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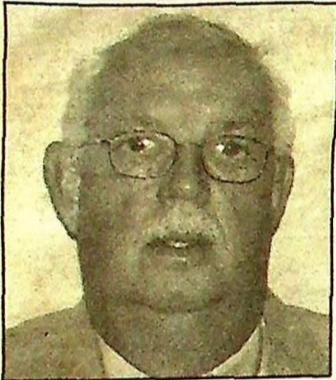
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From The President

Jack Kerney



The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association gives it deepest sympathy to the family of Deputy Chief Steven Smith of the Wea Township Community Fire Department. Chief Smith was laid to rest on Friday, June 30, 2006 in Lafayette Indiana. Chief Smith was killed in a house fire on Sunday June 26 at approximately 2:29 p.m. Chief Smith had been a volunteer firefighter for 10 years and had moved up through the ranks. He attained the rank of Deputy Chief earlier this year. His enthusiasm and volunteering will be missed in his community. I would like to thank the 2006

Convention Committee for a great convention. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the IVFA: President Larry Ketchem, Vice President Dave Elick, Secretary Larry Bartlow, Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush, Chaplain Jerry Cohen, and Treasurer Beverly Harker. Our PR Directors: NW Jim Bradford, NE Jean Smith, WC Diana Harrison, EC Scott Harris, SW Jim Abrams, and SE Bob McKenzie. I am looking forward to serving as Chairman of the Board. I would like to thank PR/EC Don Cushman, for his years of service as the East Central PR Director.

Department of Homeland Security Training Director Joe Wainscot, reported at our convention, the Mandatory and Basic Training Curriculum is now finishing its final review and will be available in the next few weeks. I was honored to receive Book #1 of the Mandatory and Basic Training Curriculum from Training Director Wainscot. Instructors now have an Instructors' Guide, Student Manual and a Power Point presentation in teaching the Mandatory and Basic Training. I would like to thank Chief Buckman and German Twp. Fire Department for all of their hard work and time they put into making this curriculum possible.

I will continue to serve as President through December. We have a few more ideas we want to work on during the rest of the year. I will be working with president elect Ketchem on these projects.

Elizabeth Diane Farthing chosen as 2006 Angel Award winner



Elizabeth Diane Farthing

Diane has been a part of the volunteer community about all her life. Starting as a young girl helping her dad at the local fire department; cleaning and helping with fish fries, after runs and various other ways.

After marrying and having three boys, the family moved to Stillesville in 1989 where she joined the Stillesville Fire Department. At that time she went to EMT class, Firefighter I class and has continued her training to become an Instructor I and is helping teach a class at Greencastle Fire Department. Her years in the fire service have been very eventful with medical and fire runs, and everything else it takes to be a dedicated firefighter. She became Fire Chief about four years ago where at that time started a turnaround at the department. She started a membership drive, and better training, updating equipment and showing her members positive leadership.

\$250.00 has also been donated in her name to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

(submitted by Diane Harrison)

2006 Award Winners

This year's award winners are as follows:

Mr. IVFA - Ivan Nevil
Ollie Sandberg - Howard Green
Lois Boaz - Jennet Dunford
Angel Award - Diane Farthing
Miss Flame - Katelyn Rickelman
Miss Flame Runner-Up - Micajah Green

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The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association was established many years ago to support the needs of Indiana's Volunteer Firefighters.

Throughout the years the IVFA has continued to grow in size, and continues to provide members with quality information on a wide range of various issues. Providing timely and useful benefits has also been one of our goals.

Having been "off-line" for almost a year, the IVFA returns "on-line" with the re-introduction and complete overhaul of the www.ivfa.org website. This site has several new features including:

- **Department Listing** page, which allows departments to post current department information in a directory (i.e. address, contact name, phone, e-mail, web-site addresses, etc.)

- **IVFA Officers, District Chairmen and Public Relations** page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail).

- **Training Events Calendar** that allows you to submit electronically your "open enrollment" training programs and courses to be held, including class description, location, dates, contact person(s), e-mail contacts, etc. This list would be maintained by date. Users can view what training is available in their area and how to contact the related "host" department to schedule people to attend.

- **Events Calendar** that follows the same structure as the Training Events Calendar. Having a fund-raiser, muster or other "public" event to raise funds? Then post it here so others can see and attend.

- **For Sale** page that provides space for departments to post "sale" items that other departments may be interested in purchasing (firefighting related only, not personal items), and sorry, but NO trucks, please.

- **The Department Spotlight** page to provide special recognition to fire departments around the state. The "Spotlight" information would be provided by the department via e-mail, based on the number received, (along with pictures), would run on a monthly or quarterly cycle. Information is included in the site as to how to "nominate" your department.

- **Forms** page, which contains many of the forms used to submit information for the web-site, as well as the IVFA License Plate and Change of Information forms. Other forms will be targeted to be included soon as well.

- **"Links"** page to many emergency related web-sites, both at the State and Federal levels.

- Finally, a **Benefits Information** page that describes the benefits you receive as an IVFA member.

While this provides a good starting point, there are many other ideas being considered for the site. Such as, being able to post some of the articles found in the newspaper version. Along with, other special recognition pages for award winners, an advertiser/sponsor page that will provide links to many of the same emergency service vendors. Also a guest book, an Indiana map which pinpoints the locations of the Departments who have submitted information, and special pages for Fire Schools and the IVFA convention.

But... we know that you may have ideas as well as to what you want to see on the site. We want your ideas, they can be e-mailed to the IVFA webmasters at webmaster@ivfa.org. Also, please note that NO information on any department will be posted without their consent, via use of one of the electronic forms or via e-mail.

The IVFA Web site - another benefit to the IVFA and its members.
www.ivfa.org

2007 officers elected at 2006 convention

2007 officers elected at the 2006 convention are as follows:

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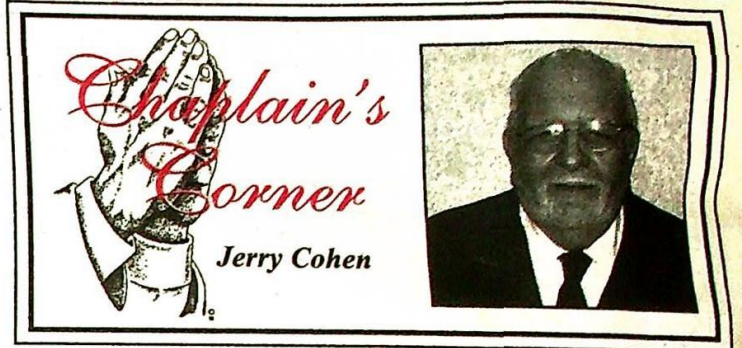
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made complete among us so that we will
have confidence on the day of judgment,
because in this world we are like him.

1 John 4:16-17 New International Version

God's Love Has Painted The Summer's Refreshing Colors

The blooms of spring have gone away,
And warmer breezes fill the air;
While sunlight heats each longer day
And life is teeming everywhere.
So let's postpone those humdrum chores
That we have done throughout the year.
And let's be moving out of doors;
The time for having fun is here,
With swimming, picnics, barbecues
And every kind of outdoor sport;
Whatever brand of fun you choose,
At home, or at some posh resort.
Your chosen faith will recommend
You study nature close at hand;
You know God's love will never end,
When life-filled summer warms the land.

- Gloria Nowak

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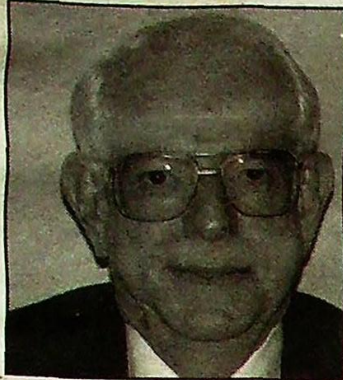
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From The Vice President

Larry Ketchem



Hats off to David Marshall, Bill Pape and the rest of the Convention 2006 committee for a job well done. This was no small feat. All activities were well attended.

Congratulations to all the award winners:

Ivan Nevil, District 7 - Mr. IVFA
Jeannette Dunford, District 11A - Lois Boaz

Harold Greene, District 11A - Ollie Sandberg Mental Attitude

Diane Farthing, District 12 - Angel Award

Miriam Schaekel, State IVFAA Sgt.-at-Arms - 25 years of dedicated service.

All of you are very deserving of these prestigious awards. I still encourage each of you to send in letters recommending firefighters for these great awards. It's not too early to be thinking about next year.

Congratulations, also to Katelyn Rickelman, District 18, 2006 IVFA State Miss Flame, Micajah Greene, District 11A, 2006 IVFA Miss Flame runner-up and Ashley Hountz, District 19, Miss Congeniality. There were 22 Miss Flame candidates this year, the largest group of beautiful young ladies to date. The judges did not have an easy task. It's never too early to be thinking about a candidate for next year.

Thanks so much for your vote of confidence in choosing me as your next president. The slate of officers for 2006 are David Elick, vice president; Larry Bartlow, secretary; Beverly Harker, treasurer and Bill Bush, sergeant-at-arms. We are looking forward to the challenges ahead of us come January 1.

We are excited about the completion of the first Mandatory Training Manual. Joe Wainscott presented President Kerney with the first copy during the convention banquet. This manual was the result of the statewide Fire Chief's conferences.

Thanks to Jack Kerney for keeping me informed regarding critical action in the Association. I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to work with him and Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler. Both of their inputs have been informational and inspirational. Thanks also to Barb K. for keeping Barb K. informed as to what she has to look forward to in the coming year.

Barbara and I hope you all have a very safe summer. We look forward to attending many department activities. Feel free to contact me either by phone or e-mail at the addresses listed in the front of this paper.

Larry D. Ketchem
IVFA Vice President

Obituary

Dave Powell, Jr.

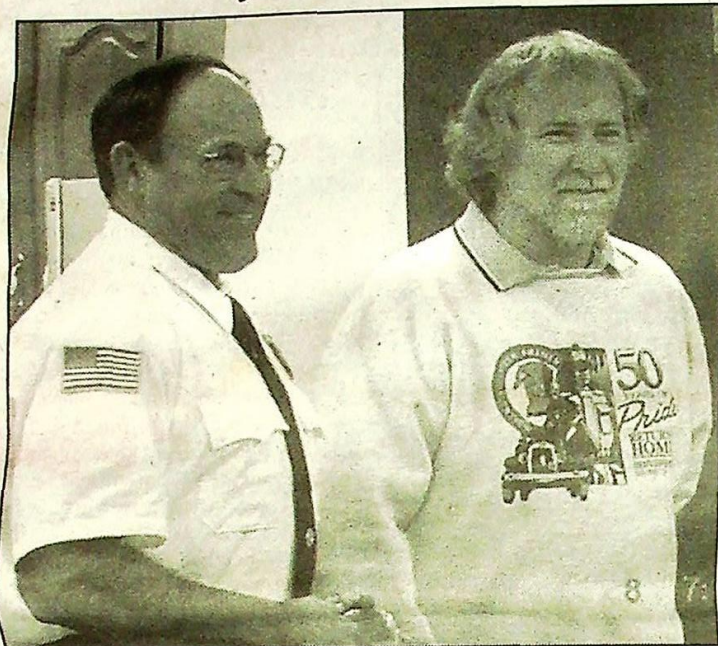
Dave Powell, Jr., an active and devoted member of the Lawrenceburg Fire Department for nearly 20 years passed away of natural causes on Saturday, July 8, 2006.

Dave served as Lieutenant and Captain, among other positions.

Davey is survived by his four sons and his father, Dave Sr., who also served as captain.

Services and funeral were held Friday, July 14, 2006. Visiting Apparatus led the procession followed by Lawrenceburg Apparatus then 410 and then the Seagrave (hearse) followed by family and then friends.

Darwin Brewer presented with 50 year Gold Card



Manilla VFD member Darwin D. Brewer was presented with an IVFA 50 Year Gold Card at the fire department's monthly meeting in March 2006.

(submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Chinese Auction winners given

IVFAA Chinese Auction winners are listed as follows:

Randy Denton, District 9B, basket of food donated by District 12.

Eula Asbury, District 11A, doll, donated by District 11A.

John Ferro, fire boot flower arrangement, donated by District 10.

Kathy Hook, District 13B, Home Interior figurine, donated by District 18.

Lloyd Wright, District 8B, IVFAA tote bag, donated by District 17A.

Paul Watland, District 2, stuffed fire truck, donated by District 4.

Shirley Hall, LaCrosse, fire house, donated by District 11A.

James Hall, LaCrosse, bag - sun lotion, donated by District 4.

Lloyd Wright, District 8B, flag purse, donated by District 15.

Tom Orrell, District 1, flower arrangement/bear, donated by District 10.

Brune, District 12, candle, donated by District 13B.

Lori Parker, District 10, snowman, donated by District 3.

Carolyn McCarty, District 3, Home Interior wall plaques, donated by District 13B.

Jim Hungate, District 15, U.S.A. dolls, donated by District 10.

Bob Uryga, District 3, doll, donated by District 13B.

Rose Wisenback, District 19, basket of miscellaneous items, donated by District 19.

Leona Uryga, District 3, black purse, donated by District 7.

Carol Moody, District 10, fire house, donated by District 6.

Shirley Hall, LaCrosse, fire blanket, donated by District 9A.

Barb Wilkening, District 2, picture, donated by District 12.

Carol Koehler, District 9B, fireman, donated by District 14.

Eula Bush, District 11B, bake ware, donated by District 11B.

Tonya Nevil, District 7, fire house, donated by District 12.

Chinese Auction Committee

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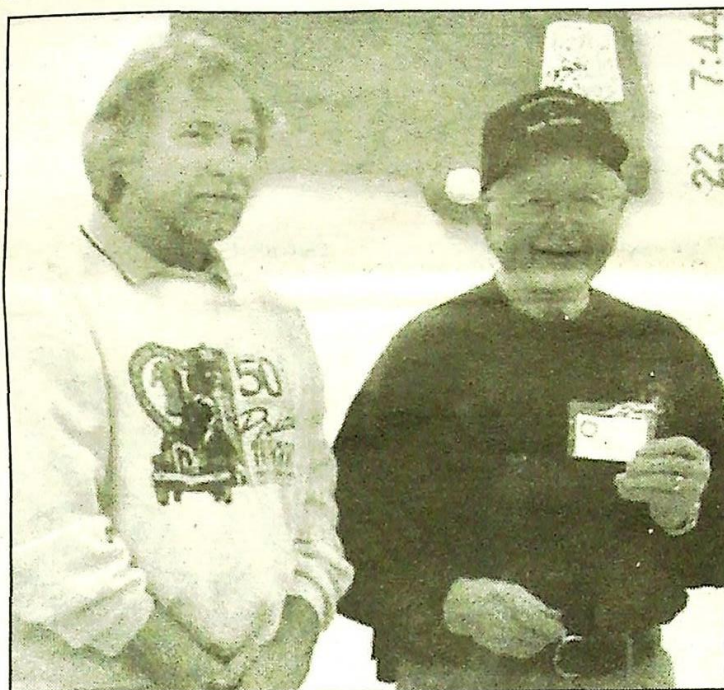
Crystal Armbruster

Manilla VFD members presented 25 year pins



Manilla VFD members Kent Nigh (left) and (not pictured) Kevin Nigh were presented with IVFA 25 year pins at the Manilla March 2006 fire department meeting.
(submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Gold card presented to past chief William A. Smith



Clarksburg Comm. VFD member and past fire chief William A. Smith (right) was presented an IVFA 50 year Gold Card at the February 2006 Decatur Co. Firefighters Assoc. meeting held at the Clarksburg Comm. VFD.

(submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

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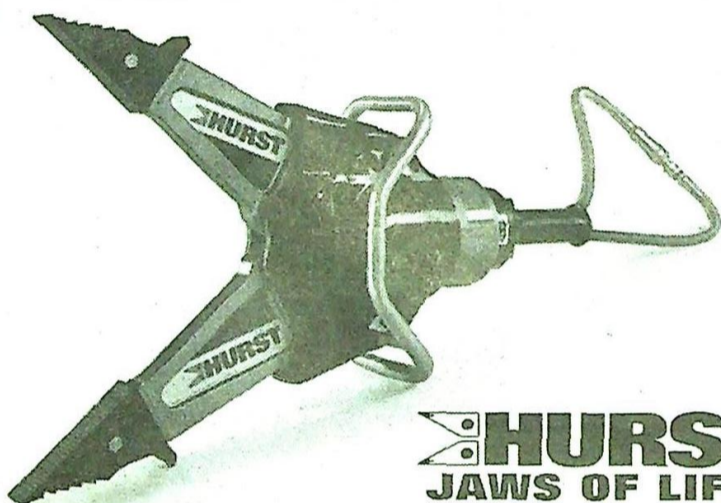
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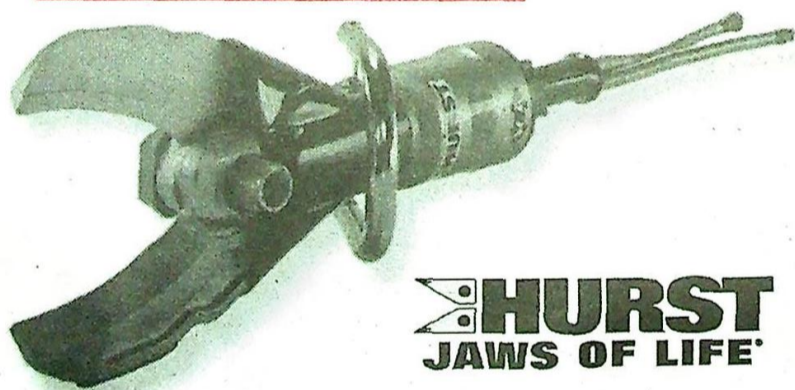
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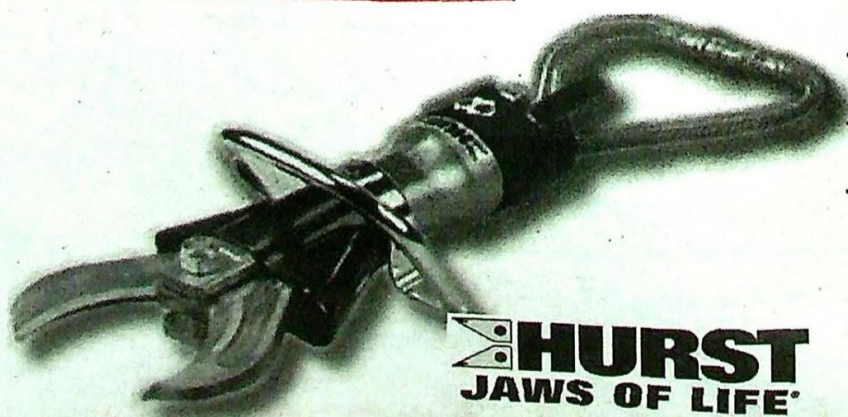
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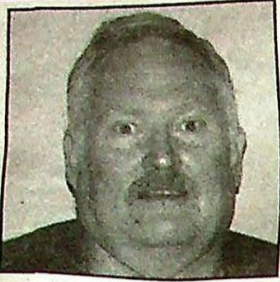
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



David G. Kaufman

May 18, 2006

Scipio Twp. VFD (New Station) Associate chaplain Ron Devenport asked the blessing of the food at 1830 hours and an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all.

Program: Wally Cook of Walter Cook Insurance Company gave a very informative program on the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP). Janis Peters, the Traveling Pension Administrator for VFIS was also present. All township trustees were invited and many were present to hear about the program.

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Chief Pete Sass led the pledge.

Guests presents were: past president Buz Koehler, state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PR director Jim Bradford, past president Mitch Parish, associate state chaplain Ron Devenport, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, District 3 Miss Flame Haley O'Donnell, Howard Conley and Nancy Hawkins - Springfield Twp. Trustee's office, John McDaniel - Lincoln Twp. trustee, Sue Cable - Pleasant Twp. trustee, Loretta Rudolph - Washington Twp. trustee, Ted and Irma Jean Daube and Kathy Lamborn - Johnson Twp. trustee's office, Nina Sampson - Scipio Twp. trustee.

Roll call was taken with 29 members representing 14 departments present.

Motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve as published was made and passed.

Treasurer's report was given and approved by a motion.

Communications: Comments from Buz Koehler - 1. gave a legislative update; comments from Jim Bradford - 1. announced that the new training packet has been released, 2. reminded everyone that permission must be granted from a newspaper in order to use their articles in the IVFA paper, 3. announced that Duneland Fire School had over 800 in attendance this year, 4. reminded everyone that the convention is 6/28-7/1 in Indianapolis, 5. announced that the By-Laws change to rotate the convention sites was defeated, 6. gave a report on a pandemic flu exercise he has just attended, 7. announced that articles for the next edition of the paper are due by 7/10; comments from chairman Kaufman - 1. reminded everyone that NIMS training is required for all departments and reminded the trustees present that they are also required to have this training as well.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: 1. On behalf of District 3, chairman Kaufman presented our Miss Flame, Haley O'Donnell with a check for \$200 and on behalf of District 3 IVFAA, chaplain Jerry Cohen presented her with another check for \$200. This money is to help defray the costs for

the convention; 2. Past president Koehler and chairman Kaufman presented Chief Sass of Scipio Twp. with an IVFA clock in dedication of their new fire station.

Good of the order: 1. Chairman Kaufman reminded all chiefs that is imperative that the training evaluations forwarded to all departments be completed and returned to him prior to June 3rd. This information is needed for that meeting in reference to the Northwest District training needs. More will be reported as things develop; 2. any departments needing 25-year pins, contact chairman Kaufman; 3. chairman Kaufman reminded all departments to update their rosters as they submit their dues.

Meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours after a talk about stress and a prayer by chaplain Devenport. Pam Kaufman won the 50/50.

Next meeting: July 20, 2006, Kingsford-Union VFD, Kingsford Heights. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (local time), program at 7:00 p.m. Meeting immediately following the program. Program will be: Indiana Fire Chief's Association Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Plan.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Kaufman Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Don Kissinger

MARCH 9, 2006 CULVER-UNION FIRE DEPT. CULVER, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by District 5 chair Don Kissinger with the pledge of allegiance following.

Roll call: 18 members representing seven departments.

Guests: Amber Farrer of Bremen, Miss Flame candidate 2006; Olivia Eyrich of Bourbon, Miss Flame candidate 2006; Gene and E. J. Smith. Gene is PRNE representative.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district chairman Kissinger and approved.

Gene Smith reported that Fire Chief's training will be April 15 at the SW Fire District Training Center. The next Summit meeting will be in Allen Township. The IVFA will have a booth

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

- District 13-A Term: Jan 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007
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- District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
- District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

(#104) at the FDIC meeting in April. September 30 - October 1 will be the IN-AK State Education weekend.

Bills being followed by IVFA: Not much has changed since the last district meeting. The fireworks bill is very likely to pass, driven in large part by the state's need for revenue.

The new state mutual aid agreement is being crafted to insure that FEMA monies will be available in the event of a disaster.

A driving training program is coming through the office of the state fire marshal.

Program: Jack Rossman of ACS Aircleaning Specialists explained and demonstrated the workings of the Plymovent exhaust system.

Good of the Order: Denver is raffling a Harley-Davidson Dana Superglide. The drawing will be the first week of July. Bremen Mini-stagg will be Thursday, April 27. They also still have a mini-pumper for sale.

Denver has a '64 Dodge Howel 750 pump with a 1,000 gal. tank for sale for \$2,000.

Dick Glant reported that a bylaw change has been proposed for the IVFA. It states that the president of the IVFA shall appoint a convention committee to present a proposal at least two years in advance on a rotational basis. This would replace the current bidding process.

It was moved (Glant/Durst) to vote down the bylaw change. Motion carried.

Dick Glant reported on the deaths of chairman Kissinger's father-in-law, District 4 chairman Greg Freed and past president Robert Widmar of Bremen. Paul Martin's father, a firefighter from Hamlet, also passed away.

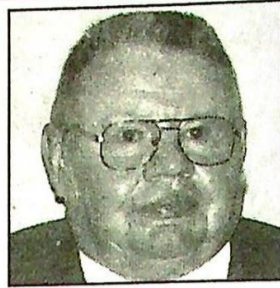
The 50/50 drawing was won by Travid Thompson of Argos.

The next meeting will be May 11 at North Manchester.

It was moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Refreshments were served by the host department.

Respectfully submitted, David Sichelka, District 5 secretary/treasurer

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

MAY 15, 2006

POE

Guests: Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast and Dave Sichelka, assistant IVFA chaplain, Northeast.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. The membership recited the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 29 members from 12 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the body.

Chairman Sorg made available handouts dealing with a possible influenza pandemic, an announcement on the Indiana Homeland Security Training Calendar, and a flyer from Rensselaer Printco stating how to secure permission/authorization to reprint articles from other newspapers for use in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter paper. No article from another newspaper will be printed in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter without this signed and dated permission/authorization slip.

The Liberty Township FD (Liberty Center, IN) will hold a hog roast on June 17, 2006 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the fire department.

Chairman Sorg announced the Federal Death Benefit for line of duty deaths is now \$283,285.00.

Chairman Sorg advised that Harold Huffman of Preble is the most recent death in the 7th district.

Assistant chaplain Dave Sichelka announced he recently attended a federation of fire chaplains' training session at New Palestine, IN. If any

department wished to send their chaplain, the next meeting will be August 12, 2006 at a location around west Indianapolis. For more information contact assistant chaplain Sichelka.

Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast noted he attended a board meeting of the National Fire Conference at which, a possible bird flu pandemic was discussed. He also reminded departments that IVFA dues must be in by July 31, 2006.

The second roll call was answered by 28 members from 11 departments.

The next District 7 meeting will be held July 17, 2006 at Poneto.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Walt and Dorothy Reiter of the Decatur Fire Department gave a brief talk on their recent trip to Europe, with some emphasis on emergency services in Denmark and Belgium.

Gary L. Markley Secretary

DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

I wish at this time to thank the members of the 2006 convention committee and state officers for making this year's convention such a big success. We did a real great job at the convention this year.

I wish all of the districts could have helped, but next time will be your chance District 8A.

I hope everyone has a clean and happy summer. We lost a member to our organization recently, so be careful and safe.

Think about your grants and prepare

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for them. If anyone needs to have an "Honor Guard" for a function I would suggest using "Tipton Honor Guard" at Cicero Twp. Fire Department. We used them at the convention. They are really great. If any of my fire departments in the district are having any special events please don't hesitate to get them posted to the website. This website is doing a great service to the I.V.F.A.

Remember in a couple of months harvest season is coming up, and it seems to be the busiest, so please be safe.

Thanks again.

Bill Pape (Papa)
District 8A chairman

the local people in attendance. Also attending were Gary Robinson from the State Fire Marshal's office, Maurice "Mort" Sorg and his wife from District 7, and past president Mitch Parish and his wife.

Redkey fire department will be having a parade on May 27 and a tractor pull will be held June 24th and 25th.

Ridgeville Fire Department is going to host an area garage sale at the station on June 3.

Salamonia Fire Department will be having a parade on June 25 for the Salamonia Days.

The next meeting will be held at the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Salamonia, Indiana on July 12 at 7:30 p. m. Hope to see all my departments there.

If your department is in need of additional finances you may want to do this.

The volunteer fire chief was preoccupied as to how, after the monthly fish fry, he was going to ask the town folks to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the firehouse. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular band had cancelled and a substitute had been brought in. The new band asked what music they should play. "There are folks who like the oldies," replied the chief, "but you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

After dinner, everyone was sitting waiting for the monthly report, when the chief went to the microphone. "Fellow citizens, we have a problem. The station repairs will cost twice as much as we expected and we need an extra \$4,000. Any of you who can pledge an extra \$100 or more, please stand up."

With that, the substitute organist launched into "The Star-Spangled Banner." That's how they became the regular band!!!

See ya later,
Lloyd E Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 9A CHAIRMAN



Jonathon Randle

Walton VFD
May 25, 2006

The meeting was presided over by Jon Randle, chairman. We recited the pledge followed by prayer by Father Frank Kilcline.

Guests were Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford, Mitch Parish, Jerry Cohen, Bruce Yonkers, Father Kilcline and vice president Larry Ketchum.

The minutes were read and approved. Roll call was given with nine departments responding to 120 fire runs and 71 EMS runs.

Burn Camp is May 31 at Camp Tecumseh in Delphi. Departments are invited to bring trucks as there will be a parade at 11.

Convention information -- There will be a CD available on To Hell and Back. This is only to be viewed by fire and EMS personnel. Each chief should receive a copy.

Worksheets were passed to chiefs so IVFA can compare top surrounding states concerning starting salary for paid departments near you. Convention preparation seems to be going well. The committee will have their final meeting June 4 with the hotel.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security has a training calendar. They are discussing changes in mandatory training. Discs will be available for the training. When putting on a class, you must have a course number and the name of a proctor.

Any chief who wants information from Homeland Security needs to contact them and they will send info directly to you.

June 7 at 7 PM Rockfield Fire Department will honor Bill Lake for 50 years of service. He is retiring from active service. There will be a retirement party for him and the State Fire Marshal will be there.

Announcements -- Bunker Hill is looking to put on a mini-community training in the fall, possibly October or November, at no

charge. These will be fire service oriented courses. This could be a District fire school.

Bunker Hill Days are June 24 with pancakes and sausage from 6 - noon with fireworks later.

New Waverly will receive a new truck July 14 which was purchased with a FEMA grant.

Walton will have a car show from 12-8, fish fry and fireworks on July 4. August 20 will be Special Persons Camp at Jasper County Fairgrounds from 10-4.

Larry Ketchum introduced himself and spoke about training. Homeland Security wants to pass a rule that no one can board a fire truck without having FF I. He also spoke about the Mutual Aid agreement that is upcoming.

Buz Koehler spoke about the legislative issues they hope will be introduced in fall.

Jon Randle asked how we felt about background checks done for firefighters. If a person has been convicted of a felony, he/she will not be allowed to join a department. This could be done by putting the burden of proof on the person applying - to have the State Police do this. This would relieve the department of any cost.

Jim Bradford read an e-mail on Mayday training. There were 800 people at the Duneland Fire School.

The new newsletter had a label directly imprinted instead of a label.

HB1106 passed which allows you to carry an LED in your car if you're trained to use it.

NIMS - 300 takes three days in a classroom to complete.

There will be a Summit on June 17 in Rensselaer.

New HazMat Awareness is out for 2006.

Pandemic flu was discussed - how to recognize this from other flus. Materials for DHS are on CD. All materials must be printed. There is a test at the end of the class. You need to use the Essentials book for teaching.

Dick Hawkins spoke about the fire safety program that is being presented in Delphi. They showed signs that will be placed at the entrances to Delphi and in parks. Money will be available for other departments in the county to use to promote fire safety.

The .50/50 of \$20 was won by Nicole Randle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.
Jon Randle - Chairman
Joyce Ancil - Secretary

was presented by R.E.M.C. on electrical burns and electrical shock.

There were 29 firefighters present from six departments. It was announced that the date for burn camp is May 31st. Also, Article VI was read, motion made and seconded to accept the motion. Vote taken and it passed. After lengthy discussion about the time zones, it was noted that China is a big country with only one time zone. Miss 9B Flame was introduced.

The next meeting was on May 11th at Idaville Volunteer Fire Department with 20 firefighters from five departments answering roll call. A discussion of the new video "To Hell and Back" was held. Everyone is encouraged to view it. Assistant Chief Kevin Luse of the Monticello Fire Department gave an overview of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

Next meeting will be in July at Kentland Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

Convention is now over, congratulations to the winners of the state and district awards and to our district Miss Flame, Micajah Green, who was chosen as the runner-up.

Our July meeting will be held at Carbon on the 16th at 1 p.m. and the September picnic will be held jointly with District 11B at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute September 17 at 1 p.m.

A disturbing article appears on the front page of today's local paper. "Firefighter faces arson charges". The firefighter who confessed after a month long investigation could be charged with arson as a Class A felony as a firefighter was seriously injured. The injured firefighter received serious back injuries in a fall from a ladder.

Hopefully the firefighter will make a complete recover with no after affects. A benefit will be held this weekend for the injured firefighter. I plan to attend.

I wish to congratulate the newly-elected officers for 2007 and thank Jack Kerney for his leadership to this organization during the past two years. Enjoy your retirement, Jack.

Until next time, work safe and keep cool.

Robert "Bob" Meyers
District 11 A chairman

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

On May 10, 2006 the District 8B meeting was held at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, Ridgeville, Indiana at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lloyd Wright with 26 members from 15 departments reciting the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

New business that was discussed was training for fire fighters 1 & 2, the fireworks law, and other new laws.

The departments that were present were reminded that membership dues for the IVFA are due.

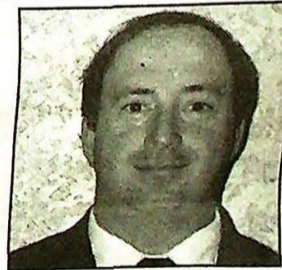
Chairman Wright informed the membership that the convention was coming up in June and urged them to attend if possible.

Secretary, Deb Tharp gave a talk on how to handle children that were found at a meth lab.

On May 13, 2006 I was honored in presenting four members of the Ward Township Fire Department with 50 year gold cards. They were Ivan Bousman, Jack Kessler, George Cox, and Robert Smiley. They were honored with a party with several of

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DISTRICT 9B CHAIRMAN



Randy Denton

In January, Chairman Randy and his staff traveled to Francesville Volunteer Fire Department for the first meeting of the year. There were 29 firefighters from six departments answering roll call. They reported a total of 151 alarms since the last meeting. It was announced that the Fire Institute Dinner is set for February 6th and the district is going to pay for two firefighters to attend. The Duneland Fire School will be April 1, 2 and 8, 9. It was also announced that the Federal Death Benefit is now \$283,385.00. Also, a discussion was held on the NIMS requirements. Also past president Koehler with chairman Randy Denton presented Firefighter Charles Weaver Jr. his Award of Gold.

In March the meeting was held at Goodland Volunteer Fire Department and after the meal, State Representative Don Lehe answered questions from the floor. Then training

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

FAIRVIEW VOL. FIRE DEPT.
MAY 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush. The pledge to the flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. The invocation was given by district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Chairman Bush introduced the guests present including the district auxiliary chairperson, Patty Stephens who introduced the district Miss Flame, Brittney Short.

Roll call was taken with 15 members from five departments present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

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Chairman Bush appointed an election committee consisting of Jim Moore, Larry Sutter and Bill Bush. Comments about the declining numbers in membership of the Association were exchanged and what needs to be done to turn the program around. A discussion was held concerning the statewide mutual aid program as it exists at the present time. Vice president Ketchum suggested our training on a local department basis be kept at the current level. Chairman Bush mentioned the scholarship program as we have it today.

Department announcements were made at this time. Chairman Bush presented the host certificate to Chief Jim Moore. The next meeting will be held on July 12th at the Greencastle Fire Station.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by the district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary*

DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



Al Williamson

The convention is over and we had a great time in Indianapolis! The hotel was great and the committee did a great job! For those of you that have not attended an IVFA convention you are missing a good time as well as the chance to meet fellow firefighters from around the state and have a lot of fun.

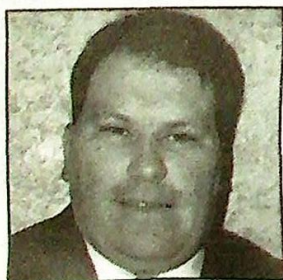
By the time this paper is out the New Washington Fire Department will have held their 50th anniversary picnic. Congratulations to New Washington.

All fire departments should remember that you can advertise your events on the IVFA website. It seems though I have retired from full time work at Clark County 911 only to be working part time there and with the things I do at the fire station I still keep a full schedule. (So much for retirement!) I will make as many of the District 14 events as possible if you will contact me with your information, and PR Director Bob McKinzie will also make as many as he can. I have passed out several certificates, 25 year pins, and Gold Cards and I will be submitting those photos and the information that goes along with them to the IVFA paper as I recover from a bad piece of equipment. (They are not lost). You should plan on attending next year's convention in Evansville.

I hope you are having a great summer!

*Al Williamson
IVFA District 14 chairman*

DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



Steve Anderson

I hope everyone had a safe 4th of July holiday. Thanks to the Convention 2006 committee for planning a nice program. I had a great

time. Hopefully, we can do the same as we prepare to host next year's event. Look for information for Convention '07 later in this issue.

Our district has been quite busy lately, with a rash of motorcycle accidents and brush fires. As summer is winding down, several of the area's annual events will be taking place. These include the Oakland City Sesquicentennial Festival, the Owensville Watermelon Fest, the Princeton Heritage Fest with district waterball contest, and the Poseyville Fall Festival.

Our next district meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, at Patoka-White River. Remember that we have 50 year Gold Cards and 25 year pins to award to deserving individuals. Contact your district chairman to schedule a presentation.

Finally, in this year's dues packets there was a form asking for information to be used to calculate the value of the volunteer fire service across the entire state. This information will provide us better data to reference when talking to legislators about bills under consideration in the Statehouse. Please try to return the form with the information requested. You can see the calculator on the NVFC website. If you have any questions you can contact me or the IVFA office.

Until next time, stay safe.

*Steve Anderson
District 15 chairman*

DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Sam Emery

April 10th I attended Greene County Firefighters Association meeting at Jasonville. Many thanks for being the host.

April 12th I went to Montgomery to present a 50 year Gold Card to Bob Showalter. Congratulations on 36 years as chief.

I also presented 25 year pins to Tim Showalter, Terry O'Brian and Steve Murphy. Congratulations.

April 29th I attended FDIC, always interesting to see what new items are out there. Nice crowd on hand.

May 6 and 7 attended State Officer's meeting. Always several items of interest discussed.

May 8th I attended Greene County Firefighters Association meeting at Center Twp. Thanks for being our host.

May 13th I attended Summit meeting at Jasper. Much information can be obtained from these meetings.

May 24th District 17A meeting was hosted by Bicknell FD. I presented 25 year pin to Tim Smith (Chief, Vincennes Twp. VFD) and to Bicknell FD members Myron Mackey, Michael Smith and Thomas Houghland. Congratulations.

Eddie King of Vincennes Twp. gave a presentation on fire trailers.

Candidate Brad Ellsworth introduced himself to those on hand.

State treasurer Beverly Harker spoke on items concerning our upcoming convention.

Remarks were also made concerning fire related items by Jim Abrams, PRSW.

IVFA president Jack Kerney spoke on the problems that a bird flu outbreak could bring.

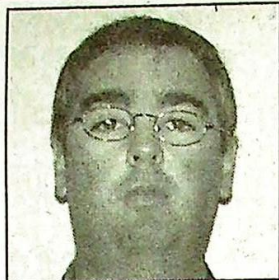
Becky Blagrove, district manager for Indiana Department of Homeland Security gave a talk.

June 12th Greene County firefighters meeting was hosted by Wright Twp. Thanks for being the host.

June 28th, 29th and 30th I attended the state convention. As this was my first one I was able to watch and see what it takes for the IVFA to keep up on what's going in the state and get that information out to everyone.

*Sam Emery
Chairman
District 17A*

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings! Summer has finally arrived and here comes the heat.

Big thanks go to District 8A Bill Pape, District 9A Jon Randle and District 13A Carol Thrawley and their 2006 convention committee. Had a great time. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and efforts in making it a good convention.

Congratulations to Miss Flame Katelyn Rickelman from District 18.

I encourage everyone in District 17B please pay real close attention to the IPSTI board of firefighter's education info upcoming and meetings. Decisions that will be made could and will affect us very hard.

Big thanks go to the members of the Hamblen Twp. Fire Department of Brown County for hosting a great meal at our last district meeting.

IVFA has several legislative plans for 2007 and as usual please get involved with our agenda.

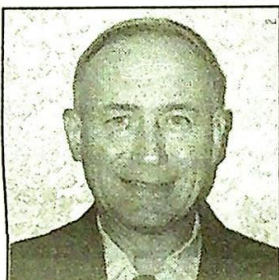
Many thanks to Jack Kerney for his leadership and look forward to the new administration in 2007.

Thanks to Dawn Hillenburg for representing our district.

Have a safe summer.

*Tim Deckard
Chairman*

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

Congratulations to Ashley Hountz, District 19 Miss Flame, for being named Miss Congeniality and also for her winning essay. Congratulations also to Connie Schutte, Batesville Fire and Rescue, for receiving the district Midwest Award and to all the award recipients. Also congratulations to the three Bridgeport scholarship recipients. Two were from Versailles V.F.D., Miss Bauman and Miss Sieverding.

The convention committee did an excellent job putting on this year's convention. It was an excellent motel to host the convention with all the activities being very close. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2008 at the Belterra Casino and Resort near Vevay when District 19 hosts the convention.

It is hard to believe but the summer will be winding down very soon. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. Everyone be sure to check your heating systems before cold weather. Also be extra careful driving when the weather gets bad.

*Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman*

Manilla VFD presented station clock



Chief Dean Miller (right) presented with a new station clock for the Manilla Volunteer Fire Department. (submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Two from St. Paul VFD receive 50 year Gold Cards for service



St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department members Don Hurst, a past IVFA district chairman and William Garrett receive their 50 year Gold Cards. (submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Gold card presented to Robert Hill, Manilla VFD

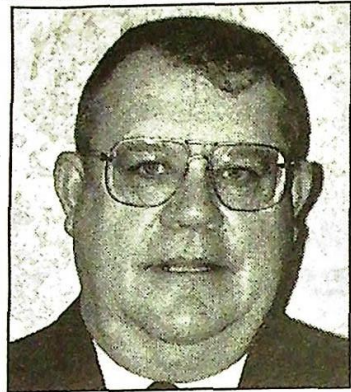


Robert Hill (right) was presented his 50 year Gold Card by David Israel. (submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



MAY 6, 2006

HOLIDAY INN
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Jack Kerney called the order at 2:00 P.M. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. Vice president Larry Ketchem led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Kerney introduced new District 4 chairman Terry Smith and District 12 vice chairman Brian Edwards who is filling in for district chairman Larry Bruner.

President called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Jim Bradford, PRNW to accept the minutes as printed. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT JACK KERNEY: Attended Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, five Fire Chief's orientations, one Gold Card presentation, two convention 2007 meetings, one memorial service, two Board of Firefighters Standard and Education meetings, Region 3 Planning meetings, Pandemic Flu Seminar at Purdue, Fireworks Bill signing, two IVFA Summits, NVFC

meeting in Washington, D.C., and the Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner. Also attended two convention 2006 meetings and the FDIC booth. The Fire Chief's Conferences were well attended with Brownsburg having 58, Vincennes 103, Highland 65, Greenfield 71, Warsaw 82 and Greenwood 60.

VICE PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM: Attended six Fire Chief's Conferences, one Awards Banquet, one Tri County meeting, Fireworks Bill signing, Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner, Region 3 Planning meeting, two convention 2006 meetings, FDIC booth and the Benefits Summit in Atlanta, Georgia.

CHAPLAIN JERRY COHEN: Did seven memorial services, FDIC booth, several district meetings and completed the Fire Chaplain School. Traveled 502 miles this quarter.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW: Attended Fire and Emergency Services dinner, two memorial services and the IVFA Summit meeting at Hazelwood.

TREASURER BEV HARKER: Attended the Fire and Emergency Services dinner, two memorial services, four district meetings and the FDIC Booth. Presented the budget report for the quarter and explained the Profit and Loss report. District 17B Tim Deckard made the motion to accept the budget report as read. Chaplain Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH: Has ordered Fire House clocks, going to update the Supply Order Forms and the roses for the convention memorial have been purchased.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNW JIM BRADFORD: Attended seven district meetings, one IVFAA meeting, two DHS meetings, one Porter County Fire Association meeting, six memorial services, one station dedication, one newspaper meeting and 12 fundraisers.

PRNE JEAN SMITH: Attended

four district meetings and visited five departments. Attended the NVFC in Washington, D.C.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended Fire and Emergency Services dinner, the FDIC booth and two Meth Lab safety awareness classes and all district meetings.

PREC DON CUSHMAN: Attended five district meetings and some fundraisers.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended five district meetings and one department.

PRSE BOB MCKENZIE: Attended four district meetings, one Gold Card presentation and four fundraisers.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

BUZ KOEHLER: Attended several meetings in the area, Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and the Congressional Fire Caucus dinner in Washington, D.C.

JACK ZEEKS: Pass.

RICHARD GLANT: Pass.

MITCH PARISH: Pass.

JIM PARKER: Pass.

IVAN NEVIL: Pass.

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: (Jim Bradford reporting) Held meeting March 15, 2006 at Lake Station Fire Department. District 1 had 53 members representing 12 departments and District 1 had 19 members from six departments. The next meeting will be May 17, 2006 at Washington Twp. Fire Departments (Porter County).

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Held meeting February 15, 2006 at Porter Twp. Fire Dept. District 2 had 34 members representing seven departments and District 1 had 19 members representing 10 departments. Held meeting April 19, 2006 at Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Department. District 2 had 41 members from nine departments and District 1 had 23 members from eight departments. The next meeting will be July 19, 2006 at Keener Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN: Had meeting March 16, 2006 at Hamlet Fire Department with 22 members from nine departments. The next meeting is May 18, 2006 at Scipio Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH: Held meeting April 26, 2006 at Nappanee Fire Department with 15 members from six departments. The next meeting will be July 26, 2006 at Walkerton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 5 DON KISSINGER: Held meeting March 9, 2006 at Culver Fire Department with 18 members from seven departments. The next meeting will be May 11, 2006 at North Manchester Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6 DAVE ELICK: Held meeting March 28, 2006 at Concord Twp. Fire Department with 26 members representing four departments. Discussed Fire Department billing and membership applications. The next meeting will be May 23, 2006 at South Milford Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG: Held meeting March 210, 2006 at Ossian Vol. Fire Dept. with 42 members representing 14 departments. The next meeting is May '6, 2006 at Poe Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE: Held meeting March 8, 2006 at Van Buren Fire Dept. The next meeting will be May 10, 2006 at Washington Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT: Held meeting March 8, 2006 at Redkey Fire Dept. with 31 members from 13 departments. Next meeting is May 10, 2006 at Ridgeville Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE: Held last meeting on March 23, 2006 at Twelve Mile Fire Dept. with 24 members representing nine departments present. The next meeting is May 25, 2006 at Walton Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON: (Buz Koehler reporting) Had meeting at Goodland Fire Department with 40 members present. Next meeting is May 11, 2006 at Idaville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Held meeting February 15, 2006 at Flat Rock Vol. Fire Dept. with 46 members from 14 departments present. Discussed NIMS Training and Bylaw change for conventions. The next meeting was held March 15, 2006 at Southwest Vol. Fire Dept. with 37 members from 12 departments. The next meeting was held April 19, 2006 at Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 30 members from eight departments. The next meeting is May 17, 2006 at Westport Community Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A ROBERT MEYERS: Had meeting March 19, 2006 at Otter Creek Station #2 with 16 members representing seven departments. Attended six department meetings, four memorial services, Fire Services Institute Dinner, Summit meeting at Hazelwood and the Anhydrous/Meth class. The next meeting is May 21, 2006 at Center Point Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11B BRENT BUSH: Last meeting held March 12, 2006 at Marshall Fire Department with 12 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be May 10, 2006 at Fairview Park Fire Department.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: (Brian Edwards reporting) Had meeting March 20, 2006 at Paragon Vol. Fire Department with 12 members representing three departments. The next meeting will be at Monroe Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY: Held last meeting at Wilkerson Fire Department with five departments present. The next meeting will be May 16, 2006 at Dunreith Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS: Next meeting June 20, 2006 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

DISTRICT 14 AL WILLIAMSON: Had meeting May 3, 2006 at Borden Fire Department with 12 members representing seven departments. Next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Held meeting March 21, 2006 at Poseyville Fire Department with 25 members representing nine departments. The program was IDEM Spill Reporting requirements. The next meeting is May 16, 2006 at Knight Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16 M. PAUL HOLCOMB: (Bob McKenzie reporting) Had good attendance at last meeting. The next meeting will be May 23, 2006 at Middletown Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17A SAM EMORY: Held meeting March 29, 2006 at Highland Twp. Fire Department with 21 members representing five departments. Next meeting was April 24, 2006 at Bicknell Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17B TIM DECKARD: Held meeting at Van Buren Twp. Fire on February 16, 2006 with 19 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be May 2006 at Brown County Fire.

DISTRICT 18 CHARLES PARKER: Held meeting March 16, 2006 at Troy Fire Department with 81 members representing 19 departments. Next meeting is May 18, 2006 at Holland American legion.

DISTRICT 16 ED SCHEELE: Held last meeting March 23, 2006 at Drewersburg Vol. Fire Department with 50 members representing 12 departments. The next meeting is May 25, 2006 at Bear Branch Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Held February 28, 2006 at Linden Fire Department with 22 members representing six departments. The next meeting is May 30, 2006 at Forest Fire Department.

President Kerney reported on the Pandemic Bird Flu Seminar held at Purdue.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. May 7, 2006.

Morning message by Chaplain Jerry Cohen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: David Israel -- Reviewed and okayed the convention guidelines as written.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford -- Mailed 17,182 newspapers this quarter. The deadline for the August newspaper is July 10, 2006. The information needed to submit an article from another publication is: 1. Permission/authorization from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from; 2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article; 3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed (printco@nwiis.com) or faxed (219-866-5000) to Rensselaer Printco. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding this; 4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization is received; 5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving permission; 6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

AD-TAKER: Mitch Parish -- One outstanding bill from the November 2005 paper. Have three outstanding bills from the February paper. Need board action to write off \$300 outstanding bill that business is bankrupt and owner cannot be located.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: Jim Bradford -- Had four claims this quarter.

AWARDS: Larry Ketchem -- All awards in good shape ready for convention.

MISS FLAME: Patti Stephens -- We have 23 candidates for Miss Flame this year.

LEGISLATION: Jim Parker -- Our 2007 legislation agenda is: 1. Allow for a tax increase, in the fire protection tax levy, above the allowable limit, to cover excessive growth in around municipalities. Increasing territory is

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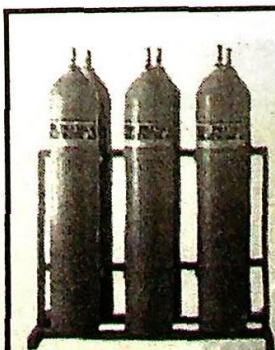
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Secretary's report continued

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not considered excessive growth. Allow a review every five years to access progress for necessary adjustments; 2. A volunteer firefighter injured in the line of duty cannot be terminated from his job; 3. Exempt volunteer firefighters and other volunteers from losing their PERF Benefits if they contact a communicable disease; 4. Tax exemption for volunteer firefighters; 5. Change fireworks law to make permanent the 5% of sales go directly to Homeland Security, not the General Fund. Funds to fund training and equipment replacement; 6. Length of service awards program for volunteer firefighters. Funds to come from the fireworks tax or a % of gaming funds; 7. Exempt volunteer firefighters from jury duty.

BY-LAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - By-Law amendment to Article VI Section 2 proposed by Districts 1 & 2 to read: "To fairly distribute the annual meeting sites around the state, a rotation of the six public relation areas shall be instituted. The rotation shall be as follows: PRNW, PRNE, PREC, PRWC, PRSW, and PRSE. An example (The site shall be offered to PRNW. If not accepted, it will be offered to PREC, etc.) Once a PR area accepts the meeting, the following year the offer shall be made to the next PR area in the rotation. In the event, following selection by the Delegates of the Association, the site is for any reason unavailable, a new site shall be selected by the Board using the above rotation and appropriate notice given the members."

Motion by Buz Koehler to table the vote on this until the quarterly meeting. The second by Carol Thrawley. Motion defeated by show of hand vote.

Don Kissinger made a motion to vote on the amendment. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed by show of hands. Districts voting YES: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8B. TOTAL 5. Districts voting NO: 5, 7, 8A, 10, 11 A, 11B, 13A, 14, 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 18, 19 and 21. TOTAL 15. Districts not voting are 6, 9A, 9B, 12 and 13B. TOTAL 5.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson -- Total membership for 2004 was 17,550. Membership for 2005 was 17,390. License plates for 2004 was 3903 and 2005 was 3743.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Larry Ketchem -- Pass.

CONVENTION GAMES: Steve Lane -- Jean Smith will conduct the drawings for Saturday convention games. Need to change format of games at convention. Looking for new ideas.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL ROGER JOHNSON: Spoke on the need for unity in the Fire Service. Driving Training video will soon be available for departments. The Mutual Aid program is moving along. Training incentive is one year program as now stated in the law. Want to establish 10 regional sites to provide mobile training to local fire departments at the local firehouse. Working on training for a regional response for major disasters.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Jack Kerney/Jean Smith - (1) need to get the EMS to join NVFC for greater participation; (2) Radio/FCC Wireless committee - Feb. 2009 TV stations to be off of the 700 MHz, 700MHz is to be turned over to public safety to help with interoperability; (3) update of the 1-800-FIRE-LINE; (4) LOSAP funding through Safer Bill for volunteers still moving with some legal problems; (5) State Mutual Aid contracts need to have cost of your services listed; (6) Attended NIMS workshop; (7) attended seminar on a Pandemic Flu. Federal government will not respond. Up to date pandemic flu information on USFA website www.pandemicflu.gov or www.usfa.fema.gov/subject/ems/pandemicflu; (8) public safety officers death benefit is \$283,385.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: Jack Kerney -- Nine members present, approved 30 variances, denied four and tabled six. Will spot check the Proctor of tests. Proposal to raise the cost of an IFSAC certification from \$10 to \$25. New training schedule now on line at www.in.gov/dhs/training. Firefighter I and Firefighter II will do all practical skills.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: Mitch Parish / Buz Koehler -- Discussed National Fire Caucus Dinner.

HISTORIAN: John Davies -- Attended Fireworks Bill signing and the FDIC.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney -- Started updating computers for 2006/2007 dues. Receiving new computers and software. Dues packet will all be mailed by next week. Signed up for FDIC next year. Need to push to get the NFVC cost savings information from departments as this information will help with our legislative lobbying efforts. Deceased report needs to be checked by May 30, 2006 for convention memorial service.

WEB SITE: Buz Koehler -- Put legislative agenda on web site. A page on web site for IVFAA.

CONVENTION 2006: Bill Pape - Agenda in the newspaper. Everything going OK. Paul Watland made a motion to donate 400 of the IVFA bags to the convention for registration bags. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

CONVENTION 2007: Steve Anderson - Pre-registration will be done at convention 2006.

FIRE SUMMIT BENEFIT CONFERENCE: Larry Ketchem -- Very informative conference with a lot of information to digest. In reference to time will give full report at the August meeting.

Convention is June 28 to July 1, 2006.

Next quarterly meeting is August 12 and 13, 2006. Room deadline is July 18, 2006.

A motion by Jim Parker to adjourn and proceed with the board of

director's meeting. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING May 7, 2006

Chairman Buz Koehler called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Dave Elick made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Jim Bradford made the second. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Need to purchase officer's ribbons for convention for the next five years. Motion passed. (2) Purchase of gifts for Miss Flame at convention. Motion by Dave Elick to purchase gifts for Miss Flame contestants not to exceed \$1000 total. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed. (3) Retain Shokrina Radpour Beering, Esq. as Lobbyist and Counsel. Motion by Dave Elick to retain Shokrina Radpour Beering as Lobbyist and Counsel. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed. (4) FDIC 2007 Booth. Don Cushman made a motion to have FDIC Booth for 2007. Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed. (5) Authorize mileage for the appointed committee to do the informational meetings for the NVFC cost savings study. Motion by Jack Kerney to authorize this expense. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed. (6) IVFA clock for the FDIC auction in Oregon. Motion to spend up to \$100 for clock by Al Williamson. The second made by Jack Zeeks. Motion passed. (7) Jon Randle made a motion to remove the \$300 in bad debt from the Ad-takers book for ad placed by 10/70. This business now does not exist. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Elick. The second was made by Bob McKenzie. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow,
Secretary*

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OFFICERS MEETING MARRIOTT CONVENTION CENTER INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA JUNE 29, 2006

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation.

Vice President led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. District 6 chairman Dave Elick made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and distributed. Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Jack Kerney - Pass.
Vice President Larry Ketchem - Pass.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen - Pass.
Secretary Larry Bartlow - Pass.
Treasurer Bev Harker - Pass.

Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush - Pass.
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS
PRNW Jim Bradford, PRNE Jean Smith, PRWC Diane Harrison, PREC Don Cushman, PRSW Jim Abrams and PRSE Bob McKinzie all pass.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Past President Buz Koehler - Pass.
Past President Jack Zeeks - Pass.
Past President Richard Glant - Pass.
Past President Mitch Parish - Pass.
Past President Ivan Nevil - Pass.
Past President Carl Bruns - Pass.
Past President Jim Parker - Stated that this was a business meeting and that we need to conduct any business that is needed.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS
District 1 Tom Orrell - Pass.
District 2 Paul Watland - Pass.
District 3 Dave Kaufman - Pass.
District 4 Terry Smith - John Ferro, acting chairman - Pass.

District 5 Don Kissinger - Pass.
District 6 Dave Elick - thanked everyone for their cards, prayers and words at the passing of his dad.

District 7 Mort Sorg - Pass.
District 8A Bill Pape - welcomed everyone to Indianapolis for the Convention.

District 8B Lloyd Wright - Pass.
District 9A Jon Randle - Pass.
District 9B Randy Denton - Pass.
District 10 David Israel - Pass.
District 11A Bob Meyers - Pass.
District 11B Brent Bush - Pass.
District 12 Larry Bruner - Pass.
District 13A Carol Thrawley - Pass.
District 13B Dennis Spears - Pass.
District 14 Al Williamson - Pass.
District 15 Steve Anderson - Pass.
District 16 Paul Holcomb - Pass.
District 17A Sam Emery - Pass.
District 17B Tim Deckard - Pass.
District 18 Chuck Parker - Pass.
District 19 Ed Scheele - Pass.
District 21 Don Fultz - Pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Guideline - David Israel - Pass.

Executive - Jack Kerney - Pass.
Budget - Bev Harker - Pass.

Audit - Bev Harker - will meet immediately after this meeting to approve the financial report.

Insurance - Jack Kerney - Pass.
Bridgeport - Carl Bruns - we have three winners.

Editors' Assistant - Jim Bradford - deadline for next newspaper is July 10, 2006.

Ad-Taker - Mitch Parish - Pass.
Awards - Larry Ketchem - Pass.
Fire Schools - Larry Ketchem - Pass.

Clothing Claims - Jim Bradford - Pass.

Legislative - Jim Parker - Pass.
Mr. IVFA - Buz Koehler - Pass.

By Laws & SOGs - Jim Parker - Pass.
Logo - Chuck Parker - Pass.

Membership - Steve Anderson - Pass.
Public Education - Larry Ketchem - Pass.

Parliamentarian - Tim Deckard - Pass.
Photographer - Don Kissinger -

Pass.
Games - Steve Lane - will be in tomorrow.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Mitch Parish - Pass.

Board of Firefighter Standards and Education - Jack Kerney - thanked everyone that was present at the Board meeting this morning. Not every issue that was to be on the agenda made it. Namely requirement that FF I & II be made mandatory.

Fire Services Institute - Mitch Parish.

IVFA Central Office - Jack Kerney - new computers are up and running. Still having problems with new computers talking to the old printers.

Webmaster - Not able to be here.
Historian - John Davies - Pass.

OLD BUSINESS
Bill Bush wanted to know if everyone is getting their clocks.

Ivan Nevil will assist with what is required for a Firefighter/Memorial service. Also will help with requirements of various forms for death benefits.

NEW BUSINESS
Nothing.

Motion by Bill Bush to adjourn this meeting and proceed with Board meeting. Second by Don Kissinger. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board meeting called at 3:50 P.M. by Chairman Buz Koehler.

Called for any old business to come before the Board. Hearing none chairman Koehler called for any new business. Again hearing none. Chairman Koehler called for any other business to come before the Board. Hearing nothing chairman Koehler accepted a motion by past president Jack Zeeks to adjourn. District 6 Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary*

Gold card awarded to Floyd DeKemper

Chief Myron Joe DeKemper recently presented Dubois Fire Department First Chief Floyd DeKemper with a Gold Card. (No photo was available).

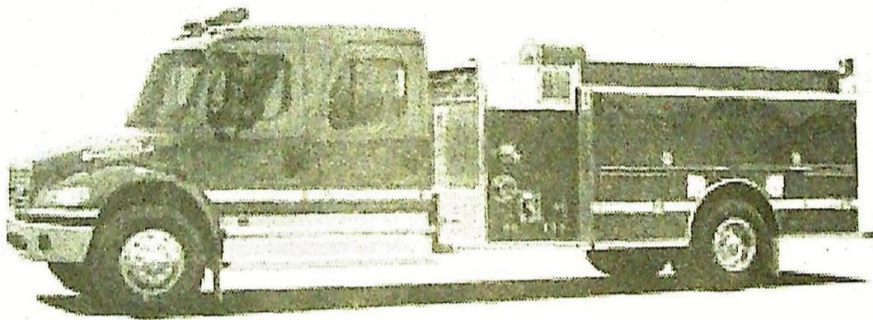
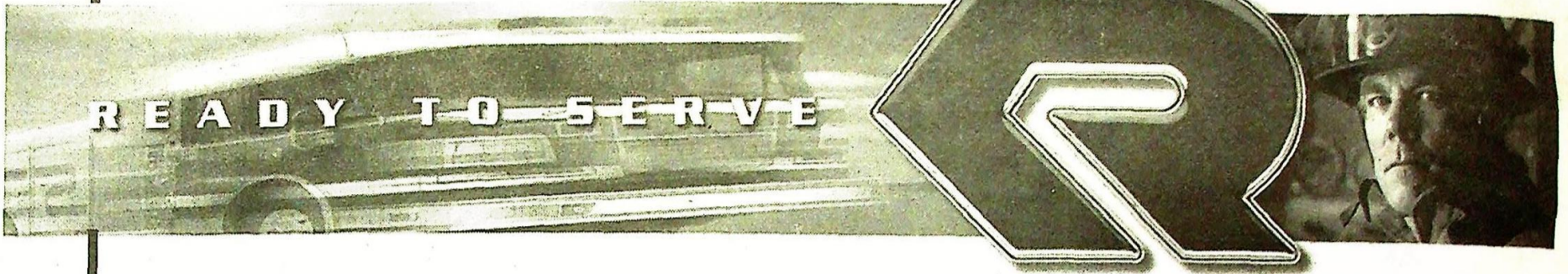
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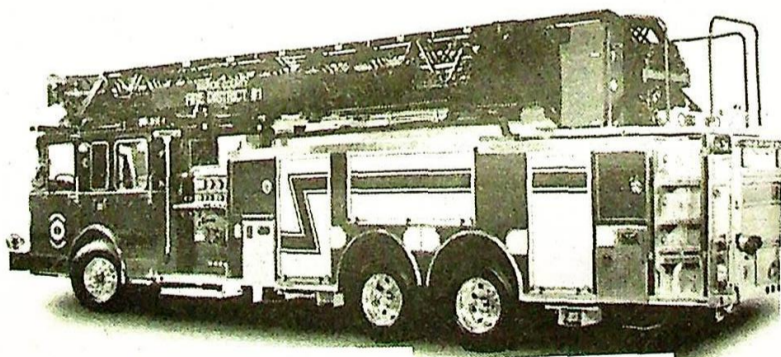
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To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a **paid-up member** of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your **Individual Plate Requests** to the **IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724** no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the **number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

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Feb. 28: Bf - Bz	June 30: Kn - L	Oct. 31: Wl - Z
March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
May 15: Ha - Hn	Sept. 15: Sa - Sn	

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4. You only need to send **\$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
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6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

November deadline is October 10

2007 convention registration forms

What is included in your registration fee?

1. Access to all events on the convention schedule.

Exceptions: Miss Flame preliminary judging and luncheon
Also, games participants must sign-up with the State Games Committee

2. 5 meals are provided with each registration.

Wednesday: Dinner at the Welcome Party (transportation available to 4-H Center)
Thursday: Dinner at the Southwest Fire & Safety Hot Dog / Beer Bust
Friday: Breakfast at the Coffee Clutch
Lunch with the Vendor's Buffet style Banquet Dinner

3. Drinks (beer, wine, & soft drinks) throughout the convention.

Drinks will be available in the Hospitality Room, with most**

meals, and at locations of convention sponsored events each evening. This does NOT include the hotel Lobby Bar or Time-Out Lounge. Cash bars will be available at certain events for other types of refreshments.

**Beer and Wine may not be available with the Friday lunch

Individual tickets are available for certain events and can be ordered in advance. These include (price listed)

Friday's Banquet \$25.00 each
Wednesday's Party \$10.00 each



Get your engines R-Evv-Inn Evansville 2007

I want to start by thanking the 2006 committee for hosting a wonderful event. For those that missed it, convention attendees had a good time at the four day event. It started Wednesday with a great day for golf

and a BBQ. It was followed up Thursday with a day full of pageantry and surprises as the Miss Flames competed for that slippery crown, and the annual award winners were announced. Friday started with saddened hearts as we memorialized the fallen from the past year, including Chief Steven Smith, whose tragic death in Wea Twp. had shocked us all. The day came to a close with great music from the band Living Proof lasting well into the night. The final event, the annual waterball contest, was taking place Saturday morning as people were packing up for their trip home. Again, thanks to all who were responsible for such a great time.

That leads us to next year's convention. On behalf of District 15, I want to thank you for trusting us to host the 2007 event. If you remember, we had a "FINE TIME IN '89," before we "CAME ALIVE IN '95," and finally "EVANSVILLE & YOU (was) IN 2002." Each event was full of surprises, so don't expect next year to be any different. Our CREW has been hard at work to make sure you can "GET YOUR ENGINES R-EVV_INN, EVANSVILLE 2007."

We have some new things we are putting on the TESTTRACK, and some schedule improvements to run through the WIND TUNNEL. If everything stays on schedule, we should be unveiling most of these items in the February newspaper. I guarantee, though that we will be conserving a little FUEL for those last few LAPS.

The RACE moves back to the normal week of June 13 - 16. The host TRACK will once again be The Executive Inn downtown. They are already taking reservations, so RESERVE YOUR SEATS soon. We also have over 100 racers already registered with HELMETS in hand. The form is included in this issue for those wanting ORDER YOUR TICKET. The price this year is \$55. This includes: a GREEN FLAG to your drink tag, 5 COURSE meals, and PIT PASSES to all events. I can't wait to see everyone come POLE DAY next year. Until then, stay safe, and stay off the RUMBLE STRIPS.

* For those of you who are NIMS compliant, the previous information is on the registration form in PLAIN LANGUAGE.

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(dinner W/Th/Fr, lunch Fr, & breakfast Fr)**

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Phone: (____) - _____ - _____ IVFA District: _____

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Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): _____

Number of children attending (age 12 and under): _____ (over age 12): _____

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Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	_____
District Chairperson	_____	_____	District _____
IVFA Member	_____	_____	_____
IVFA Aux. Member	_____	_____	_____
Guest	_____	_____	_____

EXTRA Banquet Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need _____ EXTRA tickets at \$25 each

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IVFA AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Table listing IVFA Auxiliary Officers: President (Joann Hays), Vice President (Martha Thomas), Recording Secretary (Tammy Hungate), Corresponding Secretary (Malinda Bell), Treasurer (Dorothy Reiter), Chaplain (Beth Caudill), SGT.-AT-ARMS (Miriam Schaeckel), and Immediate Past President (Barbara Kerney).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

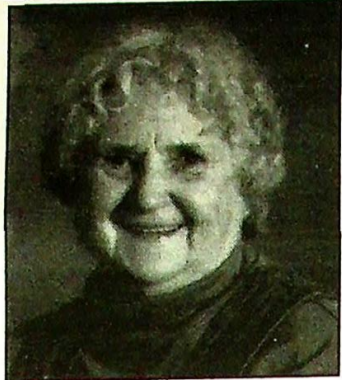
Table listing Board of Directors by district, including names like Phyllis Vargo, Ann Moss, Lucille (Lee) Cohen, Jane Ferro, Marilyn Dever, Susie Stout, Barbara Parker, Glenda Fagg, Patty Stephens, Rosie Johnson, Diana Griffin, Sharon Angel, June Cahill, and Crystal Ambruster.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Table listing Past Presidents from 2000-2002 to 1953-1955, including Barbara Kerney, Mary Mackin, Faye Sallee, Lou Bartlow, Phyllis Vargo, Maxine Davies, Nancy Neal, Toni Sorg, Loretta Nulliner, Nickie Sunday, Barbara Parker, Barbara Surber, Lucy Stofer, Vica McGill, Mary Boyd, Joan (Shanabarger) Keller, Carolyn McCarty, Rosella Bousman, Mary Stafford, Ruth Fairfield, Inez Jeffries, Catherine Mason, Ruth Ford, Ruby Probst, Pauline Glaub, Loretta Kustron, and Vida Bare.

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 Joann Hays



July 10, 2006 Hello, everyone, Convention 2006 is over and I want to say thank you to this year's committee for a job well done. I know you didn't have much time, so you need to pat yourself on the back. I know you are tired, so get some rest if you can.

Thanks for showing me and my husband such kindness. We'll not forget it.

As president of the IVFAA for another year I thank all of you for your support over the year. Looking forward to serving you again.

Our line of officers remains the same and I'm sure they appreciate your re-electing them as I do.

2006-2007 officers are: President - Joann Hays Vice President - Martha Thomas Recording Secretary - Tammy Hungate Corresponding Secretary - Malinda Bell

Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter Chaplain - Beth Caudill Sergeant-at-Arms - Miriam Schaeckel

As for district chairmen and committee chairmen, their names will be in the paper in November as there will be some changes.

By the way, thanks to all of you who served as committee chairmen and you who served on the committee.

Congratulations to all of the award winners. I'm sure your districts and departments are proud of you who were the recipients.

You need to start thinking about next year's convention in Evansville and get your registration and reservations in early.

Thanks to Jack Kerney for serving the IVFA as their president and doing a good job. Maybe you can relax a little and have some fun.

Jack, that was so nice for you to present Barbara with the President's

Award. I'm sure she was surprised and deserving of it.

To Miriam Schaeckel, thank you for serving the IVFAA as their sergeant-at-arms for 25 years. We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work.

It was great to see Jack and Nancy Cox and Dick Mackin at convention. I'm sure they saw a lot of friends of

were glad to see you also. Have a great summer. Fall will be here before we know it.

Bless each and every one of you. "Thanks again for a great convention."

Love and prayers, Joann Hays IVFAA President

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

OFFICERS MEETING MAY 7, 2006

President Joann Hays called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by the opening prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill. Sgt-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Tammy Hungate gave roll call. Minutes were read by Tammy Hungate, they stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand Feb. 4, 2006 \$24,474.07

Income: Interest \$9.56 V.P. Project \$25.00 Total Income + \$34.56

Disbursements: Operating Exp. \$10,005.47* Phone & Postage \$ 8.83 Jewelry \$ 19.03 Awards & Gifts \$ 300.00

Total Disbursements - \$10,333.33 Balance on Hand May 6, 2006 \$14,175.30

****\$10,000.00 7 month CD 3/27/06

Minutes stand as approved. Malinda Bell thanked everyone for cards and calls while she was sick.

Tammy gave an update on membership as follows 24 members and 10 guests attended this meeting. Tammy had a question about where to get Certificates.

Chaplain Beth read a very nice poem. Also she needs a count on Bibles. Beth also wanted to make sure she had right information for Convention Memorial Service.

Eula Bush read an invitation to her and Bill's son's wedding.

Maxine and her husband John will be celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss June 10. Congratulations.

Auditing: Barb Kerney says everything is okay.

Games: Marilyn Devers was absent.

Installation: Barb Parker all ready. Financial Study: Lou says okay.

Miss Flame: Patty says there are 23 contestants this year. V.P.: Martha doing okay, there will be a Fire Truck.

By-Laws: Toni, discussed need letter on changing our name to

Firefighter. Jewelry: E.J. gave report of how it is going.

Nominating: Susie is all ready. Historian: Ann was absent.

President's Advisory: Phyllis absent. Lois Boaz: Everything okay, have made their decision.

Parliamentarian: Toni says okay. Old Business: New chairman's correct spelling of her name is Diana (13B).

New Business: A discussion was held on buying a new computer for Tammy. Motion was made by Lou to give Tammy \$1,500.00 with a second from Glenda Fagg. Lou resented motion on the first motion. Then a motion by Lou for \$2,500 to give to Tammy, Seconded by Glenda Fagg, all was in favor motioned carried. Lou needs pictures of Past President's of IVFA Auxiliary, men are wanting them.

Jim brought in newspapers. President Joann discussed what IVFAA District Chairman supplies need to be in cases. Keep a list. Also an IVFA district map. A discussion about our IVFAA flag will be discussed at a later date.

Sgt-at-arms suggested that district chairmen set close to aisles.

Convention Report: Marlene Thrawley gave update, and asked if anyone had any white elephant gifts at home to please bring them. Will give as prizes for activities for ladies. There are 160 registered for the convention as of now. Will be having an auction for the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Sharon Angel from District 14 said that they are sending their convention shirts & hats to the Hoosier Burn Camp. A thank you to Sharon for the Saturday evening get together. Susie Stout's address correct in newspaper. Need to send out cards to Marilyn Devers, and to Ann Moss's husband. We have a change of address for one of our PAST PRESIDENT'S LORETTA NULLINER -- 3091 DUMAS AVE., SPRING HILL, FLA 34609 TELEPHONE # 352-686-8905.

Next meeting will be at the IVFAA CONVENTION 2006, in June. IVFAA OFFICERS MEETING - THURS. 29th, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - SALON 3 & 8, AND ANNUAL MEETING FRI. 30th 9:30 a.m.-12:00, SALON 6 & 7, AND IF TO HAVE MEETING IN AFTERNOON WILL BE 1:00-4:00, SALON 6 & 7. Hope to see you all there.

Adjournment: 10:25 a.m. Closing prayer: Chaplain Beth

Submitted by, Malinda Bell Corresponding Secretary IVFAA

COMMITTEES FOR 2005 - 2006

Table listing committees for 2005-2006: Auditing (Barbara Kerney, Phyllis Vargo, Jean Parish), Budget & Finance (Lou Bartlow, Dorothy Reiter, June Cahill, Maxine Davies), Games (Marilyn Dever, Susie Stout, E.J. Smith), Chinese Auction (Barbara Parker, Crystal Ambruster, Lois Parker, Carol Moody), Parliamentarian (Toni Sorg), V. Pres. Project (Martha Thomas, Sharon Angel, Malinda Bell, Glenda Fagg, Rosie Johnson), President's Advisory (Phyllis Vargo, Lou Bartlow, Toni Sorg, Beth Caudill), Lois Boaz (Rosie Weisenbach, Eula Ashbury, Carolyn Zeeks), Nominating (Susie Stout, June Cahill, Patty Fultz), Historian (Ann Moss, Phyllis Vargo), Installation (Barbara Parker, Faye Sallee), Membership (Jane Ferro, Beth Caudill, Tammy Hungate, Karen Freestone, Crystal Ambruster, Joann Hays), By-Laws (Toni Sorg, Rosie Johnson, Barbara Ketchum, Lee Cohen, Crystal Ambruster), Miss Flame (Patty Stephens, EJ Smith, Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Kerney, Susie Stout), Jewelry (E.J. Smith, Karen Freestone, Marilyn Dever, Patty Fultz), Installation (Barbara Parker, Maxine Davies), Scholarship Fund (Eula Bush, EJ Smith, Barbara Kerney, Marilyn Dever).

DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



Lucille (Lee) Cohen

May 17, 2006

The District 3 IVFAA meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department by chairperson Lee Cohen.

Prayer was led by Chaplain Jody Brinckman. The pledge of allegiance followed.

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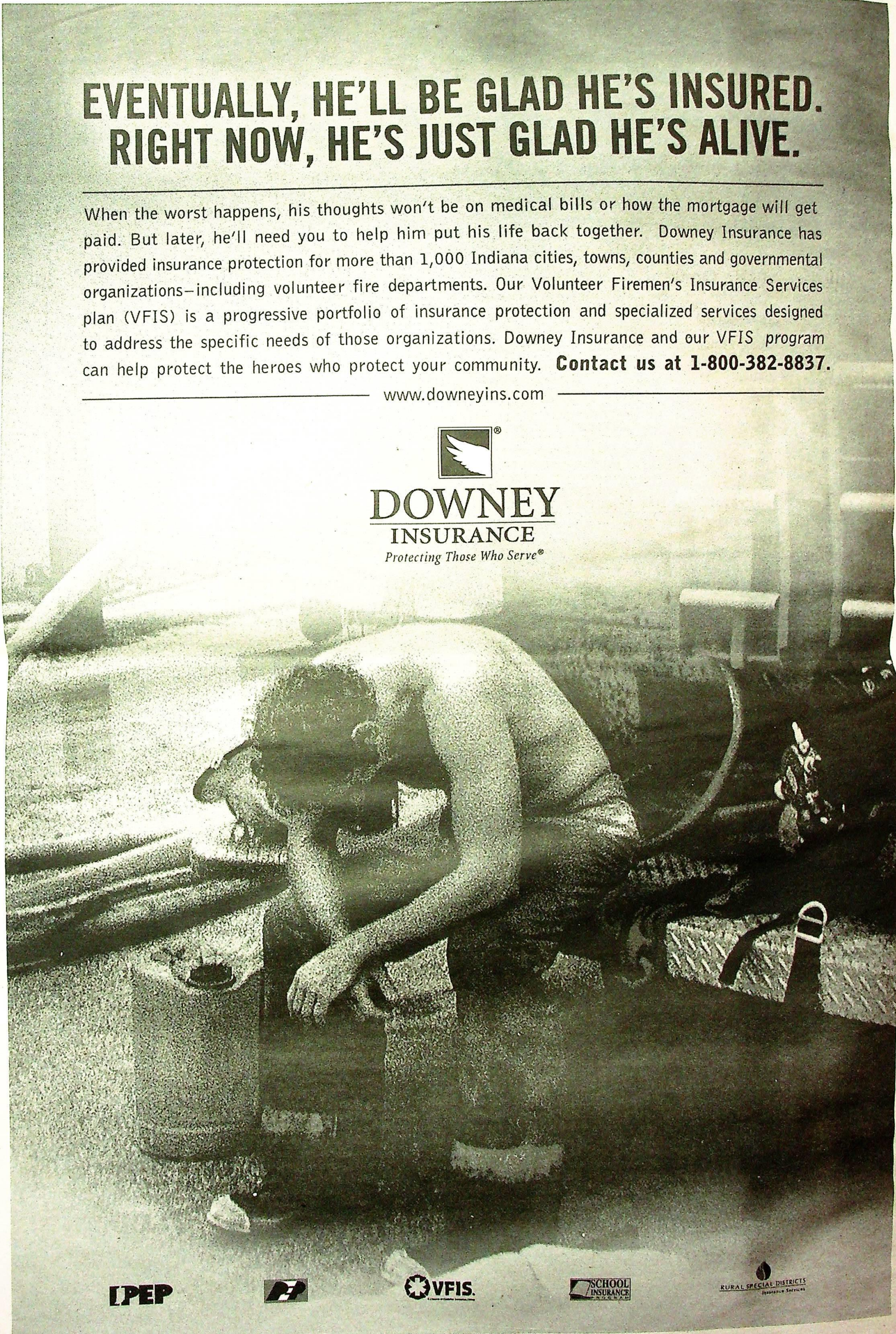
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Employee of the Quarter

Meet Tony Dockemeyer. Tony has been with Fire Service since November 1999 (6 1/2 years). In 2005, Tony moved to Columbus, Indiana to be the lead mechanic for our new shop that opened there in January 2995. Outside of work, and before moving to Columbus, Tony was a member of the Lake Hills Fire Department for 18 years.



Some of Tony's certifications for Fire Service include Waterous and W.S. Darley pumps, American LaFrance 4010 Multiplexing, EVT Fire Pumps and Accessories, EVT Allison Automatic Transmission, and EVT Design and Performance.

Some of the certifications he held for the Fire Department were Fire Officer I and II, Haz-Mat Instructor I and II. He was Training Captain for 10 years, Fire Safety Captain for 2 years, and a Lieutenant for 4 years.

On his days off, Tony enjoys the outdoors. He spends a lot of time hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping.

New Truck Deliveries for the 3rd Quarter

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Greentown Fire Department – Greentown, Indiana – Metropolitan Side-Mount Pumper

Michiana Shores Fire Department – Michiana Shores, Indiana – F550 Mini-Pumper

Purdue University Fire Department – West Lafayette, Indiana – Eagle Rear-Mount Rescue Pumper

Wabash Fire Department – Wabash, Indiana – Eagle SE Top-Mount Pumper

Wapakoneta Fire Department – Wapakoneta, Ohio – Metropolitan Side-Mount Pumper

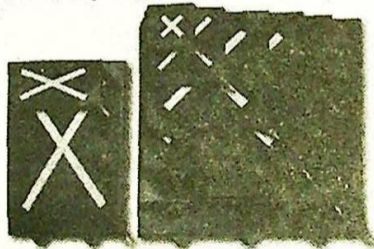
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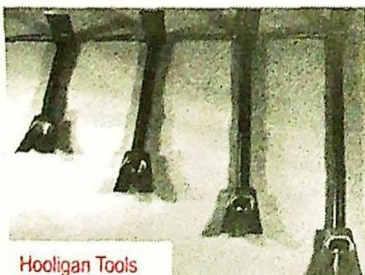
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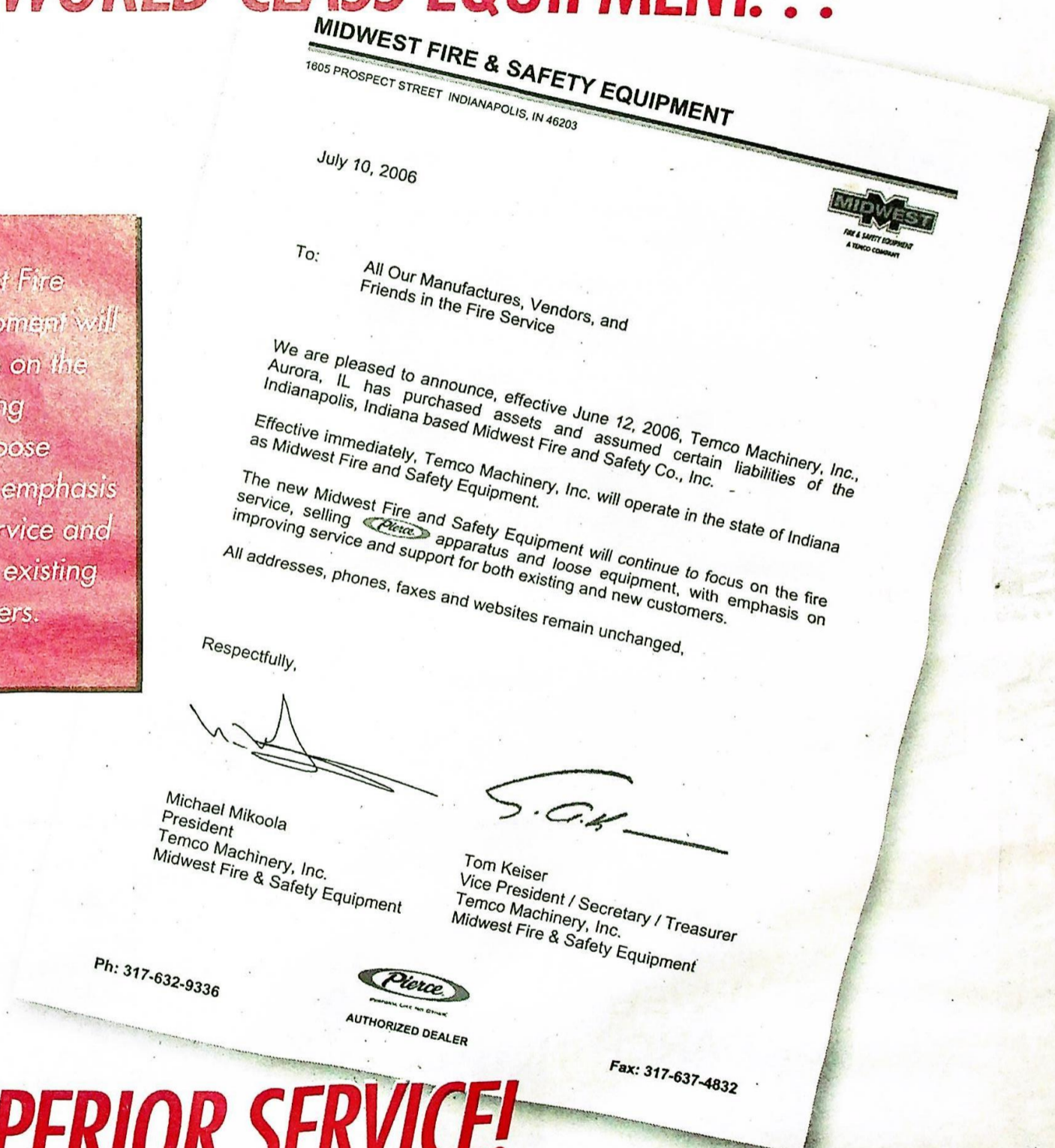
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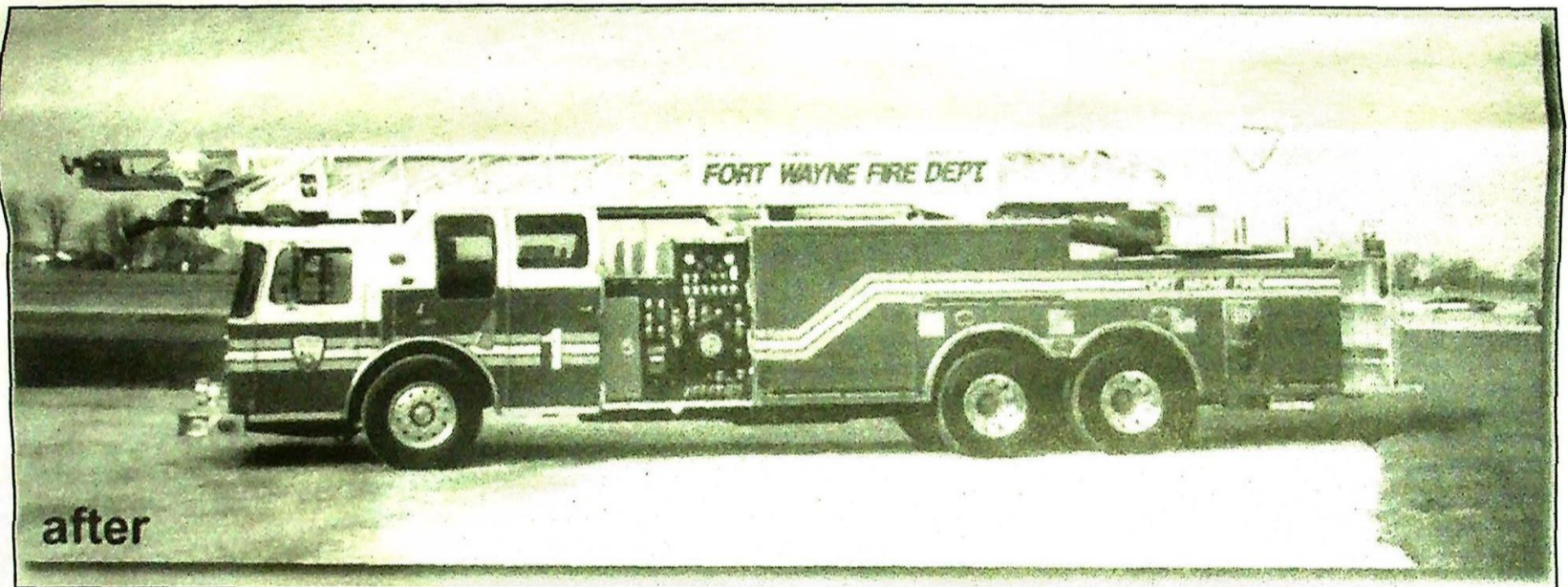
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DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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Roll call was answered with 14 present - five Springfield, three Michiana Shores, six Coolspring.

Chris Stephens read the minutes and stood as read.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman filled in for treasurer Bonnie Smith. Jody read the treasury report and stood as read.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman reported on cards sent and lit a candle in memory of Rose Stantz.

Lee passed out several informational handouts.

Lee asked for a count from each department be taken on who would like an IVFA newspaper that does not receive one now in the household.

Lee reminded everyone chaplain call list starts with your department chaplain, then district, then state.

Leona Uryga asked for a bylaw committee meeting because she is questioning some changes that were made over the past year. Lee agreed it is long overdue for a bylaw meeting. It has been on her agenda but with her surgery and a bylaw committee member passed away it was put on hold. Lee said it will definitely be taken care of.

Area events: Coolspring is having a fund-raiser - it is a bus trip to Munster, Indiana on September 14th for dinner and a presentation of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat and the cost is \$51.00. Money is due June 1st.

Jody reported \$156.46 for the Mary Mackin fund was raised and a recent donation from Coolspring of \$25.00 brings us to \$181.46.

A motion was made by Ruth Duetscher to pay \$5.00 for a kleenex couch for the auction at convention for the Hoosier Burn Camp. Dorothy Moffitt seconded. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ruth Duetscher to have Chris Stephens make a patriotic snowman for Chinese auction at convention. Mary Nowatzke seconded. Mary Nowatzke made a motion for the auxiliary treasury to cover the cost of the supplies (\$10-\$15). Leona Uryga seconded. All in favor.

The officers are making a recommendation that we make a \$100.00 donation to the Hoosier Burn Camp from the treasury. Mary Nowatzke made a motion to take \$100.00 from the treasury and send to the Hoosier Burn Camp and Dorothy Moffitt second. All in favor.

50/50 drawing won by Linda Jaske. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

*Respectfully submitted,
Chris Stephens
Secretary, District 3*

**November
deadline:
October 10, 2006**

**E-mail:
printco@nwiis.com**

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Patty Stephens

Hello, everyone! I hope all is well with you and your family. The summer is almost gone and yes Moms the kids will soon be back in school!! Where has the time gone?

I would like to congratulate all the award winners at this year's convention. Please remember to get all your nominations in for next year early. I know there are a lot of deserving members out there in your departments.

Dues for the year 2006-2007 are now due. Get them in on time, as this ensures your members being eligible for benefits of the IVFA/IVFAA.

This will be my last letter for District 11B as chairperson. I am not running for district chairman due to the increasing demands on my job and I also feel it is time to give someone else the opportunity to share their ideas in the district and state organization. I have made many wonderful friends and will continue to be a part of the IVFAA. I would like to

thank all of the district and state members who have supported me and shared with me all the fun times and our meetings and gatherings. Please

support and help my predecessor. Thank you for a great and I feel a successful five years.

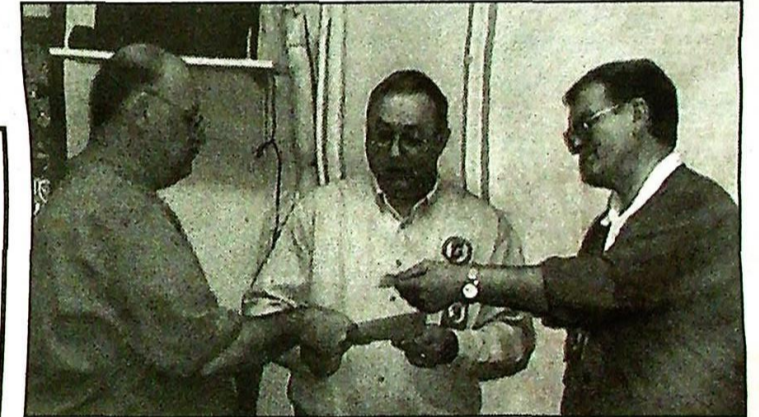
Patty Stephens

Retired firefighter awarded pin and certificate



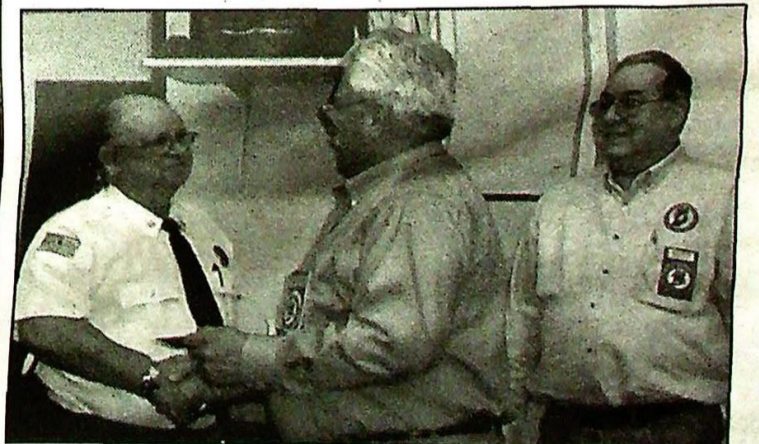
PR Northwest Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented retired Lake Station firefighter Don Catlin with his 25 year pin and certificate at the District 1 & 2 meeting held at the Lake Station VFD on March 15, 2006. *(submitted by Jim Bradford PRNW)*

Awarded 25 year pin and certificate



PR Northwest Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented retired Lake Station firefighter John Weger with his 25 year pin and certificate at the District 1 & 2 meeting held at the Lake Station VFD on March 15, 2006. *(submitted by Jim Bradford PRNW)*

Fifty year Gold Card presented to Ron Good



Chief Ron Good of the Lake Station VFD is shown being congratulated by past president and chairman of the board Buz Koehler on receiving his 50 year Gold Card at the District 1 & 2 meeting held at the Lake Station VFD on March 15, 2006.

Chief Good has been active for all 50 years. *(submitted by Jim Bradford PRNW)*

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From the desk of the Historian

John Davies



Well firefighters, the 2006 convention is now history. Congratulations to all of the award winners and to the new officers who will lead our organization for the coming year. Also, my congratulations to the host department who worked so hard to put on this event in Indianapolis.

I have been asked several times if I would write about how our organization came to be. I know if I was a new member of group of men and women, I would want to know a little about the association that I joined. With that in mind, I will attempt to take you back to day one when the idea to form a statewide volunteer firemen's association. There were a group of departments from Lake and Porter counties who came up with this wonderful thought. The names of the early departments were: Kouts, Dyer, Griffith, Cedar Lake, St. John, Independence Hill Ross Township, Hobart, Munster, Chesterton, Lowell, Black Oak - Calumet Township, Schererville, Porter, Schneider, East Gary, Crown

Point and Highland. This meeting took place on Aug. 23, 1945 and elected Harold Brownell, Lowell President, Alvin Guske, Crown Point Secretary and C.O. Rattray, Cedar Lake, Secretary.

The By-Laws committee held several meetings and burned the midnight oil on many occasions in drafting the original Constitution and By-Laws together along with the original draft of our Articles of Incorporation. Application for corporation certificate was made to and granted by the State of Indiana on December 6, 1946.

On July 25th, 1947 a meeting was held in the American Legion Hall in Hobart and the death benefit funeral fund idea was consummated. The first annual convention was held at Sam Ordean's grove at Black Oak, Calumet Twp, Lake County on June 27, 1948.

There were morning and afternoon sessions with 31 delegates representing 20 department memberships, 316 individual memberships and one associate

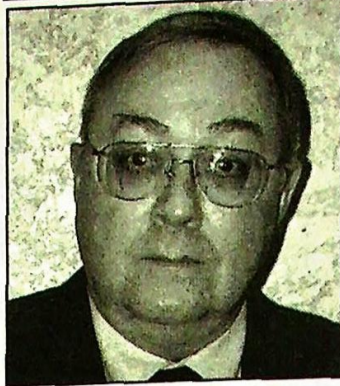
membership. The first by-laws required that there be \$5.00 per year departmental membership. This was in addition to the individual membership dues. This was necessary in the beginning because they were starting from scratch and were attempting to create some funds for the treasury. The first death benefit payment was made due to the death of Albert C. Eichstaedt of Hanna on December 15, 1948.

As you can see, we are proud of our heritage and to those who had the foresight and the knowledge to start our association. This year at the 2006 convention, we had 162 delegates. Each year, this association has increased from the previous year mainly due to the leadership we have and the direction we are going.

I will attempt to put an article in the paper each publication in hopes I can pass on to those who want to know a little something about the great group of men and women that is known as the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Thank you.

Public Relations Director Northwest

Jim Bradford



I want to thank all of the members from Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B for re-electing me as PRNW. I really enjoy my job and hope to see all of you at the district meetings and fundraisers.

Congratulations to Bill Pape and his committees for a great convention. Next year will be in Evansville and in 2008 District 19 will host the convention.

By the time this article appears in the paper, elections for district officers have taken place. Since the cut-off for items to be in this issue was July 10th, all of the info will be in November's paper.

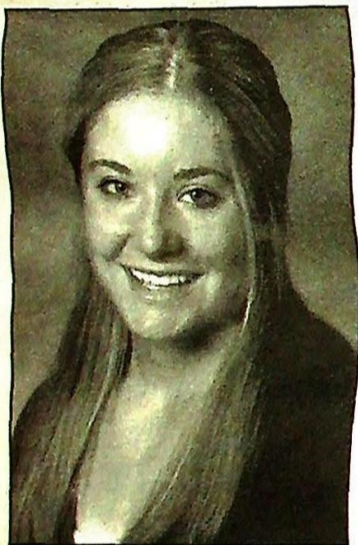
As the article on the front page states, the IVFA web page has a lot of current information and the web master welcomes input from all of the members.

Have a safe summer.

Jim Bradford - PRNW

District 18 Katelyn Rickelmann crowned 2006 Miss IVFA Flame

There were 22 Miss Flame contestants this year. What a great group of young ladies! I was sad to have missed the Convention this year, but I have sources that tell me these young ladies were a joy to be with. Each parent, district, and fire department has so much to be proud of...



Katelyn Rickelmann

I wouldn't have wanted to be in the judges' shoes. They told Barbara that each one would have been a great choice, but their job was to pick only one. Each and every one of the ladies was very cooperative and made Barbara's job easy. I only hope each young lady came away with many memories and lasting friendships.

Amanda Gutsell of Birdseye, IN returned to crown our 2006 Miss Flame. She is Katelyn Rickelmann of Huntingburg, IN, District 18 and the daughter of Renny and Louise Rickelmann. The 2006 Miss Flame runner-up is Micajah Green, District 11A, of Jasonville, IN. She is the daughter of Howard and Cherly Green. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Ashley Hountz, District 19, Sunman, IN. Her parents are Leroy and Kimberly Hountz. The Miss Flame court are as follows: District 2 Rebecca Proud, District 3

Haley O'Donnell, District 4 Ashley Schafer, District 5 Amber Farrer, District 7 Amanda Myers, District 8A Sara Foy, District 8B Melinda Harris, District 9A Nichole Randle, District 9B Jennifer Miller, District 10 Keri Davis, District 11A Micajah Green, District 11B Brittany Short, District 12 Jeanan Joseph, District 13A Amber Egan, District 13B Angela Hook, District 14 Courtney Miller, District 15 Mallory Hornbrook, District 16 Laura Conway, District 17A Jessie Bowen, District 17B Dawn Hillenburg, District 18 Katelyn Rickelmann, District 19 Ashley Hountz.

I could not have gotten through this year's convention without the help of my committee: Miriam Schaekel, Barbara Kerney, EJ Smith and Susie Stout. I also want to say a special thanks to Barbara Kerney for stepping in as chairwoman for me at the last minute. I know she did a great job!

I would like thank the following for their contributions to the Miss Flame contest this year: Larry and Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim and Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Carolyn Curl for the sashes, Jack and Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. earrings; and the I.V.F.A.A., convention charms, crown, flowers. This year we were able to provide each contestant with a special Miss Flame pin donated by Debbi Stephens of Fifth Third Bank. She will also be a sponsor of these pins for the future.

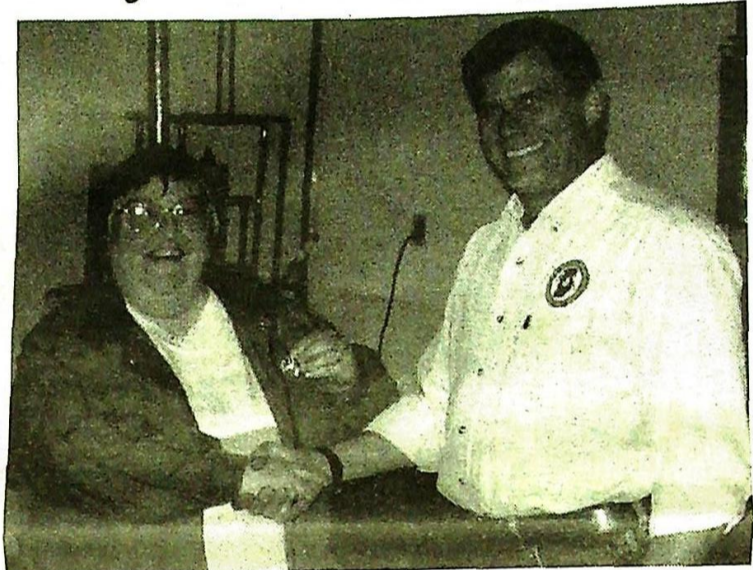
I encourage local fire departments and districts to invite the girls to fundraisers and parades. Let them know that you appreciate their participation in the contest.

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

Patty Stephens

Plan now to attend the 2007 Convention June 13 - 16 Evansville

Cheri Bushee receives 25 year service pin



District 6 chairman David Elick presents Cheri Bushee of Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department with a 25 year pin.

(submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)



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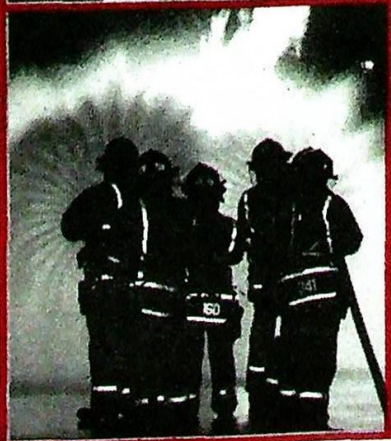
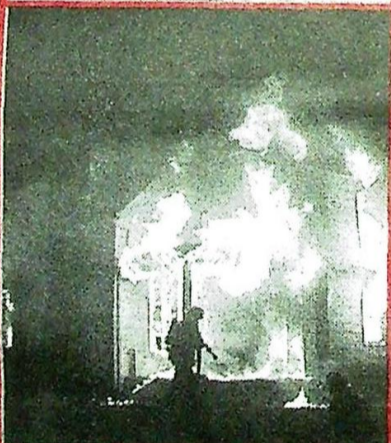
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Firefighter's Ball in South Haven a huge success!

In 2005 the South Haven Fire Department hosted their first ever Firefighter's Ball, and attendance was so great that many people had to be turned away at the door due to limited seating at the local American Legion post hall. Wanting everyone in the community to have a chance to attend the next affair, the Firefighter's Ball committee set out in search of a larger hall for the 2006 event. The committee was able to secure the newly opened Duneland Falls Banquet Hall of this year's event, and on the evening of April 8th, the community of South Haven came together as never before.

The operators of Duneland Falls stated that their facility was able to hold 1,000 people, and on the night of the event, very few seats at the tables were empty when Captain Craig Morris stepped to the podium and asked everyone present to stand for the posting of our national colors by the department's Honor Guard and the playing of the National Anthem. This was followed by the invocation by department Chaplain Rev. James Mendetto. Following this, an excellent buffet style meal was enjoyed by all present in the ecstatically pleasing surrounds of crystal chandeliers and the indoor water fall.

Once everyone had finished their meal, Captain Morris again stepped to the microphone and recognized the many local dignitaries in attendance. He then introduced Fire Chief Doug Patton. Chief Patton introduced the department's career firefighters, members of I.A.F.F. Local #1351, who donated the funds to purchase each volunteer firefighter and their significant other a ticket to the evening's event. Patton then introduced the members of his Chief's Staff, followed by his Line

Officers and then the remaining firefighters of the department. Once all members of the department's team were standing together on the stage the awards portion of the evening's festivities kicked into high gear. Chief Patton presented each member of the department, as well as several other members of the department's extended family with ceremonial coins to recognize their dedication and sacrifices on behalf of the South Haven community. The following awards were then presented:

"On Scene Award" (300+ calls answered) Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette, Firefighter/EMT Paul Leyden, Lieutenant/Paramedic Ron Reed Jr., Captain/EMT Craig Morris and Deputy Chief/EMT Bob Shepard.

"Smoke Showing Award" (Most Calls-Firefighter) Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette (Most Calls-Officer) Deputy Chief/EMT Bob Shepard.

"Iron Horse Award" (100+ In-House Training Hours) Firefighter/EMT Roy Adams, Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette, Firefighter/EMT Alfred Jones, Firefighter/EMT Paul Leyden, Firefighter/EMT Rebecca Quinn, Lieutenant/EMT Boe Jones, Lieutenant/Paramedic Ron Reed Jr., Battalion Chief/Paramedic John Kephshire, Deputy Chief/EMT Bob Shepard, Chief/EMT Doug Patton.

"Most Training Hours" (Firefighter) Firefighter/EMT Roy Adams (Officer) Battalion Chief/Paramedic John Kephshire.

"Auxiliary Member of the Year" Dawn Mosley.

Unit Citations (recognizing valor during extraordinary rescue situations) multiple member of the department on March 22, 2005, August 12, 2005 and March 19, 2006.

"Chief's Choice - Excellence Award" (Support of the department's

Mission) Portage High School Printing Technology Class, Portage Township Trustee Jack Jent, Portage Township Advisory Board members Sue Lynch, Edward Mamola (department liaison), Cortie Wilson, Jr.

"Chief's Choice - Guardian Angel Award" (for recognizing rapidly deteriorating conditions and taking action that prevented serious injury or death of department personnel) Deputy Chief/EMT Bob Shepard.

"Chief's Choice - Eagle Leadership Award" (for exemplary leadership qualities) Battalion Chief/Paramedic John Kephshire.

"Chief's Guns & Hoses Award" (outstanding inter-department cooperation) Patrol Division of the Porter County Sheriff's Department.

Andy Lesnick Memorial Award (Community Support) B&J Enterprises and Rosewood Restaurant.

Honorary Firefighter Status (individual support of the department) Jack Jent, George Mamounas, Dick Mottisinger, Rod Norton.

Life Membership Status (past firefighter) All charter members of the department.

Probationary Firefighter of the Year Firefighter/EMT Brad Collette.

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year - Captain/EMT Craig Morris.

Medic of the Year - Lieutenant/Paramedic Ron Reed Jr.

Firefighter of the Year - Captain/EMT Craig Morris.

Chief Patton then announced that the department award given to a local citizen who stepped forward in time of crisis to assist their fellowman would have a new name from that night forward. The newly re-named Newlin-Ford Memorial Award honors

the memory of Ethan Ford and Megan Newlin, two local children who lost their lives in a very tragic vehicle accident on August 12, 2005 that shocked the entire South Haven community. This year's award was then presented to Mr. George Bonner, who came forward on that fateful day

and assisted department personnel during the rescue of the two critically injured children.

Once all of the awards had been presented, guests at the ball enjoyed the remainder of the evening as the dance floor opened up and the music began to play.

Cedar Lake girl chosen as Miss Flame



Rebecca Proud

APRIL 4, 2006 -- Rebecca Proud, age 18, of Cedar Lake, was the winner of the Miss Flame contest for District 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

She is the daughter of Larry and Rita Stenger of Cedar Lake.

Proud is a junior at Hanover Central High School and has three brothers and one sister. She is a member of the Cedar Lake Fire Department Auxiliary.

When she is not working or studying for school, Proud likes to work out in the gym, hang out with friends and go shopping.

Rebecca will be going to Indianapolis in June to compete for

the State title. All of Cedar Lake wishes her the best of luck!

(Article originally printed and courtesy of the Cedar Lake Journal)
(submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)

2006 Legislative Session

by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ.
IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

July 10, 2006

I enjoyed talking with many of you at the state convention this past week. I especially appreciate the participation in the discussion we had during the session I presented on Thursday afternoon. For those of you who were unable to attend the convention, this article sets forth the legislative agenda prepared by the IVFA legislative committee ("Committee") for the 2007 session beginning in January.

1. The Committee has again decided to set as a priority legislation to address the explosive growth occurring in some communities, and the costs associated therewith. Specifically, the Committee is proposing an increase to the fire protection tax levy above current allowable limits. Rep. Tinchler introduced a bill on this topic last session, HB1224, and we are hopeful of getting a bill introduced again for the upcoming session. Legislators are becoming increasingly aware of this critical need. If your department is one which is experiencing excessive growth, please contact both your State Representative and State Senator to advise him or her of the need, as well as a member of the Committee, as these personal contacts create not only awareness, but votes in favor of the Association's initiatives.

2. The Association will try to initiate legislation prohibiting volunteer firefighters injured in the line of duty from being terminated from his or her employment. This would be a new topic in Indiana. Kentucky adopted a law regarding prohibiting employee termination for one year after injury this past March.

3. The Association will try to have reintroduced legislation regarding Indiana Code 5-10-5.5 stating that public safety employees contracting hepatitis, meningitis, or

tuberculosis while performing duties are assumed to have been contracted in the scope of his or her employment as a merit employee. Rep. Kersey sponsored HB1082 on this topic during the 2006 session.

4. The Association has chosen to try to have legislation reintroduced for an income tax credit for volunteer firefighters. Senator Allie Craycraft sponsored SB61 on this topic for the IVFA this past session.

5. The Association will try to have legislation sponsored amending the new fireworks law to make permanent the 5% public safety fee collected from the sale of retail fireworks and to have those funds deposited directly to the Department of Homeland Security rather than into the State's General Fund, and have all monies dedicated to fund public safety training and equipment replacement.

6. This year the Association will try to find a sponsor to introduce a length of service award program. Funding for this program could come from the taxes collected from the sale of fireworks.

7. The Association will try to have the law regarding jury duty amended to put back the exemption for firefighters. All exemptions from jury duty were removed from the law during the 2006 session.

In addition to working on these initiatives, bills will be filed which will have substantial impact on IVFA members. We will review and monitor these bills. We will again use the weekly bill status reports to inform members of the bills the Association is monitoring and the position on each bill. These will be posted on the IVFA website. As always, if you have personal contact with a legislator, please let the Committee and me know about these contacts so that we can explain the Association's position on various bills to these legislators. Even if you do not know any legislators, your calls and e-mails to your legislators, as well as to the Committee members regarding particular bills, are critical. You can access each legislator's e-mail address and phone number through the General Assembly's website, www.in.gov/legislative.

The November elections will most likely result in changes to the State Representatives and Senators who currently represent many of you. After the elections, Organization Day for both the House and Senate will take place at the end of November to assign legislators to leadership positions. After Organization Day, we should be able to determine the Committee chairs and leadership of both parties with whom we need to work most closely. Stay tuned for another interesting session.

Public Relations Director Northeast

Jean Smith



I just returned home from the 2006 IVFA Convention held in Indianapolis with the theme "Race Into Indy".

Congratulations to convention chairman Dave Marshal, convention co-chairman Bill Pape, and to all of their committees in Districts 8A, 9A, 13B, for holding a wonderful convention. If you didn't attend you missed a good time and a lot of hospitality.

Congratulations to Katelyn Rickelman, 2006 Miss Flame District 18, Micajah Green, 2006 Miss Flame first runner-up District 11A, Ashley Hountz, 2006 Miss Congeniality District 19.

April 4-8 as an Alternate, I attended the National Volunteer Fire Council 30th anniversary meeting held in Washington, D.C. At these conference meetings I was able to meet other representatives from other states and share and compare with them how our Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association functions. I was able to attend seminars that had good information that I brought back to the district meeting in my Public Relations area and at our officer's meetings. It was a very impressive event and felt honored that I was chosen to fulfill the alternate position.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Have a safe summer.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Honor Guard takes first place in competition



On Saturday, April 29, 2006 the Aboite Township Fire Department Honor Guard competed in the FDIC 2006 National Honor Guard competition in Indianapolis.

There were seven teams from around the nation that competed. This was the first year that Aboite has competed due to the fact our Honor Guard team was just formed last year.

The Aboite Township Fire Department Honor Guard took first place in the competition.

(submitted by Captain Greg Crosswell, Honor Guard Team Leader, Aboite Township Fire Department - District 6)

Two receive five year plaque; one fire member awarded ten year tag



Crown Point Fire/Rescue members (left to right) Randy Lambert and Shawn White received their five year membership plaque.

Lt. Steve Tobias received his 10 year membership tag.

(submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman)

Cordry-Sweetwater kicks off fundraisers with garage sale

The Cordry-Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department hosted its annual garage sale on April 29, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This annual event kicks off the fund raising events for the coming year. One of the largest fundraisers for the year, it keeps their volunteer fire and ambulance department, viable and able to serve the community.

Their firefighters and emergency medical technicians are on duty 24 hours a day to serve the Lakes and Brown communities.

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November deadline is October 10, 2006

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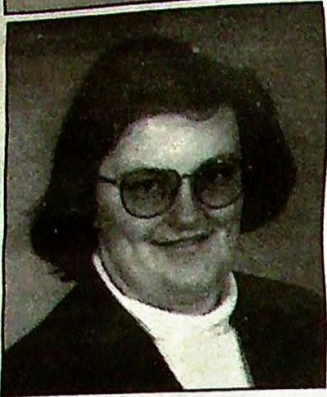
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...auction monies plus a \$121.00 donation from Crown Point Auxiliary and a \$200.00 donation from Greene County Firefighters Association. The 2007 Evansville Convention committee has let us know that we can do it on Wednesday night. If anyone has anything they wish to donate throughout the year please let me know or maybe give it to your district chairman and they can bring it to me at a state meeting. This year Hoosier Burn Camp had 70 campers so they desperately need our help as the camp keeps growing and they are doing things for the campers that goes on through the year and not just that one week.

Congratulations to all of the award winners.

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Steven Smith and the Wea Twp. Fire Department for their loss. Let's remember them in our prayers.

Congratulations to Jasonville Fire Department for 100 years of serving their community.

I had the great privilege of going with district chairman Bob Myers to Pleasantville Fire Department and extending the invitation of joining our great organization.

I have been able to attend a few fundraisers, please let us know of any upcoming events.

Keep safe,
Diane Harrison
WCPR

Dear Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2006 convention committee for an awesome convention they pulled together through all the setbacks that came their way.

I would like to also thank them for letting us have the 2nd annual Hoosier Burn Camp auction. And I would like to extend my sincere appreciation of those that donated items and those who bided. The total collected that night was \$2,273.50, that includes the

*Vastine recipient
of 25 year pin*



Henry "Gene" Vastine, Hogan Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, Dearborn County, District 19, receiving 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. (submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

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Well, the heat of summer is on, and it looks like another scorcher. Welcome to the 2006 Summer/Fall Edition of the IVFA FireLine.

For this newsletter's column I want to share with you the report that was presented at this year's convention. Unfortunately with the date change to one week later, I was unable to attend. I asked past President LeMoyné Buz Koehler to present this report in my absence.

Fellow IVFA Members,
I apologize for not being able to attend this year's convention. It was an honor for me to meet many of you last year; however, with this year's convention being held one week later, it impeded on my summer vacation with my family.

Still, I want to give you an update on the progress of the web page, and some figures on how much it is being used. In Feb. 2003 the "new" IVFA web page went live and that first year we had 267,872 "hits". This was fantastic, considering our site is mainly for the purpose of communicating information to our membership. In 2004 the site continued to grow with 493,657 hits, an increase of 84%! Last year we had over 607,716 hits, with our 1,000,000 hit coming almost two years after we "live". From January through April of this year we have had 297,708 hits, which means we are on target for 750,000 hits this year alone! It is really staggering to see this quick of growth, and to know that the web page is becoming the central communication tool that we had hoped it would be.

In the past year I have added SEARCH capabilities and have worked to present a more user-friendly format. Soon I will be adding two new pages to honor our 25 & 50 year members. Other avenues of allowing for paid advertising from our business that use the newsletter may be a possibility, and I have been asked by one of the district chairmen if they can post copies of their district meeting minutes on their district pages - which can be done. It is my goal to provide as much information as possible to our membership, and lessen the workload

of our district chairmen and Central Office by making all necessary forms and other key information, available at the "click" of a mouse button.

Still, there is more that needs to be done to spread the "word"; about not only the web site in general, but particularly about areas of the site that can help our membership and association as a whole. An example is the Legislative Report, posted from January through the end of the Legislative Session, which is usually the end of March. This is the 2-year now that we have had the Legislative Session reports on the web site. During the three-month legislative period this year, the "hits" related to accessing the Legislative Report were disturbing low. This report, and the actions that the Legislative Committee asks of our members in being actively involved by contacting your appropriate senators and representatives, is vital to all of our members. We CAN make changes happen within our State, but we need ALL of our members to be "on the team" as well. If our state senators and representatives do not hear from us, then how can we ask them to support our causes? The upcoming 2007 session is going to be very

active, especially with key elections coming up in 2008. We need to start spreading the word to ALL members about the roles they play in supporting our legislative efforts.

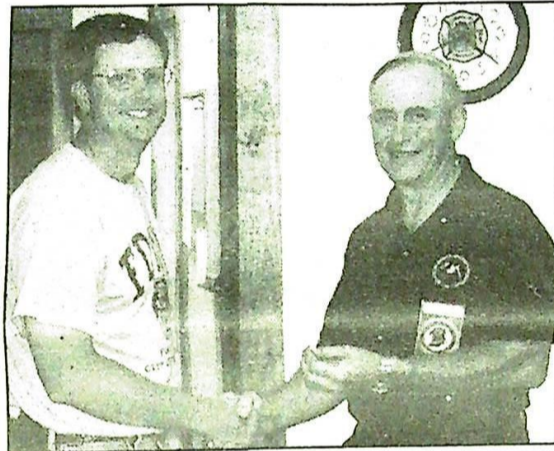
In conclusion, I believe that we have the ability to use our web site to communicate our activities "outside" the confines of our membership - to educate the public on our activities, and our roles within the communities that we serve. To do this we need to look at other mechanisms of being able to communicate our site address. I am exploring other emergency agency web sites throughout Indiana to see if they have a link to our site, and in exchange I will add a link to theirs. But the challenge I believe we have is to find ways to get the general public to access our web site, to learn about our association, and to provide useful information to them. I don't have the answers on how to do that, but I am very much interested in finding methods of meeting this goal. As always, I am open to any and all suggestions.

It is a pleasure for me to support the association and membership as your web master. Thank you again for your support. See you "on-line".

Smoke Eater
IVFA Web Master

Sieverding recipient of

**25
year
pin**



Ben Sieverding, Versailles Volunteer Fire Department, District 19, receiving 25 year pin from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman. (submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

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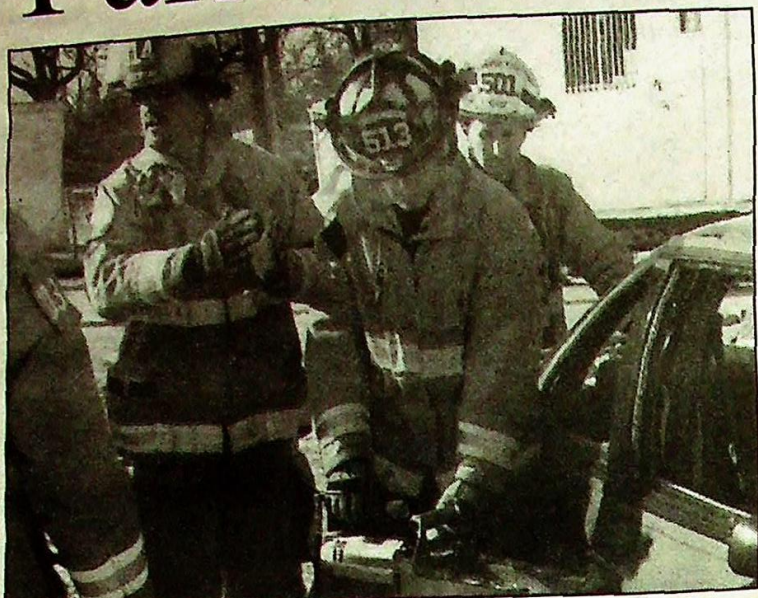
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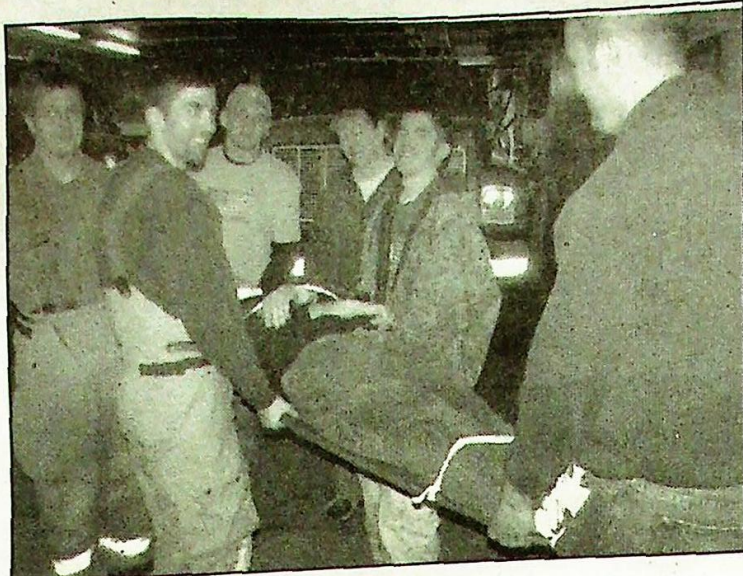
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Parker V.F.D. holds training

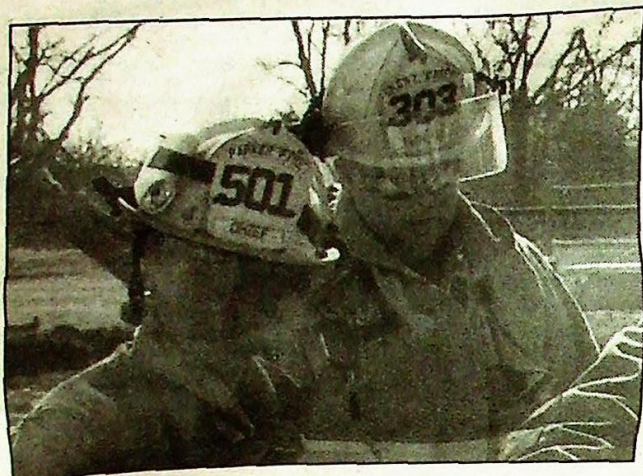


Parker Volunteer fireman Caleb Payzant is shown here cutting off a door in an extrication training. (submitted by Public Relations Ed Caldwell)



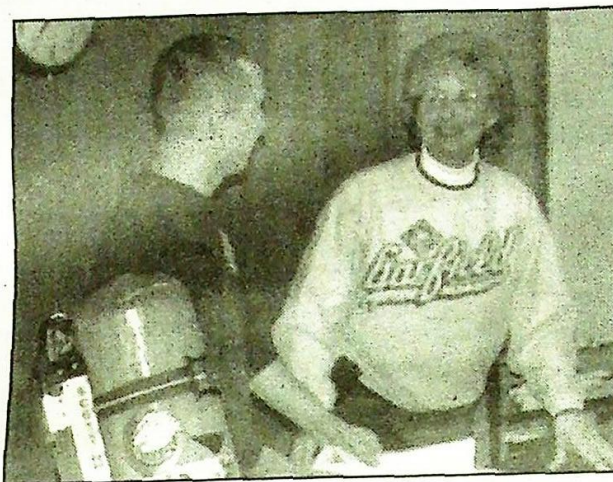
Parker Volunteer Fire Department holds training on stabilizing a patient that has been involved in a car accident.

Discussing fire rehab



Parker Volunteer Fire Department and Farmland Volunteer Fire Department join together in extrication training.

Shown here are Parker's chief Rodney Rodeffer (left) and Farmland's assistant chief Melvin Knott.



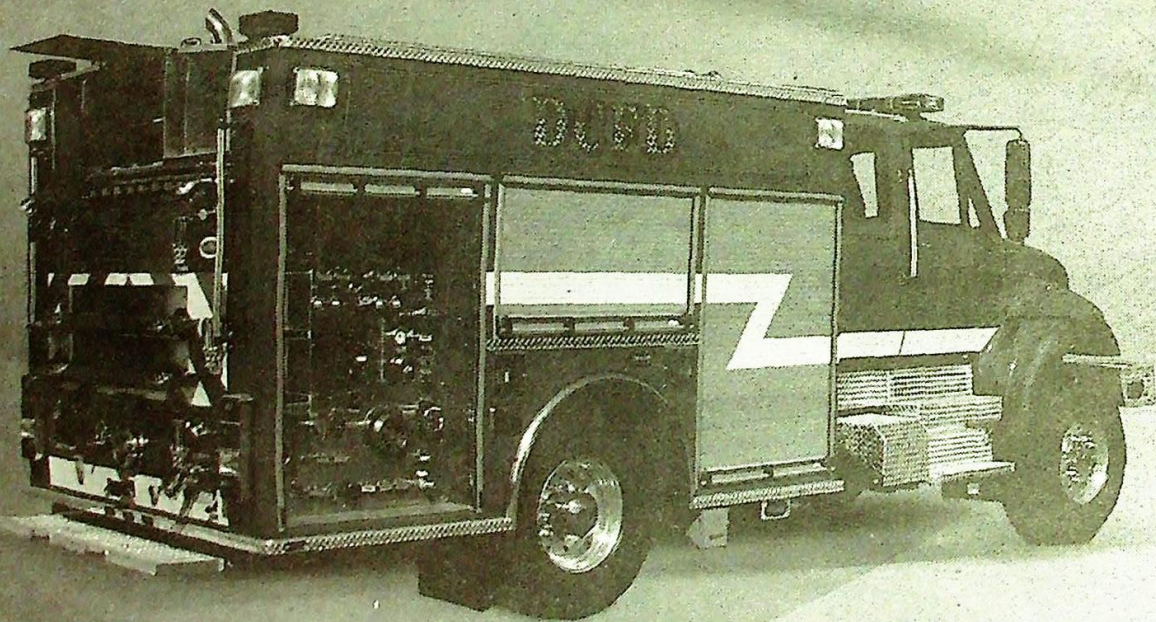
Parker Volunteer fire chief Rodney Rodeffer and Penny Lawrence, head of Parker City First Responders, discuss fire rehab.

Parker City First Responders also learned how to change SCBA tanks.

(submitted by Public Relations Ed Caldwell)

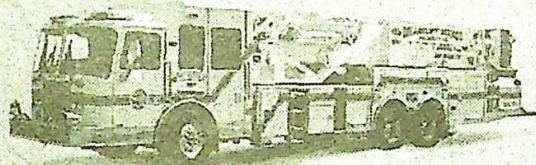


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I hope everyone had a great time at convention! If you don't attend you are missing displays, classes and information your departments and your members need!

I attended Jasonville's 100th anniversary celebration in May of their fire department.

I attended Columbus district meetings the first weekend in May.

I attended District 15's meeting hosted by Knight Twp. Fire Dept. in Evansville on May 16th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Roger Strickland family of Walesville Vol. Fire Dept. Next meeting July 18th at Ohio Twp. V.F.D.

I hope several of you attended the Fire Summit at the Habig Center in Jasper in May.

I attended the District 18's meeting on May 18th hosted by Holland Volunteer Fire Department. Ken Smith of Holland Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin. Doug Partenheimer received his pin for 30 years. Speaker from Irwin Mortgage Company. Congratulations to Katelyn Rickelmann, Miss Flame 2006.

I attended District 17A's meeting hosted by Bicknell Volunteer Fire Department. Eddie King of Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department spoke on the rescue trailer. Brad Ellsworth, Vanderburg Co. sheriff spoke. He is running for Congress.

Tim Smith, chief of Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin.

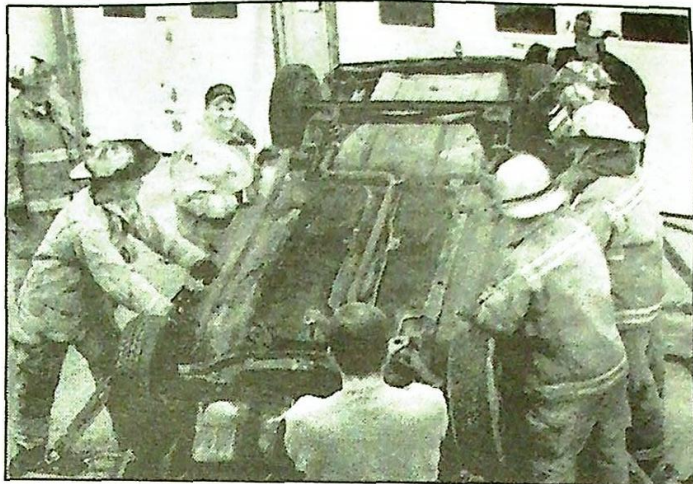
Myron Mackey, Mike Smith and Thomas Houghland of Bicknell Volunteer Fire Department received their 25 year pins. Next meeting July 19th at Richland Taylor Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 17B's meeting hosted by Hamblen Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on June 14th. Their next meeting is Tuesday, July 18th at Oolitic Volunteer Fire Department. Election of officers.

I was re-elected P.R.S.W. at convention in Indianapolis, so I will see you at your district meetings. Thank you!

PRSW
Jim Abrams.

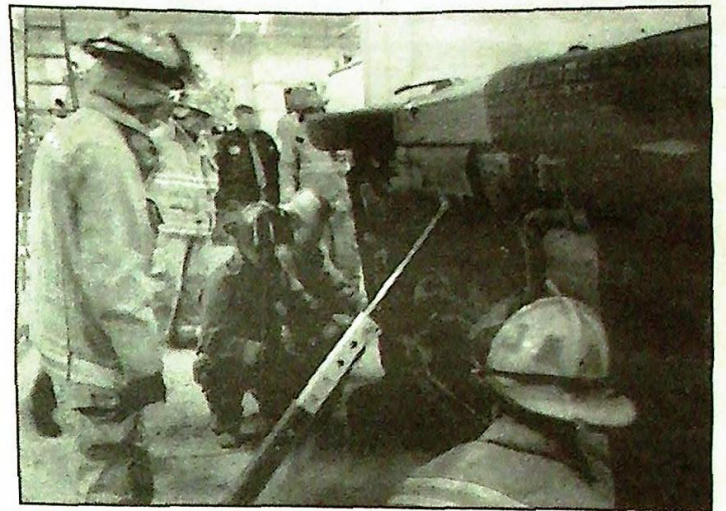
Farmland firefighters train with Rescue 42 tools



Rob Dornseif, with 5-Alarm Fire Equipment Co., trains Farmland firefighters with new Rescue 42 tools.

Farmland handles the rescue for the western half of Randolph County. Tools, training and the right tools are very necessary to do the job.

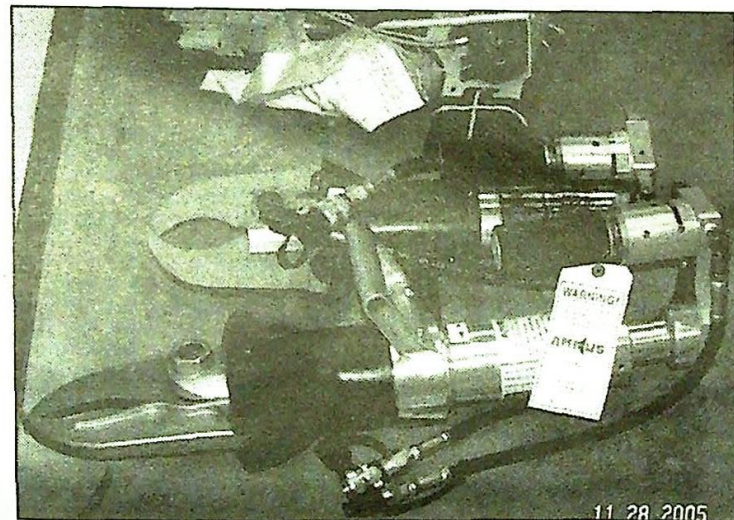
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Farmland training in-house with new Rescue 42 jacks and rescue tools. The car was turned over in the station for rescue tactics.

Randolph County sheriff, Jay Harris, observing in background, thanked the fire department for their service and cooperation with his department.

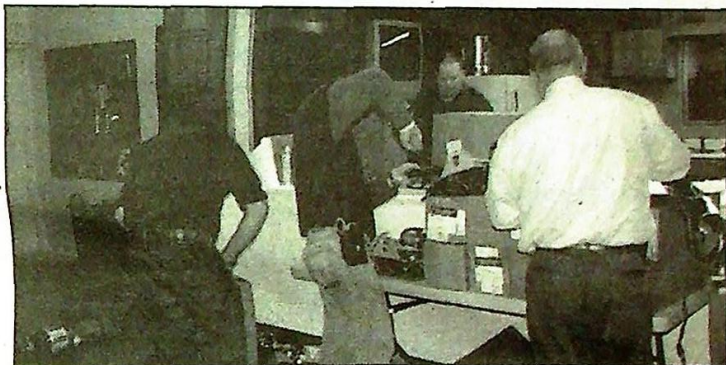
Farmland prepares Rescue trucks with tools



Farmland Volunteer Fire Department's new and used (refurbished) Amkus cutters are shown.

The new cutters are closest in the photo, with 360° handle for holding any direction for easy cutting.

The small cutter has been repaired with new cutters. Both pieces are used in Farmland's Rescue 34.



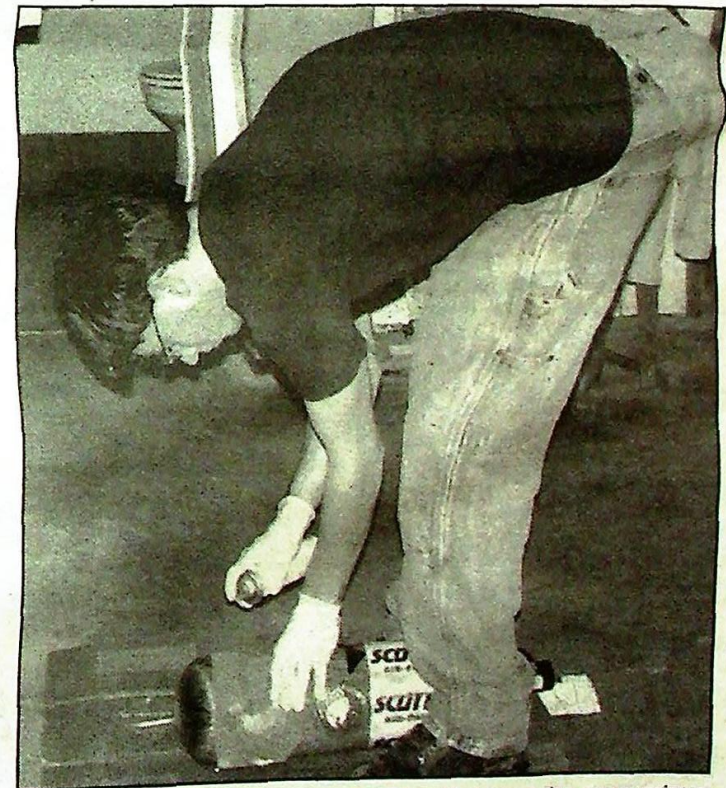
Farmland Volunteer Fire Department - Rod Pressel (Hoosier Fire), Melvin Nott, Mike Cothorn, Mike Osgood are shown getting rescue tools and air packs ready to go in to service.

Tools were purchased with grant money.



Farmland Volunteer Fire Department - Mike Cothorn and Melvin Nott getting the new air packs ready to be put into service.

Each firefighter has their own mask or face piece.



Farmland Volunteer Fire Department - Joe Bertram, using spray paint to identify our new Scott air bottles.

These air bottles and packs were bought through a FEMA grant.

- Photos and articles
submitted by Bill Sunday

Charter members receive Gold Cards



PHOTO ON THE RIGHT -

The Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department honored four of their charter members with 50 year Gold Cards for their 50 years of service on May 13, 2006.

Pictured from left to right -- Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame, Jack Kessler, wife Barbara, Ivan Bousman, wife Rosella, Robert Smiley, wife Jonnetta.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)

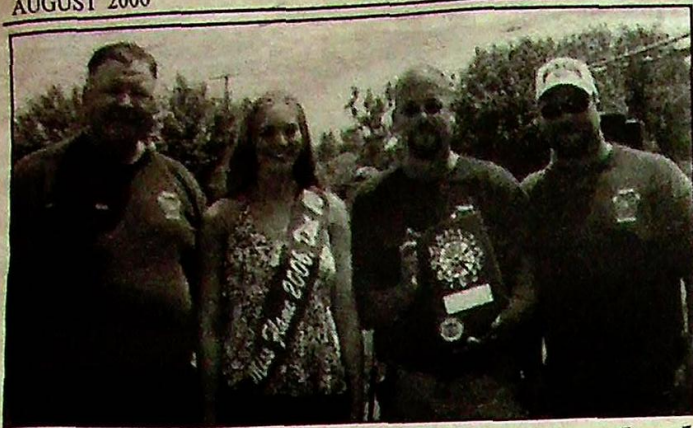
PICTURED ON THE LEFT --

Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame and George Cox.

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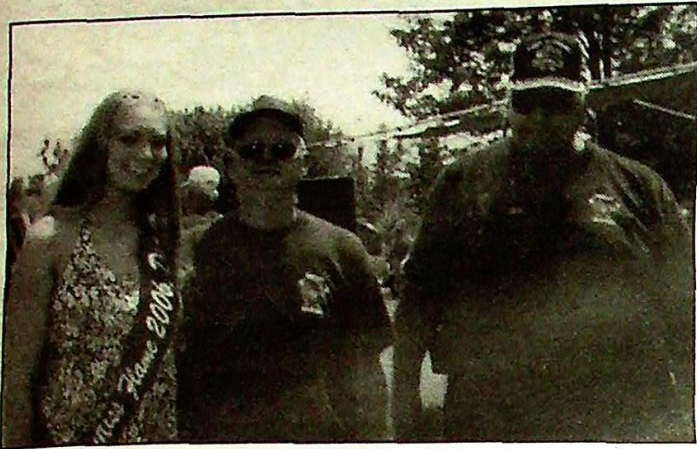


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Eaton VFD presented station clock

On May 29th, Eaton Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast and car show. The fire department was presented a clock for their new fire station. Pictured - left to right: Michael Cartwright, Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame, Kyle Goe, and Matt Hines. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)



Max Blair awarded 25 year pin

A 25 year pin was presented to Max Blair by Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame at the hog roast and car show held at the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department on May 29th. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)



Eaton VFD Members honored for 25 years of service

On May 29th during Eaton Volunteer Fire Department's hog roast and car show the following men were honored for their 25 years of fire service. Pictured from left to right -- back row: Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, Michael Cartwright, Fred Hollowell, Mike Murray. Front row: Kenneth Yoder, Daniel Stafford. Not present but receiving a pin were Ronald Pence and Noel Taylor. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)

Dunkirk VFD holds annual waterball contest



On June 3, 2006 after the Glass Day parade the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held their annual waterball. Doing battle is the Albany Volunteer Fire Department on the left and Redkey Volunteer Fire Department on the right. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)

This poem was written by Tiffany Clevenger whose father Greg Clevenger is on the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department in District 8B.

Firefighting

My heart starts to beat uncontrollably at the first sound of the pager.
 You wait to hear what fire-filled place you are going to next.
 Once that address is said, it repeats in your head like that one song you just can't seem to get rid of.
 In all the excitement, you run out the door with your shoes in your hands.
 You get into the vehicle, and throw that revolving blue light into the front dash and you're on your way to the next new adventure.
 The vehicle feels like an ant crawling when all you want is to speed up to a lion's pace.
 Once you pull into the fire department, you have to sort out all your thoughts and pick out the one that gets you moving out of your vehicle.
 All of your thoughts combine into one big blur, but before you know it, the boots, bunkers, headgear, and coat are going on your body.
 You run to the closest fire truck, unplug all the cords that connect you to the last hope of stopping yourself from going to harms way.
 All your feelings are connected to the truck and the fire, and whatever pain they are feeling, so are you.
 You place your helmet and gloves next to you on the seat, and fire up the rumbling engine of the old Engine 72.
 Your eyes go a little blurry from the sunlight as the door in front of you open, much too slowly for your likings.
 You head down the road with your hands gripped tight around the steering wheel, sirens blaring and lights flashing.
 You start to get kind of nervous as all the people start to pull over as they see you coming down the road.
 All the butterflies come rushing into your stomach when you see flames rising out of the top of the house.
 Red, yellow and orange are normally the colors of that tropical paradise, but for me, all you see is hell.
 It's the one place that you don't want to walk into...where the devil dances.
 There isn't a part of your body that doesn't try to tell your racing mind to not make another movement toward the fire.
 As you get out of the truck, the ground feels like quick sand wanting to take you down.
 All the voices at the fire blend in together...you have one person telling you to go one place and then someone else telling you to go another.
 Finally you recognize that one comforting voice...telling you to relax and everything will be okay.
 It's your first fire and you're all nervous, but they send you to the front line...you get to go into the fire.
 Wow...what do you do now, is the only thing that you can think.
 All you see is the glow of the flames right in front of your eyes and all you feel is the scorching hot heat from the fire.
 It is like the flames are talking to you, "You know you don't want to come in here."
 A little hope comes back to you whenever a firefighter comes rushing out with a child in hand, but all hope is lost when you hear that there are three more in there and you can't go in because it's too dangerous.
 And your heart sinks a little deeper because you can't save them all, you can't even save one.
 Instead of listening to what people are saying, your heart is telling you something else.
 You want to walk into those flames, heat, and smoke to become a hero...just like your dad.
 It feels like all a dream, until you walk into the flames and can't recognize anything because everything inside of you has went numb.
 What have you done, is the only thing inside of that you can recognize.
 Then you feel that comforting hand grab your shoulder and lead your way out of that smoke filled building.
 When you realize who has helped you out, you start to cry because you know that your daddy will always be there for you.
 Thank you Daddy...you're my Hero!!!!

Author: Tiffany Clevenger
 Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department
 District 8B



Myron Mackey awarded 25 year pin

Myron Mackey (left) of the Bicknell FD receives his 25 year pin from Sam Emery, IVFA District 17A chairman. (submitted by Sam Emery, IVFA District 17A chairman)

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Redkey VFD holds annual parade



The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade on May 27, 2006.

Future firefighter James Daniels, son of Mike Daniels of the Redkey Fire Department is all ready for the parade.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)



Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame, riding in the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department's parade on May 27, 2006. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)



Salamonia VFD recently holds pump training

The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a pump training class on April 15, 2006 at the fire station.

Pictured from left to right -- Ashley Theurer, Mike Link, Gary Theurer, Scott Hilifiker, Travis Theurer, Richard Theurer, and Matt Theurer.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)

Eaton VFD ... owners of new fire tanker



Eaton takes new tanker for field fires and small tanker use. Tanker has 1280 gallons of water and a 400 gallon a minute pump. It also has a deck gun on the front with a remote that will go from straight stream to fog from the cab. This truck is the most versatile in the fleet.

Special thanks goes out to Noel Taylor, Pat Kirby and Mike Murray for all of their hard work on the truck.

Pictured from left to right -- Pat Kirby, Noel Taylor, John Woolum, Fred Hollowell, Danny Stafford. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)

Sergeant-At-Arms

Bill Bush



Richard Theurer presented certificates for training



On April 13, 2006 Lloyd Wright, Fire Chief of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department presented Richard Theurer with his certificates for 24 hour training and his basic training. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B)

Collins recognized for years of fire service



Photo by Stacy Tierney

Pictured from left to right are: Henry County Firefighter Association secretary Jeff Beihl from New Lisbon, retired secretary Marvin Collins, Mt. Summit, and Scott Teague, president, Spiceland.

On February 27th, the Henry County Firefighters Association recognized retired secretary Marvin Collins for his many years of service to the group. Marvin was secretary for over 40 years and is only one of a very few surviving members of the founding group of men.

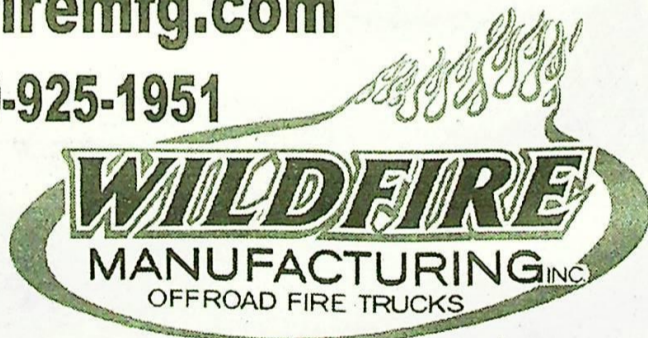
Marvin along with Barry Smith, retired assistant chief from New Castle, were the lead organizers of Shop with a Firefighter in Henry.

Marvin is also a Gold Card member of the I.V.F.A. and the Mount Summit Volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman)

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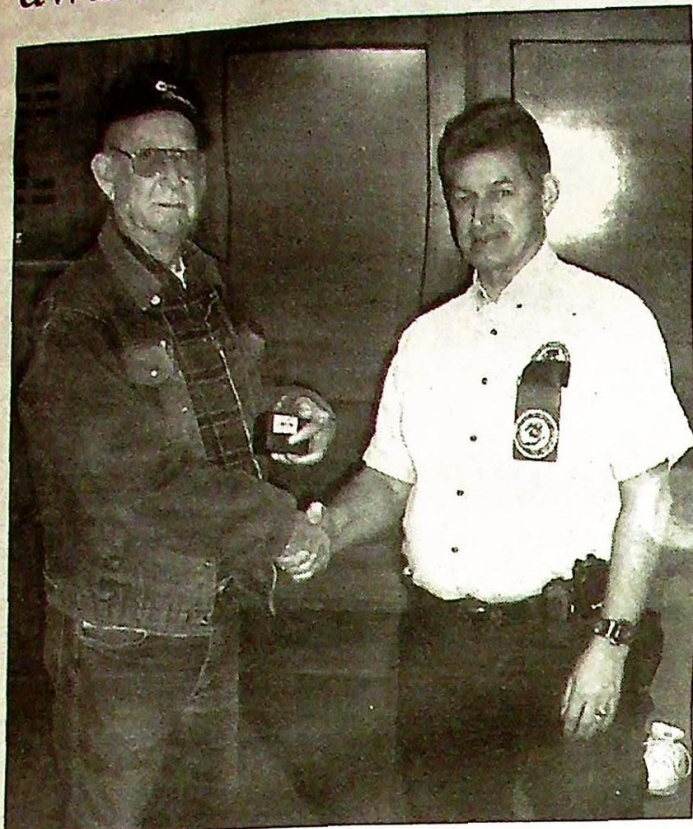
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Whitney Andrews awarded 50 year Gold Card



District 14 chairman Al Williamson presented Whitney Andrews with a 50 year Gold Card, and a watch at the Western Fire Company #3. (submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)



Two from District 9-A awarded 25 year pins

District 9-A Miss Flame Nichole Randle presented 25 year pins to Chuck Foreman and Ron Cree on the 3rd of July, 2006.

(submitted by Jean Randle)

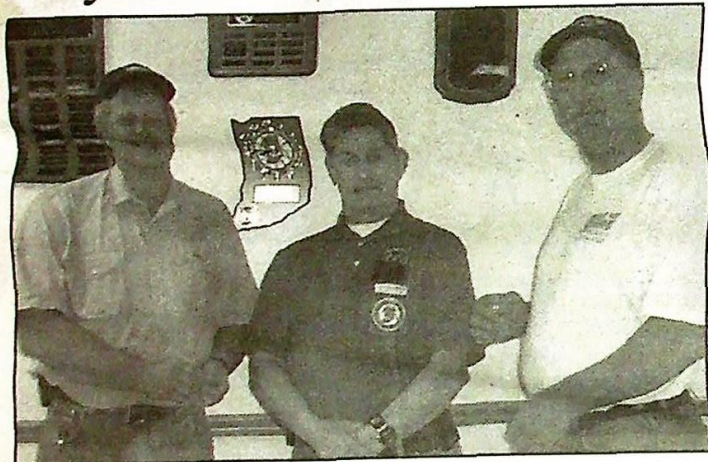
IVFAA Vice President

Martha Thomas



Have a safe and pleasant summer!

Two from Hamilton Twp. Fire Department awarded 25 year service pins



District 14 chairman Al Williamson presented 25 year pins to assistant chief W. Scott Thompson (left) and chief Donald Schmitker (right) of the Hamilton Twp. fire department. (submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)



Retired member Heeke presented 50 Year Gold Card

Dubois Fire Chief Myron Joe DeKemper presented retired member Dennis Heeke his Gold Card.

Dennis Heeke is also a retired state representative. (submitted by Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.)

Vincennes chief receives 25 year service pin

Tim Smith (left), chief of the Vincennes Twp. VFD, receives a 25 year pin from Sam Emery, District 17A IVFA chairman.

(submitted by Sam Emery, IVFA District 17A chairman)



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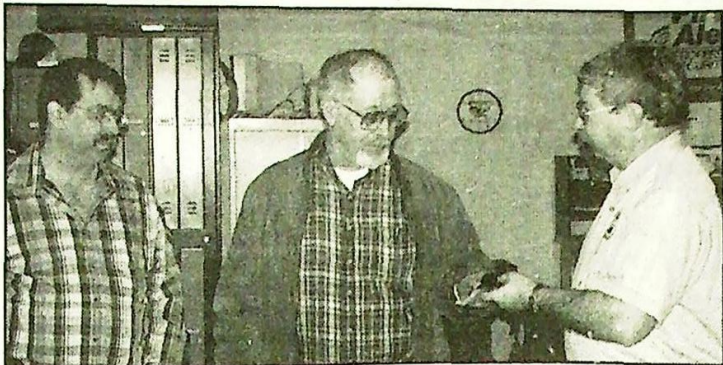
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Firefighter Berry receives 50 Year Gold Card

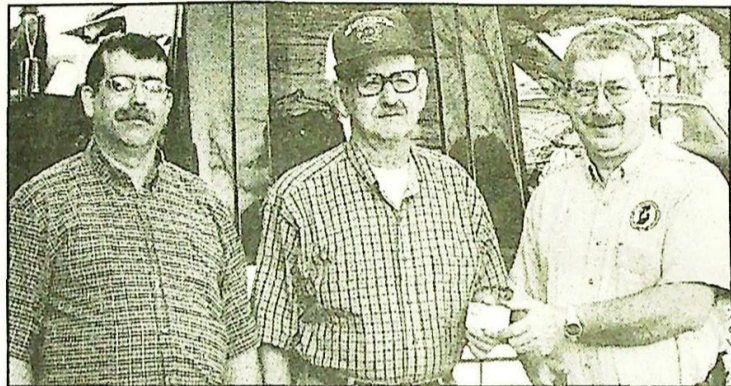
At a recent meeting of the Wayne County Firefighters Association held at Koorsen Fire Protection, Fountain City-New Garden Twp. firefighter Richard L. Berry received his IVFA 50 Year Gold Card. Pictured are (from left to right): Chief Jeff Himelick, Richard L. Berry and Dennis Spears, IVFA District 13B chairman.



Fifty year Gold card given to Wilmer Krietzer

Dubois Fire Department Fire Chief Myron Joe DeKemper presented retired fireman Wilmer Krietzer a 50 year Gold card.

(submitted by Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.)



Receives 50 Year Gold Card

At a recent fundraiser held at Fountain City-New Garden Twp. Fire Station, Fountain City-New Garden Twp. firefighter Francis J. Williams received his IVFA 50 Year Gold Card. Pictured are from left to right: Chief Jeff Himelick, Francis J. Williams and Dennis Spears, IVFA District 13B chairman.

Bill Fisher awarded 50 Year Gold Card

Dubois Fire Chief Myron Joe DeKemper presented retired fireman, Bill Fisher with his Gold Card.

(submitted by Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.)



Retired fireman receives 50 Year Gold Card



Dubois Fire Chief Myron Joe DeKemper presented retired fireman Leroy Friedman with his Gold Card. (submitted by Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.)

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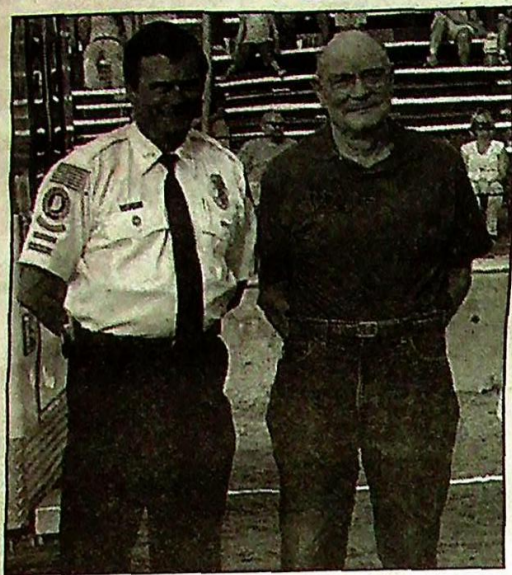


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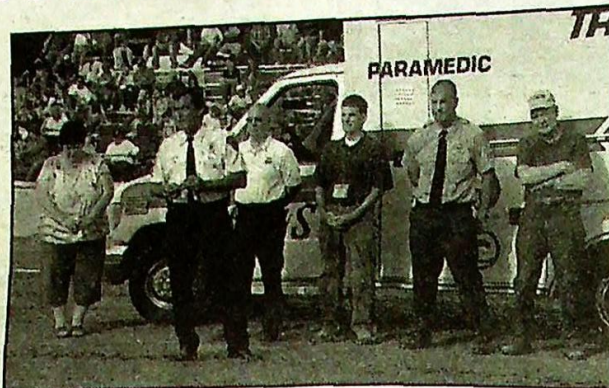
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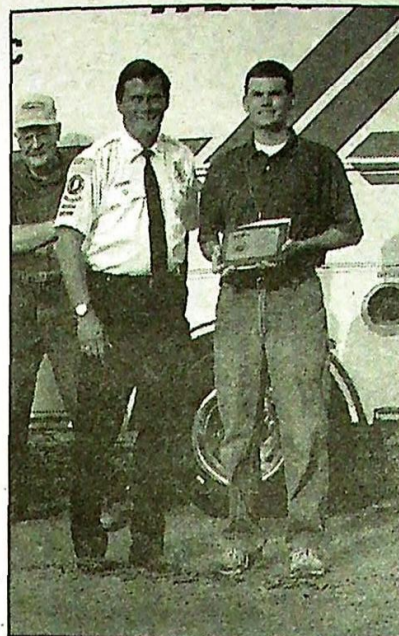
Awards given at Arcola Tractor Pull July 7, 2006



David Elick (left) with Fred Gruettert who received his 50+ years of service pin.



In the above photo - David Elick speaks to the crowd. Pictured below - David Elick (left) is shown with Steven Wilhelm and Mark Butts, who received their 25 year service pins.

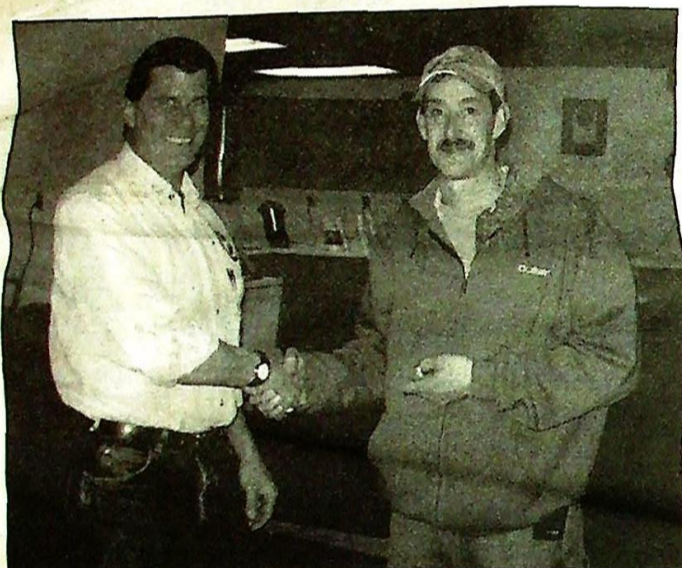


David Elick, left, is shown with Trebor Trahin, who was the 2006 Midwest Award winner for his dedication to the fire service in District 6.

Photos submitted by Ryan Schwab, Editor, Northwest News & Printing

November deadline: October 10, 2006

Fred Rayle Jr. receives 25 year pin



District 6 chairman David Elick (left) presents Fred Rayle Jr. of Concord Township Volunteer Fire Department with a 25 year pin. (submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

Five presented 25 year pins

On March 13, 2006 at the Haysville Volunteer Fire Department, District 18 chairman Chuck Parker presented five firemen with their 25 year pins.

They were (from left to right): district chairman Chuck Parker, Ronald Neukam, Dennis Neukam, Dan Livingston, Brian Buchta. Absent at the time of presentation was Steve Rottelt.

(submitted by Haysville PO Officer, Ed Dicus)



Bicknell FD member receives 25 year pin



Thomas Houghland (Bicknell FD) (left) receives his 25 year pin from IVFA District 17A chairman, Sam Emery. (submitted by Sam Emery, IVFA District 17A chairman)

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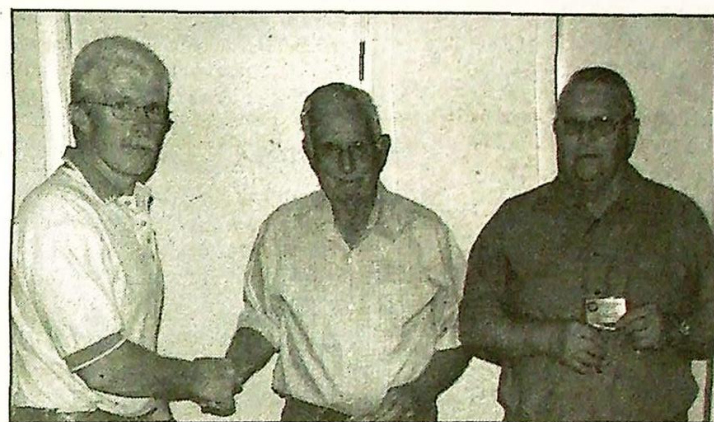


Guthrie Twp. FD holds open house of new station

On July 1 members of the Guthrie Twp. fire department, Lawrence County, held an open house of their new fire station. Shown in this photo are members of the fire department, District 17B chairman Tim Deckard and 17B Miss Flame Dawn Hillenburg. Station #2 will serve the west side of Guthrie Township in Lawrence County.

(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

Retired firemen awarded 50 Year Gold Cards



Chief Myron Joe DeKemper, (left), presented his father, retired assistant chief Morris DeKemper (in center) with his Gold Card and also presented to retired fireman Orville Mathies (right) with a Gold card.

(submitted by Dubois Volunteer Fire Department)

Retired fireman Seger awarded 50 year Gold Card



Fire Chief Myron Joe DeKemper presented retired fireman Ralph Seger with his Gold card.

(submitted by Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.)

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Second fire for RP Methodists

For the second time in its long history the congregation of the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church has lost its church building. Methodists first began meeting in Byron, near Rolling Prairie, in 1835 and in 1848 a small house in Byron was purchased for use as a parsonage for the newly formed North Indiana Conference. Abraham Salsberry was the preacher for the circuit which included: Posey Chapel, Hudson Schoolhouse, Mount Pleasant, Dawson's, Webb's School House, Springville, Terre Coupee and Byron. The Circuit had 174 members and 25 probations. Preachers on the circuit were paid \$262.17, with the presiding elder receiving \$31.11. By 1856, the Rolling Prairie Circuit, a part of the LaPorte District, was formed with the following appointments: Posey Chapel - \$21.12; Byron - \$22.43; Pleasant - \$13.25; Summit - \$8.25; Salem - \$20; and Lamb's Chapel - \$19.25. No collections were credited to Bethel, Rones, Bald Hill, or Redding, but public collections brought in \$12.45. Conference reports for the following years were much the same.

When John E. Newhouse was appointed to the circuit in 1864 he found disorganization, no class meetings, and no class books. Newhouse bought books and organized the circuit into classes, all the time complaining that people were not "Methodized". Newhouse said he "found a body without a head - a Rolling Prairie Circuit, but no Rolling Prairie Church." A subscription campaign begun in February, 1865, resulted in a contract to build a church. Work commenced in June of that year and the church building completed throughout by January 30, 1866. The original contract for the church was for \$3,400, excluding the furnishings.

After the dedication, Rev. Newhouse recorded one hundred seventy-one (171) contributions: twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) - old church at Byron; fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) - old house; and ten dollars (\$10.00) from teachers at Westville School.

The 44th annual session of the Northwest Indiana Conference was conducted at LaPorte First United Methodist Church from September 11 to September 16, 1895. A direct quote from the conference minutes states:

Fifth day of conference: Monday, September 16 - C.D. Royce stated that the church in Rolling Prairie had been destroyed by fire yesterday, and he moved that a collection be taken to aid in rebuilding. D.M. Wood moved to substitute that we extend our sympathy and that we commend the case to the Board of Church Extension. The substitute was accepted and the motion prevailed." Records show that Edwin J. Teeter was the lay delegate to the 44th conference from the Rolling Prairie congregation.

An item in the LaPorte Daily Herald newspaper, dated September 17, 1895, gave this account

At the morning meeting Rev. C.D. Royce announced the burning of the church at Rolling Prairie, and moved that a collection be taken to construct the new edifice. Dr. Colvin objected because there was no insurance. Presiding Elder Ogden made a rousing speech in favor of the motion. Dr. Wood moved a vote of sympathy to the church and commendation for aid to the Church Extension Society. The motion was carried."

A story ran in the same newspaper on September 16, 1895, with the following headline

HOLY SMOKE! METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ROLLING PRAIRIE DESTROYED

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Rolling Prairie was discovered to be on fire shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and regardless of every effort on the part of the citizens to extinguish the flames, the building burned to the ground inside an hour. It made a fierce fire and it is extremely fortunate that neighboring dwellings were not consumed. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It, however, is thought that spontaneous combustion was the cause. Others say it is quite probable that some of the congregation, in leaving the church, stepped on the head of a parlor match, it igniting and setting fire to the carpet. It burned so slow that the sexton did not see the same when he left for home about an hour after the service. It is not known what the loss is or whether

there was any insurance."

On September 20, 1895, the LaPorte Daily Herald, whose Rolling Prairie correspondent was Alvira Towner, carried the following item:

"Sunday afternoon about half past four o'clock, the cry of fire was heard and on looking out smoke was seen coming from the belfry of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the building is now in ashes. How the fire started is not yet known. It must have started in the closet under the stairs where the oil can and such articles are kept. The wind was from the south and the west. Mrs. Conant's house, just north of the church, was kept wet all the time, and most of the furniture was removed. Then Mr. George's close at the east, was completely emptied, but with heroic work the house was saved. During the burning there were six buildings that the roofs were kept wet, but as it was, Mrs. Anna Williams' did catch and so did Mrs. Florence Halter's. But such heroes to work. We will turn them out against any village.

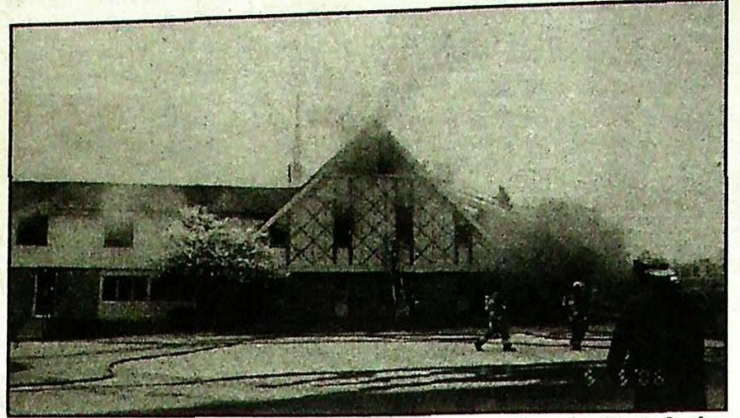


Photo by Doris Burkus

Trained firemen could not do better. The women and children helped. Pieces of burning shingle flew and fell everywhere in the draft of the fire. Then after it had burned down the wind changed and blew sparks and heat so that Mr. Powell's house had to be kept wet, and others on that side of the street. There was

nice dry maple wood piled in the church entry, where it is kept, that burned so long that although they sprinkled it a little, the men watched all night for safety. As it was Sunday, all the men of the village were at home and the Sunday School had been held at the usual time, half past two p.m. Had

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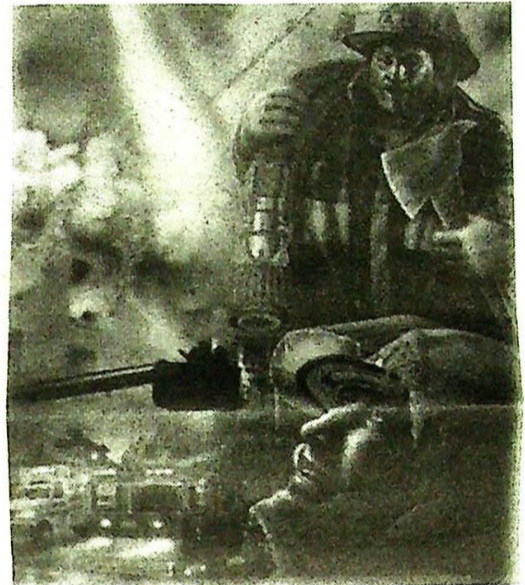
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that burned on a weekday and with all the men gone at that dry time, what might have been the result? There was no insurance on the church, so it is a heavy loss to the society here. It was built about thirty years ago."

After the loss of the church, Rev. George Cramer was preacher for a year and no serious attempts were made towards rebuilding, but a small newspaper item stated:

LEAGUE TAKES THE LEAD

"The Epworth League will take the lead. At least they expect to have a social this week, Friday evening, to begin raising money for the new church. They did nobly when the church was repaired with the new stained glass windows and they will do well now."

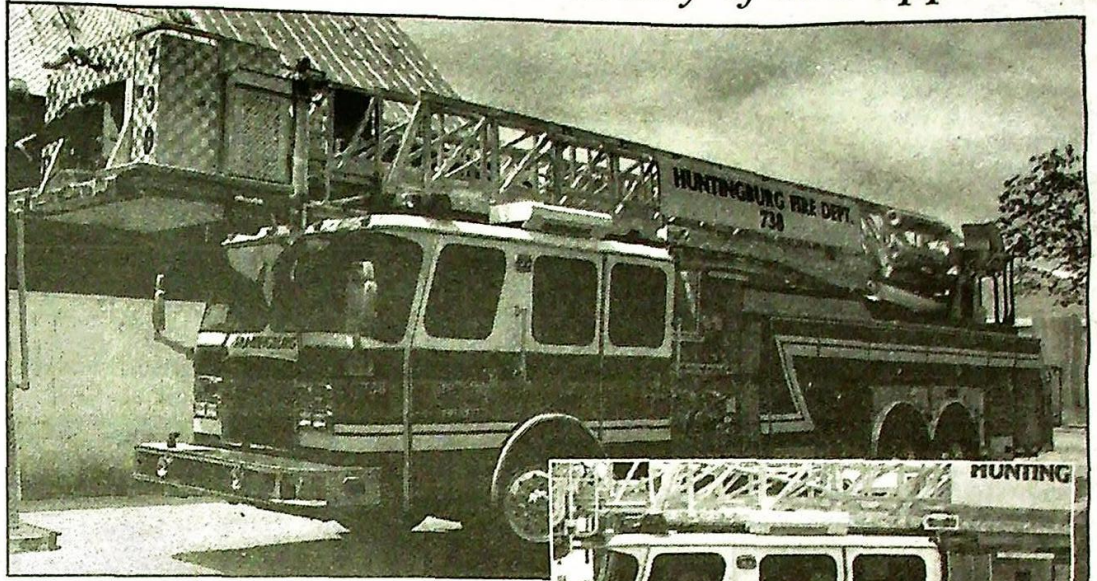
In September of 1897, Rev. Wm. Davis was appointed pastor of the Rolling Prairie Charge during annual conference. Davis was a go-getter, and immediately set about the task of rebuilding the church. The foundation was laid that fall before winter set in and in the spring of 1896 the church was finished. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Clarence C. Roysse, preacher of the old church when it was destroyed by fire, who was on a leave of absence to attend DePauw University at Greencastle. The church was built over a very small basement just small enough to permit installing a furnace, which was done immediately. The new church cost three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) paid to the contractor in cash raised by subscription. Its exterior was covered with white clapboard siding, and it looked much as the building does today, except for enlargement of the back entry and installation of new front doors. The steeple stood high above the church and the town. The white clapboards were complimented with wooden shutters painted black and plain golden stained glass was installed in the windows. Sliding doors that divided the back room from the main sanctuary also contained golden stained glass. The altar was three steps up from the main floor with a railing around its sides. A huge carved oak pulpit stood at the center of the altar and was approached by parishioners during communion services. This

building is today (2006) the Rolling Prairie Branch of the LaPorte County Library.

The contract for the new church building (which burned on May 5, 2006) was signed for \$134,000.00 with Earl J. Snook and Company with Robert J. Foltz as architect. Construction was begun on April 10, 1967 and the cornerstone laid on July 16, 1967. The first service conducted in the new church was on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1968. Dedication services were conducted later that year by Rev. Albert Northrop, pastor, assisted by former pastors, James E. Byrd and Herbert G. Wingard and Rolling Prairie Methodist's own Rev. James Russell. During the pastorate of Joseph Andrews, in 1978, an Upper Room was completed in the area directly behind the choir loft. This meant cutting into the choir space, but the Education Department needed more room for Sunday School so the sacrifice was made. Materials and labor, plus necessary funds, were donated in order to complete the room, used by third and fourth grade students. On January, 1981, the administrative board approved plans for an addition to be built above the Fellowship Class area to house expansion of the Christian Education Department. The rooms were ready for occupancy by December, 1981. Another tie to their heritage and the little old clapboard church in the heart of Rolling Prairie occurred when the brass bell purchased after the first disastrous fire was installed in the church steeple, downtown Rolling Prairie, during the spring of 1982. The bell was moved to the new building on highway 20 but was too heavy for the steeple presented to the church in 1982 by Elma Banzhaf as a memorial for her husband, Gust. The kitchen was the result of long hours of planning and hard work under the supervision of Russell Ritzler.

A condensed version of the history of the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church's buildings and disastrous fires by MCP, May 6, 2006

Huntingburg VFD takes delivery of new apparatus



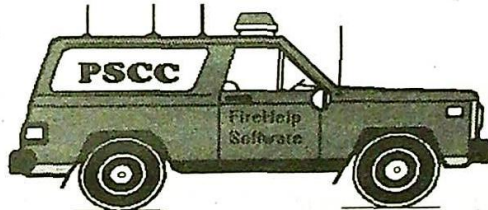
Huntingburg (Dubois Co. District 18) Fire Chief Glenn Kissling (shown on the right) takes delivery of its new apparatus from Dave Thomas of WFS Fire Rescue dealer Dave Thomas.

The new truck, an E-One, 95 foot aerial platform was delivered on May 3rd at the department's meeting.

"Christened" Ladder 738 the newest addition to the Huntingburg fleet boasts a 2,000 gpm Hale pump, 6-person cab, and meets the requirements for "Quint" designation. (submitted by John C. Smith)



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