coatesville was presented his IVFA 25 year pin. Him has 30 years with the department.

Don Fultz reminded everyone that it is now annual dues time and noted that inactive members need to be included because they are still eligible for IVFA benefits. He also noted that the $257,000 Federal Death Benefit, if a member should die within 24 hours of a fire run, also includes fire department events such as parades and other public relations events, and does also include inactive IVFA members.

Coatesville Fire Chief, Tim Williams, was thanked for hosting the meeting, which adjourned at 21:00. The next meeting will be held in Eminence at the A&A Township VFD, on July 19, 2004 at 19:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Heylmann,
IVFA District 12 Secretary

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson
District 14
Chairman

With the 2004 convention behind us, or that is most of us, the committee and I would like to thank all those that attended and certainly hope you had a good time while in Clarksville. We had a pretty tight schedule and a few problems developed but all were overcome and ended well.

For those that got to see them how about the Fire House Rhythm band. They had not played since 2001 but agreed to play both on the Belle of Louisville and after the banquet. The band consists of Jim Snook, retired McCulloch firefighter, Tom Sellmer Sr., member of McCulloch/Clarksville Station 3, and Don Tetley, member McCulloch/Clarksville Station 3, also member of the Clarksville Town Board and the safety director of the Clarksville Fire Dept.

A very big thanks to all those that jumped in and helped set up tables and chairs then take them down at the Coffee Klatch. No one told the custodian to leave them set up so Fellowship Hall was left in preparation for an exercise class that happens every Saturday. Another case of volunteers doing what we do, helping others.

Many thanks to the sponsors and vendors that helped make the 2004 Convention a successful event.

Congratulations to the 2005 officers, the winners of awards and games, and thanks to all the games' participants.

By the time you read this the New Washington V.F.D. will have celebrated their 50th year of service to the community on July 9th and 10th. Congratulations on reaching your 50th.

Most of you we will not see again until the 2005 convention in Columbus, so thanks again.

Al Williamson
District 14 chairman

<u>October 10 is the next deadline</u>

DISTRICT 17A

Beverly Harker
District 17A
Chairman



Hi everyone,

Over the last three months I had the pleasure of attending the Congressional Fire Service Dinner in Washington, D.C. It was a very impressive event and I feel honored to have been there.

I also got to present Bill Thomas, of Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department a Gold Card, making him a lifetime member of the IVFA. This was the first Gold Card I have presented since I became District 17A chairman, and I feel proud to know a person that has given 50 years of their life to the fire service. I'm sure I'm speaking for all that know him when I say "Thank you, Bill, for your years of dedication."

My husband and I attended the IVFA convention in June at Clarksville. We had a good time.

I hope my departments have paid their IVFA dues. They were due July 31st. If not, try to get them in soon.

There are parades, games and other events coming up in the next few months, so I hope to see some of you there.

Beverly Harker
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18

Charles Parker
District 18
Chairman



The May 20, 2004 meeting of District 18 was hosted by the Anderson Twp. VFD and held in St. Mark's School basement, Perry County.

Chairman Chuck Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Bro. Giles Mahieu, O.S.B., District Chaplain, gave the invocation.

A moment of silence and a prayer was observed in the passing of Alfred Spayd, Ferdinand, and Bro. Lawrence Shidler, St. Meinrad Abbey.

IVFA vice president Jack Kerney gave reports on a proposed National Credentials Program, National Incident Management System, and National Volunteer Fire Council's Wireless Communications Committee Study.

District secretary Kenny Lau gave a report on a recent trip to Oklahoma and the Oklahoma State Firefighter's Museum. The IVFA patch is now on display at the museum. The sending of meeting notices and other information by e-mail to District 18 department is now 100% complete and is working very well. Everyone was urged to visit and use the IVFA Website at www.ivfa.org.

Copies of the new law governing the discipline of volunteer firefighters for being late or absent from work and are employed by a political sub-division were passed out.

District chairman Parker appointed a group of three to serve as the election committee for the July 15 meeting. Those appointed were Ed Dicus, Haysville VFD; Mark Aders, Anderson Twp. VFD, and Todd Daming, Luce Twp VFD.

District chairman Parker presented Alva Kleaving of Anderson Twp. VFD with an IVFA Gold Lifetime Membership Card for 50 years membership in the association and service to Anderson Township.

State officers on hand for the presentation were Jack Kerney, vice president; Barb Kerney, IVFAA president; Jack Harker, treasurer; Bev Harker, District 17A chairperson; and Jim Abrams, PR Director Southwest and his wife, Stella.

Mark Green, Indiana State Police trooper presented an informational program on meth labs and talked about some of the new things being used at the meth lab sites.

In additions to the state officers and Trooper Green, guests included Scott Dillman, State Fire Marshal Office; Alex Smith, M&S Fire & Safety; Bob Starke, Fire Apparatus Division SDC; Phil Schitter, DNR; Maggie Schitter, US Forest Service; Vince Luecke, Perry County News; Lona Huffman, Jones Insurance and Dennie Oxley, State Representative.

66 persons attending
15 department represented
173 calls answered

The District 18 Fire Prevention Parade will be Sunday, October 10, 2004 starting 1:00 p.m. in St. Anthony, Indiana. St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department will host the parade and will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary. Waterball will follow the parade.

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman

The state convention is over for 2004. Congratulations to all who received awards at the convention.

Congratulations to Wayne White, East Enterprise V.F.D. on receiving the Midwest Award for District 19. Thanks to all the committee for a good convention. Hope to see everyone at the 2005 convention in Columbus.

I also thank Roy Richardson for his many years of dedicated service to the I.V.F.A. as District 14 chairman and P.R. Southeast. Hope to see Roy at the state conventions for many years. Also congratulations to all the elected officers of the IVFA for 2005. Congratulations to Ivan Nevill for being appointed Fire Marshal.

The next District 19 meeting will be September 23rd at Moorefield V.F.D. at 7:00 EST on November 18th. At the

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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

Dear IVFAA Members and friends:

If you haven't thanked Al Williamson and the group from District 14 for a great convention, then you need to stop and say thanks. We all know it is a lot of work, but when the convention is a success then your efforts are worth it. Thanks gang for a great time!

I feel very honored to have been elected to serve another term as your president. It came as quite a surprise. Thanks to those of you who felt our efforts were channeled in the right direction and that all your officers were working for the betterment of our organization. We are still working on updates and new ideas are being brought forth from the membership that will help us to continue to be a working organization that will serve its members. We have a great group of officers that have been supportive and have taken up whatever task that I have asked of them.

Joann did a great job on our VP Projects. Monies from these projects are our operating capital for the year. We did quite well this year. A big thanks to all of you who help sell and collect so this event was successful. I would personally like to thank Jeff Stainfield from Jones & Associates and Troy Fornoff from Provident Insurance for their generous donations. There are several who donate and we appreciate your generosity.

We have several new things in the works. Be sure and read about them in the newspaper as they are reported.

Congratulations to all who were winners of our various awards. I felt very humbled to have been selected by the IVFA awards committee as this year's Angel Award recipient. It is nice to be recognized for something that you have enoyed doing but at the same time you are helping others when there is a need.

Don't forget to purchase your State IVFAA Cookbook. There are a lot of great recipes that are from all over the state. Cost is $10.00. See any officer to get your copy. They also make great gifts.

Thanks again for your support and vote of confidence.

Barb Kerney

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

State Officer's Meeting
Columbus, Ind.
April 25, 2004

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with opening prayer led by Chaplain Phyllis Vargo. Mariam Schaekel, Sgt.-at-arms led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray.

The minutes were read by Diana and with no corrections, they stood as read.

Treasurers' report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand Jan. 31, 2004	$ 10,282.17
INCOME:	
Dues	55.00
Interest	1.14
VP Project	158.00
Unrelated income	25.00
Memorial Acct.	150.00
Total Income	+389.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Operating Expenses	69.00
Mileage	81.52
Phone & Postage	14.80
Jewelry	451.12
VP Project	68.72
Awards & Gifts	300.00
Total Disbursements	-989.16
Balance on hand April 24, 2004	$9686.15

Correspondence: Martha Thomas has none at this time.

Membership: Diana states for 2003-2004 we have 75 departments, 72 Ind., 15 life, 810 paid by departments, with a total of 882 members and up by 12 members. For 2004-2005 we have two departments, 15 Life, and 22 paid by department with a total of 22. Roll call was for 23 members and eight guests present at this meeting.

Chaplain's report by Phyllis states that she had one Memorial, three get well, three sympathy, and one thinking of you cards. Also a new granddaughter, Emma Rose for Leona Urgya.

Auditing: Faye Sallee not present.

Games: Marilyn Dever says that they will be using the Indiana IVFA waterball rules and the deadline for teams to register is June 1st.

Installation: Barb Parker says she will be ready.

Financial study: Lou Bartlow states just fine.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller says that we have 18 young ladies this year and she will be getting letters out to them soon with more information.

V.P. Project: Joann Hays says that *she had the $200.00 donated by Downey Insurance. Tickets sales are going well, hope to sell a lot more at* convention. The Chess set will be sold only at convention and $1.00 or 7 for $5.00.

Bylaws: Leona Urgya says she has had two by-law changes to be voted on at convention concerning the changes to be Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. to Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Inc.

Jewelry: E. J. Smith states that she had the charms and tietacks.

Nominating: Susie Stout, Tammy Hungate, and Diana Gray will have a slate to be presented at the convention and they will welcome calls to them who are interested in holding an office.

Historian: Ann Moss says that she has not received any new pictures or items for her book.

President's Advisory: Toni Sorg says everything is

Lois Boaz Award: Rosie Weisenbach and the committee chosen a winner but they would like to have more letters deserving ladies to make their job harder.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker wants to have quite a lot of items so that we can make money for the Auxiliary.

Old Business: The cookbooks will be ready for the convention. Joann has ordered 1000 books and Toni has typed 426 pages. That's a lot of cooking for everyone to try.

New Business: The committee of Eula Bush, E. J. Smith, Jean Randle, Barb & Jack Kerney met and they decided that a good way to use the donations was to cancel the bonds and make a Memorial Scholarship for the Miss Flame, $100.00, Runner-up, $50.00 and Miss Congeniality $ 0.00. Also all Miss Flames will write a thesis concerning *what their Fire Department means to them and to the community. There will be two chosen to receive $50.00 each. After a discussion Barb Parker made a motion with a second by Joann Hays to accept their recommendations. Motion passed by all present.* Tammy Hungate showed a fund raiser that she is involved with and after a discussion a motion was made by Toni Sorg and a second by Barb Parker to table this at this time and bring it back to the August meeting. Motion passed.

Al Williamson gave an update on the convention with 186 registered and 128 rooms booked at this time. Get those rooms reserved so that you will be at the convention site. We understand that Sharon Angel is ill so we wish her well and our prayers continue for her and others who we do not know about.

Barb Kerney adjourned the meeting with a closing Prayer by Chaplain Phyllis Vargo and a wish for all to have a safe trip home and a wonderful Memorial Day and see you in August. Barb read a poem about a "Busy Mom" and you know that affects us all. Not enough time and hours in a day.

Submitted by,

Martha Thomas
Corresponding Sec.
IVFAA

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Pam Melton
Sharon Bray

November 10 deadline is October 10

IVFAA Vice President

Joann Hays

Well, another convention has come and gone. A big thanks to Al Williamson and his crew for a great convention. Get some rest, gals and guys, you deserve it.

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

To the Miss Flames, thank you for assisting the chaplains. You all did a wonderful job of helping with the roses and also girls for selling raffle tickets.

To all of you who helped, sell the tickets, take care of the table and made my vice president project a great success, a huge heartfelt of thanks, could have not done it without you. You know who you were.

To the companies who donated to my projects I would like to say "thanks" and I mean a BIG THANK YOU.

- Jeff Stainfield of Jones and Associates, Inc. for the axe.
- Terry Fornoff of Provident Insurance for helping with the axe and chess set.
- Wal-Mart of Terre Haute - the TV/VCR set.
- Downey Insurance - the $200 cash.
- Dorothy and Maynard Masters of Emergency Books and Training for donating the raffle tickets.

The winners were: Paul Watland, District 2 - axe; Patty Miller, District 11-B - $200 cash; Don Kissinger, District 3 - TV/VCR set; Scott Butrum, District 12 - chess set.

Cookbooks - Wow!!!

Sales are doing great. They are re-

Ladies' state officer's meeting held in June

State Officer's Meeting
Clarksville, IN
June 11, 2004

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Opening prayer was given by our Chaplain Phyllis Vargo and the Pledge to the Flag led by Miriam Schaekel.

Diana Gray gave the roll call with 25 members and two guests present. Membership for 2003-2004 is 80 departments, 74 individuals, 15 life members for a total of 829 paid by departments.

Diane read the minutes for the last officer's meeting and stood as read.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand June 1, 2004: $4,169.75

Income:

Dues	$3,958.50
Interest	4.02
Jewelry	375.00
VP Project	3,905.00
Unrelated Income	1,117.17
Special Account	150.00
Total income 6/1/2003 to 5/31/2004	$9,509.69

Disbursements:

Operating Expenses	$1,099.67
Annuals	200.00
Mileage	171.47
Phone & Postage	117.41
Overpaid Dues	
Jewelry	451.12
VP Projects	327.74
Awards & Gifts	663.76
Total Disbursements 6/1/2003 to 5/31/2004	$3,031.17
Balance on hand June 1, 2004	$10,648.27

Treasurer's report subject to audit July 31, 2004 before officers' meeting on Sunday, August 1, 2004.

Martha Thomas has no correspondence at this time.

Chaplain's report: Phyllis states that she has sent out three get well cards, one baby card, three thinking of you cards and she says that we will have 18 names for the Memorial.

Auditing: As Faye Sallee will not be with us because of another function, Lou Bartlow will oversee the auditing of the different committees on Saturday afternoon, July 31, 2004 before our Sunday meeting.

Games: Marilyn Dever says that they will try to get the drawings for the games tonight if possible. The boat ride may put the drawing on hold for the moment but it will be done.

Installation: Barbara Parker says that she and Faye Sallee are ready.

Financial report: Lou Bartlow states that everything is okay.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller says that we have 18 young ladies this year. The Miss Flames will be asked to write an essay of 250 words or less about that her Fire Department means to her and the community. The two best essays will win $50.00 each for the luck winners.

VP Project: Joann Hays wants everyone to know how she and the ladies on this committee are greatful for all the time Toni Sorg has spent on typing the recipes for the cookbook. It really turned out to be a good money maker for the IVFAA. It will cost $3.75 for gthe printing and special binding. A project well done. Joann has ordered 1,000 books to be sold and they will come in boxes of 10 each so we can keep track of them. So ladies, SELL, SELL & SELL.

By-Laws: Leona Uryga says that she has everything ready for our convention meeting.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith says all is good.

Nominating: Susie Stout states she has a slate ready except the office of Chaplain. See her and the committee if you would like to help her out.

Historian: Ann Moss needs items.

President's Advisory: Lou Bartlow says just fine.

Lois Boaz: The committee is ready for the opening meeting tonight.

Parliamentarian: Toni Sorg says again everything's okay.

Chinese Auction: We need more things if possible and thanks to those who have brought something.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: None but the committee for the Mary Mackin Memorial Scholarship, Eula Bush, E.J. Smith, Jean Randle, Jack & Barb Kerney stated that they will try and get donations for the fund to continue in memory of our Mary Mackin. The Auxiliary will give $100.00 and Jack and Barb will donate $100.00 as well.

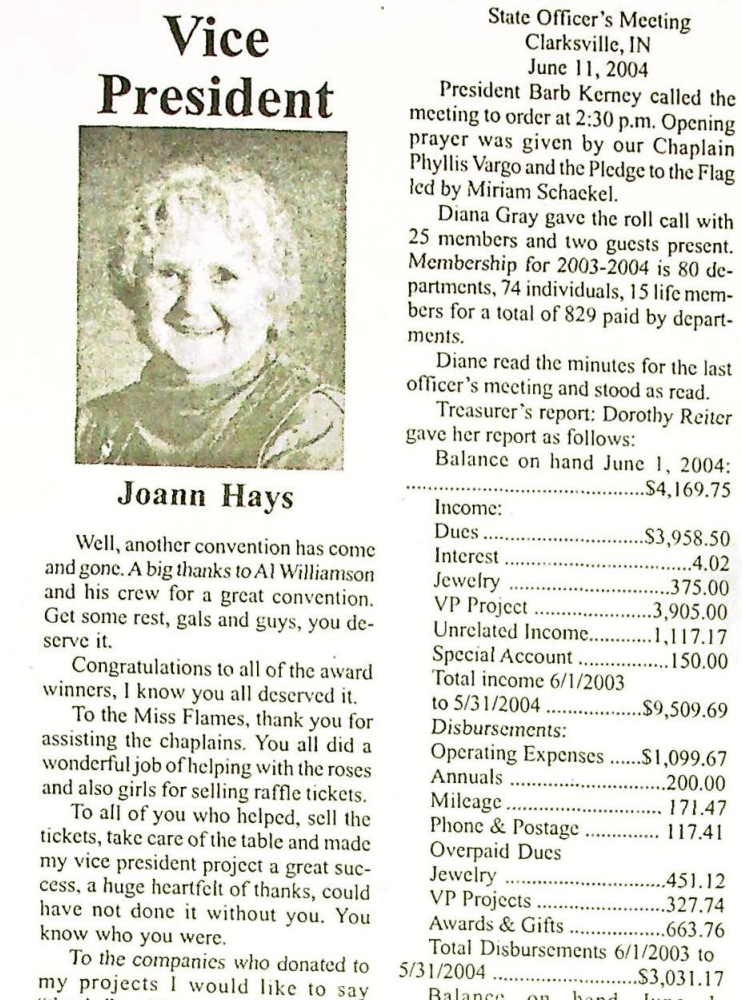
The next officer's meeting will be in Columbus, July 31 and August 1. See you there.

Leona Uryga made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ann Moss and motion passed.

Chaplain Phyllis gave the closing prayer and hopes everyone has a wonderful time while were are in Clarksville.

Submitted by,

Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA



DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Ann Moss

District 1 & 2 Chairwoman

May 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of I.V.F.A.A. District 1 & 2 at 7:15 p.m. followed by pledge and prayer.

Ann introduced the guests in attendance which were Paul Watland, I.V.F.A. District 2 chairman, Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, and Tom Orrell, I.V.F.A. District 1 chairman, Lindsey Degard, Miss Flame, District 1 and Charla Stovall, Miss Flame District 2, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary for the I.V.F.A.A.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 16 members in attendance and four guests representing four departments.

Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the March 4, 2004 meeting. Passed as read.

Ann Moss gave treasurer's report, passed as read for audit.

OLD BUSINESS: Ann talked about convention. Getting ready to go to Clarksville.

NEW BUSINESS: Ann wanted to wish the Miss Flame contestants Good Luck at convention and reminded them to be at the men's district meeting next week.

It was brought by the Lake of Four Season Auxiliary to bring back food being served at our district meeting. They feel that since food was no longer served, attendance has greatly decreased, and they feel even if we have a potluck dinner that we might have more ladies attend. Motion was by Melissa Baumgardner, and seconded by Cecila Christensen to table the decision until next meeting when we would have more people in attendance to have a voice in the decision, motion passed.

Ann spoke regarding the 2005 convention, which will be held at Columbus.

Next meeting will be September 9 at Lake Station.

Ann asked if any department has T-shirts or hats for the Burn Camp. Please bring them to next men's meeting. Burn Camp is May 26th.

Department Announcements: Attendance trophies: Merrillville, District 1; Lake Dale, District 2.

Motion was made by Martha Thomas, seconded by Melissa Baumgardner to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Baumgardner,
Secretary, District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3



Leona Uryga
District 3 Chairman IVFAA

The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the Springfield Vol. Fire Dept. by chairperson Leona Uryga.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by chairperson Leona Uryga, followed with prayer led by Jody Brinckman, District 3 Chaplain.

Roll call was answered by the following departments: Springfield 10, Michiana Shores three and Coolspring five.

Secretary/Treasurer, Kimberly Krueger read the minutes from the November 19, 2003, meeting and reported the action of the treasury.

Chairperson Leona Uryga made several announcements:

1. The first prize on the I.V.F.A.A. raffle tickets has been changed from a Franklin Mint Fire Truck to an Engravable Fire Axe. All other prizes remain the same. There will also be a drawing for a firemen's chess set for those at convention.
2. This year's convention pin or charm jewelry will be brought to the May 19 meeting.
3. Cookbooks are already started and will be available after convention.
4. As of February 1st we have: 66 paid departments, 67 individuals, 15 life members and 772 paid by departments with a total of 839 members so far.
5. By-law change of name from Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary Inc. to Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary, Inc.

Linda Jaske of Springfield made a motion to accept the by-law change and Rose Stantz, also of Springfield seconded it. All members in attendance voted on it and the motion was carried.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Gertrude Peterson of Michiana Shores and Dorothy Moffitt of Coolspring.

Honesty bag each member assessed the following:

Jan. - 5 cents for each child you raised.

Feb. - 2 cents first 100 pounds and 1/2 cent for each additional pound.

Mar. - 2 cents each letter of your full name (first, middle and last).

Apr. - If your hair is gray 16 cents - black 14 cents - brown 15 cents - red 18 cents - blonde 14 cents - white 13 cents - dyed any of the above colors 10 cents extra.

The next meeting will be at Lincoln Twp. on May 19th.

Prayer was led by Jody Brinckman for two members who passed away, Dorothy Henrich of Coolspring and Lillian Babcock of Springfield.

A nice salad buffet was served by the host department Springfield, with each member in attendance receiving a gift.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Deutscher of Coolspring and seconded by Chris Stephens of Springfield.

The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at the Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Department by chairperson Leona Uryga.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by chairperson Leona Uryga, followed with prayer led by Jody Brinckman, District 3 chaplain.

No minutes, treasurer or correspondence report given.

State report - chess set will be at state convention.

Past president - memorial scholarship - donation sent to State Treasurer.

No Miss Flame in 3rd district this year.

Cookbooks are available from state. Cost about $10.00 available at next district meeting.

2004 convention pins available for $5.00.

I.V.F.A.A. tickets must be turned in tonight.

Bring up name change - costly - will be discussed at State Convention - paper supplies - pins would be need to be changed.

State convention - June 10-13 Clarksville, Indiana.

Next meeting July 21, which will be elections at Coolspring.

Honesty Bag was held.

Suggest to secretary write events of meeting on card notices - bring money with you.

Sickness report - Edith Kelsey is recovering at home. Maggie Gaw - foot removed a year ago - appreciate cards and prayers - hospitalized in Porter Memorial Hospital.

Events - Pork chop dinner May 29, 5-8 Lincoln Township, cost $6.50.

Had pancake breakfast in April, very profitable.

50/50 drawing Jody Brinckman and Linda Kaske won.

President urged all to go to State convention.

Motion to adjourn, Kay Kaufman at 7:45 p.m., seconded and carried.

Closing prayer - Chaplain.

Minutes taken by Carolyn Hunt, secretary pro-tem.

Submitted by
Secretary/treasurer
Kimberly Krueger

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller

District 11B Chairwoman IVFAA

Another fiscal year for the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary has come to a close and the 2004 convention is history. Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were good choices. We are especially proud of Eula Ashberry, District 11A, on her Lois Boaz Award. We would also like to say how proud we are of our Miss Flame, Ashley Doan for representing our district in the state contest.

The District 11A-11B picnic will be hosted by 11A this year. It will be

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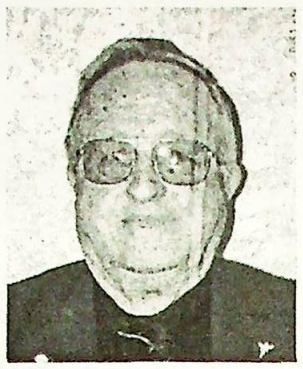
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Roy Richardson

July 5, 2004

Dear Chief and Firefighter:

Well, the summer is here and the 2004 convention has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a good time at the IVFA convention in Clarksville. Al Williamson and the 2004 convention done a good job. We had a good time on the Bell of Louisville. The Miss Flame from all districts also had a good time.

I would like to thank all the officers and district chairmen for their support when I was district chairman and P.R.S.E.

I know it comes a time in my life that I have got to slow down. It's going to come to everyone sometime, so it is time that I do that. I will still support the I.V.F.A. all I can.

Congratulations to Jack Kerney, our president. Jack has done a lot for the IVFA and so has LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler. "Thanks, guys!"

Congratulations to Robert McKinzie, our new P.R.S.E., Hanover F.D.

I would like to special thank Ed Scheele, District 19 for his support when I was P.R.S.E. Thanks, Ed.

Roy E. Richardson, P.R.S.E.

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Eula Asbury 2004 Lois Boaz winner



Volunteers enrich the lives of many people oftentimes their own. Volunteers are indeed a unifying thread in the fabric of our society. The lady whom we honor as this year's Lois Boaz winner has certainly been a thread that has helped a number of persons and organizations put things together.

Married for 39 years and the mother of two, she serves as a postmaster for the US Postal Service where she has been employed for over 30 years. After spending a full day at work she still finds time to do many extra things that help her Auxiliary, Fire Department as well as helping many of the elderly in her fire department and her community.

This lady has served her auxiliary for 20 plus years serving as President, Vice President and served in many chairmanships. She serves as vice chairman of her district. Many of the ladies in her auxiliary are elderly and oftentimes need a helping hand. She is always there for them whatever their need is. They depend on her for a ride to meetings and activities. When the men have their fundraisers they can always count on her to help coordinate the meals and putting it all together. Many of the fundraisers for both men and women have been put together by this individual.

There is a special little girl in her area that has many special needs. This lady's presence means a great deal to this child. She provides care, toys and love to this child.

Many elderly in the community depend on her for paying bills, providing transportation to doctor appointments as well as grocery shopping.

Some people come into our lives, make footprints on our hearts and we are never the same. This thought certainly fits our Lois Boaz winner for this year.

Congratulations to the 2004 Lois Boaz winner, Eula Asbury from Prairieton Fire Department. A very deserving lady for this prestigious award.

Rude receives 25 year pin



MAX RUDE received his 25 year pin from chairman Jon Randle, District 9-A.

The pin was presented at the Carroll County Firefighters' Association meeting held May 17, 2004 at the Camden Fire Station in Camden.

Max has been a member of the fire department since 1958.

(submitted by Jon Randle, District 9A chairman)

Receives awards at annual awards dinner



BILL SCHOCK, Cliff Baldwin and Bill Randle, were each awarded for 40 years of service at the annual Delphi Tri-Twp. Fire Department awards dinner. *(submitted by Jon Randle, District 9A chairman)*

Cordry Sweetwater Fire Cadet/Explorers compete in Ohio

Cordry Sweetwater Fire Cadet/Explorer Post 2192, Chief Andrew York announced that the Post sent five Cadet/Explorers to compete in a FIRE/EMS skills and knowledge competition just north of Cincinnati on May 15, 2004.

Those competing were: Brandon Gunter, Jay Darnell, Curtis McGaha, Scott Radtke and Andrew York.

The competition, first for the Explorer Post members in 2004 consisted of the following topics: firefighter personal protective equipment, portable extinguishers, ropes & knots, rescue, extrication, forcible entry, ground ladders, ventilation, water supply, fire hose, fire streams, fire control, loss control and a wide variety of emergency medical topics.

In 2003 the Cadets/Explorers were able to attend the 2003 National Fire/Emergency Services Conference in Emmitsburg, Maryland. While there, they attended training seminars and competitions while furthering their knowledge of Fire and Emergency Services Programs.

Cordry-Sweetwater Cadet Explorer Post 2192, originated in January 2003 with the assistance of the Cadets and Chief Vernon McGaha, consists of a membership of 12 Cordry Sweetwater Fire Cadets. Exploring is a young adult career education program of Learning for Life. Participants are, both young men and women, ages 14 or more who have graduated from the eighth grade of school.

At the present time, all officers that make up the Cadet/Explorer Post Administration are currently students at Brown County High School. The Post organizational structure consists of a Chief (Andrew York), Assistant Chief (Scott Radtke), and Secretary/Fire Captain (Jay Darnell). There are two primary adult advisors, with three adult advisory committee members. At least two adults travel with the participants to all competition activity sites.

Chief McGaha stated: "The future of the fire service is in the hands of young men and women such as these Cadet/Explorers." We support them and encourage any young adult interested in Cadet/Exploring to contact us at 933-2224 or go on-line at ExplorerPost2192@yahoo.com to learn more.

Note: As of June 23, 2004, Explorer Chief Andrew York and Assistant Chief Scott Radtke left for the United States Army where each has chosen the job of Firefighter for their military (five years) occupation. Joining on the Buddy System, they reported for basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood and then later reported to advanced training at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

Everyone wishes them well in their future avocation.

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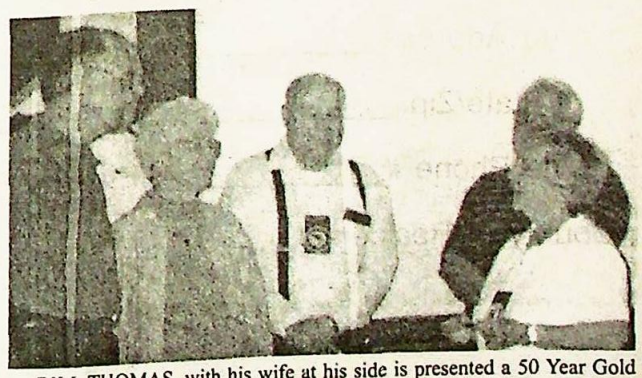
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Bill Thomas presented 50 year gold card



BILL THOMAS, with his wife at his side is presented a 50 Year Gold Card by Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman.

Bill is a member of Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department. This card makes Bill a lifetime member of the IVFA.

(Photo submitted by Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman).

Cordry Sweetwater Fire Cadet/ Explorers host banquet

Cordry Sweetwater Fire Cadet/Explorer Post 2192, Chief Andrew York announced that the Post hosted a free dinner/banquet on Sunday, June 6, 2004 at 5 p.m. in the Cordry Sweetwater Clubhouse, located at 8751 Nineveh Road.

Due to the leaving of Chief York and Assistant Chief Scott Radtke for the U.S. Army on June 23rd, elections were held to name their replacements.

The new officers appointed during the ceremonies on that night were

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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

The **State of Indiana** provides **Special License Plates** to qualified members of organizations such as the **IVFA**. This program is administered through the **Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. The **IVFA Central Office** coordinates the program for members of the Association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a **paid-up member** of the **IVFA** when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your **Individual Plate 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
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May 31 - Ho-I
June 15 - J-Km
June 30 - Kn-L
July 15 - Ma-Me
July 31 - Mf-O
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Aug. 31 - R
Sept. 15 - Sa-Sn
Sept. 30 - So-T
Oct. 15 - U-Wk
Oct. 31 - Wl-Z

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.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
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.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of $12 for *each plate requested* in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. *Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.*

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special 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.

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(Year of Plate Renewal

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

$3.00 of this $5.00 fee goes towards the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your cooperation.

DISTRICT 19 - Men

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Versailles V.F.D. will be the district Miss Flame judging. I would like to see a representative from each department in the Miss Flame judging. Contact me if your department will have a representative.

Also it is time to be thinking about names for all the awards for next year. Letters for the Midwest Award need to be brought to the January 27, 2005 meeting or sent to me before the meeting.

Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg and Angel Award letters need to be at the IVFA office before February 1, 2005. Scholarship forms need to be at the IVFA office by March 1st.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

DISTRICT 11B - women

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held at Forest Park on Sunday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in Brazil, IN. Bring a filled picnic basket and lawn chairs. It will be a great time visiting and of course eating. Everyone is invited to come.

Our next district meeting will be July 14 at Covington. Then our next business meeting will be November 14 at Reelsville. Plan to bring the family and have a great Thanksgiving dinner and get involved in the district activities.

Auxiliaries, the 2004-2005 dues need to be paid. They will be delinquent September 30. Dues are $5.00 per member. If you have any questions or need help organizing, just give me a call at 812-208-1927.

Well, have a great summer. Please be safe!

Patty Miller
District 11B IVFAA chairman

Change of command banquet ...

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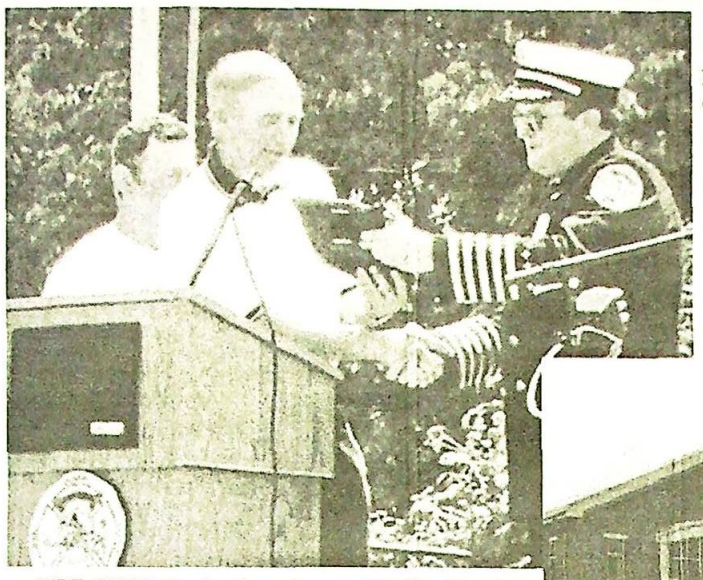
BCHS student Jay Darnell as Chief and a recent BCHS graduate, Curtis McGaha as Assistant Chief.

Other new officers to replace those persons moving up in the organization will be announced in the near future.

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Lawrenceburg VFD holds open house and dedication of new station



On July 3, 2004 Lawrenceburg Vol. Fire Dept. held an open house and dedication of their new fire and EMS station.

(Photos submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman).

FIRE CHIEF Randy Abner (Aurora Vol. Fire Dept.) receiving clock for their new fire station from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman and Bob Kinsey, PR Southwest.

(Left to right): Bob Kinsey, PR Southeast, Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Randy Abner, Fire Chief.



LAWRENCEBURG'S new fire and EMS station.



MEMBERS of Lawrenceburg Fire Department at the dedication and open house of their new fire station.

Golf scramble winners at Clarksville convention



WINNERS OF THE Golf Scramble held at the 2004 convention in Clarksville are (left to right): Randy Denton, Johnny Cummins, Shawn Cates and President Buz Koehler. *(Photo submitted by Johnny Cummins/Buz Koehler)*

Aarika Murphy chosen 2004 Miss Flame



There were 18 contestants this year and what a great group of young ladies! As always you couldn't ask for a better group. I know the judges had a real task on their hands. All the young ladies cooperated very well and were where they were supposed to be when they were told to be there. I hope they all came away with some lifelong friends, as they seemed to get along very well.

Nicole Payne, our 2003 Miss Flame returned to crown our 2004 Miss Flame. She is Aarika Murphy, District 13B, Centerville VFD, Richmond, IN. She is the daughter of Sharon and Rob Leavitt. The 2004 Miss Flame runner-up is Holly Farrer, District 5, Bremen VFD, Bremen, IN. She is the daughter of Tony and Diana Farrer. Miss Congeniality (voted by her peers) is Charla Stovall, District 2, Lake Dale VFD, Lowell, IN. The Miss Flame court and the district and department are as follows: District 1 Lindsey Degard, Merrillville VFD, District 2 Charla Stovall, District 6 Angel Herron, Richland Twp. VFD, District 7 Sarah Bultemeier, Hoagland VFD, District 8A Heather Rich, Center Twp. VFD, District 8B Kylie Corwin, Pennville VFD, District 9B Ashley Bohannon, Rensselaer VFD, District 10 Michelle Hargett, Hartsville VFD, District 11A Katie Meyers, Otter Creek #1 VFD, District 11B Ashley Doan, Dana VFD, District 12 Jaclyn Joseph, Lizton Union Twp. VFD, District 14 Cindy McKenzie, Hanover VFD, District 15 Emily Lueken, Newburgh VFD, District 17A Tiffany Evans, Washington Twp. VFD, District 18 Jillian DeKemper, Dubois VFD, District 19 Kim Narwold, Batesville VFD.

We had the judges pick the Best in Formal and Best in Business Suit. They were Best Formal - District 14, Cindy McKenzie, Hanover VFD. The Best in Business Suit - District 18, Jillian DeKemper, DuBois VFD. The ladies seem to like the Business Suit portion of the contest.

I would like to thank all who contributed to the contest. Without your help we would not be able to continue to give the ladies such nice gifts and show them how much we appreciate having them as part of our fire departments and part of our convention.

I would also like to thank my committee for all their help and hard work. They are Miriam Schaekel, Barbara Kerney, E.J. Smith, Jean Randle, and Brandy Miller. Without their help I would not have made it.

Don't forget to continue supporting your district Miss Flame. She still has to complete her reign. It's not too early to start looking for a Miss Flame in your district if you did not have one this year. This is a great program and we hope to make it better as our funds in the Mary Mackin Scholarship Fund continue to grow. Please make your contributions to the fund and help us encourage these young ladies in their future and help them realize the importance of being a volunteer.

Patty Miller

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Jim Abrams

I attended District 15 meeting on May 18, 2004 at McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department. After a wonderful chicken dinner, Steve Anderson opened the meeting.

District 15 had lost firefighters Harry Carpenter, Ralph Bowland and Ray Kohlmeyer. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Jack Kerney, Paul Moffett, Bob Heilman and Don Moffett.

Secretary Barb Kerney gave her reports and after the business meeting, Steve Anderson announced the next meeting July 20 at Skelton Volunteer Fire Department, Tennyson, IN.

I attended District 17A's meeting on May 19th at Petersburg V.F.D. After the meal Beverly Harker opened the meeting. Debbie Ockerman read minutes of the last meeting.

The speaker of the evening was Drew Dailey of D.N.R. After a short business meeting, there was a Gold Card presented to Bill Thomas by Chief Phil Taylor. Bill also received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award and the Sagamore of the Wabash Award.

District 17A's next meeting is Wednesday, July 14 at Owensburg Volunteer Fire Department in Owensburg, Indiana at 7 o'clock.

Our prayers go out to Ron Bell who lost his father, Jake Bell.

District 18's meeting was at St. Mark's, hosted by Anderson Twp. V.F.D. Chuck Parker opened the meeting.

A Gold Card was presented to Alva Kleaving of Anderson Vol. Fire Department.

State trooper Mark Green spoke on Meth Labs.

District 18 lost firefighters Alvin Spayd and Brother Lawrence Shilder. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

A wonderful meal followed the close of the meeting.

District 18's next meeting is July 15th at Otwell Vol. Fire Department.

I attended fire convention at Clarksville. It was a great convention. Congratulations to Barb Kerney - Angel Award, Johnny Johnson - Ollie Sandburg Award, Al Mendel - Mr. I.V.F.A.

Congratulations to the Midwest Award winners.

Have a great summer, see you at the July meetings.

P.R.S.W.
Jim Abrams

The Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship Fund established

This fund was established when the I.V.F.A.A. received $300 from Mary Mackin's family to be used as the Auxiliary saw fit. A committee was appointed to evaluate various options and recommended that a scholarship fund be established to promote and enhance the Miss Flame Contest.

It was felt that if the monetary prizes/awards to be received by the various winners were more enticing, it would get more young ladies interested in competing in the contest; ultimately getting more contestants and their parents actively involved in the I.V.F.A.A. and I.V.F.A.

As stated above, the fund is starting with $300. To perpetuate and enhance the fund, the I.V.F.A.A. will put $100 annually in the fund instead of buying bonds for the Miss Flames. The budget for the administration of the contest is $300.00. Currently, an application fee of $25 is accessed each district for their contestant to enter the Miss Flame Contest. Depending on the number of contestants and the application fees received annually, all over $300 will be put into the Scholarship Fund. A commitment from Jack and Barbara Kerney for an annual donation of $100 has also been received. We expect that others will also want to donate to this worthwhile program. This fund and any contributions will be set up in a special "Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship" interest bearing account.

Starting in 2004 and subsequent years until the scholarship fund grows enough to be re-evaluated, the Miss Flame will receive $100, the Runner-up $50 and Miss Congeniality $50.

In addition, each Miss Flame contestant is being asked to submit an essay of 250 words or less stating their involvement with their fire department, how it has affected their lives and how it will in their future. They will turn them in at the "mixer" at convention. The Scholarship Committee will review them and decide on the two best ones. They will receive $50 each.

This program allows for up to five girls to receive awards or even one could receive more than one. For instance, the Miss Flame could also win one of the essay awards. This scholarship money may be used towards tuition, books, or other expenses.

We appreciate the Mackin family's donation and allowing the I.V.F.A.A. to establish the scholarship fund.

I.V.F.A.A. presents two essay awards

As a part of the new Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship Fund, the I.V.F.A.A. presented two $50 scholarships for essays this year at the convention. Each Miss Flame contestant was asked to submit an essay of 250 words or less explaining how they are involved with the fire department, how it has affected their life and how it will in the future. The essays were turned in at the Miss Flame Mixer.

The scholarship committee reviewed the essays and selected two winners and this year an honorable mention. A $50 scholarship check was presented to Katherine Meyers, Otter Creek 1 Fire Department - District 11-A and Charla Stovall, Lake Dale Fire Department District 2. A small gift was presented to Lindsay Degard, District 1 for honorable mention.

Copies of the two winning essays can be found below. Also included is an explanation of the Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship Fund as to how it was established and how it will be administered. If anyone has any questions concerning the Scholarship Fund, please feel free to contact me.

Eula Bush,
Chairman Scholarship
Fund Committee

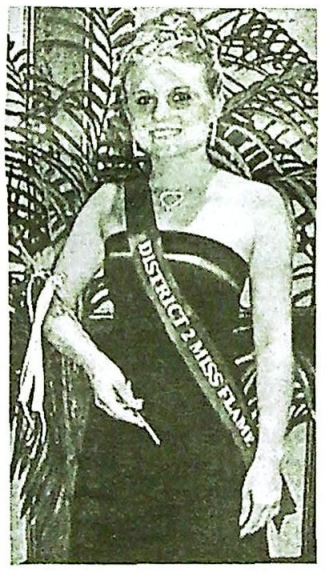
William Missal receives District 2 Midwest Award



DISTRICT 2 chairman Paul Watland (left) and Buz Koehler, IVFA president (right), congratulate William Missal (center) of the Cedar Lake VFD on receiving the Midwest Award for District 2.

(Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Charla Stovall and Katherine Meyers, 2004 Mackin essay winners at Convention



CHARLA STOVALL, District 2 Miss Flame, received a $50.00 award for her essay at the 2004 IVFA convention held in Clarksville.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

How 911 has changed my life

I have enjoyed being a cadet on the Lake Dale Fire Department for the past two years. I have attended training sessions, and assisted with fundraisers such as bake sales, cookouts, and boot drives. I am a cadet who wants to learn how to be a firefighter to save people's lives.

When 911 happened, many people were willing to risk their lives to save the lives of others. That is when I realized I wanted to become a firefighter. Signing up to be a cadet was one of the smartest decisions I have ever made in my life.

Being a cadet makes me feel really good about myself, because I am training to become a firefighter. I don't feel I should be paid for something I want to do. That is why I volunteer my time and myself. Being a cadet makes me excited just knowing that one day I will be able to save people's lives, just like the firefighters on 911.

Once I turn 18, I will take the test to become an official firefighter. Then I will be able to help others in case something like 911 ever happens again. I will be able to help other firefighters save people's lives.

I love being a team player on the Lake Dale Fire Department. My goal in life is to become a volunteer firefighter, so if 911 occurs again, I will be prepared to help others.

Charla Stovall
Lake Dale Fire Department District

Cordry Sweetwater holds election of officers

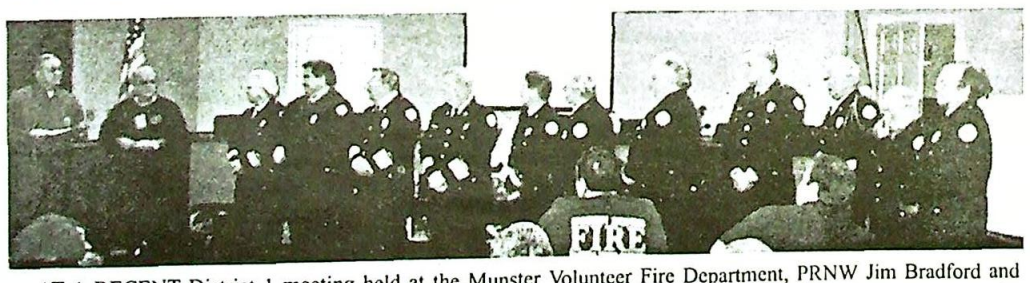
Officers elections for the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department were held at the monthly meeting in June.

Elected to serve for the coming year are as follows:

Fire Chief - Vernon (Bernie) McGaha; Assistant Fire Chief - Mike White; Secretary - Teresa Bennett; Treasurer - Sheryll Durbin; Ambulance Captain - Paula York.

All officers elected will serve in their respective positions for the next 12 months. If you would like to join the department as a firefighter or EMT and live in the area you may do so by contacting any officer or by calling and leaving your name at the fire station, 933-2224.

Munster VFD members awarded 25 year pins



AT A RECENT District 1 meeting held at the Munster Volunteer Fire Department, PRNW Jim Bradford and District 2 chairman Paul Watland, (District 1 chairman Tom Orrell was unable to attend), presented 25 year pins to the following: Howard Grady, Mike Horvath, Chief Bob Nowaczyk, William Obrien, David Pelc, John Shutka, Herbert Volkman, James Carr, John Peerbolte, Frank Pfister and Steve Preslin.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, PRNW)

Father and grandfather help to realize how important fire departments are

Growing up with a father and grandfather that are both firefighters has made me realize how important volunteer fire departments are, and that it is important to help others in the community. Seeing this, I have tried my best to help my local fire department by working at fundraisers, such as fish fries and pork chop dinners, helping with the maintenance of the lawn and fire trucks, attending meetings at the fire house and district meetings, and going to a local convention. I also used to attend the auxiliary meetings with my mother and both of my grandmothers. That showed me how much the wives of firefighters do for their husbands and departments. It has taught me the meaning of dedication.

Looking back on all I have learned from my parents and grandparents, who are actively involved in the fire department, has made me think that joining the department is a good idea and may be something I would like to do in the next couple of years. Even if I do not become a member, I am going to continue to help with fundraisers and make myself available to help support my local fire department. Although I don't know what the future holds for "volunteer" departments, I do know they are a necessary part of our community. They touch the lives of each and every one of us, and I would like to help recruit new volunteers to keep this tradition alive.

Katherine Meyers
Otter Creek 1 Fire Department
District 11-A

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
APRIL 24, 2004
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Buz Koehler called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and gave the Invocation. Vice-president Jack Kerney led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Koehler then introduced the guests present. They are Jean Smith, Al Mendal and John Davies.

President Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as received was made by Don Cushman, PREC. District 1 chairman Tom Orrell made the second. The motion passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT KOEHLER: Has attended 46 meetings and driven 7032 miles this quarter. Included in this are 12 district meetings, three retirement dinners, two memorial services, two Gold Card presentations, six county meetings and seven fundraisers.

VICE-PRESIDENT KERNEY: Has driven 2286 miles this quarter. Attending six district meetings, Fire Service Institute dinner, one memorial service, and one convention meeting.

SECRETARY BARTLOW: Attended two district meetings and one memorial service this quarter. Handed out the 2003 Convention Minutes Digest.

TREASURER HARKER: This quarter he has attended three district meetings, one memorial service, and two fundraisers. He passed out the quarterly financial report and reviewed the figures for this quarter. A motion by vice-president Kerney to accept the report as given. The second was made by Larry Ketchem, District 11-B. The motion passed by voice vote.

CHAPLAIN PAGE: Had four memorial services this quarter.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ZEEKS: Pass.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BUSH: Attended a few meetings and four memorial services.

At this time President Koehler called upon Shokrina Radpour Beering to present a new benefit program.

SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING: The law firm of Cohen & Malad, LLP, whose partner, Shokrina Radpour Beering, serves as the IVFA lobbyist and counsel, is pleased to offer IVFA members discounted legal services for each of the types of law which the firm practices. These include business services, class action, personal injury, special litigation, family law, real estate, and commercial transactions. Cohen & Malad, LLP has grown from its inception in 1968 into a full service law firm, practicing in all Indiana courts and Federal courts nationwide.

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The IVFA legislative committee will work on its 2005 agenda after the convention is held in June. If you have concerns or comments regarding legislative matters, contact your IVFA legislative committee prior to the beginning of August.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW JIM BRADFORD: Has driven 2076 miles this quarter attending six district meetings, one IVFAA district meeting, one awards banquet, two memorial services, two Gold Card presentations, one nominating committee meeting, one benefit dinner, three chili dinners, 1 steak fry and two fish fries.

PRNE MIKE MACKIN: Absent.

PRWC DIANA HARRISON: Attended two district meetings and several fundraisers.

PREC DON CUSHMAN: Attended all district meetings. He has two upcoming station dedications.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended all district meetings, two Miss Flame selections and four fundraisers.

PRSE ROY RICHARDSON: Attended all district meetings and several 2004 Convention meetings.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: Held meeting February 18, 2004 at the Union Community Fire Department. The program was presented by Ed Seykowski, American Red Cross, on Red Cross Disaster Services. District 1 had 44 members from 13 Departments and District 2 had 24 members from eight departments. The April 21, 2004 meeting was held at Ogden Dunes Fire Department. The program was presented by Capt. Tim Tully, Crown Point Fire Department -- Firefighter injuries/incident on I-65. District 1 had 37 members from 10 departments and District 2 had nine members from four departments. They had five deaths this quarter. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at Lake-of-Four-Seasons.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Held meeting March 17, 2004 at Schneider Fire Department. District 1 had 20 members from seven departments and District 2 had 60 members from 11 departments present. Dan Anderson of POK Nozzles spoke on a wide variety of nozzles their company has to offer.

DISTRICT 3 TIM SANDY: Had meeting March 18, 2004.

DISTRICT 4 JOHN FERRO: Absent.

DISTRICT 5 DON KISSINGER: Held one meeting this quarter. Presented one Gold Card. The next meeting is May 13, 2004 at Burket Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6 DAVE ELICK: Held last meeting at Concord Twp. Fire Department. They had discussion of the "Training Survey". The next meeting is May 25,2004 at Mongo Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG: Held meeting at Berne Fire Department. Attended several fundraisers in the district. Had one death in the district this quarter. The next meeting will be May 17, 2004 at Bluffton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE: Held meeting April 14, 2004 at the Atlanta Fire Department with 17 members from seven departments present. The next meeting will be May 19, 2004 at Wayne Twp. Fire Department-Hamilton County.

DISTRICT 8B LARRY PETRO: Absent.

DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE: The last meeting was held March 25, 2004 at Georgetown Vol. Fire Department with 29 members from seven departments present. The program was on Foam Application. The next meeting is May 27, 2004 at Harrison Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON: Held last meeting on March 11, 2004 at Winamac with 25 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be May 13, 2004 at Boswell Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Held meeting February 18, 2004 at Clifford Fire Department with 41 members representing 14 departments. The program was on "Weather Equipment". Also attended three county meetings in the district. The next meeting was held March 17, 2004 at Clarksburg Fire Department with 33 members representing nine departments. The program was about the Training Survey and a presentation on Insurance by Jones & Assoc. The next meeting was held April 21, 2004 at Clay Twp. Fire Department with 29 members representing 11 departments. The program was on grants. The next meeting will be held May 19, 2004 at East Columbus Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND: Held meeting March 21, 2004 at Otter Creek Station #2 with 38 members representing eight departments. The program was on the different situations that happen on a train wreck in their area. The next meeting will be May 16, 2004 at the Cory Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11B LARRY KETCHEM: Held meeting March 14, 2004 at the Greencastle Fire Department with 27 members representing seven departments. The program was presented by Dr. Alfred Page on the "Changes in the Fire Service in the Past 50 Years". Had two deaths in the district this quarter. The next meeting will be May 12, 2004 at St. Bernice Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: Held meeting at Decatur Twp Fire Department with 22 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be May 17, 2004 at A&A Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13A TIM MARTIN: Absent.

DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS: Held meeting on February 29, 2004 at Centerville Fire Rescue with 14 members representing three departments. This was their Miss Flame contest. The next meeting will be May 27, 2004 at Evert Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 14 AL WILLIAMSON: Held meeting on April 21, 2004 at Kent Fire Department with four members representing four departments. The next will be July 14, 2004 at a site to be announced.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Held meeting March 16, 2004 at Marrs Twp. Fire Dept. with 32 members representing nine departments present. They held discussion on State Training Standards. The next meeting will be May 18, 2004 at McCutchanville Co. 5.

DISTRICT 16 RON MELTON: Absent.

DISTRICT 17A BEV HARKER: Held meeting March 24, 2004 at Highland Twp. Fire Department with 18 members representing five departments present. The program was presented by Mike Gregg on Fighting Wild Fires. The next meeting is May 19, 2004 at Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B JIM ZEEKS: Absent.

DISTRICT 18 CHARLES PARKER: Absent.

DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE: Held meeting March 25, 2004 at Cedar Grove Vol. Fire Dept. with 42 members representing 13 departments. A program was presented on Natural Gas Dangers. The next meeting will be May 27, 2004 at Aurora Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Held meeting March 29, 2004 at Williamsport Fire Department with 17 members representing six departments. The next meeting is May 24, 2004 at Colfax Fire Department.

PAST-PRESIDENT REPORTS

All past presidents present passed. They were Jack Kerney, Jack Zeeks, Richard Glant, Mitch Parish Carl Burns and Jim Parker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMES: Al Mendal - Games "Entry Forms" are printed in the newspaper. Hope to have several teams participate this year.

CONVENTION 2004: Al Williamson - Things are moving along nicely. At this time there are 135 registrations received. They have meetings scheduled for May 11, 2004 and May 23, 2004.

CONVENTION 2005: David Israel - We're ready. All committee chairmen they had last convention are doing the job again next year.

EXECUTIVE: Buz Koehler - Polled the committee by phone for input on the proposed Legal Fees program.

BUDGET: Pass.

INSURANCE: Buz Koehler - Reported a problem with getting any information from the insurance provider for the membership. They (H.B.P.) have not forwarded any information to the IVFA as called for in the contract. They have not provided an informational flyer that was to be mailed to all members. Our lawyer has drafted a letter stating our opinion on the contract and terms that are not correct. Don Kissinger, District 5 made a motion to send the letter as written to H.B.P. The second was by Bill Pape, District 8A. The motion passed by voice vote.

BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - Committee met on April 23, 2004 and selected our three winners for this year. There were 40 applications this year of which 35 were valid. The winners will be announced at Convention.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford - Printed 17,499 newspapers this quarter. The paper will be 40 pages. We need a written policy statement on what is acceptable advertisement in the

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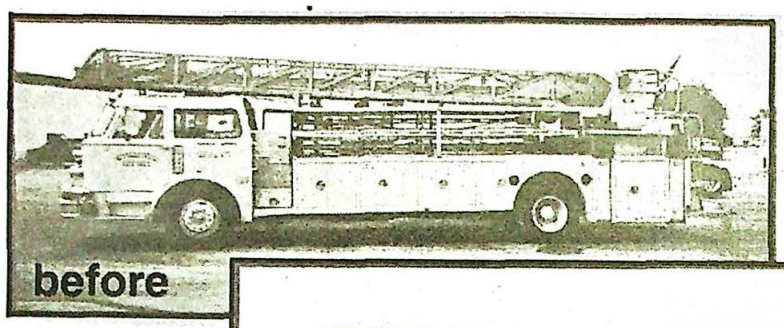
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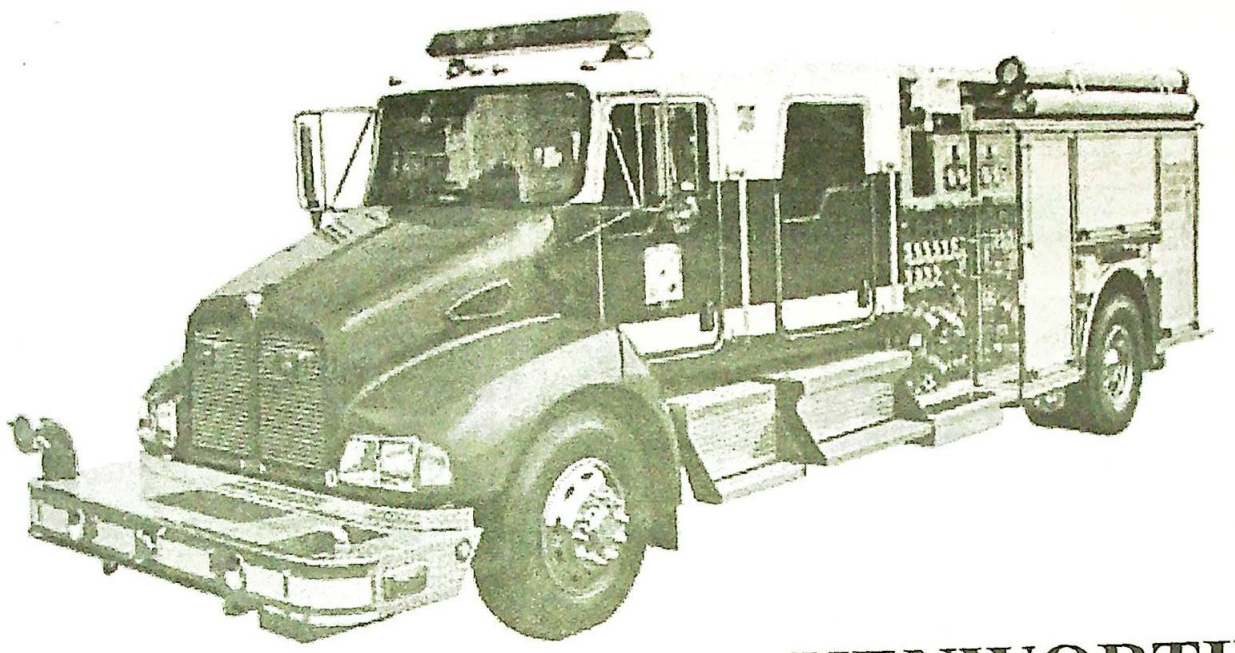
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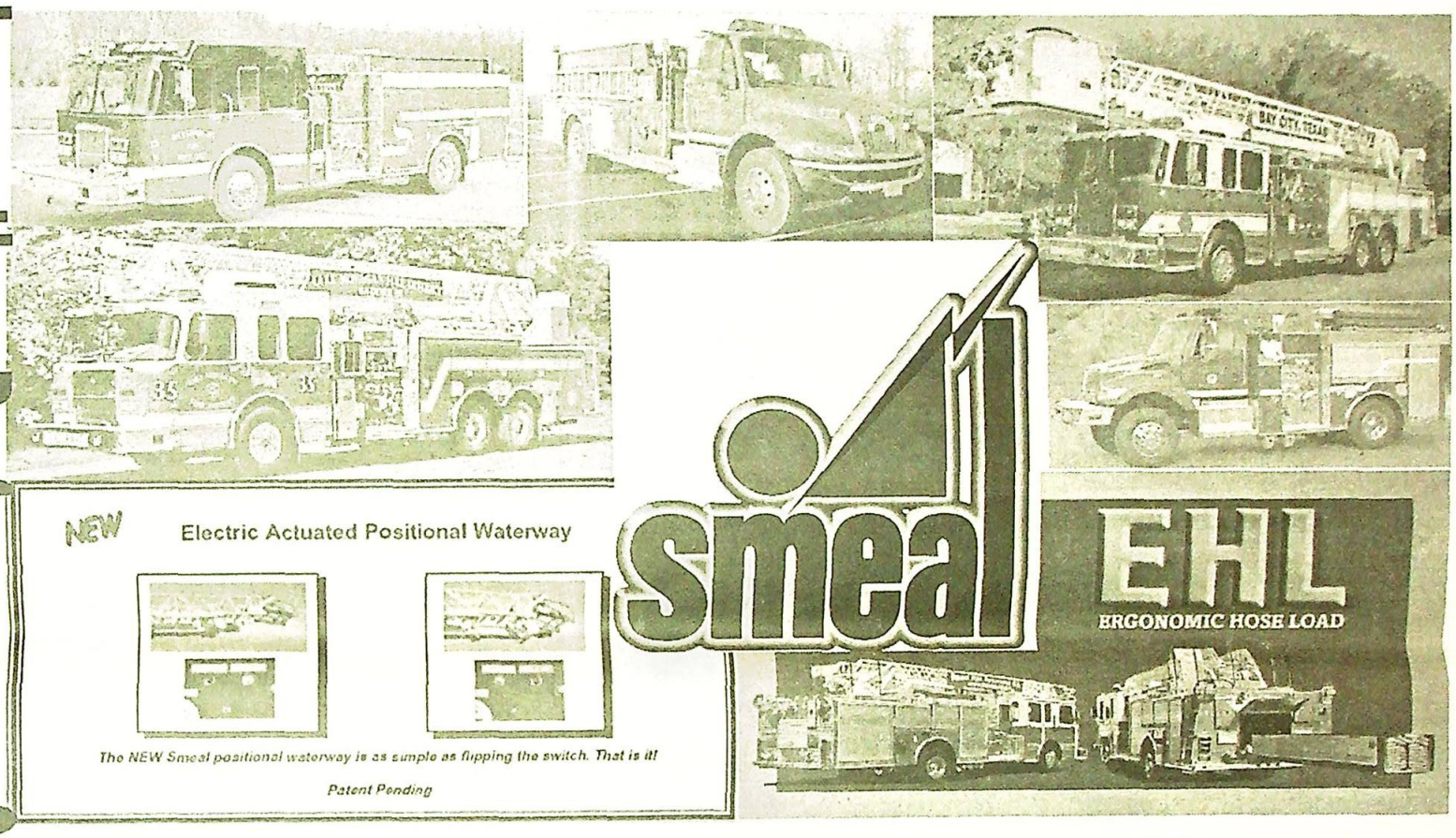
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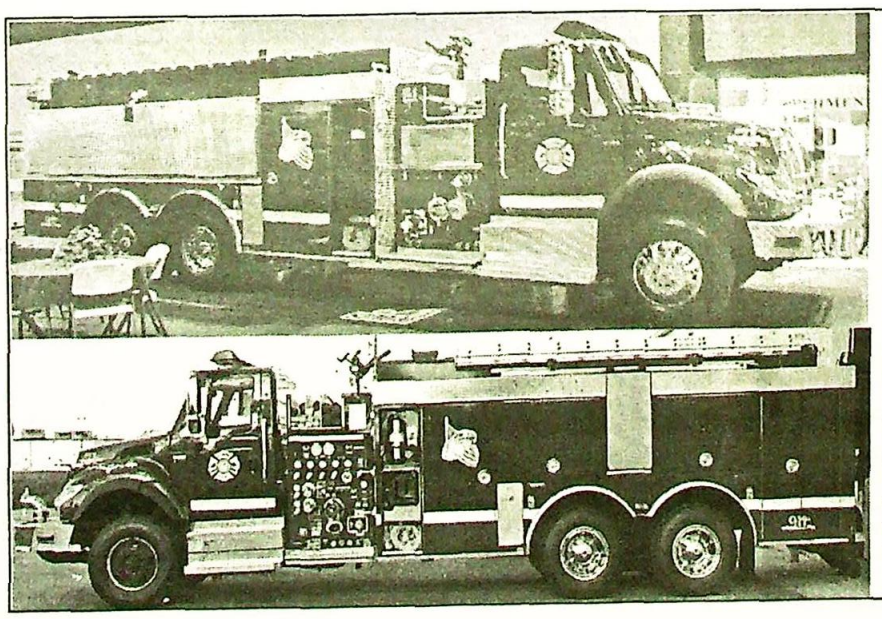
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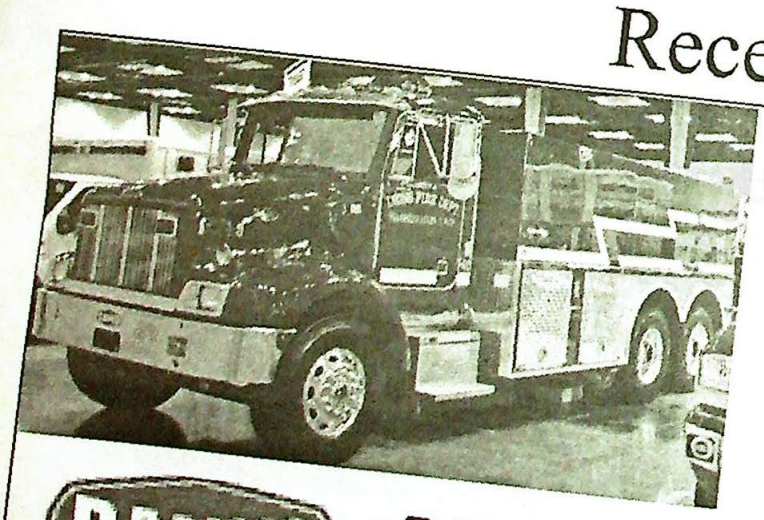
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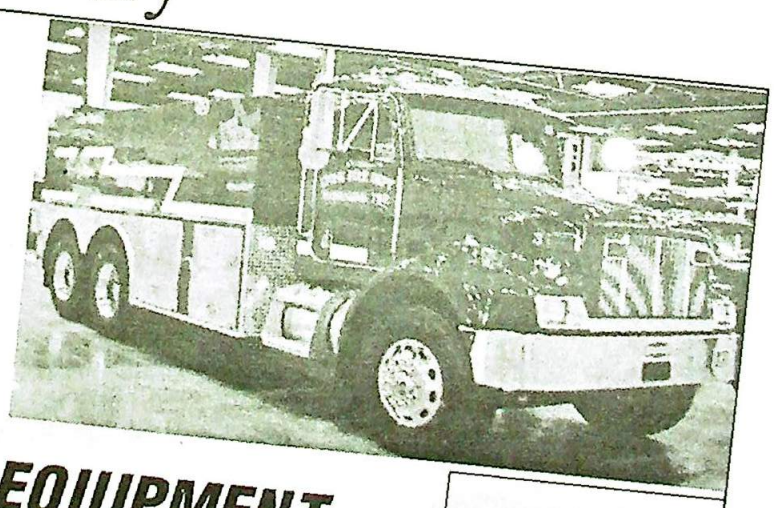
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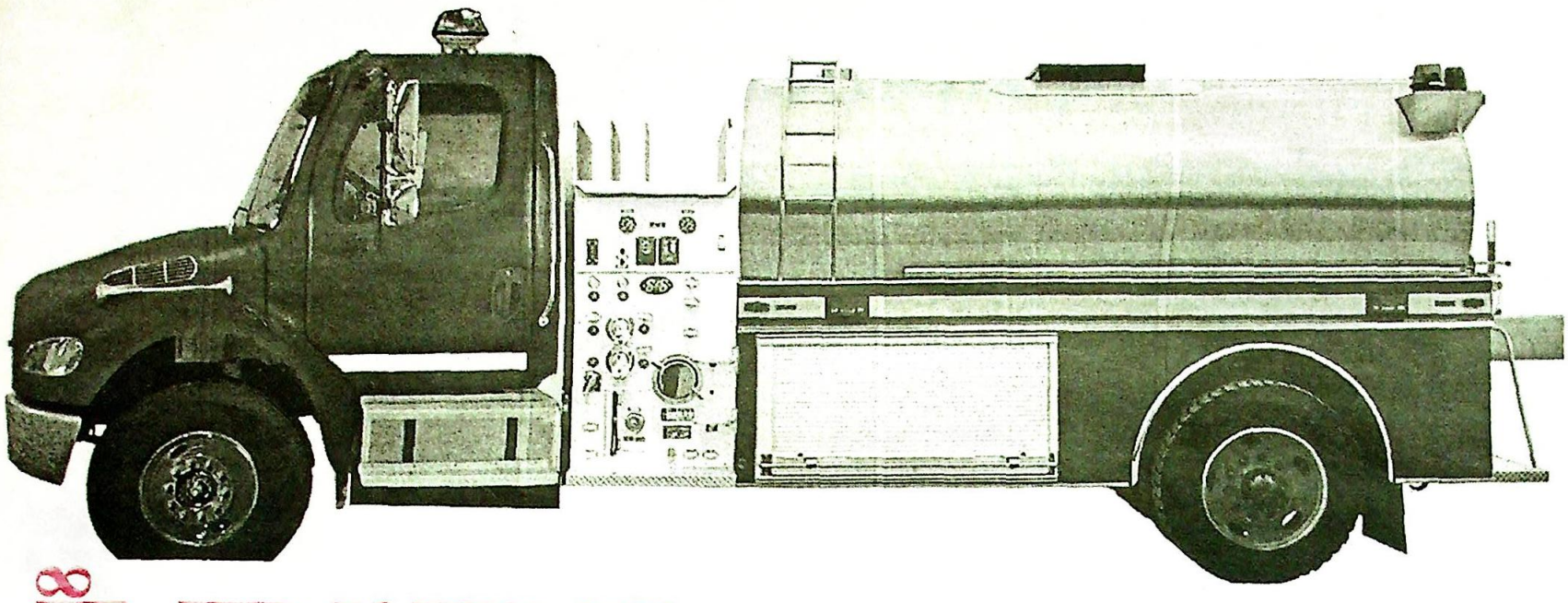
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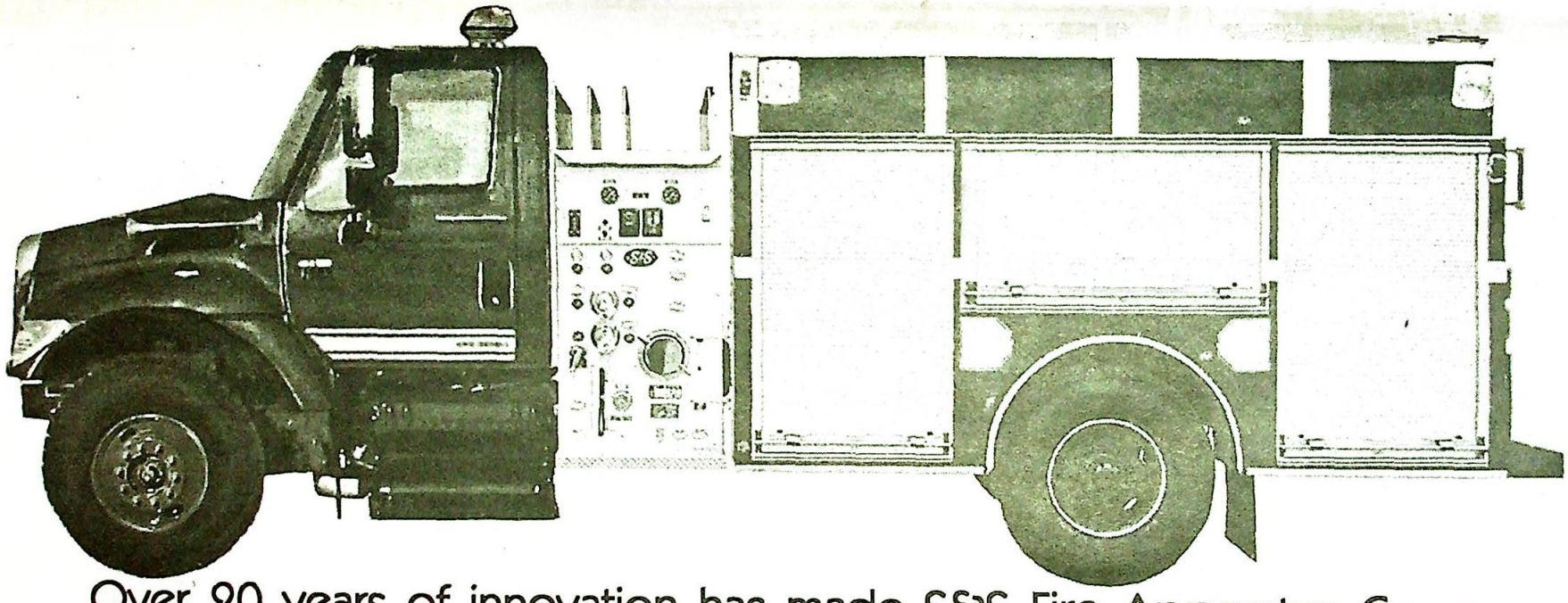
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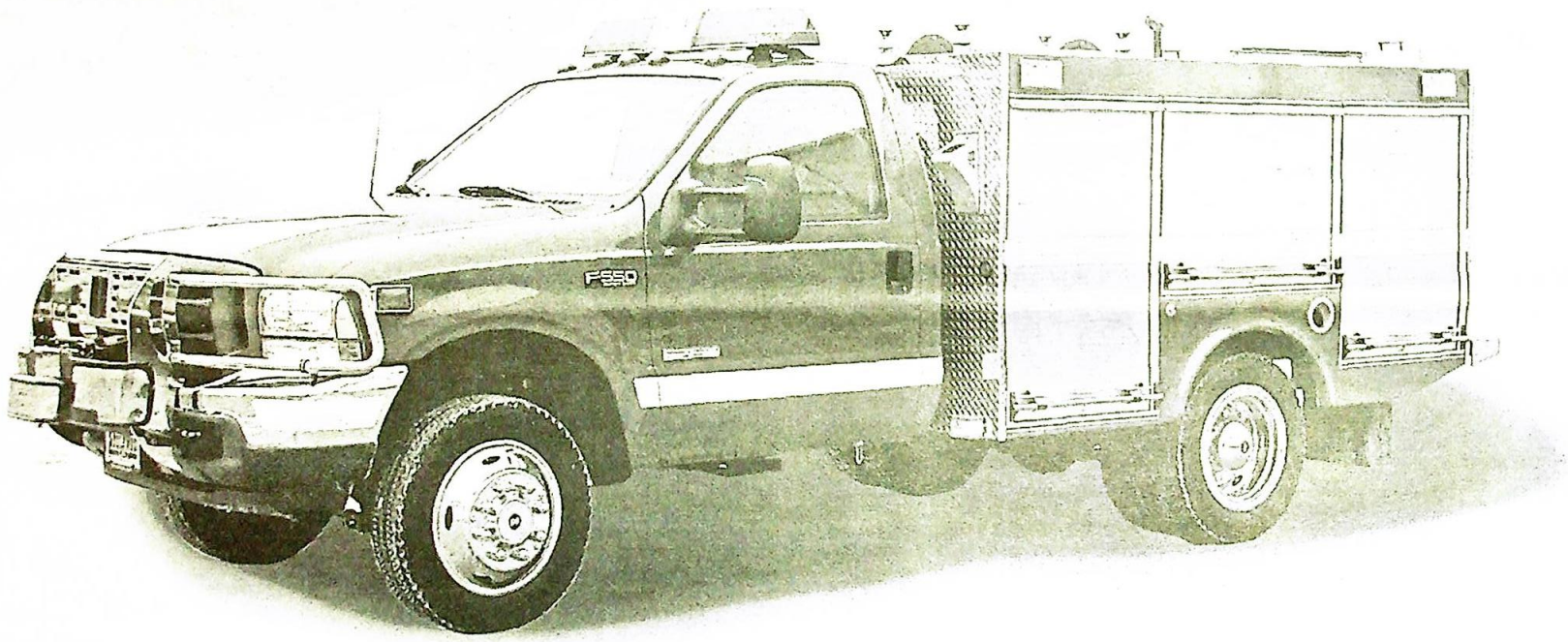
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Quarterly report ...

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paper.

AD-TAKER: Mitch Parish - 26 advertisers in this issue of the paper. We have three outstanding accounts at this time.

AUDIT: Not meet.

CLOTHING CLAIM: Jim Bradford - Had one claim this quarter and it was approved.

AWARDS: Jack Kerney - They met and selected the Ollie Sandberg and Angel Award. All districts have Midwest Award winner.

FIRE SCHOOL: Jack Kerney - Jasper Fire School had 245 students and the Duneland Fire School had 426 students.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DIGEST: Larry Bartlow - The minutes are done and are being distributed at this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Parker - Much discussion on the Legislative study committee on what to do with Township Trustee Government. Much discussion on what our stand should be on this issue. Bill Pape, District 8A made a motion to oppose any and all Legislative action for the elimination of the local Township Trustee. The second was by Morg Sorg, District 7. The motion passed.

MR. IVFA: Mitch Parish - The committee has selected a winner to be announced at convention.

LOGO: Charles Parker - Pass.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson - Discussion on who can be a member of the IVFA.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Jack Kerney- Pass.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jim Parker/ Don Cushman - Pass.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Don Kissinger - Pass.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish/Jack Kerney - Next meeting is in May.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE: Buz Koehler - Not had a meeting. Luther Taylor is the new SEMA Director.

FIRE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION: Jack Kerney - Pass.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - The Board has decided that any instructor seeking a variance shall take the six hour update class. Also, any Indiana instructor, who for some reason has let their license lapse, may be re-certified by taking the six-hour update class. The National Incident Management System must be in place by Jan. 1, 2005. If not in place by then it may effect the receiving of Grants. The Indiana Incident Management Certification Program class will be available through PSTI. This program is similar to the old Incident Command program.

FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE: Mitch Parish - The next dinner is scheduled for February 7, 2005.

WEB PAGE: Buz Koehler - Web Master requires that any information about a department must be submitted by the department, they will not automatically put information on the Web site.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney - All dues packets have been mailed as of this date.

CLOTHING: Jack Kerney - Clothing sales have slowed down. They will take order forms to the FDIC.

Meeting recessed at 1900 hours.

Meeting reconvened at 0830 April 25, 2004.

Chaplain Page provided the Morning Message.

EMS COMMISSION: Tim Sandy - Attended all meetings. Last meeting adopted several new rules and they are all listed on the EMS web site.

ANTI TERRORISM: Fred Page - No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Jack Kerney presented the work schedule for those working our booth at the FDIC conference.

Steve Anderson presented the 2003 Convention final report.

Discussion on rooms for some IVFAA members.

BY-LAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - Presented several By-Laws for correction and proper terminology. All were proposals submitted by District 3. They are Article VI - Section 2, Article VII - Section 1, Article VII - Section 7 and Article VIII - Section 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Possibility of having a Web page contest for 2005 Convention.

Don Cushman, PREC made a motion that we accept the offer of Cohen & Malad, LLP for discounted legal fees for the membership. The second by Tom Orrell, District 1. Motion passed. One nay vote.

Jim Parker made motion to adjourn and proceed with Board of Directors meeting. Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 25, 2004

Meeting called to order by chairman Jack Zeeks at 9:55 A.M.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Randy Denton made the second. Motion passed.

Web master contest - Jim Bradford, PRNW made motion to have web contest for one night's stay at Convention 2005. Paul Watland, District 1 made the second. Motion passed.

Dave Elick made a motion to give the IVFAA $500 for gifts for the Miss Flame contestants. Randy Denton made the second. Motion passed.

Dave Elick made a motion that we purchase two clocks, not to exceed $100 each, to be given away at the FDIC conference. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

Jim Parker made a motion to pay $50 for the room rate for two nights at Convention 2004 for those current IVFAA officers that are unattached to any other person receiving lodging reimbursement. Tom Orrell made the second. The motion passed.

Old business - Nothing.

New business -Nothing.

Tim Sandy made a motion to adjourn. Don Kissinger made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry L. Bartlow,
Secretary

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OFFICERS' MEETING, JUNE 11,2004
HOLIDAY INN
CLARKSVILLE, IN

President Koehler called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. President Koehler gave the Invocation. Vice-president Kerney led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last Convention Officer's meeting. PREC Don Cushman made a motion to accept them as printed in the paper. PRNE Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Buz Koehler - Has not done much since last quarterly meeting. He has driven over 22,000 miles this past year visiting departments and district meetings.

Vice-president Jack Kerney - All dues packets are mailed and they have received about 3000 dues paid for the New Year.

Secretary Larry Bartlow - Pass.

Treasurer Jack Harker - Audit report will be given later.

Chaplain Fred Page - Absent.

Chairman of the Board Jack Zeeks - Pass.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush - Pass.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

PRNW Jim Bradford - Pass.
PRNE Mike Mackin - Pass.
PRWC Diane Harrison - Pass.
PREC Don Cushman - Pass.
PRSW Jim Abrams - Pass.
PRSE Roy Richardson - Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 15, 17A, 18, 19, and 21 all passes. District 13A, 16, and 17B absent. District 13A Dennis Spears - Reported that past president Jack Cox is in the hospital.

District 14 Al Williamson -Welcomed everyone to the Convention.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

Jack Kerney - Pass
Richard Giant - Pass
Mitch Parish - Pass
Ivan Nevil - Pass
Carl Bruns - Pass

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention 2004: Al Williamson - Reported that people don't like the weekend convention.

Convention 2005: David Israel - They are ready.

Budget - Pass

Insurance - Pass

Bridgeport: Carl Bruns - Read note of appreciation from one of last year's Scholarship winners.

Editor's Assistant: Jim Bradford - Needs to know of any address changes for the newspaper.

Awards: Jack Kerney - Have recipients for all awards. Have a Midwest Award winner from each district.

All other Committees passed.

Old Business - Bill Bush has supplies. No other old business.

New Business - July 8, 2004 Firefighter Remembrance program at the Indiana Memorial for Fallen Firefighters. President Koehler was asked to take part in this program. A motion was made by District 3 chairman Tim Sandy for our president to take part in this program. District 8B chairman Larry Petro made the second. Motion passed.

Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright addressed the group on his upcoming retirement from the Office of Fire Marshal.

The meeting was closed at 10:42 A.M.

IVFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Chairman Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order at 10:44 A.M. and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PRNE Mike Mackin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Audit committee needs to meet at the close of this meeting. Also the Bridgeport committee needs a short meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by past president Jim Parker. PRNE Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow
Secretary

Receives FEMA grant money

Assistant Chief Corey McGaha reported today that a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant has been received for the Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Incorporated in the amount of $87,395.00 for the "Firefighter Safety Survivel Program". This is the third year for the program, which allows fire departments to purchase equipment to help protect firefighters from injury, therefore providing a safer, healthier working environment.

The monies received has allowed the fire department to purchase the following new state of the art equipment:

• 15 MSA Stealth 4500 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's), which will replace older models which may be donated to another department.

• A new MAKO - Air Filling Station. This new device will allow the fire department to refill air bottles on station, as well as assisting other surrounding departments and other agencies fill both firefighting air bottles and Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) air bottles used by SCUBA Divers in underwater search and rescue missions. This will greatly enhance the firefighters' safety in our area by allowing faster filling of used bottles during emergency situations. It will also enhance other agencies by being able to fill their bottles. At the present time the only filling station available is located in Nashville and operated by the EMT Association here in Brown County.

• A new MSA 5000 Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). This state of the art camera will greatly enhance firefighting capabilities in locating injured firefighters, civilians or hidden unseen fires. Additionally, this new tool will assist in overhaul operations, helping to reduce damage, while making sure the fire is completely extinguished.

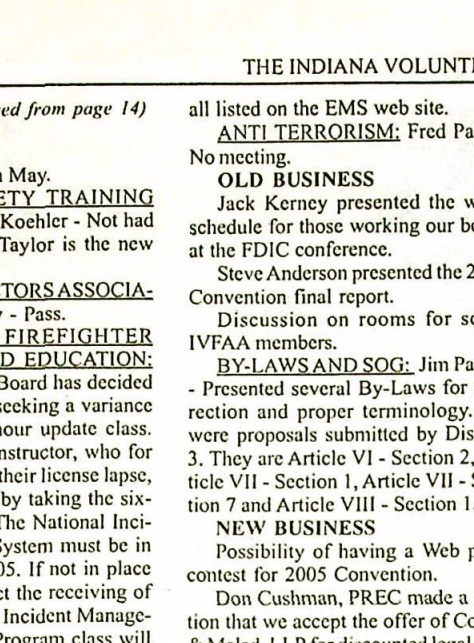
• Four Gas Detector has also been received to help detect Flammable and Toxic gases in the home. This piece of equipment will replace an older outdated detector used previously.

Assistant Chief McGaha further stated this new equipment will enhance the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) concept. This concept and new equipment should lessen confusion when working with other departments in the County and at the

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Thomas A. Edison, INVENTOR



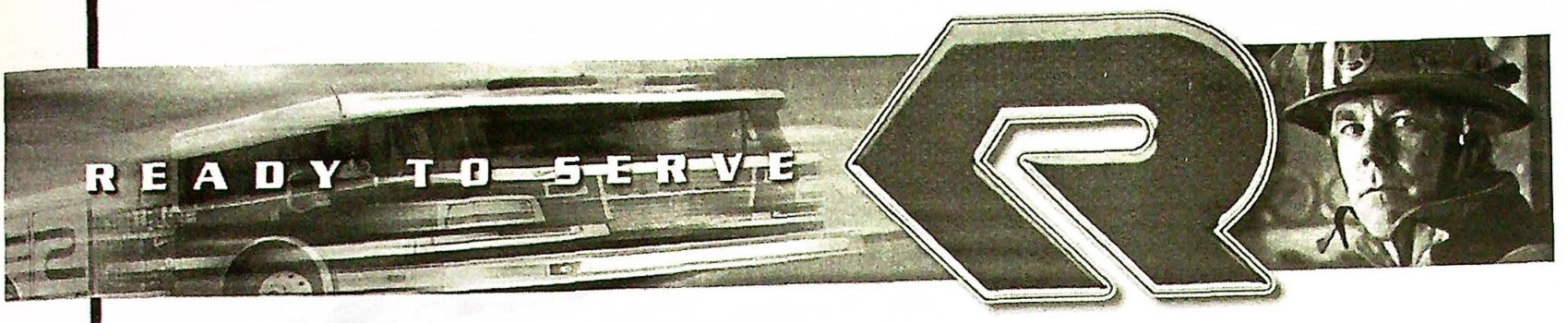
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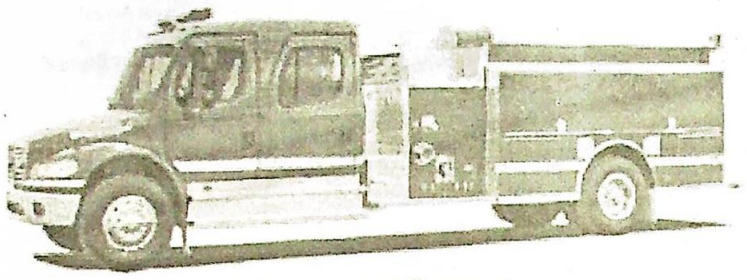
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PICTURED AT THE presentation at the Lake Station Fire Station #1 (Lake County) are: P.R. Northwest Jim Bradford (also from L.S.F.D.), Gold Card recipient Luster Hursey, Gold Card recipient Robert O. Johnson, Gold Card recipient Roy Miskimins, 25 year pin recipient William Halaschak, and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell. *(submitted by Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman)*

Appreciation banquet held

Eighteen members of the Liberty Twp. Fire Department and their wives and guests met at the Maidens Sweet Shop for an appreciation banquet. Also attending was township trustee Joseph Medlin and wife Karen, advisory board members Thomas Fair and wife Darla, Jeremy Obenchain and wife, Stefanie and Sarah Williams and her husband, Paul, and District 4 chairman John Ferro and his wife, Jane.

A delicious dinner was served before the presentation of awards. The following received plaques for years of service and dedication:

Chief Gene Patrick - 35 years, 1st Asst. Chief Jerry Knepp - 35 years, 2nd Asst. Chief John Dooms - 20 years, Allen Albright - 30 years, Bryan Albright - 15 years, John Blosser - 15 years, Denny Fisher - 20 years, Thomas McCormick - 10 years, Chuck Pritchett - 10 years, Paul Williams III - 10 years.

Also in attendance and recognized for past years of service were Michael Knepp, 27 years. John Ferro awarded him his 25 year pin from the IVFA. Mike moved to the state of Michigan. Jason Knepp and Matt Wiggen both served four years and were given recognition certificates from the department.

Those unable to attend but received recognition plaques were John Gouker 44 years of service and his son Jerry Gouker, 21 years of service.

Fireman John Blosser was presented his certificate for completing Safety Officer School.

Our special award of the evening went to fireman Allen Albright. Allen was presented with a Red Coat of Courage Statue. A fireman with the #7 on his hat, that also is Allen's number on the department. The fireman in the statue is with a little boy holding a fire truck. Fireman Albright is a houshold name around North Liberty. Every year Allen uses a week's vacation visiting all the North Liberty schools presenting a program to students about Fire Prevention. He teaches valuable lessons on Stop, Drop and Roll and helps students develop an exit plan in case of a house fire. After all his years of service he was very deserving of this award.

Fireman Chuck Pritchett was also recognized as he has become abig help to fireman Albright. He too is doing some of the instruction for Fire Prevention to the children in our community.

A special thanks goes to firemen John Dooms, Bryan Albright and Paul Williams for their time spent researching the old records for these awards.

At the close of the evening the new recruits were introduced, Steve Snyder, Josh Albright, Robert Litteral Jr., Brandon Patrick, Christian Scope and Ryan Taylor. All were thanked for their efforts in attending the Fire Training School hosted in North Liberty. The school consisted of 14 students from Liberty, Lakeville and Madison Twp.

We are proud to have these young men on our department.

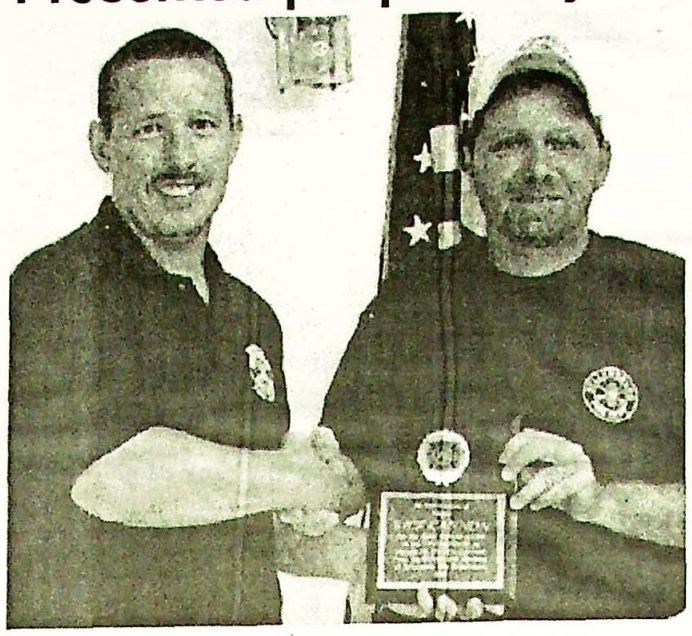
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Presented plaque for years of dedication



RICK CANNON was presented a plaque for his 18 years of dedication to the Crusade for Children with Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department by Deputy Chief Greg Dith.

(submitted by Roy Richardson, PRSE)

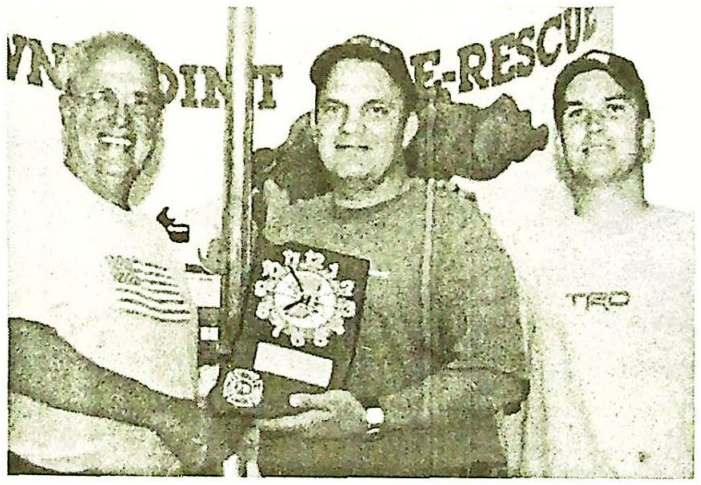
Presented plaque for leadership



KEN AUSTIN was also presented a plaque for his leadership in the May tornadoes and storms that swept across our area.

(submitted by Roy Richardson, PRSE)

Crown Point VFD presented clock



DISTRICT 2 chairman Paul Watland (left) presenting Steve Tobias, president of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department and Tim Tully, Vice Prseident, with the IVFA clock to be hung in the fire department's new training building.

(Submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

FEMA grant ...

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same time provide continuity in firefighter safety procedures.

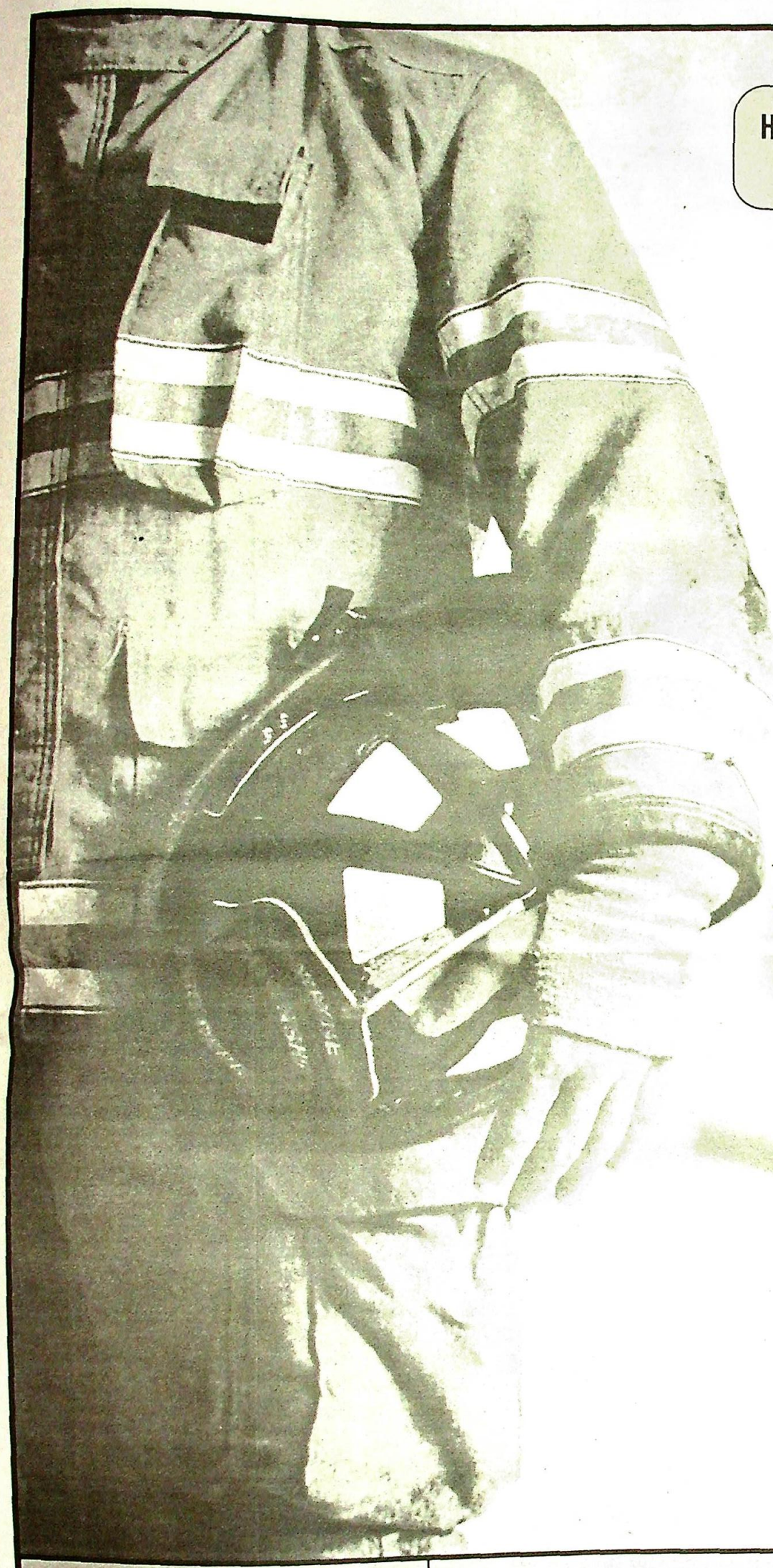
Corey stated, "Firefighter safety is our #1 priority.:

Fire Chief Bernie McGaha stated this new equipment is a welcome addition to our department and will help standardize our equipment, while enhancing the capabilities of surrounding departments meet safety standards. He also applauded the Assistant Chief for his efforts in securing the funds.

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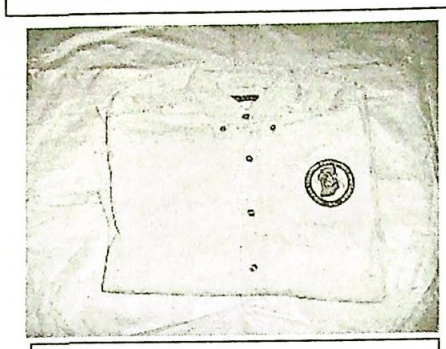
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Three help with rescue of UPS driver

On Thursday, December 18, 2003, Central Alarm received a 911 call from a cell phone, from a person that said she ran her UPS truck in the water and was trapped. At 9:11 Central dispatched The Monroe Twp. Fire Dept. and Clark County EMS. The caller (Shannon Broadus) knew what road she was on, but didn't know exactly where she was.

First on the scene was Clark County EMS Squad 2 responding from Monroe Twp. Fire Department Station Number One. EMS crew reported a working rescue.

Indiana State Police trooper, Jamie Noel arrived on the scene along with the first engine from the MTFD.

The owner of the pond had a boat on the scene that MTFD firefighter James Carpenter, Trooper Jamie Noel and EMS tech Chris Keene used to reach the truck. At this time about 6 inches of the top of the truck was out of the water. The rescue crew made voice contact with the driver. She stated she was standing on the driver's seat to breathe. The crew told her they were going to cut a hole in the rear of the roof of the truck. After trying to open the roof with a fire axe with little luck a fire department vent saw was taken to the truck.

The UPS driver was placed in the boat and brought to the pond bank where she was covered with blankets and loaded into the ambulance.

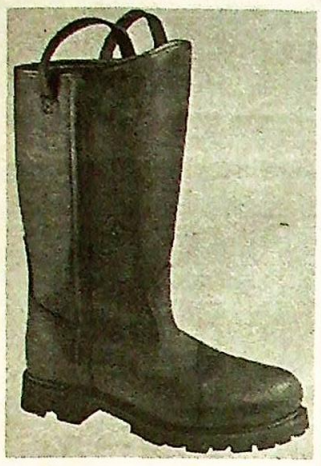
The rescue crew saved her life and

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Rescue ...

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risked theirs. The temperature was in the 30's.

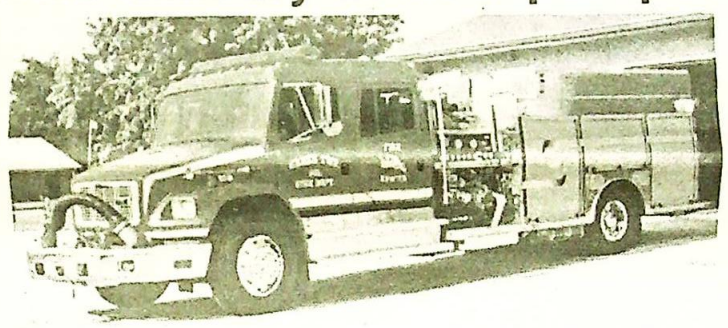
Shannon was treated for hypothermia by the EMS unit and transported to the hospital.

I am requesting the three rescuers that were directly involved receive an award from the state for their bravery doing their duty.

Chief Doug Dunlevy
MTVFD
Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Henryville, Indiana

Department takes delivery of new pumper

Green Township Volunteer Fire Department in Hancock County, Indiana recently took delivery of a 2004 pumper built by Central States (Lyons, South Dakota). This unit gives our department two engines now. This will



allow us to keep an engine in our Township when the other is out on Mutual Aid with surrounding departments.

It is on a Freightliner FL 80 4-door chassis. It has a 236 inch wheelbase and five man cab. It has a Cummins 320hp engine & Allison automatic transmission. It has 1500gpm Waterous single stage pump and UPF poly 1000 gallon water tank. It has a Smart Power 10kw PTO hydraulic generator. It has compartments on both sides with Rom roll up doors and enclosed ladder storage area. Front bumper extension with 6 inch intake and 2 1/2 inch discharge. It has three crosslays (two 1 3/4-inch, one 3-inch). It has two 1000 watt floodlights pole raise midship and two 500 watt tripods on rear.

(Submitted by Green Township Volunteer Fire Department, Greenfield, IN)

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Bodamer receives five year service plaque



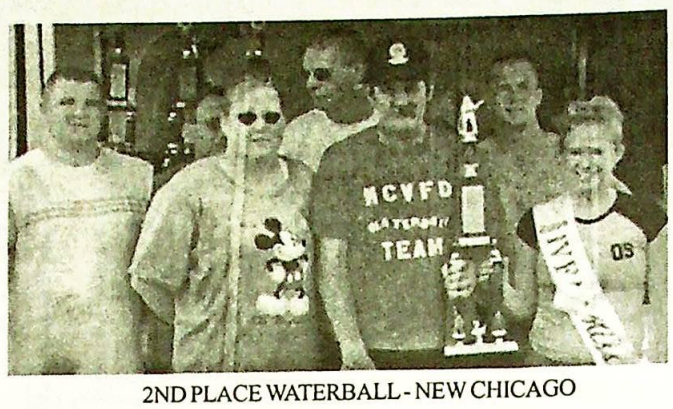
CROWN POINT Volunteer Fire Department president Steve Tobias (left), and Chief Greg DeLor (right) present Bryan Bodamer with his five year service plaque.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

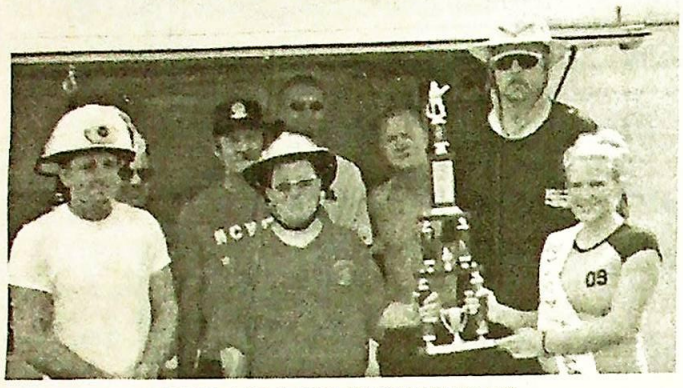
Games winners at 2004 convention



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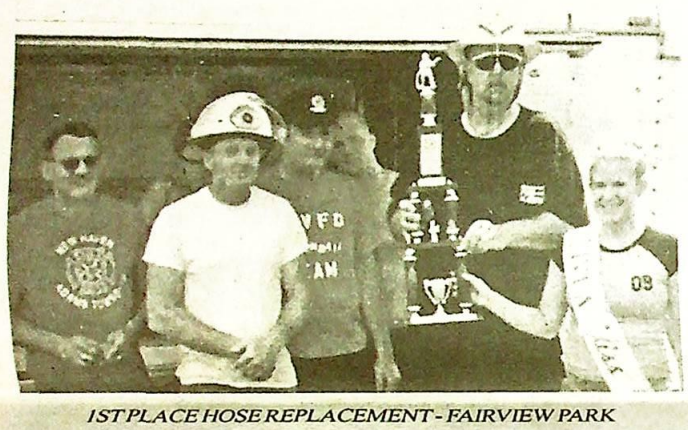
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Fairview Park came in first in all three events with New Chicago placing second in all three events.

Trophies were presented by the 2004 Miss Flame.

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Donning his helmet
As he goes off to fight
The blazing fire
Into the night.

Pulse racing
As he rushes inside
Squinting - trying to focus
Not knowing what he might find.

Feeling around through darkness
Trying to steady his breath
Could this be what it feels like?
When the time come to face death?

Ears are alert
To each crackling sound
"More water" he calls
Something he has found.

Off in the corner
Something is there
Getting closer - what can it be?
My angel's waiting here for me.

Smoke is billowing
The structure's caving in
Another hero is lost
Though found salvation in Him.

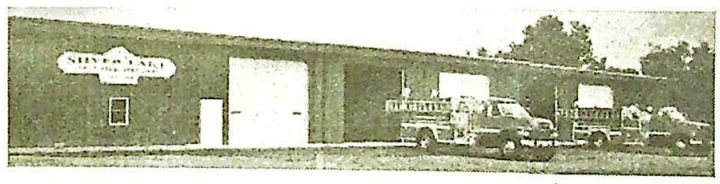
Christina M. Lovell
wife to Bluffton, Ind. fireman
Bruce Lovell, Chaplain/Training officer for 13 years

Silver Lake presented clock for new fire station



DISTRICT 5 chairman Don Kissinger and PRNE Mike Mackin give Silver Lake chief Rob Clark an IVFA clock for their new station.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)



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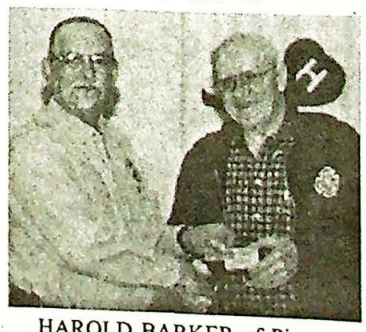
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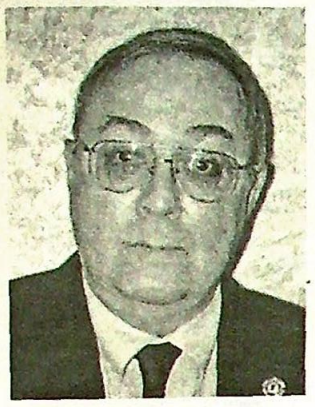
Barker receives 50 year Gold Card



HAROLD BARKER of Pierceton Fire Department received 50 year gold card from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Public Relations Northwest



Jim Bradford

Thanks to Al Williamson and his crew for a fine convention.

Congratulations to the state officers elected for the year 2005.

By the time this article is in the August paper, all the district chairmen should be in place.

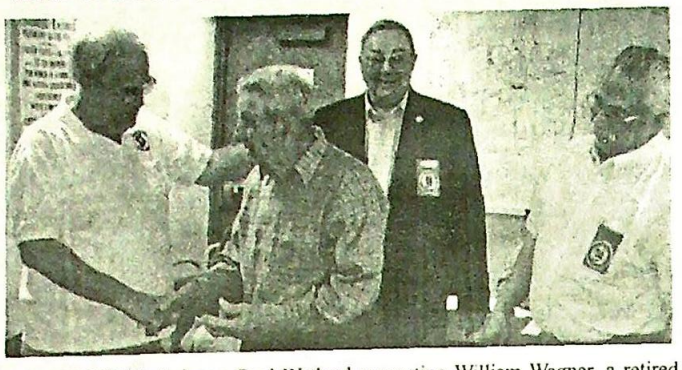
Don't forget to contact the Fire Marshal's office and get the information for the grants that come out of his office.

Have a safe summer.

Jim Bradford
PRNW

Deadline for November 10, 2004 is October 10, 2004

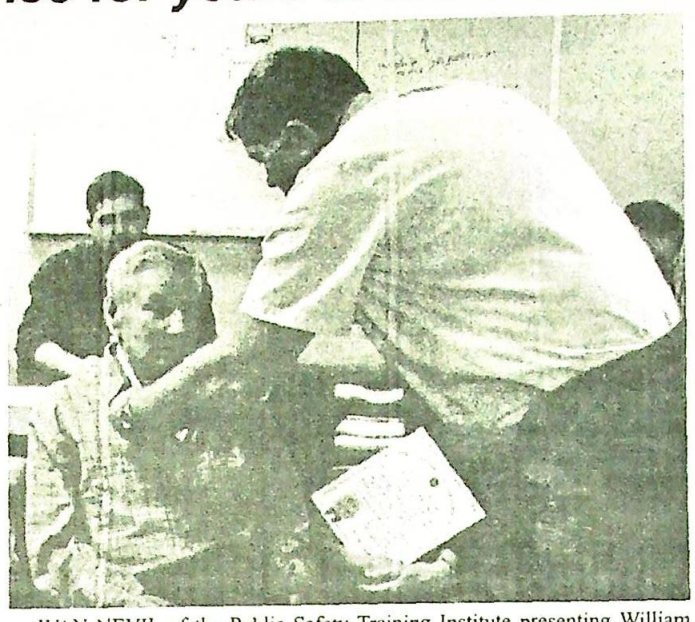
William Wagner presented 50 year Gold Card and Governor's Meritorious Service for years of fire service



DISTRICT 2 chairman Paul Watland presenting William Wagner, a retired member of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department, with his 50 Year Gold Card.

Looking on are PRNW James Bradford and IVFA president Buz Koehler.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)



IVAN NEVIL of the Public Safety Training Institute presenting William Wagner, a retired member of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his 50 years service and membership in the IVFA. *(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)*

Jack Wilson presented Outstanding Hoosier Award



DISTRICT 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presented Wright Twp. fire chief Jack Wilson with Governor Kernan Outstanding Hoosier Award.

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

Kerney, Angel Award winner



B A R B KERNEY being congratulated by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland and WCPR Diane Harrison for winning the Angel Award.

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

IVFA FIRELINE ~www.ivfa.org~

Welcome to this Quarters Edition of the IVFA ***FireLine***. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

Well, the annual convention is over and now it's on with the rest of summer. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July! As you may have noticed (if you keep an eye on the web page Event Calendar) department fundraisers are in full swing. It almost seems like the words "fire department" and "pancake breakfast" must go hand-in-hand! It is easily possible, if you don't mind driving, to spend almost every Saturday and Sunday visiting one or more department fundraisers. I know my department had our spring pancake breakfast in May, and lots of good food was served. I think the best part about fundraisers, other then the obvious benefit of raising money for department "needs", is that they always seem to bring the community together, almost like a family reunion. People who haven't seen each other since maybe the last fundraiser, all seem to sit around and enjoy each other's company. So I look at the fundraiser as a good opportunity to support the department putting on the fundraiser, as well as an opportunity for everyone to catch up on what is "going on". The other thing that I've noticed about going to most "food related" fundraisers, is that if you go away hungry, it's your own fault!

As of the end of June we have approximately 315 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in the State listed on the site. New department listings continue to come in and if your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted.

Now for the good stuff! The IVFA History Section is on-line. This was a time consuming task that took combined efforts not only from myself, but also from President Koehler and others from around the state. The IVFA 50 yr. Historical book was of great help, and it covered the period from 1946 to 1996. The challenge was getting information from 1997 to present, as it was located in several different areas, including the annual convention minutes. I've been a member of the IVFA since 1986, and I learned so much about our organization while putting this material together. As time permits I hope you get a chance to look through the History section and learn more about how your organization was formed, and the changes throughout the years.

In the last couple of newsletters I have mentioned the planned Memorial Section. Work is in full gear on this project. This is a massive undertaking, as over 3000 member names and related departments have had to be hand typed into a database. Our current web platform is known as "static", which means that I manually type all of the information into the appropriate page, as submitted information is received via email. With the Memorial Section however, I will be using a platform known as "dynamic", whereby the members name and related department that you will be seeing on the web page will be queried from an underlying database. While this is a lot more effective in the long run, it does take more time for the initial set-up and programming. This will permit the loading of pages in alphabetical order, either by the member's last name or by the department name, as well as making it easier to add additional names. I hope to have the Memorial Section "live" by the end of August at the latest.

President Koehler has asked me about putting together a Legislative Section. He received this suggestion from one of the District Meetings he attended. I think this is a fantastic idea. After all, one of the primary functions of the IVFA is to be the voice of its members with important issues at the State and Federal level. Once I have the current legislative information I will begin to post it. On a regular basis I will post updates on open legislative issues, and any new items. This will provide you with current information on all legislative issues and actions that affect the volunteer fire and EMS services. This project should come together pretty quickly, hopefully within the next month or so.

The last item I need to mention is a growing problem within the spam email world. It is called address cloning, where a spammer takes a known site address, such as ivfa.org, and place that name in the "From" field in an email message. The spammer then places their message within the email to promote their products. When you receive the email, you believe that it is from the IVFA and open it. You then may wonder for instance why the IVFA would be sending you an email message trying to sell you insurance, or to refinance your house, or worse yet, advertisements for sex related products. This is a fast growing concern within the Internet industry, and it is being exploited more and more everyday. I can assure you that the IVFA does send out any email messages other then those that are related specifically to the IVFA activities and organization. If you receive any suspicious emails from ivfa.org, please forward those to me at webmaster@ivfa.org so that we can track the source and take appropriate action.

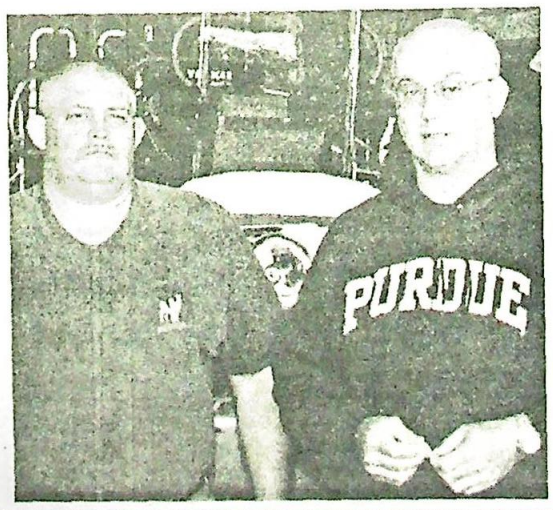
To help keep you posted of new items on the web page I have added a "Web Site Updates" area. This is a short log of new/changed items, and is located on the top right hand column of the opening page.

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 me at webmaters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. Be safe and enjoy your summer.

See you "on-line"!

Smoke Eater
IVFA Web Master

Two receive 25 year pins



HOWARD BIRKEL and Roger Grothaus of Syracuse Fire Department receive 25 year pins.

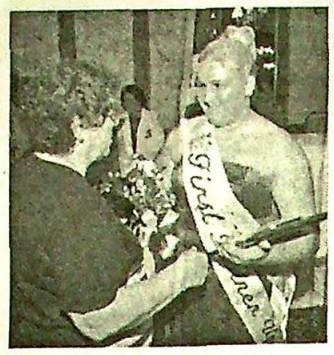
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2004 Ollie Sandburg winner



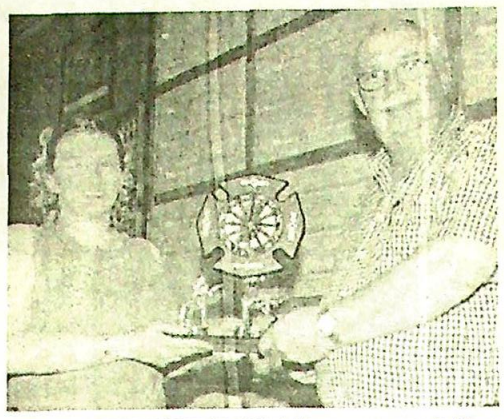
JOHN JOHNSON

Miss Flame first runner-up



HOLLY FARRER -District 5

Blanton presented clock and Midwest Award



IVFA VICE PRESIDENT Jack Kerney presents Bridget Blanton with one of the clocks that were given away at FDIC.

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



DISTRICT 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents Wright Twp. firefighter Bridget Blanton with the Midwest Award.

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

Jack Wilson presented 25 year pin and Governor's Meritorious Service Award



WRIGHT TWP. Fire Chief Jack Wilson was presented with a 25 year pin by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland.

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



DEPUTY STATE Fire Marshal Mike Bigler presents Wright Twp. fire chief Jack Wilson with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

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

Kleaving receives 50 year Gold Card



ON MAY 20, 2004 District 18 chairman Chuck Parker presented Anderson Twp. Fire Department member Alva Kleaving (right) his "Lifetime Membership" for 50 years of service to the department.

(submitted by Chuck Parker, District 18 chairman)

Dave Philps presented Governor's Meritorious Service Award



DEPUTY STATE Fire Marshal Mike Bigler presents Dave Philps with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

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



DISTRICT 11-A Chairman Jack McFarland escorting District 11-A Miss Flame Katie Meyers at the convention in Clarksville.

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

Eaglin receives retirement plaque and helmet



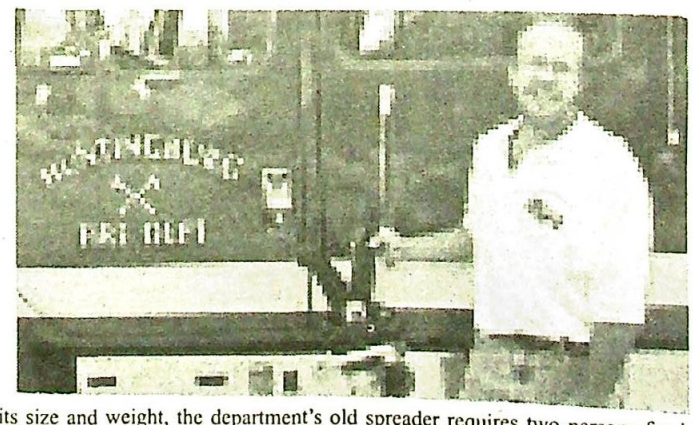
RANDY EAGLIN receiving retirement plaque and helmet from fire chief Jeff Lane.

Pictured (left to right) are Jeff Lane - Aurora Fire Chief and Randy Eaglin 30 year firefighter.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman).

Huntingburg gets new equipment

A new tool has been added to the Huntingburg Volunteer fire Department's arsenal of life saving equipment. Huntingburg Firefighter and Safety Officer Roger Kissling is pictured holding the Department's new ML-16S Maverick combination cutter/spreader extrication tool. The new "combi tool" as it is referred to in the fire service incorporates the features of two different individual tools used in extrication. With a cutting force of 60,000 lbs. per sq. inch the new "combi tool" can sever most metal obstacles it encounters. The Maverick also incorporates the ability of spreading metal in the manner that is associated with other "Jaws of Life" with a spreading force of 13,000 lbs. per sq. inch. While the new unit does not replace the department's current cutter and spreader, Kissling did point out that due to its smaller size and weight, it is easily used by one person. Because of its size and weight, the department's old spreader requires two persons for its use. Kissling further pointed out that the new addition will be very helpful in cases when multiple vehicles must be worked on simultaneously. The purchase of the department's new "combi tool" was made possible with funds raised through citizen donations, department fund raising events, and a grant from the Huntingburg Foundation.



(Photo and article furnished by the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.)

Elbert Kinnett receives 25 year pin



ELBERT KINNETT, Aurora Volunteer Fire Department, receiving 25 year pin from IVFA president Buz Koehler.
(Left to right) Jeff Lane, Aurora Fire Chief, Elbert Kinnett, Buz Koehler, IVFA president, Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.
Also receiving 25 year pin was William Myers (not present for picture).
(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Liberty Township retirees honored



RETIREES HONORED ARE: Mike Knepp 27 years, Jason Knepp 4 years and Matt Wiggans 4 years.
Not pictured are John Gouken 44 years and Jerry Gouken 20 years.

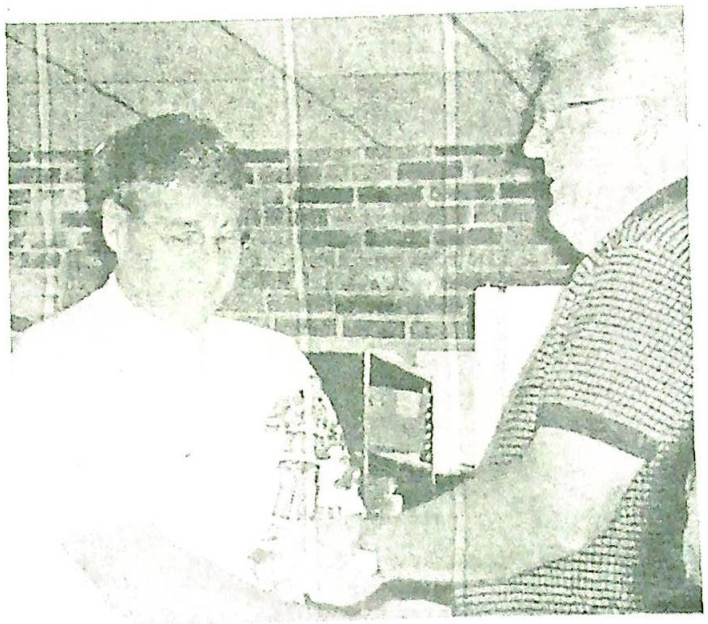
(submitted by Jane Ferro, District 4)

Liberty Twp. firemen earn Years of Service Awards



YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS went to as pictured: (left to right) - front row: Gene Patrick 35 years, Jerry Knapp 35 years, John Dooms 20 years. Middle row: Bryan Albright 15 years, Denny Fisher 20 years, Tom McCormick 10 years, John Blosser 15 years. Back rown: Paul Williams III 10 years, Allen Albright 30 years, Charlie Pritchett, 10 years.
(submitted by Jane Ferro, District 4)

Albright receives award for dedicated service



ALLEN ALBRIGHT receives award from Chief Patrick for his dedicated service to Fire Prevention education for over 20 years.

(submitted by Jane Ferro, District 4)

Liberty Township members *in Firefighter 1 & 2 classes*



NEWEST MEMBERS currently in Firefighter 1 & 2 class are: (left to right) Ryan Taylor, Josh Albright, Bob Litteral, Brandon Patrick and CJ Scope.
(submitted by Jane Ferro, District 4)

Ellett receives 25 year pin for years of service



JIM ELLETT of Coatesville Vol. Fire Department receives his IVFA 25 year pin at a District 12 meeting.
Jim is also a 30 year veteran of Coatesville (Mill Creek Station 6) and for the past few years he has also been a member at Mill Creek Station 7, Stilesville VFD.
Pictured is Jim Ellett (left) and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner (right).

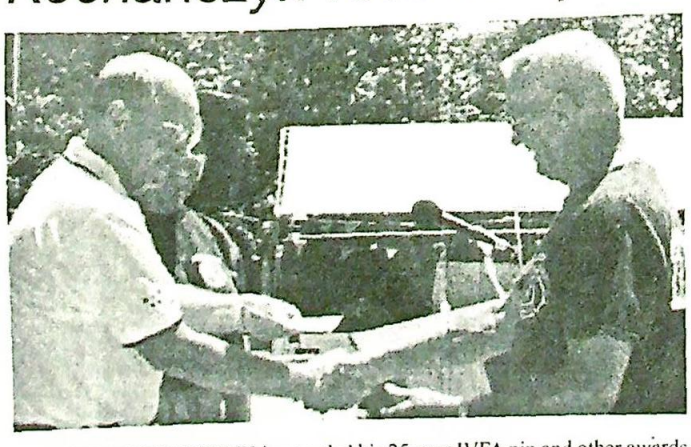
(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Meyer receives 25 year pin



HARV MEYER receives his IVFA 25 year pin during a celebration at Gregg Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. This function was to celebrate the department's 50th year and to honor some long-time members. Pictured is Debbie Heylmann, District 12 secretary (left) and Dwight (Harv) Meyer (right).
(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

Kochanczyk receives pin



DAVE KOCHANCZYK is awarded his 25 year IVFA pin and other awards during a recent celebration held at Gregg Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Morgan County.

(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

From the editor:

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Ralph Foster celebrates 30 years with department

RALPH FOSTER, celebrating 30 years with Gregg Twp. VFD.

At a recent celebration, Ralph Foster was awarded his 25 year IVFA pin.

As Gregg Twp. celebrates its 50th year, Ralph can share some stories of the department's earlier years when it was a struggle just to have the equipment you needed.

Pictured are (left) Ralph Foster, (center) wife, Virginia and (right) Assistant Chief Larry Hayes.

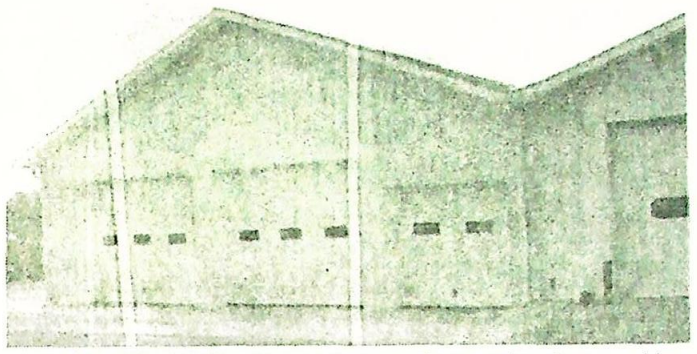
Clark receives certificates



JOHN CLARK, Farmland Fire Department, recently tested and received his Basic Firefighter FF-1, FF-2 certificates.

(submitted by Billy Sunday)

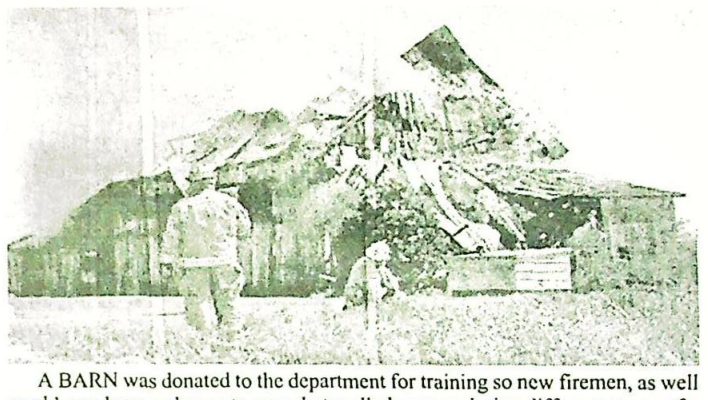
Farmland adds on to fire station



FARMLAND adds 30 x 40 on to the back of their station. One new drive-thru bay, and the small door will be the new home for Farmland's Model T fire truck.

(submitted by Billy Sunday)

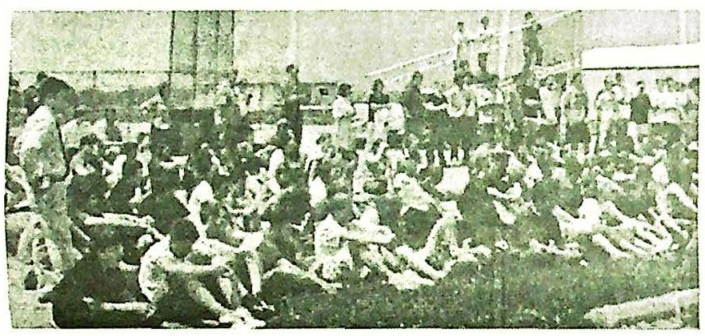
Farmland has training burn



A BARN was donated to the department for training so new firemen, as well as old, can have a chance to see what really happens during different stages of a fire.

(submitted by Billy Sunday)

Program staged for students before Prom



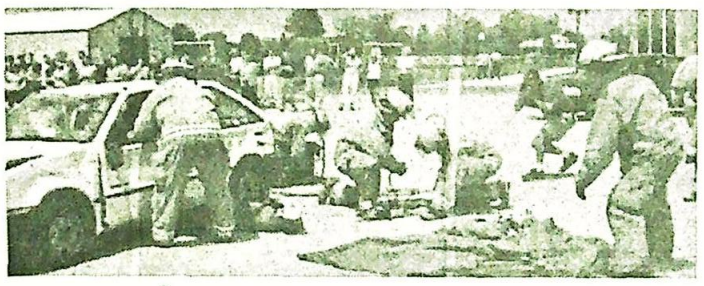
THE FARMLAND and Parker Fire Departments have a joint interest in the school, so they put together a powerful program for the juniors and seniors before Prom night. Shown are the students being briefed on what they are about to see could be one of them if they are not careful.

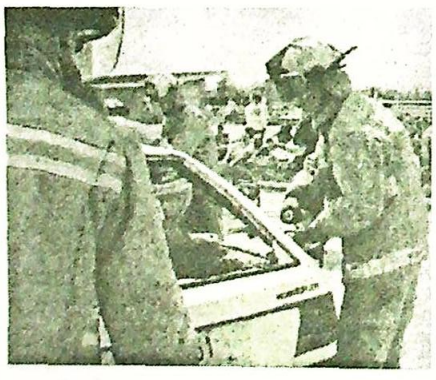
(submitted by Billy Sunday)

Fire department stages fatality

THE FARMLAND Fire Department staged a fatality accident. The students had to call 911 and wait for the police, fire, and EMTs to arrive. Each car had someone trapped and one student was a fatality lying on the road covered with blankets.

(submitted by Billy Sunday)





THE CARS were cut apart and each victim brought on backboards and turned over to the EMTs and First Responders. Some were taken in the ambulance to the hospital, and one was actually placed in a body bag and taken away by the Randolph Co. Coroner.

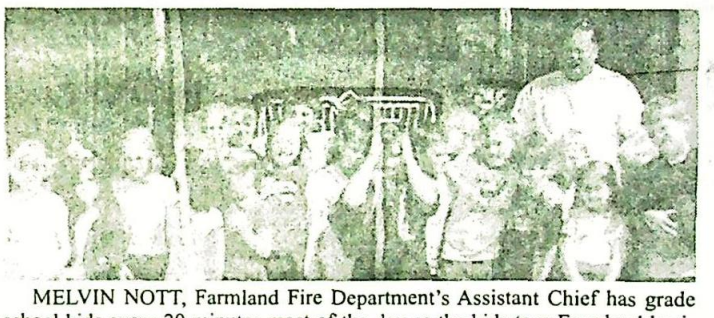


ONE VICTIM was taken to Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. The student victim actually got a ride to make the whole thing seem real.

Well, maybe it was worth it because the Prom went on that same Saturday night with no problems.

Good job, Farmland and Parker VFD's.

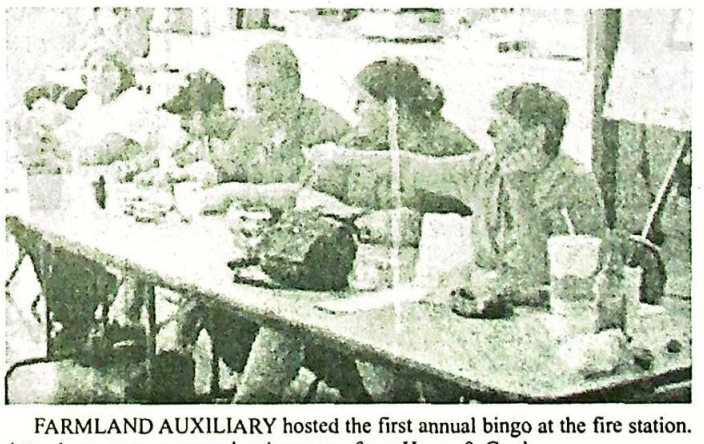
Grade school children given tours



MELVIN NOTT, Farmland Fire Department's Assistant Chief has grade school kids every 20 minutes most of the day as the kids tour Farmland businesses and police and fire departments. They are shown a short movie of an actual fire and a given a tour of the station and trucks.

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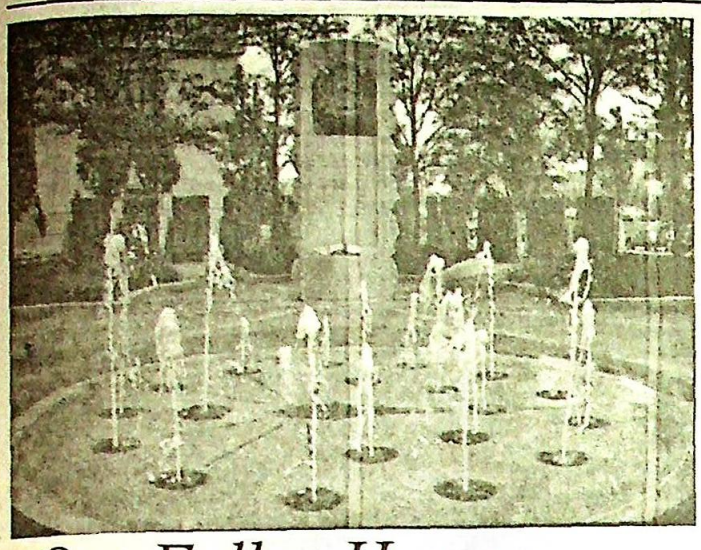
Auxiliary hosts bingo



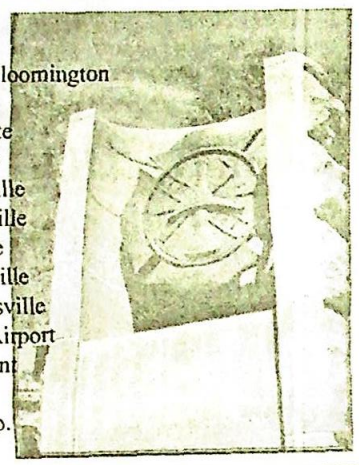
FARMLAND AUXILIARY hosted the first annual bingo at the fire station. Attendance was very good, prizes were from Home & Garden.

(submitted by Billy Sunday)

Deadline for November is October 10, 2004



Our Fallen Heroes



Paul Jolliff - 2002 - Indianapolis
Charles R. Lavender, Jr. - 1998 - Bloomington
John Welsh - 1893 - Evansville
Ralph Stott, Jr. - 2002 - Terre Haute
Jon Bill Luttman - 2003 - Red Key
Jacob Schweitzer - 1873 - Evansville
Byron Galbreath - 1951 - Noblesville
Arthur Jochim - 1970 - Evansville
George A. Walker - 2002 - Clarksville
Frank Baumgartner - 1893 - Evansville
Billy Flora - 2003 - Indianapolis Airport
Jerry W. Armstrong - 2003 - Bryant
Elmer Debes - 1982 - Evansville
Terry Stinson - 2002 - Brown Twp.
James Smith - 2003 - Troy

50 Year Gold Card member



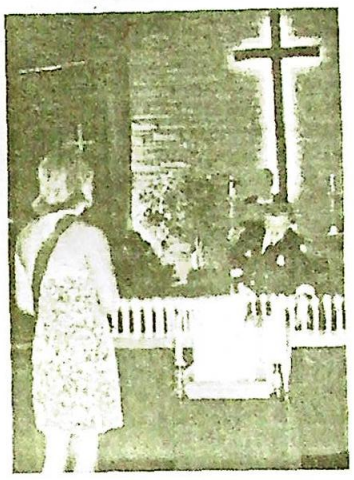
Dorothy Bultimeier receives her 50 gold card from Barbara Kerney

Next deadline is October 10, 2004

Bridgeport Scholarship winners announced

The 2004 Bridgeport Scholarship winners are: Jennifer Lingenfelser - Otter Creek, Station 1, Molly Lynne Feilds, Boswell Grant Twp. FD and Heather Diane Werry, New Harmony Fire Department.

Memorial service at convention



In Memoriam

Names from previous years that did not appear in bulletin:

Name	Department	District
Robert E. Crim*	Manilla	10
Gary L. Crouch*	Mt. Etna	7
Arnold F. Govert*	Shelby	2
Albert F. Heiser*	Poe	
Duane Lantz*	Scipio Twp.	3
Arnold W. "Tib" Schuctz*	Crown Point	2

2003 - 2004 Deaths:

Sammy Archer	Sandborn	17A
Albert Ray Baldwin	Hartsville Community	10
Charles E. Barnsfather	German Twp.	10
Jack L. Beedy	Cedar Canyons	6
Alfred B. "Abe" Bell	Attica	21
David Betzner	Pipe Creek Twp.	9A
Dominic A. "Butch" Bonomo	Lake Station	1
Michael J. Brames	Jasper	18
John T. Brown	Plymouth	5
Harry Carpenter	Hymera-Jackson Twp.	11A
William "Bill" Clark	Chandler	15
George G. Conner	St. John	2
Dale Cotton	Hogan Twp.	19
Leroy O. Deardurff	Roanoke	7
Robert W. Deitemeyer, Jr.	Webster	13B
Samuel DeYoung	St. John	2
Raymond R. Eiseman	Johnson Twp.	6
John Fillippo	Van Buren Twp.	17B
Billy B. Fisher	Ligonier	6
Donald Fleener	St. Paul	10
John T. "Jack" Ford	Albion & Washington Twp.	6
James W. Frederick	Lowell	2
Robert L. Gage	Decatur	7
William Nelson Gerhard	White River	8A
Gary W. Gettinger	Everton	13B
James J. "Buddah" Gurney	Merrillville #1	1
Thomas A. Hays	Odon	17A
Robert D. Heckman	Bluffton	7
Jeremy Hoehne	Scipio Twp.	3
Ralph M. Hopkins	St. Bernice	11B
Gerald L. Hundt	Beverly Shores	1
Lynn L. Hutchison	Jonesboro	8A
Matthew E. Kirkman	German Twp.	15
Carl F. Knigga	Bear Branch	19
Peter Magni	Richland-Taylor	17A
Richard A. Massey	Lincoln Twp.	2
Jeff D. McKee	Grabill	6
Wilbert McNeely	St. Paul	10
Ronald L. Miller	Spencerville	6
Gerald E. Mohr	Lizton-Union Twp.	12
Roy A. Nichols	South Milford	6
Paul Nichols	Williamsburg	13B
David Nowels	Kendallville	6
Mike D. O'Toole	Liberty	13B
Arnold "Arnie" Peifer	Schererville	1
Robert L. Phebus	Clarks Hill	21
David Pulliam	McCulloch	14
Gene Leroy Purple	Veedersburg/Van Buren	11B
Timothy D. Reed	Lowell	2
Adelbert Rekeweg	Preble	7
Leonard Eugene Retske	Plymouth	5
Everett Ott Reynolds	Fairview Park	11B
Raymond A. Rhodehamel	Churubusco	6
Stanley Ripberber	Bentonville	13B
Roy H. Schmitzer	Black Twp.	15
Dean L. Sharp	Mt. Etna	7
James Earl Smith	New Goshen	11B
Alfred W. Spayd	Ferdinand	18
Julian J. Stryczek	Merrillville #1	1
William Taylor	Miller-York	19
Keith Thompson	Vincennes Twp.	17A
Clifford J. Trahin	Arcola	6
Ronald Tuttle	Hudson	6
Wilford E. "Gene" Waddle	Birdseye	18
Alwin E. Wesley	Ainsworth/Deep River	1
William N. "Bill" White	Griffith	1
Donald R. Wise	Washington Twp.	21

IVFAA Deaths since June 2003:

Name	Department	District
Helen Holajter	Lake of the Four Seasons	2
Lillian Babcock	Springfield Twp.	3
Dorothy Henrich	Coolspring Twp.	3
Mary Mackin	New Haven Adams Twp.	6
Mary Jane Gallmeyer	New Haven Adams Twp.	6
Velma Fryback	Poe	7
Faye Taggart	Prairieton	11A
Edna Mattern	Prairieton	11A
Jeanet Meyers	Otter Creek	11A
Doris Spore	Prairieton	11A
Helen Lewis	Cayuga	11B
Barbara Webb		12
Arnelda Prickel	Morris	19
Clara Merkel	Morris	19

IVFA state waterball rules

EQUIPMENT

Standard 15" ball of 16 gauge steel constructed to specifications indicated on Fig. #1. Ball to be painted yellow, hanger to be painted black.

Cable to be 3/8' (6x19) strand steel, hemp center, regular lay of 12,000 pound breaking strength or better. No greasing or oiling of the cable. Cable shall be hung 10 feet above the playing surface. Cable to be drawn as tight as possible considering limitations of equipment. The State Games Committee will determine prior to the beginning of competition whether the cable is sufficiently tightened and will at this time determine when the cable will be retightened during the competition. The process of tightening will be carried out by State Games Committee. Waterball equipment owned and maintained by IVFA will be used during annual contests. Should a piece of equipment fail or be deemed to be unsafe, as determined by the State Games Committee, it will be the responsibility of the State Games Committee to determine a proper substitute, if any (i. e. nozzles, "A" frames ball assemblies and cables).

PLAYING FIELD

Waterball courts shall be erected on a level street or other playing surface of suitable type for secure footing when wet. The "A" frames shall be 110 feet apart. The court shall be 30 feet wide and 110 feet in length. The team, their captain and officials shall be the only persons in this area during competition (see penalty section for "interference" penalty). The playing court shall be marked as follows: The center point of the cable shall be marked an equal distance from each end of the playing field. The cable shall be painted (3) feet each way from center point, a total of (6) feet. This area is called "DEAD TIME". The 7 1/2 foot mark each way from center, shall be marked 1-2" in width (each side of the mark). This line represents when the back up nozzle may be activated. The (15) foot mark each way from center, shall be marked 1-2" inch width (each side of the mark) and represents the starting line. The (40) foot mark each way from center, represents where the back-up nozzle person will be positioned. Cable clamps shall be secured to the cable (45) feet each way from center. This represents the "goal" mark. The cable and court markings shall be painted with yellow DaGlow paint or similar (see fig. #2 for field lay out specs).

TEAM FORMATIONS

MEN'S TEAM FORMATION: A men's team shall consist of (5) men per team; #1 nozzle man, #2 nozzle man, pressure holder, back-up nozzle man and a coach.

LADY'S TEAM FORMATION: A ladies' team can consist of up to (8) players; #1 nozzle woman, #2 nozzle woman, pressure holder, hose drag, back-up nozzle woman, back-up nozzle pressure holder and up to (2) coaches. Hose drag, back-up nozzle pressure holder and second coach are optional. The B/U pressure holder and second coach can be men. The second coach shall be positioned (3) feet across from the backup nozzle woman to relay messages from the head coach. The second coach may also serve as the back-up nozzle woman's pressure holder relaying messages, however, this individual may not touch the nozzle.

Team members may play on more than one team but may not play the same position on more than one team.

Men may hold pressure for #1 and #2 nozzle persons and including back-up nozzle person. If there is a man holding pressure on a women's waterball team, only (2) two female shooters can shoot on a team during a (2) two minute heat. If a women is holding pressure, then a (3) three person nozzle may be run.

HOSE LAYOUT

The lead nozzle man position, shall have (100 feet) of 1 1/2" hose, each. Both hoses shall be supplied off the same 2 1/2" line via a gated "Y". The back-up nozzle shall have (100 feet) of 1 1/2" hose, each, with both being supplied off the same section of 2 1/2" hose via a gated "Y".

Nozzle shall have 1/2" tips and can be gated.

Lead nozzle pressure, at the tip, shall be set at (90 pounds) with both nozzles open and one back-up open.

PLAYING RULES

Ladies' official game shall consist of (2) heats, (2) minutes each. A man's official game shall consist of (2) heats, (3) minutes each. After the first heat has been played, the second heat is delayed until all teams have played a first heat.

The two teams in the final play-off shall have up to a 10 minute rest period before the game starts, with (3) minutes rest between heats.

Both #1 nozzle persons must cross streams over the ball (within 6") before the start signal will be given. The #1 nozzle persons are permitted to stand any distance back of the (15) foot mark prior to the start signal. After the start signal is given, nozzle persons, shooting at the time, are free to maneuver any place on the playing field. The #1, #2 nozzle persons and the pressure holder may change positions during any three minute heat. Between heats any five of the team members may change places. Teams change ends for the second heat. First heat, end selection is determined by the flip of a coin.

The back-up nozzle person must stay behind the (40) foot mark at all times while the contest is in progress. This nozzle is permitted on only when the ball moves into his team's end on or past the (7 1/2) foot mark (ball moves toward the back-up nozzle person). This nozzle must be shut OFF when the ball reaches the (3) foot mark (DEAD TIME BOX). See "Penalties" if the back-up nozzle person fails to shut nozzle off.

PROTECTIVE GEAR

Men's teams and coach shall wear the following:

1. Standard fireman's helmet or safety helmet of their choice. 2. Boots or sneakers of their choice.

3. Fireman's coat or rain gear of their choice.

TIMING AND SCORING

All timing and judging shall be done from the center of the ball.

There shall be one starter and two timekeepers. All of whom are classed as judges with all decisions finalized by the State Games Committee. State Games Committee, whenever possible, should preside over (as a timer) or be present on the playing field to observe each match in the event of judgment calls.

If the contest is stopped due to equipment failure, or lack of water, the ball shall be started from where it was when the failure occurred. The same nozzle persons shall start play.

During trophy rounds, matches will be double-timed. The lead watches will serve as the reporting time. In the event of a malfunction of the lead watch during a round, the backup time will serve as the reporting time. Discrepancies of (5) seconds or more between the lead and back-up watches should be reported to the State Games Committee for a judgment.

Scoring time accrues as the center of the ball passes the opposing teams' (3) foot mark and continues as long as the ball remains between the (3) and (45) foot marks. Neither team scores while the center of the ball remains in the DEAD TIME area.

Fifteen seconds will be credited to the team scoring a goal during a heat. A goal is scored by driving the ball into the opponent's territory and against the (45) foot cable stop (also known as a peg). The (15) seconds credit shall not be counted as playing time. On completion of a goal, the ball is to be started at center court with the remaining heat time to play.

Match time is the total time, in seconds, of two heats.

PENALTIES

Back-up nozzles left on after the ball reaches DEAD TIME will draw a (5) second penalty for each offense. Three violations of this nature, during any match, will result in a (180) second penalty (on the occurrence of the third infraction). Failure to shut the back-up nozzle off, after being warned by a judge, will result in the teams' disqualification of the match.

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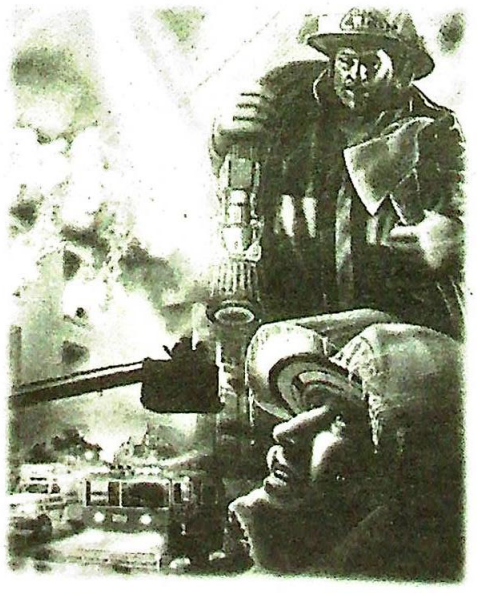
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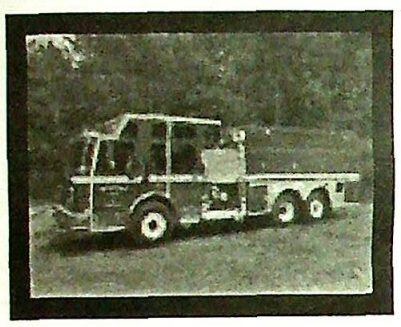
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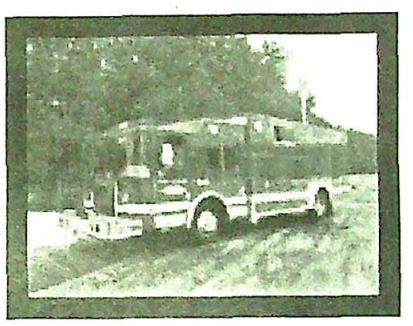
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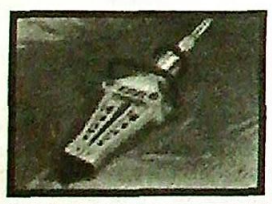
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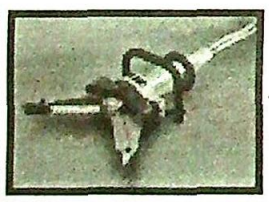
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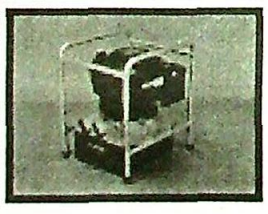
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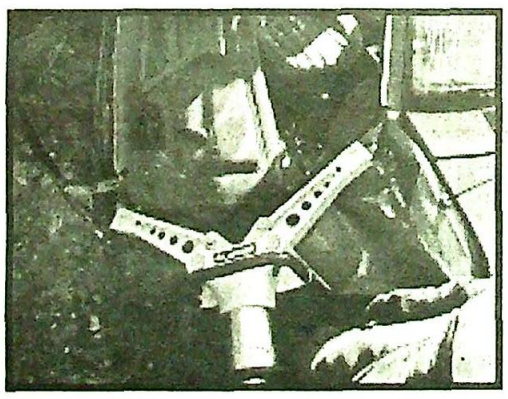
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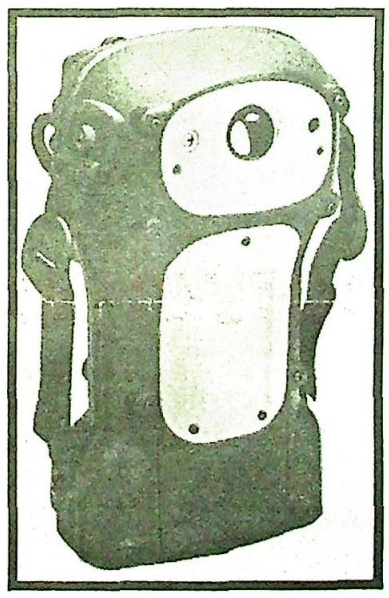








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Traffic hazards to firefighters while working along roadways

The number of firefighters struck and killed by motor vehicles has dramatically increased within recent years. During the five-year period between 1995 and 1999, 17 firefighters were struck and killed by motorists. This represents an 89% increase in the number of line-of-duty deaths over the previous five-year period (between 1990 and 1994), when nine firefighters were struck and killed by motor vehicles [NFPA 200]. Under the Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program, NIOSH investigated two separate incidents involving firefighters who were struck and killed while providing emergency services along roadways during 1999 [NIOSH 1999, 2000].

These incidents and data demonstrate that hazards to the fire service are not limited to structural or wildland fires. Motorists accustomed to a clear, unobstructed roadway may not recognize and avoid closed lanes or emergency workers on or near the roadway. In some cases, conditions can reduce a motorist's ability to see and avoid firefighters and apparatus. Some examples include weather, time of day, scene lighting (i.e., area lighting and optical warning (i.e., hills, curves, and other obstructions that limit visibility).

These hazards are not limited to the fire service alone. Other emergency service providers such as law enforcement officers, paramedics, and vehicle recovery personnel are also exposed to these hazards.

On August 5, 1999, one firefighter died, and a second firefighter and another person were severely struck by a motor vehicle that lost control on a wet and busy interstate highway [NIOSH 1999]. A heavy-rescue squad and a ladder truck had been dispatched to a single motor vehicle crash on an interstate highway.

Approximately two minutes after they arrived on the scene and took a position to the rear of the rescue squad (protecting the initial vehicle crash scene), another car collided with the back of the ladder truck. While attending to the injuries of the driver who struck the ladder truck, two firefighters and the injured driver were struck by a third car, causing one firefighter to be fatally injured and the second firefighter and the driver (who had collided with the back of the ladder truck) to be severely injured.

On September 27, 1999, a firefighter died after being struck by a tractor trailer truck while directing traffic along a four-lane highway [NIOSH 2000]. The victim was standing in front of an apparatus that was parked (facing north) in the outer emergency lane for the southbound traffic. The emergency lights of the apparatus were on and functioning properly at the time of the incident. He was called out to provide assistance for a neighboring fire department that had responded to a tractor-trailer crash. The initial tractor-trailer crash and subsequent firefighter fatality occurred during a heavy rainstorm along a one-mile stretch of a four-lane highway. Thirty-nine collisions have occurred on this one-mile stretch of road since 1994.

• *Ensure that firefighters wear suitable high-visibility apparel such as a strong yellow-green or orange reflecting flagger vest when operating at an emergency scene.*

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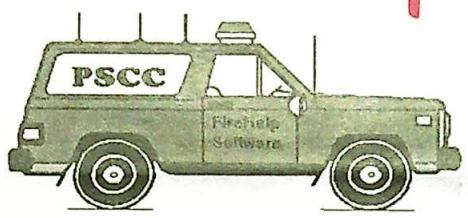
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