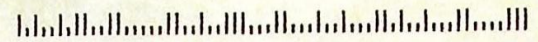


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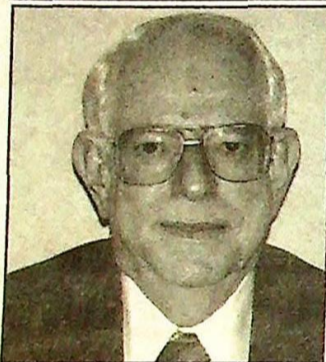
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## From The President

Larry Ketchem



Thank you District 15, Steve Anderson and the entire 2007 Convention committee for a GREAT convention. Looking forward to the next time.

I also want to thank Global Emergency Products for the 25 district plaques and the presentations of those at the convention. They were very nice.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients:

Mr. IVFA - Harold Capper  
 Ollie Sandberg - Greg Colip  
 Angel Award - E. J. Smith  
 Lois Boaz - Wanda Johnson  
 Miss Flame - Amber Farrer

Miss Flame Runner Up - Keri Davis  
 President's Award - Larry Bartlow  
 Bridgeport Scholarship - Megan Walker

Bridgeport Scholarship - Katelyn Bruns

Bridgeport Scholarship - Erin Hollaway All of you are very deserving of your awards.

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's awards. Write your letters of recommendation, watch for the various award committees in the newspaper and forward them for consideration.

"The IVFA is going to the Indiana State Fair!" We will partner with IDHS for a day of fun and education. Look for Tim Deckard's article in this issue of the newspaper to see what will be taking place at the fair. There's always something for everyone at the fair. Come out and get involved.

The Indiana Fallen Firefighters Annual Remembrance will be held on Friday, August 10, 2007 at 11:30 in Indianapolis. The IVFA will honor five Fallen Firefighters.

Before we know it, those big yellow busses will be back on the roads once again. Please watch out for them and their precious cargo. Parents, most of your vacations will start shortly...after they go back to school!! Hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and fall. Until next time, be safe.

Larry D. Ketchem  
 President

## 2007 Award Winners



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 Morgan Borden

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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 Chairman 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.  
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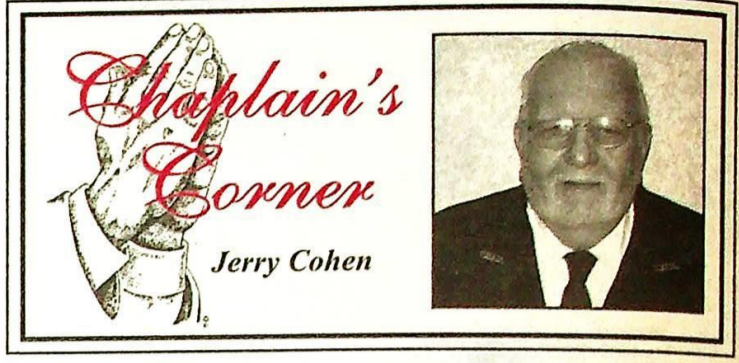
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## From The Vice President

David Elick



Thanks again to Steve Anderson and company for another successful convention. Congratulations to all of the award winners (you will find those listed throughout the paper), and our newly crowned Miss Flame. Also, thank you for allowing me to serve as your vice president for another year; it is quite an honor and privilege.

During the convention festivities, some rather large scale incidents took place across the state. One of which occurred in Elkhart County, and the Baugo Twp. Fire Dept. showed us just how easy interstate mutual aid can happen. Just another instance where a statewide mutual aid system could come in handy. Good job!!

Accidents. Accidents are by definition, "events that occur unexpectedly and unintentionally". I don't think any of us schedule pinching a finger in a compartment door, or slipping on a slick surface and falling on something hard, do we? If we did, we wouldn't have accidents any more. Yet, recently it seems experienced people are losing their lives due to accidents.

There is no amount of training, no certain amount of experience, any certification, law, or rank that can look into the future and predict an accident. Can these things help identify potential risks? Can these things, either in whole, or in part, help all of us, rookie and veteran reduce the frequency? The answer is definitely yes, they can help, but not totally eliminate accidents. When we prioritize our incidents, what are the first two things we look at? Our safety, and the safety of our crew. Everybody goes home. When we get back, and have a chance to critique our efforts, this is where we learn lessons from our efforts and help prevent potential accidents in the future.

The next time a call comes in, stop. Take a deep breath, and think safety! We can't do our job if we don't get there safely and efficiently. Remember, safety should feel really good. And like a firefighter friend once told me, "If it feels good, do it. If it feels real good, do it a lot!"

Stay Safe -  
Dave Elick

## Convention 2008 Paddlin' Down The River

The 19th District is ready to welcome you to southern Indiana. We will be working on getting the convention schedule in the next issue of the paper.

We understand there is a rumor going around that children are not welcome; this not true. We are planning a children's party and they are WELCOME to attend with their parents as in the past.

We are working on getting directions to Belterra for the next edition of the paper. Hope to see you all this coming June 18 to 21, 2008.

Stephen Macke  
Convention Chairman 2008

# Obituaries

## Lamoine Nusbaumer, 59

The former chief and a member of the Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department for more than 29 years, Lamoine Nusbaumer, 59, rural Keystone, died at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 26, 2007 on the family farm in Chester Township.

Born in Bluffton on April 5, 1948 to Kenneth and Mary Lou Thomas Nusbaumer, he married Joan (Clark) Kingery on Dec. 15, 1979 in Keystone; she survives.

A 1966 graduate of Chester Center High School, he was a lifetime member of the Chester Center Christian Church in Poneto. A lifetime farmer, he was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association and was serving as assistant fire chief of the Chester Township Volunteer Fire Dept. at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Other survivors include his parents of Keystone; two sons, Jody Nusbaumer, Keystone, and Barry (Anne) Kingery of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Tammy (Phil) Pearson of Marion and Lisa (Phil) Fedor of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Darrel (Debbie) Nusbaumer of Bluffton; three sisters, Carol Lugar of Keystone, Linda (Carl) Marvic of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marlene (Jim) Hoag of Craigville; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday May 30, 2007 at 10 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Rev. Dewey Zent and Bishop Cuestas officiating.

Burial was in Stahl Cemetery in Wells County. Preferred memorials can be made to the Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department Training Fund.

(submitted by Mort Sorg, District 7 chairman, with permission to re-print given by Mark Miller, Publisher, Editor, Bluffton (IN) News-Banner.

## John Kustron, Sr., 88

Past President John Kustron, Sr., age 88, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2007.

He is survived by his wife Bernice, one son, one daughter, one step son and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John was one of the founding members of the Independence Hill (now Merrillville Station 2) Volunteer Fire Department.

John held many positions with the IVFA and was one of the founding members with an original membership number of 72. He was elected the first Sergeant-at-Arms in 1948; President in 1950; Board of Directors in 1951, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1968; Secretary in 1952, 1953, 1963 and 1964.

John also served on the Ross Township Advisory School Board.

An IVFA Memorial Service was held on July 3, 2007 at the DeMotte, Indiana United Methodist Church. There was no visitation prior to the memorial service.

## Dennise M. Leslie, 40

Dennise M. Leslie, 40 of Freedom, born March 26, 1967, mother of Jeffrey Kennedy and Christopher Kennedy, was killed in the line of duty as a volunteer firefighter responding to a fire on July 2, 2007. She was born in Ann Arbor, MI.

She was a North Vigo High School graduate. Dennise was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church. She was a childcare provider, a licensed foster parent, and had driven a Special Needs bus for the Spencer-Owen Community School System. Dennise was a volunteer firefighter with the Coal City Volunteer Fire Department where she had held the positions of secretary and president. She was also a member of the Owen County Rescue Team and the Rope and Water Rescue Team. She was certified in mandatory fire fighting, NIMS 100, 200, 700, EVOC, CPR, First Aid and AED.

Mrs. Leslie is survived by her husband of 10 years, Robert W. Leslie, sons Christopher Kennedy, at home, Jeffrey (Alicia) Kennedy of Paxton, IN, mother and step-father, Jim and Diana L. (Delp) Edwards of West Terre Haute, brother Daniel Neal of West Terre Haute, sister Jamie Edwards of West Terre Haute, grandparents Gerald Delp of Newport, Marjorie Parsley of Vetersburg and Rose Neal of Athens, TN.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2007 at the Owen Valley High School Auditorium. Visitation was 4 - 9 p.m., Friday, July 6, 2007, also at the school.

## Fire Departments to be at State Fair August 13, 2007

Come join us at the State Fair Monday, August 13, 2007.

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Do you have a unique way of teaching fire prevention and public education?

Is your fire department unique in your community?

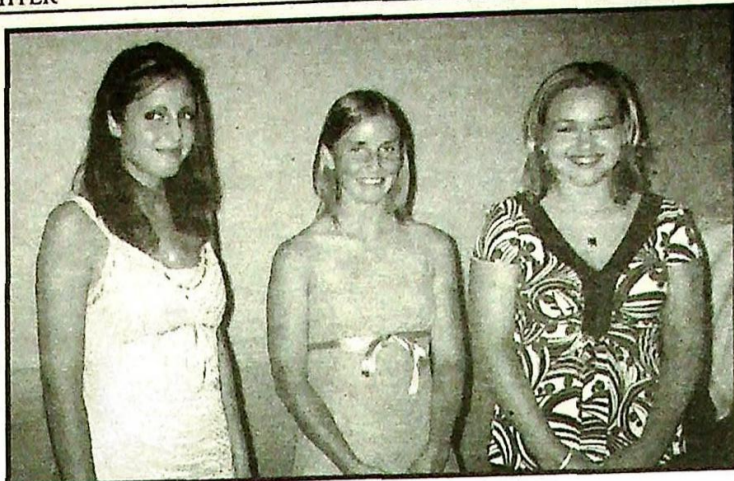
If so come join us for a day at the fair. On Monday, August 13, 2007 will be providing fire prevention and public education for the fairgoers. We are looking for departments to share their community to the whole state.

Sparky, the dog, fireman Freddie, the robot, vintage and new apparatus, Get Out Alive Safety House, and MORE!

If you got it -- we want you.

Come HELP us for this event.

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## 2007 Bridgeport Scholarship winners announced

The above are the 2007 Bridgeport Scholarship recipients. Left to right are Erica Holloway of the Churbusco Fire Department, Megan Walker of Milford Fire Department, and Katelyn Bruns of the Milan Fire Department.

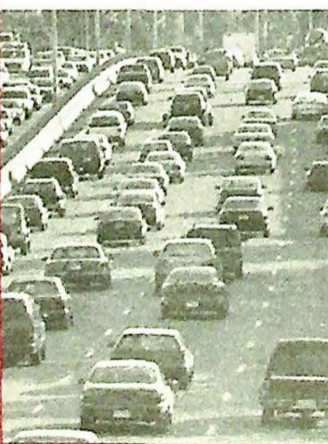
Erica will attend Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne where her emphasis will be on healthcare, to help and care for people is her desire, she has excelled in psychology and sociology classes in high school. Megan will attend Butler University in Indianapolis and has chosen the field of pharmacy as her profession. She has been a leader in both academics and extracurricular activities while in high school. Katelyn will attend Good Samaritan College of Nursing in Cincinnati and will make her career in the field of nursing. She feels nurses show love and compassion which has attracted her to this field. Her credentials show a tremendous work ethic. Each young lady comes forth with grade averages in the upper part of their classes. The IVFA congratulates each girl and wishes them success in each field. -- submitted by Carl Bruns

## Shinolt presented award



Ivan Shinolt being presented his lifetime membership in Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association by David Israel, District 10 chairman.

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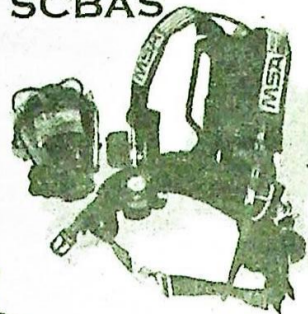
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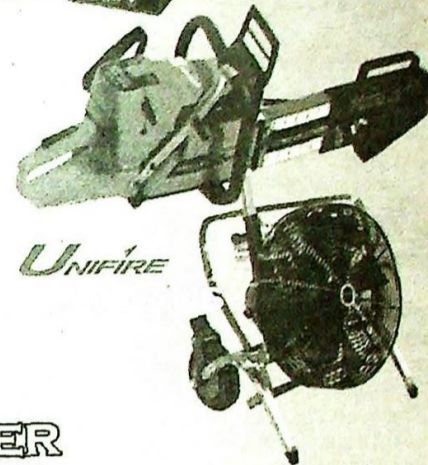
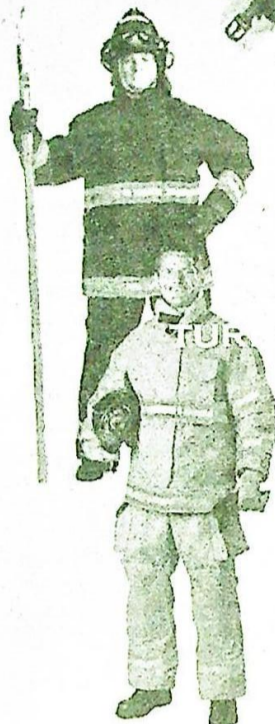
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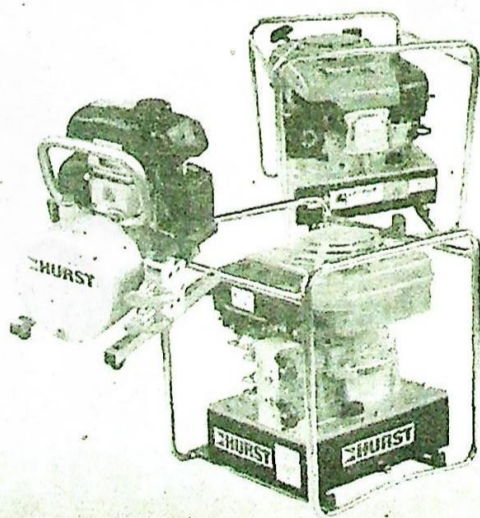
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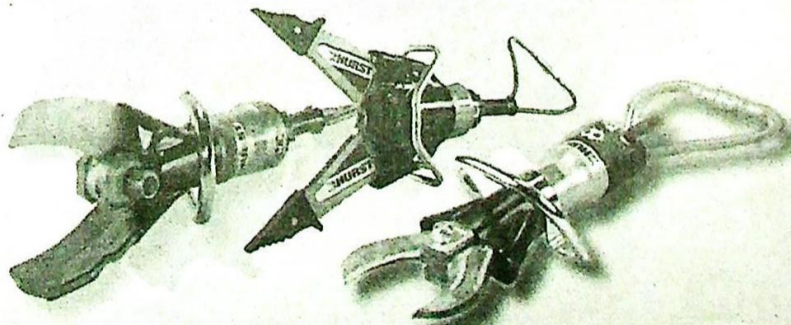
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN



Terry Smith

There were seven departments represented at the 4th district meeting held on April 25, 2007 at the Benton Twp. Fire Dept. with a total of 23 which consisted of 20 members and three guests.

Jean Smith, PRNE, gave a report on bills concerning the firefighters which are now in the Indiana House and Senate. A discussion also consisted of ways to increase interest and attendance to the district meetings. Chairman Smith discussed the importance of paying the I.V.F.A. dues by July 30, 2007.

Miss Flame District 4, Shelby Leach, presented the Benton Twp. Fire Department Chief, Frank Owens, with an I.V.F.A. clock to be displayed in the new addition which had been added to their fire department station. Chairman Smith presented Richard Longcor with his I.V.F.A. Gold Card for his 50 years of service and an I.V.F.A. member. Chief Owens also presented Richard with a service award. Chairman Smith presented a 25 year pin to Tom Coy of Benton Twp. Fire Department.

Chairman Smith attended the Memorial Service for Firefighter Loren J. Borkholder of the Nappanee Fire Department for nine years. Associate Chaplain Dave Sickelka conducted the Memorial Service after Firefighter Borkholder lost his battle with cancer.

Chairman Smith won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings to Miss Flame District 4, Shelby Leach, for her expenses to the I.V.F.A. Convention held in Evansville.

The next meeting will be held at Lakeville Fire Department on July 25, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was then adjourned.

## DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

MAY 21, 2007  
ANDREWS

GUESTS: Mr. Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:03 p.m. The membership then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 24 members from nine departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg advised all members to check for their beneficiaries being up-to-date.

Chairman Sorg gave a short update on the IVFA Convention games and the new revisions, with waterball being dropped from the agenda, as well as other IVFA Convention notes.

Chairman Sorg advised the membership of new training information, as well as the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Indianapolis on August 10, 2007.

Chairman Sorg reported on the past National Fire Caucus held in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast spoke briefly on the FDIC, the rededication of the Hoagland Fire Department Station after extensive renovations.

Jean also gave a short update on legislation including the fireworks issue.

Chairman Sorg announced the next meeting will be on July 16, 2007 in Berne.

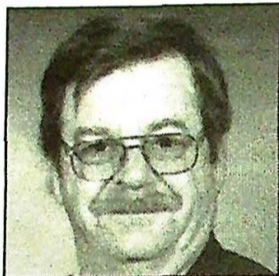
Mark Sale of Global Emergency Products announced the new company will take over the Midwest Fire & Safety Award and it will now be called the Global Award.

The second roll call was answered by 24 members from nine departments.

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

Gary L. Markley,  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

I would like to say "hi" to everyone in District 8A.

If you didn't attend the convention this year at Evansville, you missed a good time and interesting convention.

I would like to thank "Jones & Associates" for their seminar that they held in Frankton. I would suggest that you get ahead of them to schedule a training session in your department.

Well, it's getting warmer and drier. We may be experiencing more grass and combine fires. Please be careful out there, we don't need anyone getting hurt.

I wish to remind all departments about their dues are do. Please get these paid; we need your representation in this organization.

The I.V.F.A. will be at the State Fair this year. Please attend to see what is new.

Please attend your department meetings and district meeting for new information coming down the IDHS Pike.

Be careful.

Bill,  
District 8A chairman

## DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

Summer is here and the convention is over. I would just like to thank Steve Anderson and his crew on a job well done. Hope everyone had a good time. I know that my wife and I did. I really thought the Memorial service and the walk back was very moving. Thanks again for a great time at the convention.

The District 8B meeting was held on May 9, 2007 at the White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, IN at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. The pledge of

allegiance to the flag was said by all. Roll call was taken and there were 22 members present from eight different departments. They had a total of 53 fire runs and 76 EMS runs.

Lloyd talked about the different things that went on at the officer's meeting which was held in May. He also told them about the Memorial Day which will be held downtown Indianapolis on August 11, 2007. Also on August 14, 2007 there is going to be a day for firefighters at the State Fair.

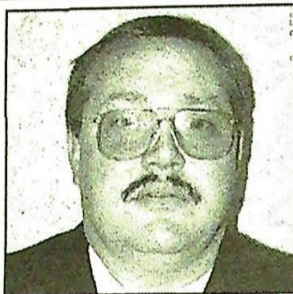
There is going to be a lot of things going on this summer at the different departments - fish fries, car shows, hog roasts, and waterballs. Please try and attend some of these things and support the different fire departments.

The next district meeting will be held on July 11, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. at the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department. Hope you all can attend.

The meeting was closed and all had a safe trip home.

Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B

## DISTRICT 9A CHAIRMAN



Jonathon Randle

The District 9A meeting was held March 22, 2007 at Cutler Volunteer Fire Department with nine departments represented. Refreshments were served before the meeting. Jon Randle presided over the meeting.

The program was presented by Indiana Farmers Insurance. We received a copy of the Indiana Codes that affect firefighting and determining a cause of fire - kinds of information that firefighters need to provide an investigator. They stressed the importance of documenting everything about a run so that we can use it if we are later called into court.

The minutes were read and approved.

There were no deaths or illnesses reported.

If dues are paid for inactive firefighters, they are eligible to receive a Bible upon their death.

Grants will begin again in mid-March. A report card will be done each month for those who receive grants.

Fire Prevention grants are available now.

Fire Service Institute meeting will be May 3 at Rensselaer Fire Station at 7:30.

Jim Bradford reported there are grants for fire trucks this year. We were 15th in the nation on grants received and 11th in money received.

Dues packets will be sent out in April. Check the roster for service date and beneficiary.

Buz reported there are no bills in the legislative session.

Morgan Borden was introduced as our Miss Flame candidate.

Guests were Bruce Yonkers, Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, Jim Bradford and Brad Idlewine.

Ron Wertz won the 50/50 of \$19.50 Bruce Yonkers won the door prize.

Next meeting will be May 24 at Delphi VFD.

Jon Randle - Chairman  
Joyce Ancil - Secretary

The District 9A meeting was held May 24, 2007 at Delphi Volunteer Fire Department with nine departments represented. The meeting was presided over by chairman Jon Randle. Guests were Buz Koehler, Bruce Yonkers, Jim Bradford and Jerry Cohen. The invocation was given by Chaplain Jerry Cohen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fireman's Bash at the Madam Carroll will be June 22 with the boat leaving at 8 PM.

No deaths or illnesses were reported in the district.

Burn Camp is May 30 with the open house at 10:00 and the parade at 11:30. Howard County EMA building burned last week. They lost most of their equipment including two pumpers, three ambulances, two tankers and other various fire equipment. They were able to save the Command post and Haz-Mat van.

Buz Koehler reported that the IVFA has two surveys on the Website.

1. Age of your department and history of how it started.

2. Department survey on whether your department pays for runs.

This information is needed to back up a bill to be introduced in the legislature to give us a tax break on what we are paid.

Bills -- The City of Indianapolis bill failed but part of it is still being considered.

Act 9 - allows cities to restrict the use of fireworks until 11 P.M.

Each department shall receive floor plans for all the schools in your fire area.

\$2 million has been given to Homeland Security to use for training firefighters. Any unused money will go to the training institute instead of going back to Homeland Security.

Nursing homes are required to have automatic sprinklers by 2012.

Jim Bradford questioned if each of us had received the newspaper. The deadline for the next issue is July 10.

If you have applied for a FEMA grant and was rejected, send it to Gary Robertson and he will circle what is wrong.

NIMS - 200 and 300 are not required until 2008. Not everyone must be trained but need to know someone in the area who is trained.

Driver safety film is available. We are working to host the Convention in Merrillville in 2008.

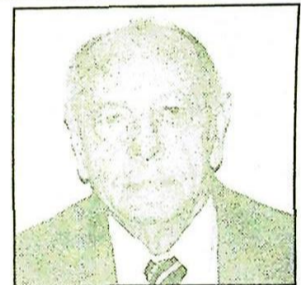
You cannot be late to work if you are an essential employee - you MUST report to work. Form for this is on the Website.

Chuck Foreman won the 50/50 pot of \$11.00.

Next meeting will be at Flora on July 26 at 7:30.

Jon Randle - Chairman  
Joyce Ancil - Secretary

## DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

Congratulations to the awards winners at this year's convention and to

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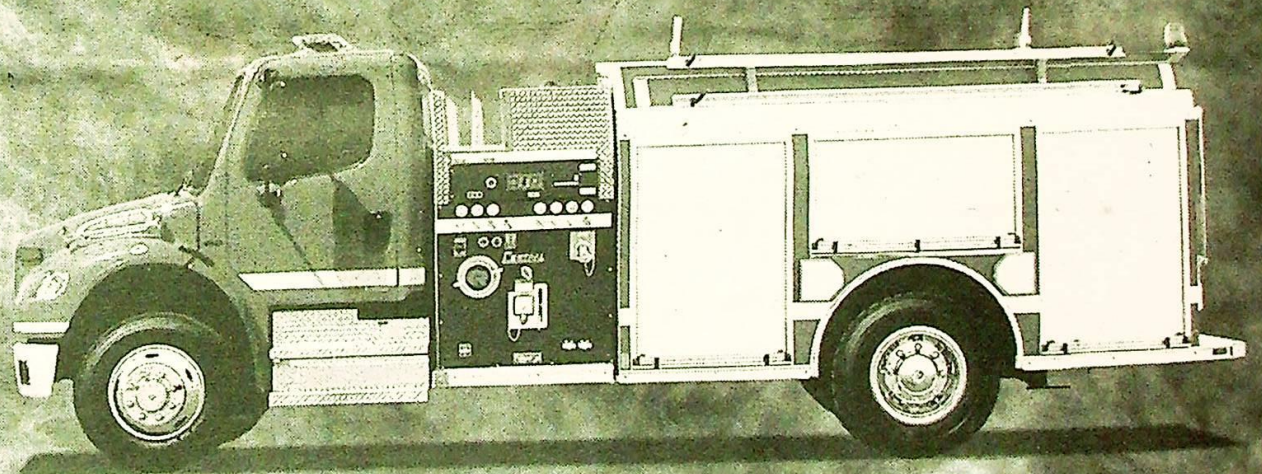
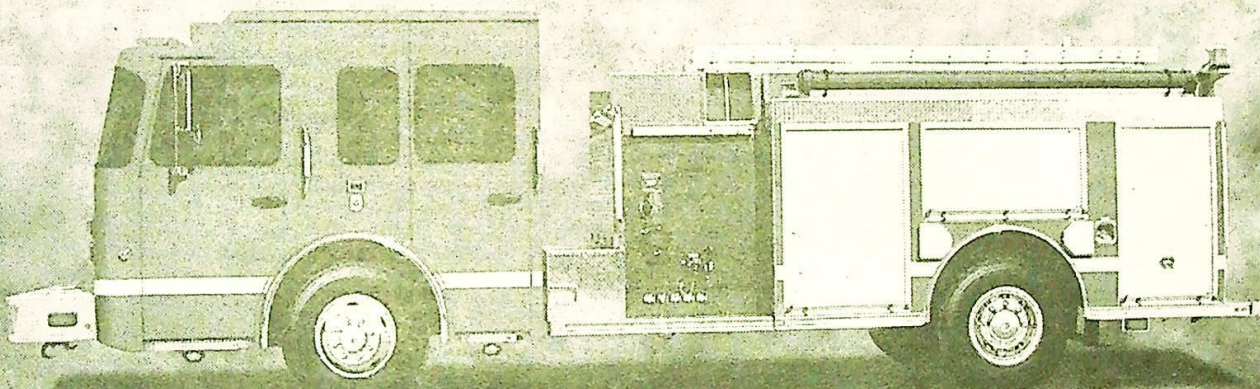
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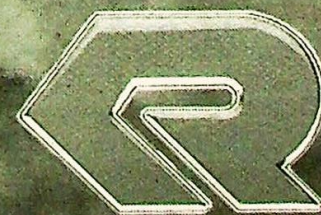


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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## District 11-A . . . . .

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the convention committee for a job well done.

Districts 11 A and 11 B will hold their September meetings jointly at 1:00 p.m. on the 9th at Fairbanks park in Terre Haute. This will be a picnic (carry in). District 11A will hold the November meeting on the 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Farmersburg.

My deepest sympathy goes to the family of Dennise Leslie and to the Coal City volunteer fire department. Firefighter Leslie lost her life July 2nd in an accident while responding to a reported fire. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Robert and sons, Christopher and Jeffrey. A memorial was held Friday, July 6th at Owen Valley High School. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 7th at the same location with final services being held at the Coal City Fire Dept.

In the May issue of this paper was an article submitted by our Chaplain entitled "Two Glasses Of Wine". If you did not read the article I would like to encourage you to do so and thank you, Jerry, for sharing.

Until next time, work safe and enjoy the great weather.

*Robert Meyers  
District 11A Chairman*

**IT'S THE LAW** - as of July 1 you must wear your seat belts in trucks.

No more saying trucks are exempt.

## DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



*Wm. Brent Bush*

St. Bernice  
May 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by state Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush and the Invocation was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. Chairman Bush presented the names of the guests present and introduced the speaker, Eric Lee from the Renewable Ag Energy who spoke on the construction of the new ethanol plant being constructed in Cayuga in the near future.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. Roll call was taken with 15 members from five departments present. State president Larry Ketchem announced the search for those departments in the state with over 100 years of history. He appointed state historian John Davies to head this project. President Ketchem stated that there had been five (5) fallen firefighters in the last

14 months.

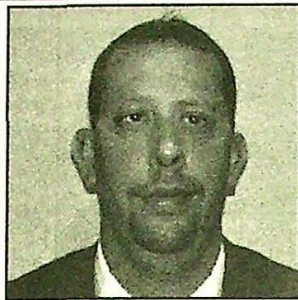
Chairman Bush announced the nominating committee for the next election. They are Larry Southard, Dwayne Osborne and Bill Bush. After some discussion a motion by Larry Southard, seconded by Dwayne Osborne to make a by-law change, adding the office of historian as an elected position. The motion passed.

State president Ketchem spoke on the ten (10) training sites proposed throughout the state by Homeland Security. Chairman Bush presented Chief Larry Hawley the host certificate. District fund raisers were announced.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies,  
Secretary*

## DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



*Charlie Moon*

Greetings,  
Hello from District 14.

I would like to thank Steve and his district for putting on a great convention this year.

A lot of new things will be happening over the next few months in our district, so be watching for the letters and e-mails.

I would like to thank all the departments that have invited me to visit. I enjoyed meeting every one of you and hope to be able to visit again.

Our Miss Flame, Kadie Coyne has been traveling with me and has made our district proud. Congratulations to her and all the others participants in this year's Miss Flame contest. They were a good group of girls this year and did an outstanding job.

A new fire department was opened in Owen Township. It is a beautiful department and is well deserved.

As you may know summer is here and each and every one of us are needed more and more the hotter it gets, so please remember to stay safe and drink plenty of water.

*District 14 Chairman  
Charlie Moon*

## DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



*Steve Anderson*

We have been quite busy in the district with hosting this year's convention (see post convention report). Thanks to all workers for making this a great success.

In other news, officer elections were held at the July meeting - results not known at deadline. Host for this meeting was the Fort Branch VFD in their new firehouse, rebuilt after last year's devastating fire.

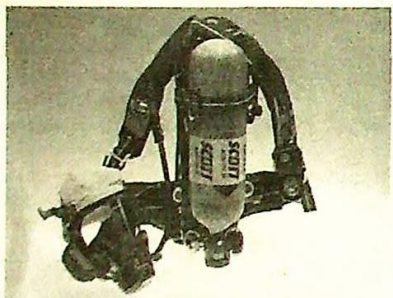
Our district waterball contest will be held Aug. 11, starting at 1:00 in Owensville.

The September meeting will be held at Perry Twp. VFD station 2 on the 18th.

*Submitted by S. Anderson*

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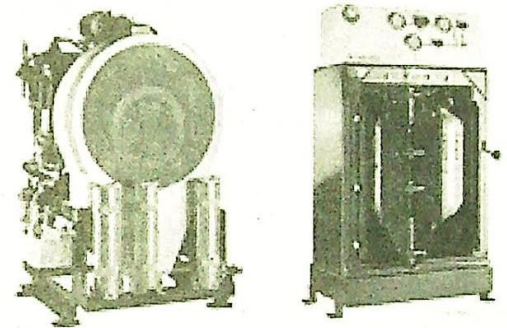
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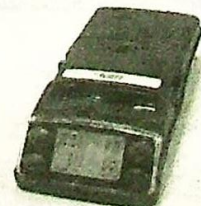
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Jack Harker

My last District 17A meeting was held at Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department on May 23rd. There were 25 members present representing five departments. There were 13 guests present.

A 50-year Gold Card was given to William Traylor of Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department for his years of service on the fire department. Also, Phil Taylor was presented his 25-year pin.

The next District 17A meeting will be on July 26th at Washington Twp. Fire Department in Washington, IN. I hope to have a good turnout.

Jack Harker,  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings everyone in District 17B. Summer has finally hit us and boy is it going to be a hot one.

Big congratulations go out to Steve Anderson, District 15 and the convention committee for a GREAT 2007 convention. Another convention full of activities. Two most distinguished awards was presented to two deserving people this year.

Mr. IVFA was presented to Harold Capper of the Hope Volunteer Fire Department. After Mr. Capper's long dedication to the fire service and his community, showing his leadership and commitment, this award went to a deserving individual. Next was the Lois Boaz presented to Wanda Johnson from Richland-Taylor Fire Department, Greene County - another deserving individual active and supporting her fire department along with the community.

The fire service has lost some firefighters. District 17B members

has bid farewell to two of its own. Tom Kern of the Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department of Lawrence County and Willis Finley of the Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Department of Brown County. Both men were lifetime members of their departments giving a lifelong comment to their community and the organization in which they loved. We are saddened by the loss of our brother and sister killed in the line of duty. Mike Kelsey killed in South Carolina, a native of Washington and recent Dennis Leslie of the Coal City Volunteer Fire Department killed while responding to the fire station to respond to a grass fire. The hearts and prayers go out to the families of all these who have gone home.

We heard at the convention our guest speaker say "engage in your future or someone else will engage your future for you". May I encourage each one to reach the extra mile for the fire service, if you are the one who sits back and complains all the time without getting in and doing, then get up and help your fellow brother.

Keep it safe.

Tim Deckard  
District 17B

## DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



Charles Parker

The May 17th meeting of District 18 was hosted by the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department at the Spencer County 4-H Center in Chrisney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chairman Chuck Parker. Sixty-eight members from 20 departments answered roll call and reported a total of 254 calls. Guests at the meeting included Jack and Barbara Kerney, Chairman of the Board, and Central Office respectively; Jim and Stella Abrams, Public Relations Director of the Southwest District; Jack and Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman and state treasurer respectively; Pat Wilmoth, Firefighters Credit Union; John Buckman, Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Keith Sanders, Mid America Fire and Safety Company; Jillian Hemmer, District 18 2006 Miss Flame, and Katelyn "Katie" Rickelman, 2006 State Miss Flame.

A prayer and moment of silence was observed in the passing of Chris Leiberling, Spencer County Commissioner; Steve Brinksneider, Tell City VFD; and Delbert VanWinkle, Troy VFD.

A nominating committee was appointed by chairman Parker for the district election of officers July 19 at Celestine. Serving on the committee is Dick Schmitt, Haysville (Dubois County), Frank Daunhauer, Carter Fire District (Spencer County), and Larry Riesenbeck, Lockhart Township (Pike County). John Buckman, Chief of Indiana Firefighter Training Section of Indiana Department of Homeland Security, spoke on the state's firefighter training program.

Parade entry packets were distributed by the Haysville VFD for the Fire Prevention Parade to be held on Sunday, October 14, 2007. Included in the packet were the District's Miss Flame contest entry forms.

The District's Annual Memorial Service will be held at the Carter Fire District's Headquarters in Dale on September 20, 2007.

This being the last District 18 meeting that Katelyn "Katie" Rickelman would attend as state Miss Flame, words of thanks and praise were extended for a job well done and best wishes for a great future. "KATIE", WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!! Note: "Katie" is the fourth state Miss Flame from District 18 and the second for the St. Henry VFD in Dubois County.

Thanks to District 15 chairman, Steve Anderson, and the entire 2007 Convention Committee for a GREAT CONVENTION AND A JOB WELL DONE!

Kenneth F. Lau  
District 18 Secretary

## DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

Steve Anderson and the 2007 convention committee did a wonderful job with this year's convention. Everything was great.

Congratulations to Rachel Butt for representing District 19 in the Miss Flame contest and to Joe Schneider, Morris V.F.D. on receiving the Global Award.

Congratulations to all the state award recipients.

We are making plans for the 2008 convention at the Belterra Casino, Vevay. We hope everyone can attend the convention July 16th to the 19th, 2008.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ed Scheele  
District 19 chairman

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# Legislative Report

by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ.  
IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

July 10, 2007

I hope you all enjoyed attending the IVFA Convention. As you heard, the Legislative Committee and I worked very hard under difficult circumstances to advance the IVFA's legislative agenda, and I hope you found the handout that I provided to be beneficial.

Even though it is now Summer, work for the upcoming session is underway. As you may have heard, some mayors throughout the state, including Mayor Bart Peterson of Indianapolis, are calling for a special session to address real property tax reform. Property tax increases in Marion County have increased as much as 600%. The amount of tax increases depends on the rates set by your local units of government. These significant increases are a result of the elimination of the personal property tax on business inventories approved by the legislature in 2002 for which we are just now seeing the effects. Also, this year's tax bills reflect the reassessments performed in 2002.

There were many bills sponsored in the 2007 session to restructure, or even eliminate, real property taxes. These taxes pay for, among other things, the services of local governments and for schools, so obviously before property taxes are eliminated, some other sources of income will have to replace those funds. I expect that the 2008 session will focus on real property tax reform due to the great amount of public outcry and dissatisfaction with the current system being expressed by homeowners throughout the State.

Despite the efforts of a few determined members of the legislature to effectively deal with property tax relief this session, rather than postpone it to be handled by future legislators, no relief was provided. Republicans in the House proposed a \$750 million fund for immediate property tax relief which was to be applied to property tax bills before homeowners received them, but this proposal, which also included specific spending cuts to fund the additional relief, was soundly defeated. The Democratic majority decided to enact a "rebate program" which allows for part of the real property taxes homeowners pay to be rebated back to homeowners, most likely in November. The administrative costs of providing each rebate is at least \$25.00 per homeowner. That administrative expense will be added to the

following real property tax bill.

In some counties or townships, an optional income tax to help replace some of the income which would otherwise come from real property taxes, and thereby limit the real property taxes somewhat, was adopted. Therefore, in your area you may see a lesser increase in real property taxes than that in some areas of the State, but a small increase in the local optional income tax.

I very much doubt that a special session will be convened by the Governor to address real property taxes. Even if a session were called, no reduction of property taxes could be implemented for this year. You may wish to contact your legislators to ask them to require political subdivisions to implement at least a portion of the optional income tax to reduce the real property taxes on homeowners and to provide other meaningful property tax relief while still maintaining, if not in fact increasing, funds for public safety needs. An increase in the optional income tax could be used by local governments to help pay for the increases in the costs of providing fire and emergency management services in your areas. Legislators need to be encouraged to come up with creative ways to fund expansions in the scope of the delivery of fire and emergency medical services to be provided by volunteer departments due to expansive growth occurring in some areas.

Having the legislature allow an increase in fire protection tax levies to compensate political subdivisions and volunteer departments for additional expenses incurred to offer services in areas with explosive growth remains on the IVFA's legislative agenda for 2008. Invite your State representatives and State senators to your Summer pancake breakfasts, chili suppers, golf outings, and monthly meetings to inform them personally that the legislature needs to take action to fiscally secure the ongoing operations of volunteer departments. Your conversations with State legislators do make lasting impressions and help them to see firsthand the real needs of the fire departments as well as the needs of their constituents. If you do have personal contact with a State senator or State representative, please let me know so that I can follow up with that legislator regarding bills for which we will be seeking sponsors after the November election. I can be reached via e-mail at [sbeering@cohenandmalad.com](mailto:sbeering@cohenandmalad.com) or by telephone at (317) 636-6481. I look forward to continuing to represent the IVFA this year.

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# Convention 2007 Post-Convention report

On behalf of the entire 2007 committee, I want to thank you for allowing us to serve as your host for this year's event. I hope everyone had a great time. I know that we did.

Highlights for those unable to attend included: a packed vendor hall plus an apparatus display of over 20 vehicles; an enormous turnout of over 400 for the pre-convention picnic; an emotional ending to a wonderful memorial service; Gary Robison lending a hand to Steve Lane; a tour of the only LST still in operation; and a great performance by The Duke Boys to close out the week in style.

We want to thank all of our sponsors for their support. We want to thank all of the vendors for their attendance. We especially want to thank the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center, D-Patrick Ford and Trinity UMC for allowing us the use of their facilities. And finally, a big thank you to The Executive Inn for serving as our host hotel.

We wish good luck to the 2008 host committee. We will be glad to assist you as the need arises.

See everyone next year at Belterra.

Steve Anderson, Chairman 2007

\*\*\*We are working on a plan to make a DVD of the convention pictures available for purchase. If anyone is interested in an order form, please contact me by email, phone, or U.S. mail. (see listing on page 2 of newspaper)

# Bridgeport Scholarship winners say "Thank You"

June 18, 2007  
Dear IVFA and Bridgeport Scholarship Committee,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding me the Bridgeport Scholarship.

My parents and I enjoyed the banquet in Evansville. It means a lot to me and the community that you give out this scholarship every year.

The scholarship money eases the financial strain of paying for college. I truly appreciate the assistance you have given me to further my education at Butler University in the field of pharmacy.

I plan on keeping you updated about my progress during this upcoming school year.

Thank you,

Megan Walker  
2007 Bridgeport Scholarship recipient

Dear IVFA & Bridgeport Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund,

I want to thank you for giving me the honor of receiving the Bridgeport Memorial Scholarship. I was deeply honored to have received it.

I am the daughter of Milan Volunteer Fire Department member, Bill Brunns Jr. I will be attending Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science to become a nurse.

Most importantly, I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your service that you give throughout Indiana. The state of Indiana is a much safer state because of dedicated individuals like you.

Growing up in the emergency services family I know what sacrifices you have to make. I have been asked if it ever bothers me that my dad's beeper goes off in the middle of a band



Katelyn Brunns

concert, sporting event or some other special occasion that we may be at. I am quick to say NO! I am proud of my father and the service he gives to our community. I tell them that if it was your house or your family's emergency wouldn't you want people like my dad to take care of you?

I know I sure would! I want to follow in my father's steps and give back to our community, too. Becoming a nurse is one way I plan to do that.

Thanks again for your generosity in providing scholarships to fire fighter children like myself. I promise to do you proud!

God Bless All of You.

Sincerely,  
Katelyn Nicole Brunns

## PLEASE NOTE FOR 2008 CONVENTION

### GO-ERS .....

Children are welcome at next year's convention at Belterra, they just can't go on the boat.

## DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12, It's that time of year when we are all very busy.

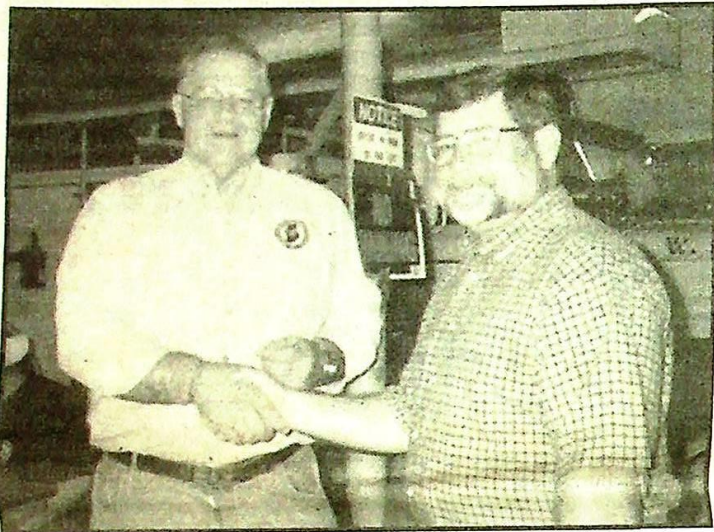
We have dedicated two new stations in District 12, Eel River Volunteer Fire Department of North Salem and Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department of Monrovia.

Our last meeting was held at the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department's new station.

A special thanks goes out to District 15 and the 2007 convention committee on the fine job they did at this year's IVFA annual convention at Evansville.

I hope this finds you in good health, God's speed and be safe.

## Twenty-five year pins awarded at White River VFD supper



On April 3, 2007, the White River Volunteer Fire Department, Winchester, Indiana held a ham and bean supper.

Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman presented Doug Simmons with his 25 year pin.

From (left to right) Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman and Doug Simmons - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman presented John Witt with his 25 year pin. From (left to right) Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman and John Witt. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

## Task Force 6 organizing

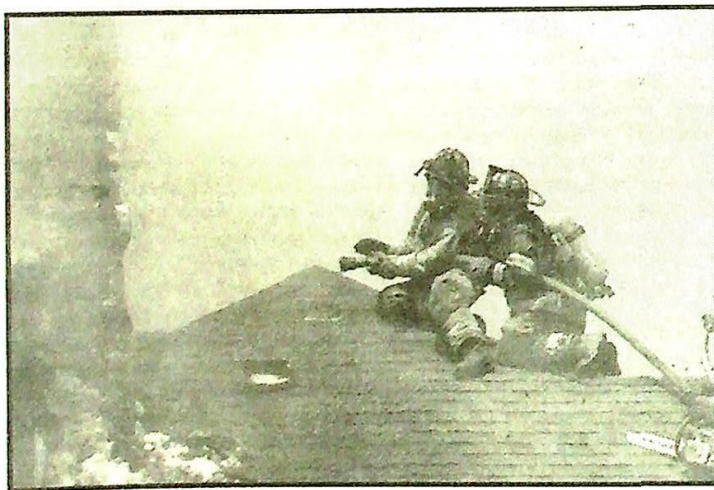
### Attention All District 6 Firefighters

Attention all firefighters in Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Grant, Henry, Howard, Jay, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Tipton, and Union counties, Indiana Department of Homeland Security District 6 or Task Force 6 is organizing.

We would like a representative from each of these counties to represent your county in this organization. The Task Force 6 Training Committee would like to get representation from all 13 counties, we are asking you to ask your Chief's Association or County Association if a representative has been selected to attend these meetings. Task Force 6 will become the distribution center for Indiana Department of Homeland Security training assistance, financial assistance, etc. The committee has thus far secured funds to purchase materials for training props to be used for the Mandatory and Firefighter I & II practicals. Two sets of props will be stored in trailers and strategically placed in the district for use in these classes. The remaining props are being located in each county. The committee is in the process of writing By Laws and developing an elected committee to administer the assets from the State of Indiana. We don't want to leave anyone out of the planning process and hope that every county will assist us in this endeavor. For information call or e-mail:

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Mark Keck  
dmkeck@cityofanderson.com  
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## Lowell VFD fights two house fires in one week



On May 7, 2007 the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was dispatched to a house fire that was approximately eight miles from the station, in rural Lake County, IN.

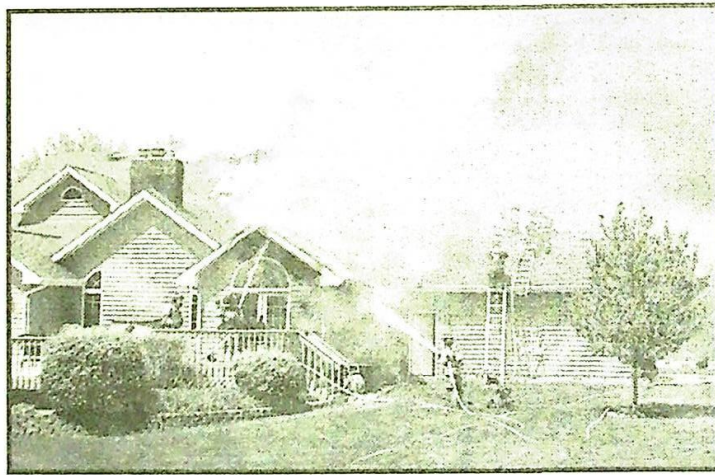
When the fire department arrived, the house was totally involved in the upper level. There was fire in the attic portion of the upstairs, above the bedrooms. The fire had also breached the attic space above the kitchen. This caused some fire damage to the kitchen area.

The fire was brought under control at 16:30 hours. The fire department was able to wrap up and leave at 18:00 hours. The fire was started by a propane heater sitting on the deck, at the rear of the house.

The Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was assisted by the following departments: Cedar Lake, Lake Dale, Crown Point Fire, Beecher Fire, Beecher, IL, and Crete Township Fire, Crete, IL.

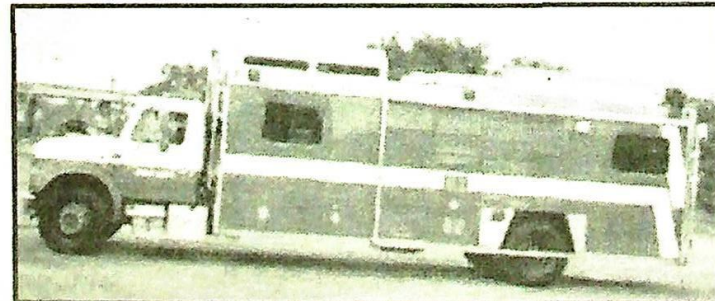
On May 20, 2007, the department was dispatched to a house fire approximately eight miles east of Town in a rural area located one mile north of State Road 2 and one mile east of I-65.

Upon arrival, the fire department found the house totally involved in the attic space. Fire was along the eaves at the soffit level. The fire had started at the northeast corner of the house. The fire burned the vinyl siding off of the house which went up into the soffit, which were also vinyl. The fire entered the attic space. The fire appeared to be started by a pile of towels left stacked outside of the back door of the residence. Lowell FD was assisted by Lake Dale and



Hebron fire departments. - submitted by Chief Dwight "Ike" Rensch

## Sellersburg takes ownership of truck



Sellersburg fire department took ownership of a command and light truck in June.

The truck is stationed at Sellersburg station 3 in Bennetsville. The truck is equipped with several radios, maps, and light towers. Sellersburg is very excited about this new addition. - submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman

## Roanoke VFD to host breakfast March 16, 2008

Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department pancake and sausage breakfast will be held on March 16, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at Nick's Junction (corner of US 24 & Station Road, Roanoke, Indiana).

November 10th  
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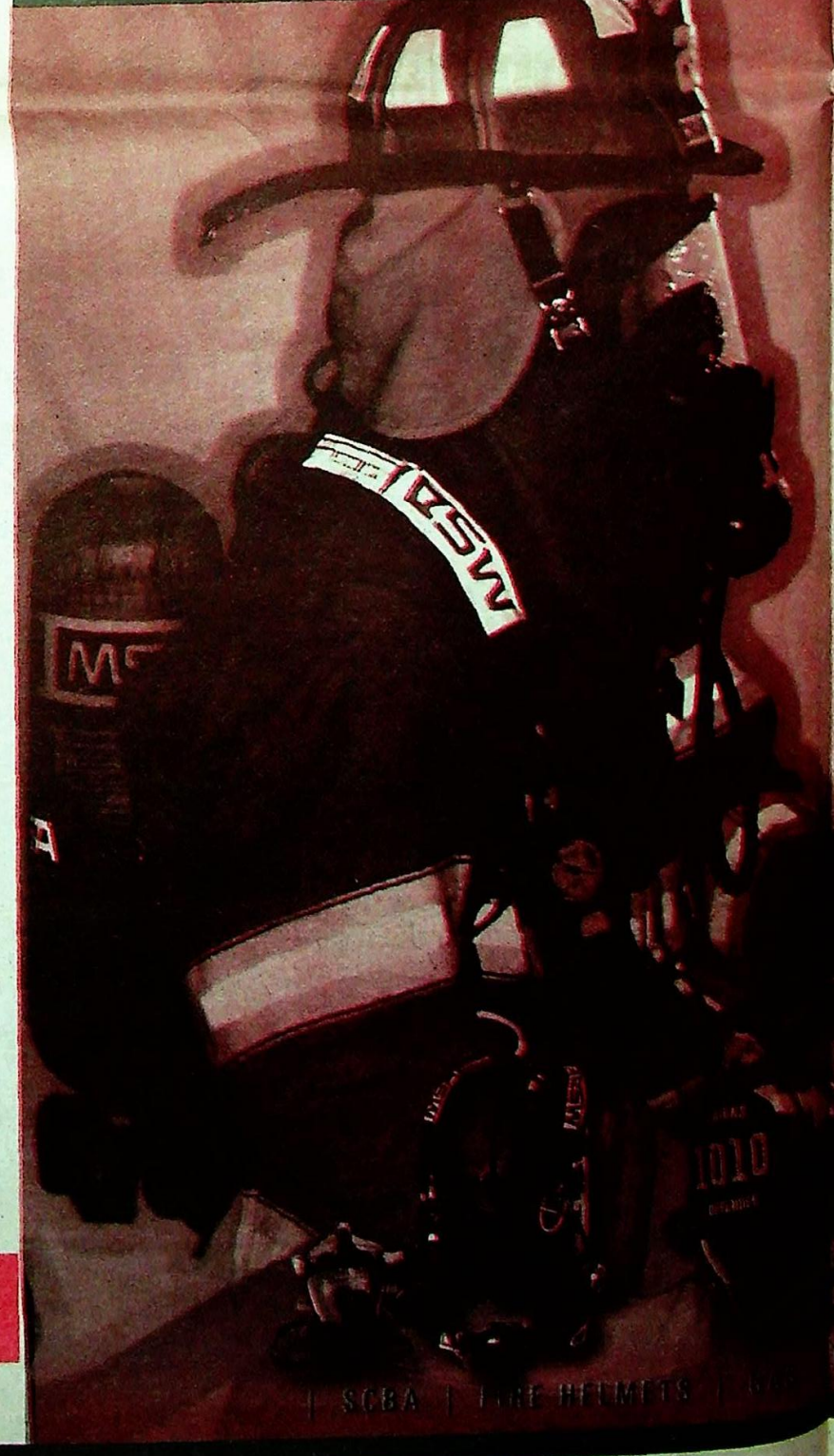
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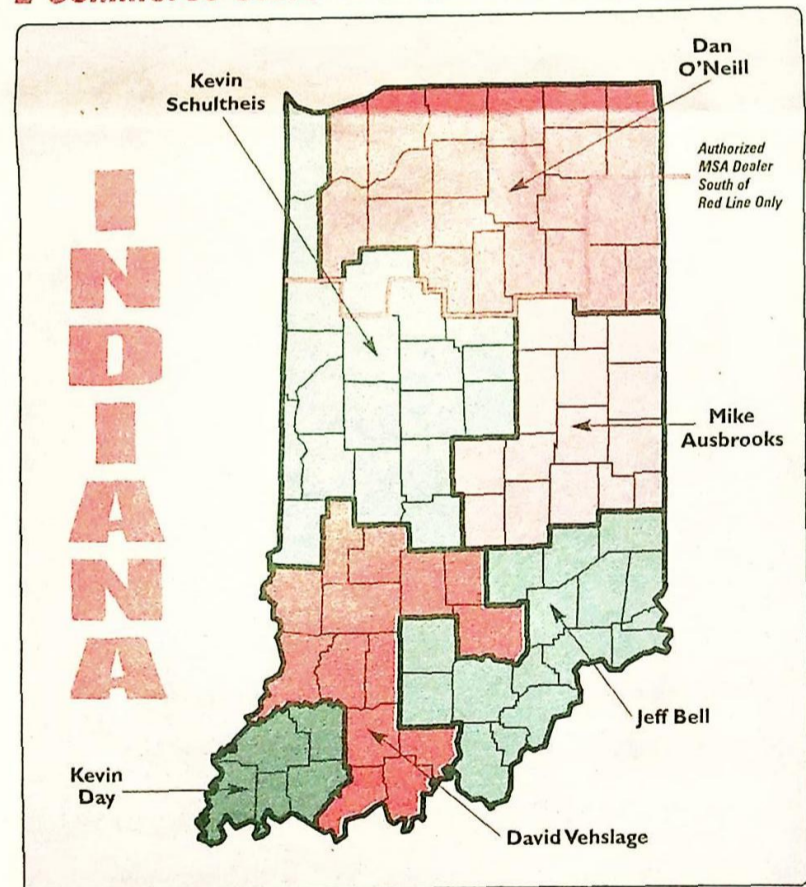


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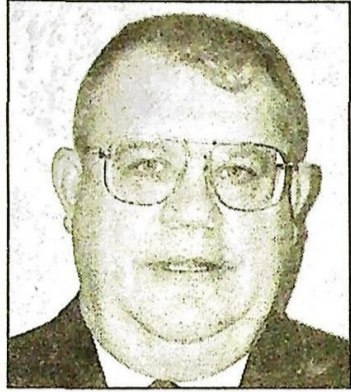
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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



QUARTERLY MEETING  
MAY 5, 2007  
COLUMBUS, IN.

President Larry Ketchem called the meeting at 2:00 P.M. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. Vice president Dave Elick led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Ketchem spoke of the Task Force 7 Training team start up at Spencer, IN this morning. It is a step in the right direction for training. He then introduced the Director of Homeland Security, Eric Dietz and Training Division Chief John Buckman.

Director Dietz spoke to the group of the mission of Homeland Security and the effort to achieve unity among all Emergency Services. For fire, police, EMS and EMA to work together more effectively and efficiently to get the job done. Developed the Mandatory Training curriculum for everyone to be trained to a set standard at that level. Worked to get state funding for training in the state. He is looking for ideas as to the needs of the fire service five and ten years down the road.

Director Dietz answered several questions from the group. They included: "Does Homeland Security have a complete inventory of equipment that is available to respond to a major disaster?" They are in the process of listing what equipment is available. They need for the chiefs to get this information to them. "Monies for intra state mutual aid insurance in case of injury or death?" The Homeland Security operates with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. To be covered you must call Homeland Security and request mutual aid from a neighboring state. They contact that state to have them dispatch that department. Under this system the insurances are valid. Other topics include Reorganization of the Fire Investigators, changes to the HAZ-MAT program, state mutual aid disaster fund now funded, and a statewide certification identification card listing your qualifications - Software being developed to put this information on the bar code on your Indiana driver's license.

President Ketchem stated that we wanted the opportunity to participate in the Indiana State Fair. Director Dietz is offering us the opportunity to take part along with Indiana Department of Homeland Security on August 14, 2007 from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. We are interested and a committee will be formed to pursue this issue.

President Ketchem introduced John Buckman. Chief Buckman stated that training is funded by the state. On March 29, 2007 the first class funded by state of Indiana for training was started. They paid for the instructor, prop, and books. Homeland Security Districts 3, 6, 7 and 10 are funded. Bids are being accepted for Live Burn Training trailers. The Chief's seminars had good attendance this year with over 475 people taking part.

President Ketchem read a proclamation from District 9B that stated in part that the volunteer fire service is burdened with unfunded mandates which makes retention and recruitment of volunteer firefighters impractical as these requirements are discriminatory against our departments and communities, which in turn requires more time away from work and families for the training and other department activities.

The IVFAA as the voice of volunteers in District 9B request the Board of Directors to represent the IVFAA members by voicing our concerns at the state and federal level as to how these mandates are an unnecessary burden on the volunteer fire service and will result in the exodus of competent and qualified firefighters throughout the state of Indiana.

District 9B chairman Randy Denton stated the biggest concern was the training for NIMS at the 300 and 400 level and its requirement for grants. Director Dietz stated that NIMS is a federal requirement that the states must meet to receive federal monies. They are researching a process where one or two people in a county are certified to that level and are available to all departments for major disasters.

After a very lengthy discussion on the issues presented by this letter from District 9B, President Ketchem will make a written response to the proclamation and meet with the district at their next meeting.

President Ketchem called for the secretary for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Past-president Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul Watland, District 2 made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

**PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM:** Attended four IDHS meetings, five Leadership Schools, one seminar on Statewide Mutual Aid at Columbus Ohio, 11 district meetings, one By-Law and SOG meeting to review them for correct form, one retirement dinner, Fire Service Institute Dinner, the FDIC and four memorial services.

**VICE-PRESIDENT DAVE ELICK:** Attended Line of Duty death at Upland.

**CHAPLAIN JERRY COHEN:** Had four memorial services, attended nine district meetings and two-day Chaplain Training seminar.

**SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW:** Attended two memorial services, the Fire Caucus Dinner, By-Law & SOG review meeting and the Fallen Heroes Dinner.

**TREASURER BEV HARKER:** Attended one memorial, one Leadership Conference, three district meetings, Fire Caucus Dinner and one Grant workshop.

Bev gave the report on the budget for the year. Explaining the expenses for the year as well as the income to date and how it compares to the amount budgeted.

**SGT. ATARMS BILL BUSH:** New supply forms are made. Also showed the design of the firehouse clocks.

### PUBLIC RELATION

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**PRNW JIM BRADFORD:** Attended six district meetings, one Porter County Fire Association meeting, eight fund raisers, one memorial service, one IVFAA meeting, Duneland Fire School, the Leadership Conference in Hammond for a total of 1517 miles this quarter.

**PRNE JEAN SMITH:** Attended three district meetings, one memorial, two departments and the FDIC.

**PRWC DIANE HARRISON:** Attended four district meetings, the FDIC and two Greene County Firefighter Association.

**PRESCOTT HARRIS:** Attended

three district meetings.

**PRSW JIM ABRAMS:** Attended five district meetings and visited five departments.

**PRSE BOB MCKENZIE:** Attended two district meetings and visited three departments.

**PAST PRESIDENTS REPORTS**  
Past presidents Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, Jack Zeeks, Richard Glant, Mitch Parish, Carl Bruns, Jim Parker and Ivan Nevil all pass.

### DISTRICT REPORT

**DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL:** (Diana Orrell reporting). Next meeting is Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at Ogden Dunes Fire Station. Munster Fire Department is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

**DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND:** Next meeting July 18, 2007 at Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN:** Next meeting is May 17, 2007 at Kankakee Township Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH:** Next meeting July 25, 2007 at Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department. Problems of recruiting new members.

**DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER:** Next meeting May 10, 2007 at Milford Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE:** Next meeting May 22, 2007 at South Milford Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG:** Next meeting May 21, 2007 at Andrews Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 8A ERNEST W. PAPE JR:** Next meeting May 9, 2007 at Center Township Fire Department (Marion).

**DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT:** Next meeting May 9, 2007 at White River Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE:** Absent.

**DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON:** Next meeting May 10, 2007 at Remington Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL:** Next meeting May 16, 2007 at Franklin Township Fire Department (Marion Co.).

**DISTRICT 11A ROBERT MEYERS:** Next meeting May 20, 2007 at Posey Township Fire Department (Staunton).

**DISTRICT 11B BRENT BUSH:** (John Davies reporting). Next meeting May 9, 2007 at St. Bernice Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER:** Absent.

**DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY:** Next meeting May 15, 2007 at Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department. Problems are concerns about Mandatory and Firefighter I/II Training.

**DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS:** Next meeting not set at this time.

**DISTRICT 14 CHARLIE MOON:** Next meeting May 10, 2007 at Crothersville Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON:** Next meeting May 15, 2007 at Smith Township Fire Department (Cynthiana).

**DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB:** Next meeting May 16, 2007 at North Washington Volunteer Department.

**DISTRICT 17A JACK HARKER:** Next meeting May 23, 2007, at Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 17B TIM DECKARD:** Next meeting May 30, 2007 at Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 18 CHARLIE PARKER:** Next meeting May 17, 2007 in Chrisney at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

**DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE:** Next meeting May 24, 2007 at Eagle Fire Department (Oldenburg).

**DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ:** Next meeting July 30, 2007 at Oxford Volunteer Fire Department.

District chairmen need to get meeting dates on Website.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE - DAVID ISRAEL:** Have three groups bidding on Convention 2009. District 1 & 2, District 13A and District 16/14. **EXECUTIVE - LARRY KETCHEM:** Pass.

**BUDGET - BEV HARKER:** Will have the proposed budget for 2008 at the August meeting. Have had some problems with the Accidental Death Insurance policy reported. Will get a representative of company to answer those problems.

**BRIDGEPORT - CARL BRUNS:** The committee has selected three winners. They had 27 applicants, of those nine were disqualified for being non-members, late dues or late applying. Also some applicants are not filling out all pages of the form.

**ASSISTANT EDITOR - JIM BRADFORD:** Last issue of paper had 44 pages. Mailed 17,689 papers. Still having some with address. Deadline for next paper is July 10, 2007.

**AD-TAKER - MITCH PARISH:** Has one outstanding bill from last issue. The Convention Book is ready for the printer.

**CLOTHING - JIM BRADFORD:** Two claims this quarter for glasses and both were paid.

**AWARDS - DAVE ELICK:** Every district has a Midwest Award winner. This award is now the Global Award. The Angel Award and the Ollie Sandberg Award have been selected.

**AUDIT - LARRY KETCHEM:** Pass.

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - LARRY BARTLOW:** Printed in May issue of the paper and copies given to each officer here today.

**LEGISLATIVE - JIM PARKER:** Of the seven items on our legislative agenda only two got support. The exclusion of Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organization from the Food Handlers Permit requirement. The other -- the funding for Firefighter Training by putting \$2 million into the fund annually and it not going into the General Fund. Other bills that we supported that passed included: certain health care facilities to have sprinkler system in place by 2012, schools to submit floor plan of buildings to the local fire department and establish a Disaster Relief Fund to reimburse people for expenses at local disasters.

Priorities for next session were discussed today. Our priorities are: (1) Employer cannot terminate a volunteer firefighter for injuries suffered while performing duties of a volunteer firefighter. (2) Tax exemption for payments made to a volunteer firefighter for responding to runs [committee needs to know how many Departments pay member per run pass information on to your District Chairman if possible]. (3) Tax increase for excessive growth in an area.

**MR. IVFA - DAVID ISRAEL:** Committee met in March and they do have a winner.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 P.M. Reconvened at 8:35 A.M. Morning message by Chaplain Jerry Cohen.

**BY-LAWS AND SOG'S - JIM PARKER:** Passed out complete new copies of our By-Laws and SOG's. In reviewing our old By-Laws an omission was found in Article 5 Section 14 concerning qualifications for elected officers should include Public Relations Directors in that list. This needs corrected. Much discussion of this issue. A motion by District 13A chairman Carol Thrawley to suspend the By-Laws for the express purpose of correcting Article 5 Section 14. District 14 chairman Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed on a roll call vote with 21 directors voting Yes,

three directors absent and one director abstaining.

District 8A Bill Pape made a motion to correct Article 5 Section 14 to read: Qualification of Officers. In order to be elected to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Public Relations Director of the Association the person must: District 13A Carol Thrawley made the second. Roll Call vote taken with 21 Yes votes, one abstaining and three absent.

**MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN - BARBARA KERNEY:** They have 23 candidates for Miss Flame this year. Would like a donation from us for gift for the candidates.

**LOGO - CHARLIE PARKER:** Pass. **MEMBERSHIP - STEVE PARKER:** Pass

Marshal Roger Johnson addressed the group on the new training program that was introduced at Spencer.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - JACK KERNEY:** Meeting in Washington, D.C. At the membership committee the main problem is how to on their Web Site. Standards committee: 1971 standard for protective clothing is complete and review starts in July. 1026 Standard for Incident. Management Personnel and Professional Qualifications is out for comment, and 1720 Standard for Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Emergency Medical Operation and Special Operations by Volunteer Fire Departments is in the informational phase. Attended Round table discussion on Developing Homeland Security policy and Federal funding for America's Fire Service. Several informational speakers spoke to the group.

**CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY:** All dues packets are mailed out early. License plate sales are slow at this time. Looking at changes in size of envelope to save on postage. Dues deadline is July 31, 2007. Seven dues packets came back with bad address. New forms have been and passed out. The total membership for 2006/2007 was 17,667. Issued 3844 license plate forms for 2006 and 1916 for 2007.

**FDIC - JACK KERNEY:** Thanked all that helped with the booth. Next year the booth will be upstairs. The winners of the clocks we gave away were from LaGrange and Center Twp. Lebanon.

**BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY:** No meeting; not quorum present. Positions are available to this group on the Board of Firefighter Standard and Education. If interested please submit your name to Ivan Nevil.

**INDIANA FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE - BUZ KOEHLER:** Next meeting is in June.

**HISTORIAN - JOHN DAVIES:** Looking for departments that are more than 100 years old. District chairmen, check your districts for departments.

**CONVENTION 2007 - STEVE ANDERSON:** Their committee is looking for old convention pictures to add to their Slide Show at the Banquet. A Blue Light Challenge will be held at the Wednesday night picnic.

**WEB SITE - BUZ KOEHLER:** Webmaster has need for update of software. This cost is \$250-\$300. will be Board action.

### NEW BUSINESS

Plans for the State Fair. President Ketchem appointed the following people to the committee: Tim Deckard - chairman, Steve Anderson, Carol Thrawley, Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, Jerry Cohen, Charlie Parker, Charlie Moon and Paul Holcomb.

Motion by Jim Parker to adjourn to board action. The second by Carol Thrawley. Motion passed.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### MEETING

MAY 7, 2007

Chairman Jack Kerney called the board meeting to order and called for the

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ESBC to help pursue reimbursement toward these budget draining expenses.

Lots of volunteer firefighters think, "I'm a volunteer. This is just what I do!" But the community your department serves shouldn't be forced to "volunteer" to cover increased costs caused by increasing calls for out-of-area auto owners. Nor should you suffer with older and less safe equipment!

Local tax-payers are paying to maintain the costs that keep your department open and ready to respond to community emergencies. When you have to use more-and-more of those funds to aid auto owners, many of whom are

from outside the area, your community suffers. ESBC believes that volunteer departments have a duty to get some of that money back, and can help show you how to accomplish it.

With the ever-growing amount of traffic on the roads and highways that surround local communities, more-and-more accidents involve tractor trailers and business/delivery traffic that is passing through. It is unfair for your department, and community, to be saddled with all the expense of dealing with the accidents and emergencies caused by those passing through to another city or town.

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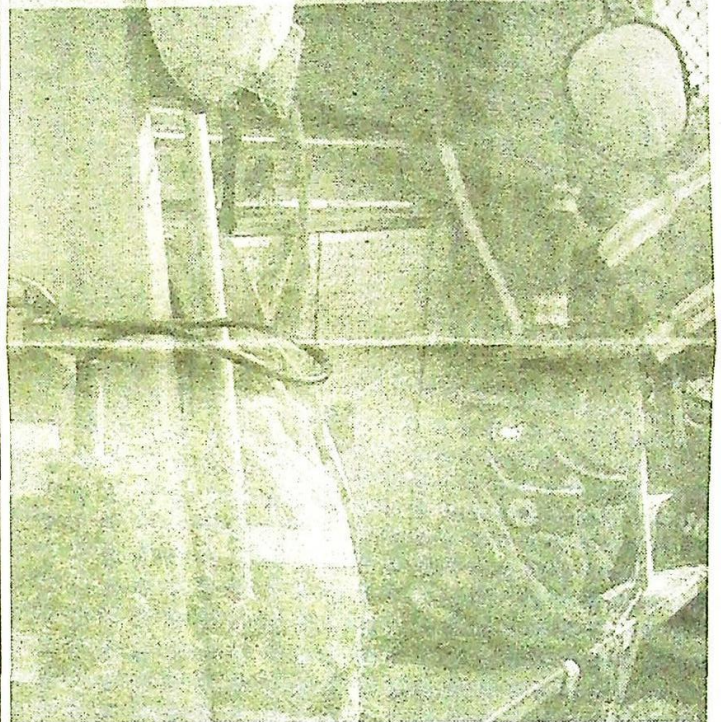
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## IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Jim Parker to accept the minutes as printed. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Gifts for Miss Flame contestants. Buz Koehler made a motion to allow them up to \$1000 for gifts, confirmed with receipts. Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(2) Request from Convention 2007 committee for IVFA to purchase 10 banquet tickets for Global Equipment. Steve Anderson a motion to purchase these. Bob McKenzie made the second. Much discussion on this subject as to setting a precedent that could lead to other problems. Motion failed by a show of hands.

(3) Carol Thrawley requested Grave Marker for old Line of Duty Death of two Knightstown firefighters that happened several years ago. Jack Zeeks made a motion to give two Grave Markers. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(4) Need to purchase "25-Year Pins". Need to check quality and change inscription to "Firefighter". Motion by Bob McKenzie to purchase up to 2500 pins. Second was made by Charlie Moon. Motion passed by voice vote.

(5) Chaplain Cohen stated that the Associate Chaplain's Training course costs \$100 of their own monies. Can they be reimbursed for this expense? Much discussion and tabled until the August meeting.

(6) Diana Orrell, District 1, had issues with the IVFA giving markers away to deceased firefighter that did not belong to this organization or pay dues to this organization. This incident happened over 100 years ago. A lengthy discussion followed on this issue.

Jim Parker made a motion that we revisit the motion to furnish two grave markers to the Knightstown firefighters that lost their lives in the line of duty, would like for the IVFA to make their names available to be Honored as Fallen Firefighter, but we not furnish the grave markers. Paul Holcomb made the second. Motion passed by show of hands.

(1) Request for a clock for the IDHS District 3 Area Training Center. Motion made by Jerry Sprague to purchase a clock. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion failed by show of hands.

Motion by Buz Koehler to adjourn after prayer by the Chaplain. Terry Wright made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow,  
Secretary

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OFFICERS MEETING EXECUTIVE INN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA JUNE 14, 2007

President Larry Ketchem called the officers meeting at 3 P.M.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation.

Vice president Dave Elick led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Ketchem called for the reading of the minutes of the last convention officer's meeting. Past president Buz Koehler made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Terry Smith, District 4 made the second. Motion passed.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Larry Ketchem - Not been out much the past month. Been meeting with Homeland Security.

Vice president Dave Elick - Pass. Chaplain Jerry Cohen - Pass.

Secretary Larry Bartlow - Pass.

Treasurer Beverly Harker - She has the audit report done and needs to meet with the Audit Committee after this meeting. The Audit Committee is Chairman of Board Jack Kerney, District 1 Tom Orrell, District 11A Robert Meyers, District 11B Brent Bush, and District 13B Dennis Spears. Federal mileage rate for delegates is 48.5 cents.

Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush - Pass.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW Jim Bradford, PRNE Jean Smith, PRWC Diane Harrison, PREC Scott Harris, and PRSW Jim Abrams all pass. PRSW Bob McKenzie not present.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Past presidents Jack Kerney, Buz Koehler, Jack Zeeks, Richard Glant, Mitch Parish, Ivan Nevil, Carl Bruns and Jim Parker all pass.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 Tom Orrell - Pass.

DISTRICT 2 Paul Watland - Pass.

DISTRICT 3 Dave Kaufman - Pass.

DISTRICT 4 Terry Smith - Pass.

DISTRICT 5 Tony Farrer - Pass.

DISTRICT 6 Jerry Sprague (PRNE Jean Smith) - Pass.

DISTRICT 7 Mort Sorg - Pass.

DISTRICT 8A Bill Pape - Pass.

DISTRICT 8B Lloyd Wright - Pass.

DISTRICT 9A Jon Randle - Pass.

DISTRICT 9B Randy Denton (PRNE Jim Bradford) - Pass.

DISTRICT 10 David Israel - Pass.

DISTRICT 11A Robert Meyers - Pass.

DISTRICT 11B Brent Bush - Pass.

DISTRICT 12 Larry Bruner - Pass.

DISTRICT 13A Carol Thrawley - Pass.

DISTRICT 13B Dennis Spears - Pass.

DISTRICT 14 Charlie Moon - Pass.

DISTRICT 15 Steve Anderson - Pass.

DISTRICT 16 Paul Holcomb - Pass.

DISTRICT 17A Jack Harker - Pass.

DISTRICT 17B Tim Deckard - Needs to meet with State Fair committee.

DISTRICT 18 Charles Parker - Pass.

DISTRICT 19 Ed Scheele - Pass.

DISTRICT 21 Don Fultz - Pass. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONVENTION COMMITTEE - David Israel - Three districts bidding for Convention 2009.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE - Larry Ketchem - Has received the insurance papers from Jones & Associates to be signed and returned.

BRIDGEPORT COMMITTEE - Carl Bruns - Applicants need good hand writing, fill out every page on the application and follow the instructions.

EDITORS' ASSISTANT - Jim Bradford - Pass.

AD-TAKER- Mitch Parish - All February ads are paid.

CLOTHING - Jim Bradford. Pass.

AWARDS - Dave Elick - Needs to know the districts that do not want the name of their Global Award winner announced at banquet.

FIRE SCHOOLS - Dave Elick - has one request a School.

LEGISLATIVE - Jim Parker - Pass.

MR. IVFA - David Israel - They have a winner.

BY-LAWS AND SOG'S - Jim Parker - Pass.

MEMBERSHIP - Steve Anderson - Introduced Julie Johnson who is a spokesperson for the MDA. She is involved with the MDA fill the boot campaign. Thanked all firefighters who help with the program.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS' STANDARD AND EDUCATION - Jack Kerney - Today's meeting was short. Most meetings have been five or six hours due to the number of variances on the agenda.

CONVENTION 2007 - Steve Anderson. Convention numbers seem to be up. Lunch tomorrow is provided by our vendors, be sure and visit with them. The baskets donated by the districts will be used as door prizes at the banquet. Have a great time at Convention 2007.

CONVENTION 2008 - They will open their registration tomorrow afternoon for Convention 2008. They have had several planning meetings.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Buz Koehler requests that all departments please fill out the surveys on the web page, [www.ivfa.org](http://www.ivfa.org), as this information will be very useful next with our Legislative program. These surveys take about five minutes to fill out.

He also has three old 16mm films of past Conventions that he had transferred to DVD's. He will turn the films over to the Historian.

Logo committee needs to meet after this meeting.

A motion to adjourn by Buz Koehler after the benediction by chaplain Cohen. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow,  
Secretary



## Public Relations Director West Central Diane Harrison



Hi fellow firefighters and friends, Thanks to Evansville and the entire Convention Committee for hosting a fantastic convention. Also a special thanks to them for letting us hold our third annual Hoosier Burn Camp Auction. We were able to raise

\$1,757.00 for Hoosier Burn Camp; a special thank you to all who brought items for auction, those who bid and those who bought. We have been invited to have an auction at Convention next year to support Hoosier Burn Camp!

Congratulations to all of the award winners.

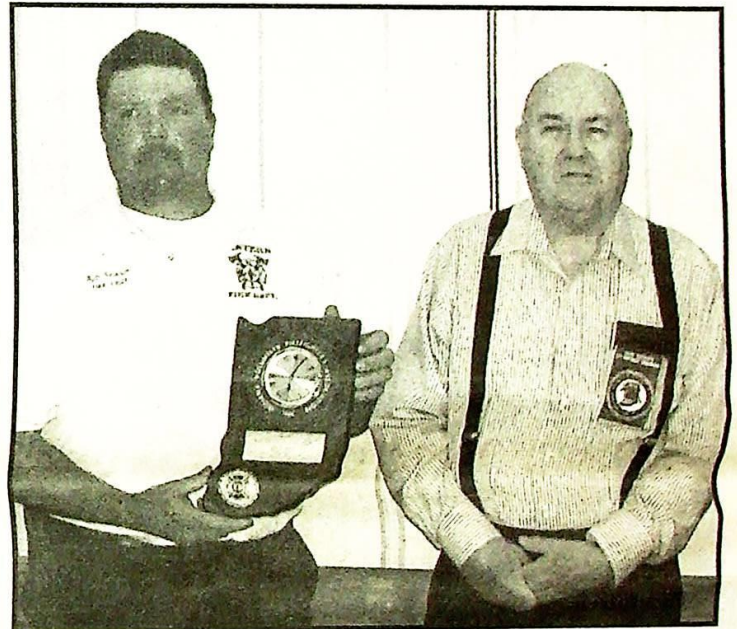
District 11-A Coal City firefighter Dennis M. Leslie while responding to a fire July 2, 2007 lost her life. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Dennis's family, friends and Coal City Fire Department.

Come join us at the State Fair, Monday, August 13, 2007. Let's show Indiana what the fire service means to the state.

Please get out and attend your district meetings, some very important information is passed out at these meetings.

It is not too early to start thinking of who you think is deserving for the awards, I am sure there is alot more deserving people out there than we get nominations for.

Please stay safe,  
Diane Harrison  
WCPR



## Eastern VFD presented clock for new station

On May 6, 2007, Chief Robert Johnson (left) of Eastern Volunteer Fire Department was presented an IVFA clock by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman, at the open house of their new fire station in Hendricksville, Indiana. -- submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman



## Traylor presented 50 Year Gold Card for service

On May 23, 2007, William K. Traylor of Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department was presented an IVFA 50 Year Gold Card for his years dedicated to the fire service.

Pictured (left to right) are Jack Harker - District 17A chairman, William Traylor, and Jack Kerney, Board Chairman. -- submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman

**November Deadline:  
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## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

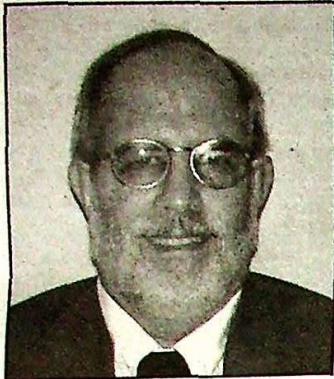
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Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

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**Public Relations  
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Northeast  
Jean Smith**



I just returned home from the 2007 IVFA Convention held in Evansville with the theme "GET YOUR ENGINES R-EVV-INN". Congratulations to convention chairman Steve Anderson, convention co-chairman Jack Kerney, and to all of their committees in District 15, for holding a wonderful convention. If you didn't attend, you missed a good time and a lot of hospitality; especially the band on Friday night. The Duke Boys, as they rock & roll with great sounds from the 50's and 60's.

Congratulations to Amber Farrer, 2007 Miss Flame - District 5 - Bremen Vol. Fire Dept., Keri Jo Davis, 2007 Miss Flame first runner-up - District 10 - Hartsville Vol. Fire Dept., Morgan Borden, 2007 Miss Congeniality, District 9A, Delphi-Tri Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Congratulations to the Mary Mackin Memorial Scholarship winners, Amber Farrer, 2007 Miss Flame, District 5, Bremen Vol. Fire Dept., Micajah Green, District 11A, Wright Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

This year is the first year that I can remember that we didn't have state contest games, waterball, bucket brigade, pumper pull. This was due to only a couple of teams signed up for water ball. If you have any ideas for the state games please notify me.

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

Jean Smith  
Public Relations Northeast

When approaching an intersection, slow down and make sure the coast is clear.

# Chester Twp. assistant fire chief LaMoine Nusbaumer dies in farm accident

By GLEN WERLING  
The News-Banner  
Bluffton, Indiana  
Tuesday, May 2007

Prominent Chester Twp. farmer and Chester Fire Department assistant chief LaMoine Nusbaumer was found dead Saturday next to an anhydrous ammonia tank in a barnyard south of a residence on 1000S east of Keystone.



The cause of death for Nusbaumer, 59, of 0897W-900S, Keystone, has been ruled by Coroner Doug Cale as asphyxiation due to ammonia exposure.

A neighbor to the residence where the leak was occurring reported it to 911 emergency dispatch at 6:52 a.m. Chester Twp. Fire Department firefighters and Wells County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the scene.

The Poneto Fire Department was also dispatched to bring exhaust fans

to the scene. Upon arrival, Deputy Russell Mounsey, the investigating officer, discovered a large white cloud engulfing the property. He immediately went to the homes of residents in the area to advise them that they may need to evacuate if they started to get any vapors.

Upon returning to the scene, Mounsey was advised by relatives of Nusbaumer that he and his son, Jody, may be still in the vapor cloud and in grave danger. It turned out that Jody was at his place of employment.

However, Chester Twp. firefighters located Nusbaumer a short time later laying by the anhydrous tank in the vapor cloud. He was transported out of the cloud in a pickup truck by firefighters. Wells County coroner Doug Cale pronounced him dead a short time later.

Jody Nusbaumer informed Mounsey that his father had been applying anhydrous ammonia -- a highly toxic but nitrogen rich fertilizer -- on a cornfield just east of where he had been found. It appeared as if he had suffered some type of medical emergency as he had been applying the ammonia, but then suddenly and for unknown reasons, started to cross over

into the crop, raised the applicator, and drove across the rows of corn toward a path in the field.

Once he reached the path, there was evidence that the tractor had swung off the path, into the field and back onto the path. There was also evidence that he had been moving with some speed as it appeared that the applicator was bouncing up and down, gouging the ground in places. The tractor had also dug into the path considerably, indicating it was probably moving in one of its top speed ranges.

Once the tractor had made it to the driveway, there were signs that Nusbaumer had struggled out of the cab to the ground.

After speaking with employees of Helena Chemical Co., the owner of the ammonia tank, it appears that a fuse was blown in the monitor box of the cab of the tractor, but it is still unclear what caused the chain of events to happen. A valve on the applicator was open, releasing the ammonia into the air. The Helena employees turned off the valve.

Mounsey advised in his report that Nusbaumer's family members reported he was very safety conscious and when an ammonia leak develops, the first rule of safety is to put the of

applicator into the ground. They knew of no reason why he would have driven from the field if the applicator had developed a leak.

Mounsey reported that it appeared as if Nusbaumer had suffered some other type of medical emergency and left the field in a hurry. When he arrived in the driveway of the residence, that is when the ammonia released from the equipment and overcame him.

As a precaution, in addition to the fire department, Wells County Emergency Management was called to the scene.

Medics also checked two other people at the scene for ammonia exposure, but they were not transported to the hospital.

Nusbaumer had been a member of the Chester Twp. Fire Department for 29 years and was a member of the Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District.

His wife, Joan, is a long time teacher at Southern Wells Elementary School.

glenw@news-banner.com

(Article submitted by Mort Sorg, District 7 chairman, with permission to re-print given by Mark Miller, Publisher, Editor, Bluffton (IN) News-Banner)

(Photo by Glen Werling, courtesy of the Bluffton News-Banner)

## Two from Vincennes Twp. FD awarded 25 year pins



On May 10, 2007, Tom Williams and Ed Yochum of Vincennes Township Fire Department were presented their IVFA 25-year pins by District 17A chairman, Jack Harker.

Pictured (left to right) is Tom Williams, Jack Harker and Ed Yochum. -- submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman

## Please, I'm lost and need to be found!!

Hello, my name is Phyllis Vargo and I am District 1 chairman and also the historian for IVFAA.

I am asking for your help. I am looking for the IVFAA (Association's) #1 history book as it is missing and I heard it is out there somewhere.

I would appreciate your kindness in helping us find this important book.

If any of you should know where it is or you would happen to have it, but don't realize what it means to us and would want to keep it, perhaps you would let us borrow it so we would have a copy. This would be great if you would help us.

I'll be glad to pay the postage as I'll even be glad to make arrangements to have it picked up.

I'm pleading for our organization and asking for your HELP to help us get it returned.

The IVFAA says "thank you" and would appreciate all you can do to help us. This is very important.

I thank you for your kindness and time regarding this matter.

**PLEASE WON'T YOU HELP US!!**

Respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Phyllis Vargo  
District 1 Chairman  
IVFAA Historian Chairman  
7756 Durbin St.  
Schererville, IN 46375  
Phone 219-322-4286

## 2007 CHINESE AUCTION

DISTRICT	DONATIONS	WINNERS	DISTRICT
1	\$25 Speedway Gas Card	Jim Parker	10
2	\$25 Speedway Gas Card	Beverly Harker	17A
3	Basket, Blanket	J. Dunford	11A
4	Bronze Fireman Statue	Geo Buck	21
6	Afghan	James Hall	3
7	First Aid kit	Alice Sanders	7
10	Blanket, Pillow	Joann Hays	11A
10	Tote	Gina Parker	18
10	Car Light, Air Pressure	Janet	15
10	Bird House (donated by Barb Parker)	Diana Gray	7
11A	Rug	Deb Ockerman	17
11B	Framed Emblem	Howard Green	11
12	Fruit Basket	Vivian Stone	14
13B	Sm. Basket, Bean Bag Baby	Toni Sorg	7
14	Fireman Dressed Duck	Shirley Hall	3
14	Fireman, Knife, Money clip	James Hall	3
15	Fire Truck Bank	Bob Urgya	3
19	Basket w/several items, \$25 gift cert. donated by Pam Gerdowski	Bob Urgya	3
Melinda Bell	Clock	Larry Bruner	12
17	Cake Pan	Shannon Bruce	15
Beth Caudill	Table Runner	Shannon Blanton	11A
18	Fire Dog	Miriam Schaeckel	13
14	(2) Fire Trucks	Vera Corning	2

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## Miss Flame chairman gives update on 2007 contest

I hope everyone enjoyed their stay in Evansville while attending the convention. Every attempt was made to ensure a good time for all.

We had 21 beautiful girls who represented their districts in this year's Miss Flame completion. The judges told me it was not an easy task to make a selection. As I read over the accomplishments of each girl, I could understand how it would be difficult.

While our 2006 Miss Flame was unable to attend this year as she was on a trip to Europe, we were fortunate enough to have our 2005 Miss Flame Amanda Gutsell of Birdseye and representing District 18 to step in and assume the duties of Miss Flame for Katelyn Rickelmann. We missed you, Katelyn, but hope you had a great trip.

The 2007 Miss Flame is Amber Farrer of Bremen, IN and representing District 5. She is the daughter of Tony and Diana Farrer. Amber will be a great ambassador for the IVFA and the IVFAA in 2007.

Our 2007 Miss Flame runner-up is Keri Jo Davis from Hartsville, IN and represented District 10. Her parents are James and Lee Ann Davis.

Miss Congeniality for 2007 is Morgan Borden from Delphi, IN and represents District 9A. (This award is voted on by her peers). She is the daughter of Curtis and Lori Borden.

The 2007 Miss Flame Court are: Mallory Lampa - District 2, Autumn Schumacher - District 2, Shelby Leach - District 4, Amanda Myers - District 7, Sara Foy - District 8A, Lee Ann Blumenhorst - District 8B, Morgan

Borden - District 9A, Jennifer Miller - District 9B, Kerri Jo Davis - District 10, Micajah Green - District 11A, Ariel Newnum - District 11B, Andrea Tappy - District 13A, Kelli Michelle Green - District 13B, Kadie Coyne - District 14, Mallory Hornbrook - District 15, Laura Conway - District 16, Emily Bock - District 17A, Tiffany Locke - District 17B, Jillian Hemmer - District 18, Rachel Butt - District 18, Lydia Bittles - District 21. Congratulations to all.

A special thanks to Autumn Schumacher, District 3 for sharing her beautiful voice at the opening ceremonies of the convention.

The door contest which was sponsored this year by the Executive 1m was won by our 2007 Miss Flame Amber Farrer of Bremen Fire Department.

It takes a lot of behind the scene work and efforts to put this all together each year. Without those who contribute, the committee and the IVFA and IVFAA we would not be able to have this event. Those who helped as my committee for this year are Barb Ketchem, June Cahill, Mariam Schaeckel, Susie Stout. Along with them I would like to thank Jack Kerney, EJ Smith, Carolyn Zeeks and Sue Glant which helped me to pick up pieces where necessary. Also the local group who worked on the committee, Sherri Snodgrass, Cheryl Seib, Andrea Gentry and Ashley Hornbrook. Thanks to all of you.

Donors who helped us with the

Firefighters Credit Union and Jones and Associates, Norm Jones for the Miss Flame luncheon, Larry and Barbara Ketchem; trophies, Jim and Barbara Parker; Miss Congeniality plaque, Jack and Barb Kerney; photo albums, IVFA; special gift, IVFAA; charms, crown and pins, Larry and Carol Curl; sashes, sun visors and stamps, Jean and EJ Smith; flowers, snacks and remembrances, 2007 convention committee.

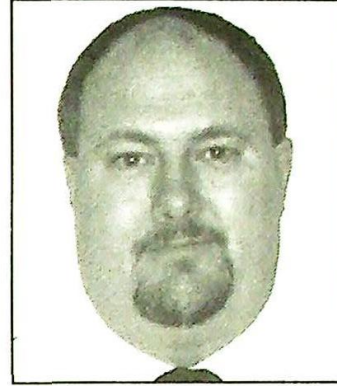
I would like to express my thanks to Joann Hays, IVFAA president for giving me the opportunity to serve as this year's chairman. This Miss Flame program is special and is a very important part of our convention. Thanks to all the parents, fire departments, and districts who have lent their support to this program. Thanks to Larry Ketchem, IVFA president and the officers who support this program.

I would like to encourage each district to find a candidate for next year. It provides a great learning experience as well as a chance to develop new friendships for each girl that has the opportunity to participate. Please ask your young people to participate in your fund raisers, parades, and any other things that you have that they can be a part of. They provide enrichment in all of our lives.

Thanks for a great year.

Barb Kerney  
2007 Miss Flame chairman

### Public Relations Director East Central Scott Harris



Thanks to Steve Anderson for organizing a great convention. Also congratulations to District 13A and district chairman Carol Thrawley for being awarded the convention in 2009 in Indianapolis.

I would also like to congratulate all those who won awards at the convention this year.

Let's have a record attendance at the 2008 Convention at Belterra Casino in Vevay.

Everybody needs to be aware of the new laws that have taken effect this year, especially the seatbelt law that requires all passengers to wear a seatbelt except during a parade or in the back of an ambulance when transporting patients.

Now is the time to check your PPE for any damage as this is for your own safety. If your PPE is damaged replace or repair it.

Please remember to stress safety as the school resumes and children may be on the way to the bus stop or school when your department is dispatched. Practice safety during the non-emergency times and the safety will be there during the emergency times.

I would like to send out my condolences to all of those that have died in the line of duty so far this year. My prayers are with the families and departments that have been affected.

Scott Harris  
PR East Central

Story written by a member of the Hillsdale Fire Dept.

### FIREFIGHTING HOUSEWIFE BY BONNITA NEWMUM HILLSDALE COMMUNITY FIRE DEPT.

What in the world possessed me to think that I could be a firefighter? Wasn't it just last month I was a housewife, a home schooling mother of three children, and a Sunday school teacher? This wasn't something I had ever pictured myself doing.

Just look at that house. The destructive fore that has already burned a one to two foot diameter smoke-filled hole in the top of the west wall. All of the windows have turned a foretelling desolate black. I'm terrified and haven't even stepped boot in the front yard.

Well, that's it. I've made up my mind. I'm not going in! Nope, I'm not going in and they can't make me. If I should be killed what would happen to my husband and young children? It's not that this thought hadn't occurred to me before I went through the training that qualifies me to be in what I now see as a terrifying predicament. But it didn't seem so detrimental...so...life and death until this moment.

Visions of mile high piles of dirty laundry, children running late to catch the bus in wrinkled striped pants and buttonless plaid or polka dotted shirts, the family pets skillfully washing the day's dishes with their tongues, their nasty, hairy carcasses illuminated by the glow of the kitchen night light, wildly whiz through my mind.

Perhaps, if I survive this nightmare, I should have a talk with my husband or better yet, my best friend, about tentative replacement. (Given my husband's solicited but unwise comments about getting a housekeeper, referring to his preference of said helper's age and what she should wear on his days off, I believe my friend to be more domestically focused of the two.)

I, of course, would prefer a mature, humble, modest, organized, healthy, culinary, devoted, motherly type. Maybe Robin Williams would consider the position. Sorry, Honey! We can't do much about the age, but maybe you could still squeeze Mrs. Doubtfire into one of those skimpy little maid outfits on your day off.

Well, we can't expect to replace everything a wife and mother has been all at once. Perhaps, my husband could go on one of those new TV shows like, "Who Wants to Marry My Dad". I know what he'd wish for if he could find a genie - Halley Berry on a Harley. I wonder if Robin Williams would have any wishes left over after his co-starring role with Aladdin.

Last night when I went to bed, I couldn't have imagined what the next day would bring. At 7:10 a.m. I wake to an ear piercing, extremely high pitched radio dispatch "DEE-DEE-DEE...Hillsdale Fire Department, respond to a 10-70, fully engulfed. RP was a garbage disposal employee driving by residence."

I jumped out of bed, grab my shoes and radio, check the map to see where I'm headed, then run out the door. As I "speedily" (shhhh...I'm not supposed to

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### Firefighting housewife ...

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do that) arrive on station, I approach the first and only engine coming out of the bay. "Where is everybody?", I breathlessly ask a lone firefighter.

"They're either working or at home sleeping because they worked last night. Don't worry," he assures me, "more guys will show up on the scene." He amusingly watches my attempt to appear tough and capable like the big boys, as I heft my gargantuan, over-sized gear bag into the skyscrapingly high cab.

A million things run through your mind on the way to a fire scene, but what's running through the mind of a rookie and the mind of a seasoned firefighter are entirely two different things. I'm wondering how in the world am I supposed to stay in my seat belt, gear-up and keep my balance all while trying to help run lights and sirens. They don't cover that in training. I'll tell you something else they neglected to cover in training. Go to the bathroom before leaving home!!!

It would have been my luck if I had remembered to go; I would have been in such a hurry, I'd have trailed a three foot stream of undetected Angel Soft toilet paper behind me. This, I'm sure, much to my fellow firefighters' delight, would have merited my receiving a new detestable nickname. It undoubtedly would give some distasteful reference to the lighting of the fuse dangling from my derriere, with the soul intent to inspire uncontrollable torturous hilarity for months to come. A rookie, having begun a scene with this kind of unfortunate humiliation, might as well hang up any hope of maintaining an atmosphere of decorum or dignity, that is, if there ever existed any in a small town department. With the majority of these good old boys, this type of misfortune of a fellow firefighter would evoke a new official "opening day" and you just became the country's biggest 12 point buck. Well, paint me brown and call me Bambi! There ain't no trigger happy hillbilly within a country mile gonna miss getting off a shot at this treasured wall mount.

For today, at least, I've avoided that embarrassment. Did I remember to shave my legs yesterday? What if I get hurt and they have to cut off my bunker pants? Oh STINK! Forget the tree stumps, I ran out in such a hurry, I forgot to make sure I had a bra on!

What if they have to cut off my coat? Oh come on - do you really expect a group of guys jacked up on Adrenalin to give a great deal of forethought to modesty in a medical emergency involving one of their own? The intent to administer emergency medical care will override the logic of discretion. I'm sure something resembling that explanation is what might later be emphatically expressed as I threatened to behead every last one of them for their lack of discretionary de-robing.

"Come on, let's get your SCBA on," says the lone firefighter.

"Uh, I really don't think I'm ready for this yet," I stammered out.

"Yeah you are," he replies, matter of factly.

"No, I, I...don't think I can." Now my words are getting caught. My mouth is so dry that I am literally struggling to keep my tongue from getting stuck to the roof of my mouth.

"Look, we already paid for all your gear and sent you to all the training you could need for this, and you're going. We don't have time to argue about this right now." Dutifully, I follow him. As he is hooking up my face mask, the lone firefighters says, "Don't worry little sister, we're not gonna let anything bad happen to you." Well, that wasn't a nickname I expected to pick up in a fire department.

Over the long trek up the yard, I keep wishing I had able to get something to drink because now I feel so dry that my throat hurts and I'm certain it's cracking every time I inhale this strange cold air. I'm convinced I'm going to swallow my tongue and die from lack of oxygen. As I and another firefighter from a neighboring town ascend the porch, he instructs me to get to my knees and stay close. "Lord, please don't let us die in here," I pray several times. As soon as the door is kicked in we made entry. Upon bridging the threshold, my fear was immediately replaced with awe. I actually said, "COOL!! It's so pretty." It was awesome. I had never before seen such a radiant bold, enchantingly seducing force. It was a living, breathing, growing magnificent beast. I was salivating. It was so bewitching, that I forgot we were there to snuff out its destructive existence.

Later that afternoon, I would share in great detail and excitement, this housewife's new found courage and passion, with my yet intact family. Now you, along with them know one of the many reasons that will possess



## Farmland fire department replaces old fire siren

Farmland replaces siren with a Sterline Quality siren. The siren will replace a 50 year old siren brought down by Mother Nature with a burst of wind.

Joe Bertram installs wiring to complete the siren's installation.

The siren is a 10v, 3 phase that is preset for six different cycles. -- submitted by Bill Sunday

## IVFAA President

Martha Thomas



From the office of IVFAA President: Well, now that this year's convention is over, we look forward to 2008.

Evansville did a really nice job on the convention and had a lot of events planned for everyone. I personally want to thank the Miss Flames for all their help in selling tickets for the vice-president's project. They were such a nice group of young ladies that I don't know how the judges could pick a winner. They were all winners in my book! Congratulations to 2007 Miss Flame, Amber Farrer and her runner-up Keri Jo Davis. Also to the Lois Boaz winner, Wanda Johnson and the Angel Award winner, E.J. Smith.

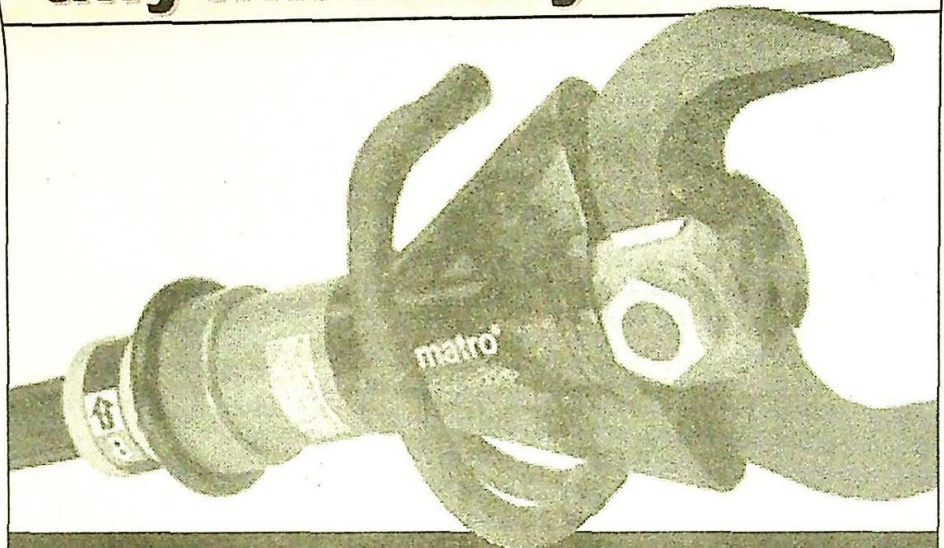
The winners of the raffle were: Firemen's Axe - Jean Slaughter, \$200.00 - Shawna Wyrick and \$100.00 - John Ferro.

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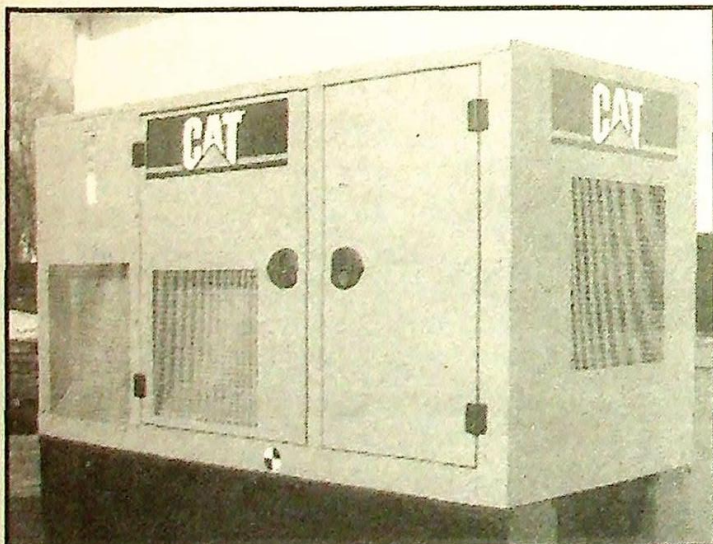


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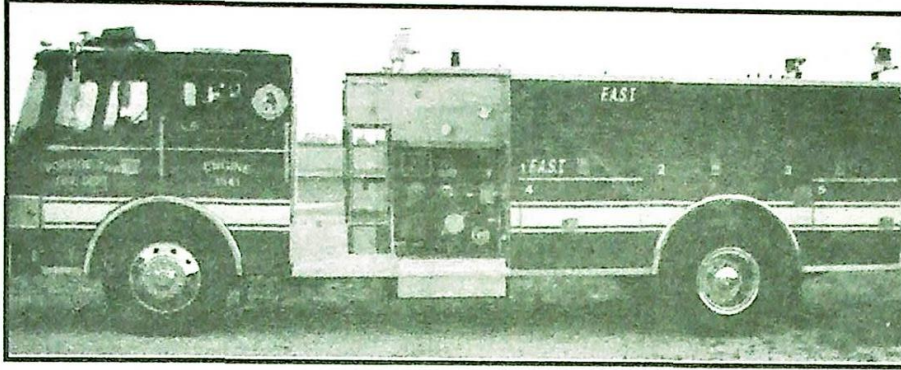
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# From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



The convention has come and gone and now we are looking forward to the 2008 convention.

I had a great time at Evansville; their committee worked very hard so we could all enjoy it. Thank you, Steve and all your committees, you did a good job.

I have started working on the proposed budget for 2008. It will be presented to the Board in August and approved in November. Every year it is a little harder to come up with a budget that we can stay within. Expenses keep going up but income stays close to the same.

Summer sure is hot this year, maybe that means we'll have a nice fall and mild winter. Sounds good anyway.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at your district meetings.

Beverly Harker, Treasurer

## District 4 Miss Flame



Shelby Leach, Penn Twp. Vol. Fire Department District 4 Miss Flame, District 4 chairman Terry Smith, take a moment for pictures before the opening meeting at convention. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

## District 5 Miss Flame



Amber Farrer, Bremen Fire Department 2007 District Miss Flame and District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, take a moment for pictures before the opening meeting at convention. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

# New fire station dedicated in South Haven

Valparaiso - On the morning of May 19 members of the community, elected officials and invited guests gathered to witness the dedication of a new fire station in the unincorporated town of South Haven, which is located in Porter County between the cities of Valparaiso and Portage.

The day began when Deputy Chief John Kepshire welcomed everyone present shortly after noon. Fire Department Chaplain Jim Mendetto then offered a short prayer asking for God's blessing on the new facility and all who serve inside its walls. Next, State Representative Duane Cheney presented the department with an Indiana flag that had flown over our State Capitol, followed by United States Congressman Pete Visclosky who presented a United States flag that had been flown over our nation's Capitol. The flags were then raised by the department's Honor Guard as Porter County Sheriff David Lane sang our National Anthem. Everyone was asked to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of our nation's firefighters who had been lost in the line of duty so far this year. The moment of silence was followed by Portage Fire Department Captain Randy Wilkening's bagpipe rendition of "Balmoral" and "Amazing Grace".

As the pipe music died away Congressman Visclosky was asked to return to the podium. As he approached Deputy Chief Kepshire reminded how instrumental our Representative had been in helping to secure nearly a half million dollars in new equipment for the department over the last two years. Congressman Visclosky was then presented with a white fire helmet and badge and officially recognized as an Honorary Deputy Chief of the department by Fire Chief Doug Patton.

After a few words by the congressman, who was caught completely off guard but promised a place of honor for his helmet in his Washington office, State Representative Cheney was asked to return to speak. Representative Cheney spoke briefly about a near tragedy in his own family that was averted by the quick actions of firefighters, then reminded all present how important firefighters are to their community. The next speaker was State Senator Karen Tallien, who's son is a firefighter in the city of Portage. Senator Tallien spoke briefly about how proud she was of everything that had been accomplished over the last year before turning the podium over to newly elected Township Trustee Joyce Webster. Our Trustee told the



Retired charter members Steve Elencik (left) and William Spicer (right) are presented commemorative shadow boxes by Deputy Fire Chief John Kepshire (center) during the new fire station dedication ceremony. (submitted by John Kepshire, South Haven Fire Department).



South Haven Chief Doug Patton (second from left) and department president Ron Reed Jr. (second from right) being presented an IVFA clock by PR Northwest Jim Bradford (left) and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell (right) during the new fire station dedication ceremony. (submitted by John Kepshire, South Haven Fire Department).

crowd that when she ran for the office last year she had no idea what to expect, then went on to praise the dedication and teamwork she has witnessed by the men and women of the department during her short time in office.

After Trustee Webster was finished, Deputy Chief Kepshire asked William Spicer and Steve Elencik to step forward. Kepshire explained to the crowd that William, who was the first Chief of the department, and Steve, who served for 33 years before they were

retiring, were two of the three Charter members of the department who still lived in South Haven and how important their dedication nearly 45 years ago had been in making this day possible. Kepshire went on to explain how since the day he came to work for the department in 1983 he had heard the legend that the walls of the old station had been insulated with empty beer cans from the firefighters who donated their time and labor to build the old building. Bill and Steve were then presented with shadow

containing a photograph of the old station, a small portion of the exterior wall of the facility, and a beer can that had been recovered from inside the old walls as they were being demolished.

Chief Patton was asked to approach the podium next, and was also presented with a shadow box identical to those already presented for the wall in his office. Chief Patton then addressed the crowd and explaining how proud he was of each member of our team, and how honored he was to be a part of that team. He then asked former Chief Spicer to join him at the podium, and when he arrived Spicer passed an antique nozzle to Patton to signify the formal passing from the old building to the new.

Chief Patton, Former Chief Spicer and Trustee Webster then moved to the front of the station where yellow fire line tape had been stretched across the four closed apparatus bays. The Porter County 911 Dispatch center activated the South Haven dispatch tones and Deputy Chief Kepshire placed the new Station #2700 in service as Patton, Spicer and Webster cut the tape. All four doors opened simultaneously and the apparatus inside rolled out with warning lights flashing and sirens screaming. Everyone present was then invited inside to tour the new station, have refreshments and meet the winners of the South Haven Community Safety Task Force's first annual elementary school safety poster contest.

South Haven Fire is a combination department, having both career and volunteers on our staff. Built at an estimated cost of 1.5 million dollars, and incorporating a small portion of the newest addition on the building it replaced, the new station centralizes the apparatus in a single eight bay garage, has an additional dormitory style bunk room, larger training room and improved bathrooms, kitchen and lounge facilities than the previous station. We are very proud of the new station, and since we are always open for business invite everyone to stop by and take a look if you happen to be in the area.

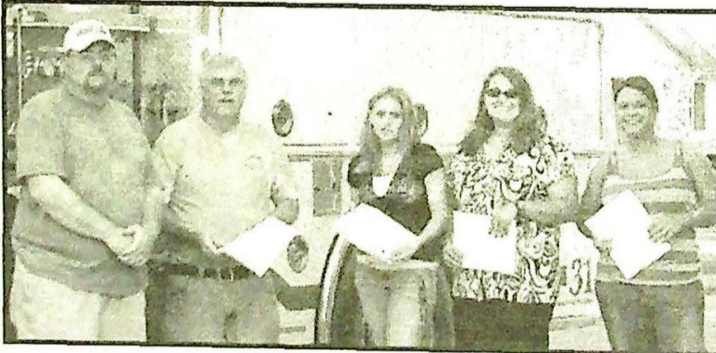
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## District 14 Miss Flame



Kadie Coyne, Charlestown Vol. Fire Department, 2007 District 14 Miss Flame and District 14 chairman Charlie Moon, take a moment for pictures before the opening meeting at convention. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

## Farmland firefighters make residents aware of flu outbreak



Farmland firefighters pass out info on an influenza flu outbreak. The department went door-to-door to everyone's home in their fire district. You can see the entire program at www.farmlandfire.com -- submitted by Bill Sunday

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## IVFAA president ...

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coming year with the new raffle. A special thank you to Barb Kerney for help in getting the axe at the last minute as I was having a hard time getting one. Please don't forget to save money for our raffle and the Chinese Auction as these are the only money-makers. And also a thank you for the donations for the Chinese Auction as Barb Parker likes to make money. We seem to get more money as the years go by.

As I have belonged to the IVFAA for over 43 years, it always makes me smile to see everyone at convention and make more memories meeting new and longtime members. Let's try to speak up for our organization to new auxiliary members and keep us growing.

My prayers go out to all who have lost a loved one this past year and keep in our thoughts of anyone not feeling up to par and hope their health gets better. We always have good intentions but you all know that our hearts think of everyone all the time.

I hope I have support from our members because you can always count on my help if at all possible.

Martha Thomas, President - IVFAA

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# 50 Something is a "Good" number

Mary Klym, treasurer for the Lake Station Fire Department Auxiliary, presented Beverly Good with her 50 year Gold Card from the IVFAA.

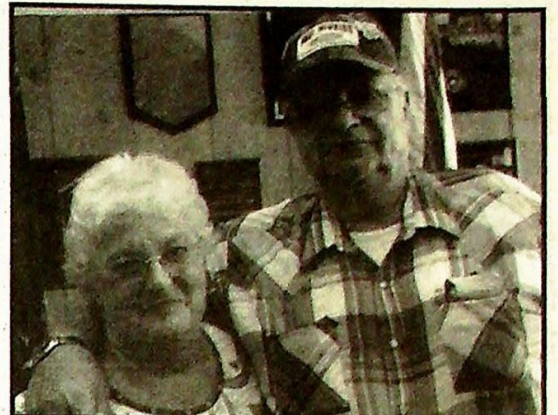
Twenty-five year service pins were also given to those who previously had received certificates. Those receiving their pins for 25 years of service are: Nancy Bonner, Janette Bonomo, Helen Cagle, Karen Carson, Beverly Good, Milka Hoskins, Lois Hursey, Betty Johnson, Betty Klassen, Mary Klym, Darlene Lambert, Hatte Belle Mayer, Margaret (Becky) Smith and Betty Sonntag.

Previous Gold Card recipients are: May Belle Byers (deceased), Eva Owens (deceased), Betty Johnson, Hatte Belle Mayer and Betty Sonntag. This Gold Card brings the number to six Gold Cards presented to Lake Station (East Gary) Fire Department Auxiliary members.

Bev and her husband, Chief Ron Good, who is serving his 51st year with the Lake Station (East Gary) Volunteer Fire Department, recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. Chief Good is serving his last year as chief with the department and is looking forward to sleeping through the night.

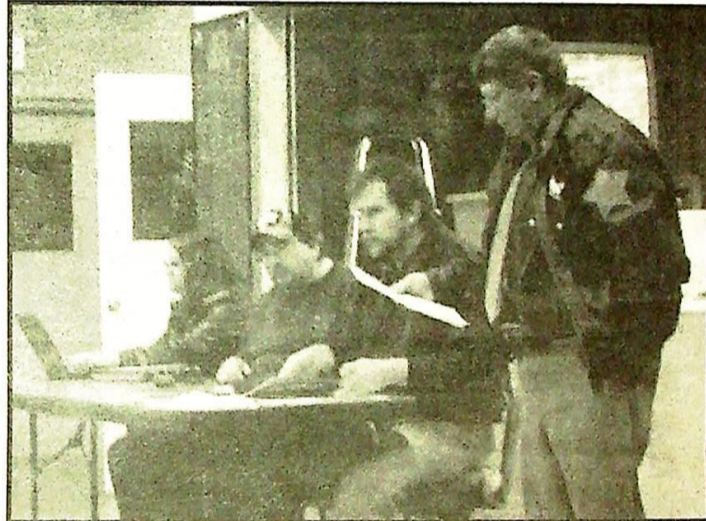
The Goods raised two boys, Kenny and Ronnie who also served on the fire department and five girls. Chief Good was also instrumental in manning the first ambulance for Lake Station. The crew slept in a tool room on cots at Station 1 which was heated only by a radiant heater when the ambulance service came to be on January 1st quite a few years ago. He has since served 12 years as chief and has strived to get the best equipment available for his near 70 man department in two stations. His task force of equipment includes a chief and deputy chief car, four pumpers, a brush truck, heavy rescue/command center, and light rescue van and two boats for water rescues. The Lake Station Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc. also owns a working 1937 Seagrave Pumper and a Soda Acid Man Drawn Firefighting Apparatus.

-- submitted by Dave Klym, Asst. Chief LSF and Mary Klym, photographer



Pictured above are Mary Klym (left) and Beverly Good (right). -- submitted by Dave Klym, Assistant Chief LSF and Pictured above are Bev Good (left) and Chief Ron Good (right). -- submitted by Dave Klym, Assistant Chief LSF

## Sheriff speaks to firefighters regarding different types of flu



Farmland volunteer firefighters listen to Sheriff Jay Harris, Randolph County, tell about definitions of different types of flu.

The sheriff, Randolph County Commissioners and the county firefighters are issuing directions for preparing for a flu epidemic.

All residents will receive one as a precaution in case of a flu outbreak.

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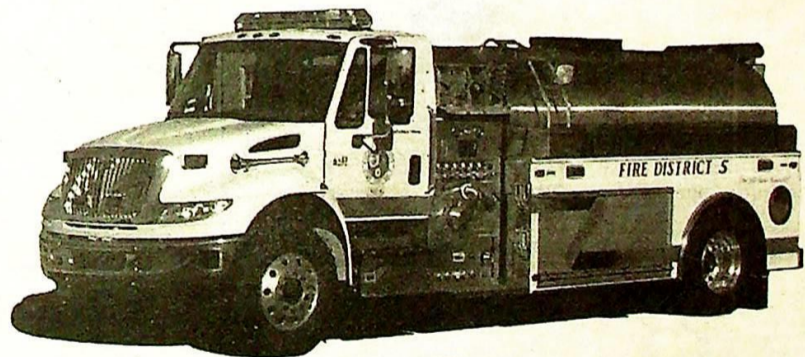
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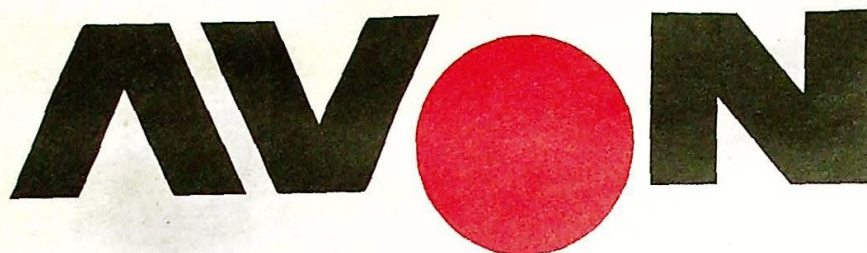
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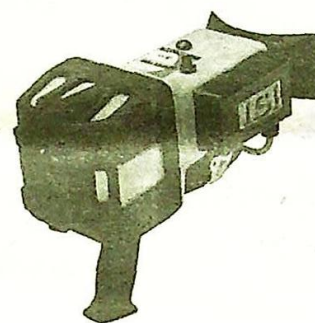


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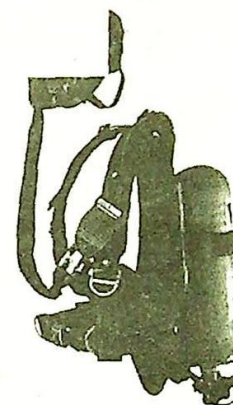
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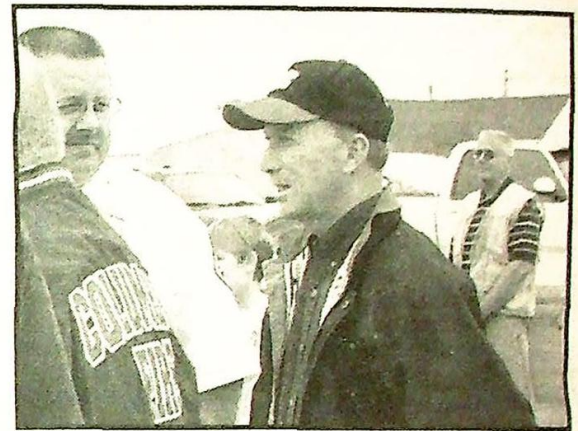
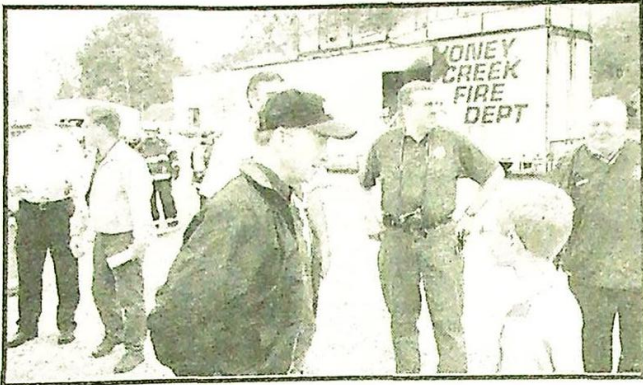
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# Governor Daniels visits Owen Valley VFD May 5, 2007



Governor Daniels visited the Owen Valley VFD, Spencer, Indiana for opening of Firefighter Training facilities on May 5, 2007.

Here are the Governor's remarks for that occasion:

"Good morning, early in my administration, I charged the Indiana Department of Homeland Security with the task to develop a regional approach for the delivery of firefighter training throughout the state. IDHS took on this challenge to provide state supported firefighter training and has developed the Indiana Firefighter Training System.

The Indiana Firefighter Training System has three primary objectives:

1. To deliver consistent, high quality training as closely to the firefighter's

home jurisdiction as practical.

2. To build collaboration among Hoosier fire departments and strong partnerships with state and local government, as well as the private sector, for the enhancement of fire training delivery.

3. To increase the response capabilities and expertise of the Fire Service.

Our goal of providing training to firefighters across the state has become a reality by utilizing the Homeland Security District approach along with local input and coordination and state support.

Key element in the success of this effort is leveraging existing training facilities whenever possible, increasing the number of training opportunities and partnering with the

fire service to enhance and expand its fire training capacity and capabilities. Today, I am pleased to tell you, that the training being conducted here in Owen County is one of the first to benefit from the financial support provided by the Indiana Firefighter Training System.

The District 7 Firefighter Training Committee, comprised of fire representatives from across the district, will provide the coordination and planning for training such as this to tailor the delivery of the highest quality, consistent and comprehensive firefighter training available to fit the needs of this region.

At the state level, we want to do our part as well. Through our continued efforts with the legislature, the upcoming biennial budget will increase funding to \$2 million per year for firefighter training and additional funding for training infrastructure development grants.

I have instructed the Indiana Department of Homeland Security that our funding efforts should not go toward just building more infrastructure, especially where infrastructure already exists. Our efforts should be to seek out partners who are willing to share their existing facilities and programs, and then enhance those programs and their ability to deliver training to their

neighboring departments. I want state level fire certification training to be delivered to our Hoosier firefighters as closely to home as practical. We do this by being flexible and working together to find the best solution to these challenges. Our goal has been to replicate this district training model throughout Indiana so that our firefighters may receive reliable, high quality and affordable training. The IDHS Division of Training is currently working with all ten of our Homeland Security Districts to make this happen.

The success of the Indiana Fire Training System is not solely the responsibility state government. The future of fire training in Indiana requires a strong commitment and collaboration among the fire service as well I would like to recognize some of our outstanding partners in this effort.

- Larry Ketchem, President of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association.
- Bill Newgent, President of the Indiana Fire Chief's Association.
- Tom Hanify, President of the Indiana Professional Firefighters Union
- Chad Abel, President of the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association.
- Dr. Eric Dietz and his staff from

the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, including the Director of Training, Joe Wainscott, and the Firefighter Training Section Chief, John Buckman.

• Fire Marshal, Roger Johnson, and his chief deputies, Mike Garvey and Mike Bigler.

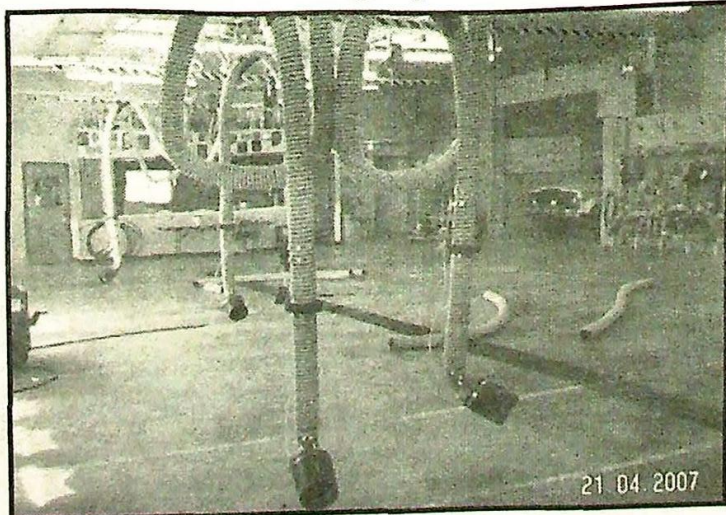
It has been encouraging to learn that cities and other local communities have recognized the importance of providing adequate training facilities for their firefighters. Several have pledged their own local funds to construct training venues that will be shared with their neighbors. Terre Haute is one of those cities who have risen to the challenge and will be building a new fire training facility. We are pleased that the District Fire Training Committee has chosen to partner with them to serve as a training hub for this region.

It is now my pleasure to present Chief Bill Newgent, chairman of the District 7 Fire Training Committee, and Chief Jim Utz, Terre Haute Fire Department, with this sign which will be posted in front of the facility designated by the District 7 Fire Training Committee as an Official Indiana Firefighter Training Center when that facility has been constructed.

submitted by  
John M. Buckman III  
Section Chief

Indiana Firefighter Training Section  
Indiana Department of Homeland Security,  
302 W. Washington Street  
Room E-208  
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## New air handling system installed



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Farmland installs new air handling system. The station will be used for a Red Cross shelter during emergencies. The system is air activated and is electronically released as the truck reaches the door.

The system was installed by Plymovent and will handle seven trucks. -- submitted by Bill Sunday

## And they came tumbling down . . .



Farmland radio tower and siren tumble to the ground. Twenty-six years the siren and tower stood outside the station. Storms and strong wind brings it down. The department will replace both with new, it's on order. -- submitted by Bill Sunday

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### Concord Twp. VFD members receive clocks



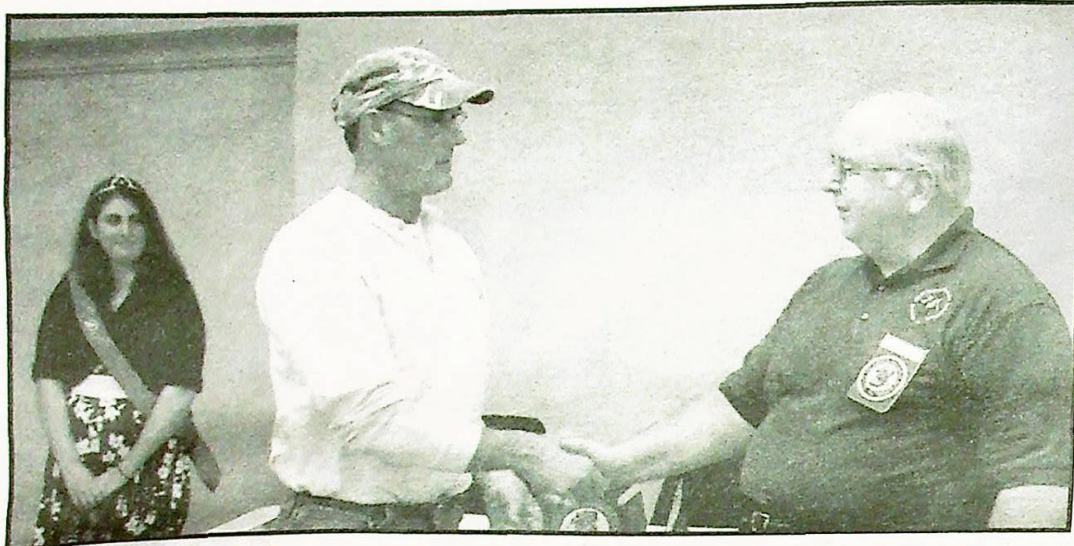
Concord Twp. Fire Dept. members showing clocks received for new station #1 and #2, presented by chairman Smith of District 4.



### Benton Twp. fire chief receives IVFA clock

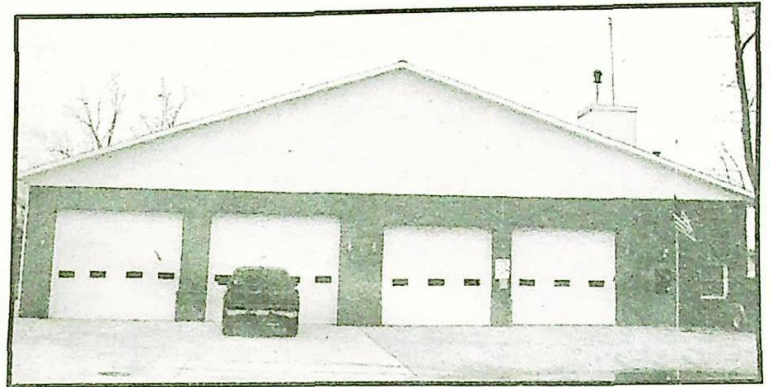
(Left to right) District 4 chairman Terry Smith, District 4 Miss Flame Shelby Leach, presented chief Frank Owens, Benton Twp. Fire Department an IVFA clock for their station dedication April 25, 2007 at their district meeting. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

### Tom Coy awarded 25 year service pin



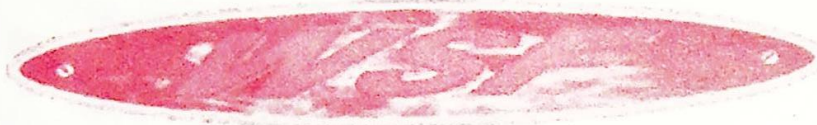
Benton Twp. firefighter Tom Coy receives his 25 year I.V.F.A. pin from District 4 chairman Terry Smith as Miss Flame Shelby Leach looks on.

### Station dedicated

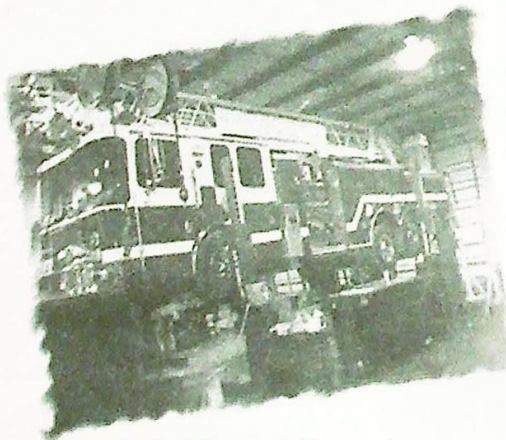


New station dedicated - April 25, 2007. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

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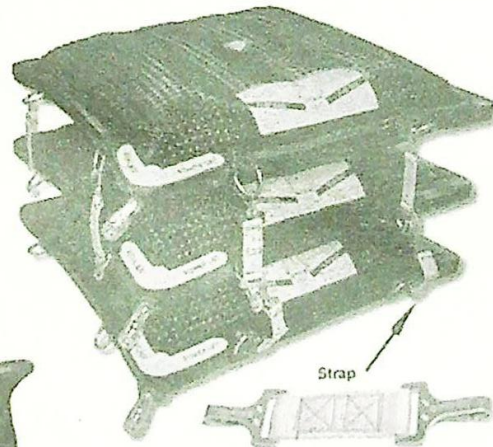


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# Longcor receives awards for 50 years of fire service



Benton Twp. firefighter Richard Longcor receives his service award for 50 years from Chief Frank Owens.



North Liberty firefighter receives his 25 year I.V.F.A. pin from District 4 chairman, Terry Smith.

## Fireman awarded certificate and pin



Benton Twp. firefighter Richard Longcor receives his 50 year Lifetime Gold Card from District 4 chairman, Terry Smith. Pictured (left to right) district chairman Terry Smith, Richard Longcor and Chief Frank Owens.

District 14 vice chairman Al Williamson presented retiring Carr Twp. firefighter Dave Freeman, a certificate of appreciation for 34 years of service and a 25 year pin.

Dave will be spending more time in the ministry. -- submitted by Al Williamson.



## Farmland VFD member finishing third tour in Iraq

Gunnery Sgt. Joseph L. Sunday is a member of the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department. He is now finishing his third tour in Iraq.

Joe has 19 years in the Marine Corps. He plans to retire next year and return to Indiana.

Joe is the son of Bill and Nickie Sunday, who are both past presidents of the IVFA. -- submitted by Bill Sunday



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I attended a memorial service for Charles Nelson of Buckskin Volunteer Fire Department at Princeton. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

I attended district meetings in Columbus on May 5 and 6.

May 15th I attended District 15's meeting at Smith Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Steve Anderson gave a convention update.

I attended District 18's meeting May 17th at Chrisney Youth and Community Building.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Petersburg I.P.L. plant, hosted by Petersburg Vol. Fire Department. A 50 year Gold Card was presented to William Traylor. He also received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award and the Distinguished Hoosier Award.

Phil Taylor also received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award and will receive his 50 year Gold Card at upcoming meeting.

I attended a memorial for Tom Kern of the Shawswick Vol. Fire Department at Bedford, IN. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and department.

I attended a memorial service for Brice Hatfield of Vigo Vol. Fire Department at Bicknell. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and department.

I attended the funeral of Mark Kelsey, fallen firefighter from South Carolina who was brought home to Washington, Indiana. I want to thank all Greene and Daviess Counties' firefighters and their families who came and lined his route home. I was very proud of the turnout of all departments and the number of firefighters and their families who lined the highways.

I also attended the funeral of Dennise Leslie, Coal City firefighter. Again thanks to all the fire departments and their families who came to the funeral and also lined Worthington on the day of her funeral.

I attended convention in Evansville in June. Congratulations to all the award winners. I was re-elected PRSW, so I will see you all at your district meetings in July!

Thanks,  
Jim Abrams  
P.R.S.W

**DISTRICT 10 CHAIRMAN**



David Israel

District 10 has something to celebrate. District 10 contestant Miss Flame Keri Davis from Hartsville Comm. VFD received 2007 Miss Flame 1st runner up at the Evansville 2007 IVFA Convention.

Way to go Keri! We are very, very proud of you. THANK YOU and your family for a job well done. GOOD Luck at college this fall (don't forget your flip-flops's) and thanks for going to all those meetings with me over the last two years.

District 10 member Harold Capper of the Clifford VFD in Barth. Co. took the highest award given out by the IVFA. He received the Mr. IVFA Award for 2007. Harold is now a member of the Red Coat Group. WAY TO GO, HAROLD CAPPER. Edwin Stone member of the Hope VFD in Barth. Co received the District 10 Global Award (formerly the Midwest Award). CONGRATULATIONS to our winners.

Typing this up on 7-12-07 at 11:00pm and watching the news and there is Pete Beyer on Channel 13. Pete, you doing the training at the Waldron District 10 meeting in September?

The next meeting for District 10 will be August 15, 2007 at the Anderson Twp. VFD in Milroy, IN. in Rush. Co. 7:00 pm. This will be election night. Sept. 19, 2007 at Waldron VFD Waldron, IN. Shelby Co. 7:00 pm.

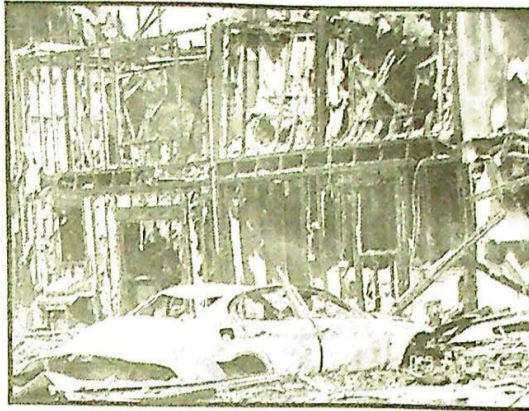
In closing there is a lot going on in the fire service -- it is not the way it used to be 30 years ago. The fire service is changing all the time and at a fast pace. We don't like change -- we get set in our ways of doing business.

But if we don't try to keep up and stay active in the game of change we will get left behind and our communittee's will be short changed.

Take care, see you at the District 10 meetings. October 2007 is still open unless I forgot to write it down.

David Israel

# Firemen summoned to Princeton Town Homes fire on May 14th



On Monday, May 14, 2007 at 1:07 p.m. Crown Point Fire Rescue was summoned to the Princeton Town Homes located at 11800 Broadway for a working structure fire.

On arrival of the first unit on scene confirmed that a working fire had begun in an unattached garage structure to the rear of the main town home building and due to the wind conditions had spread to other garages and to the main town home building which contained 15 privately owned units.

On arrival, Crown Point Fire Rescue Assistant Chief Gerard Abraham immediately established command and requested a first box alarm for mutual aid. As the wind

continued to feed the fire a second box alarm for mutual aid was requested and eventually a third box alarm. Special alarms were made for The American Red Cross Disaster Team and the Incident Command Team from Porter County. The Crown Point Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary also assisted with firefighter rehabilitation.

The department received mutual aid from 10 area departments including Ross Township, Lowell, St. John, Lake of the Four Seasons, Cedar Lake, Lake Hills, Lake Dale from Lake County and Hebron and Union fire departments from Porter County and Beacher Fire Department from Illinois. Numerous other nearby

departments moved up to cover other departments. A total of three aerial units and six hose lines worked the fire until the early evening hours when it was determined that the fire was out.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security was notified to assist in the investigation sent an investigator to the scene.

A total of 15 families have been temporarily displaced. Eleven units were either totaled or received extensive fire damage. Four units received minor or no damage from the fire. Damage is estimated in excess of two million dollars.

Written by:  
Mark A. Baumgardner Sr.  
Acting Fire Chief

## E J Smith 2007 Angel Award winner



Diane Harrison and E J Smith

This lady has been involved in the fire service for many years. She was four years old when her Dad joined the fire service and has continued to volunteer in the community almost all her life. When she was a young girl, she spent many hours at the fire station. She would help do the dishes, clean the kitchen and wipe trays at the chili suppers. When there was a fire the kids had to go to the kitchen and stay there until the trucks came back. She helped make Kleenex flowers for the float that was in the 25th IVFA Convention parade. In 1974 she helped her Mother do registration at the Convention. She is a firefighter at her local department for 15 years. She is also an IVFA member for 15 years.

She currently holds first and second class firefighter certification, CPR certification, has taken first responder class, Haz-mat and many other classes.

At her local fire department she orders materials and takes care of the fire prevention booth at their festival and other community functions held at the fire station. She also makes and distributes reflective address signs in her community. These "find your address" signs for the community have been a good awareness program for proper address location throughout the community. She also serves on the Fire Safety Information booth. Helps with the Boot for MDA. Her local fire department and auxiliary help with the Hoosier Burn Camp. They have two Burn Camp counselors.

This lady works at all of her fire department functions, festival, pancake & sausage breakfast, and making peanut brittle as a fund raiser. She likes to help her community and her fire department.

She has served as a Girl Scout leader for eight years; Four years as a registrar and 13 years in the service unit.

It was in November, the day after her mother's death, it was a carbon monoxide trailer fire. This individual took care of four little girls in the ambulance and took them to a neighbor's house to use the bathroom, their ages were four to eight years old. She touched their hearts. A few months later the mother and the girls came to the fire station for a tour of the station and the trucks.

She has been married to her husband

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# From the desk of the Historian

John Davies



# Bryant VFD holds chili soup supper

My hat is off to Steve Anderson and his crew from District 15 for a remarkable convention. A lot of planning, blood, sweat and tears went into this year's convention in Evansville and it clearly showed. The activities beginning with the picnic all the way through the entertainment on Friday night after the banquet showed to me that this was going to be one special convention that I will remember for many years to come. I had only one complaint, and that was no fault of this fine committee. I do wish that the temperature during the tour of the LST 325 would have been about 30 degrees cooler than what it was. Now I know what the Thanksgiving turkey feels like inside

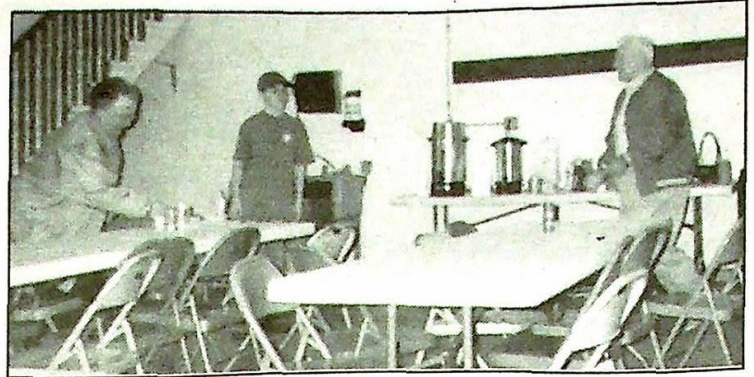
of that oven. For those of you who missed the memorial service and the walk back to the hotel, this also was a page out of the history book. I was very glad to see so many at the memorial service and then those of us who walked back as a group from the church to the hotel, very impressive. Congratulations to those elected to lead our organization for another year and that goes for the auxiliary officers as well.

I have a project that I would like to share with each of you and maybe the response will be better than it has been in the past. Our president, Larry Ketchem gave me the task of compiling a list of those fire departments in our state who have had

their 100th anniversary. Ladies and gentlemen, there are over 800 volunteer fire departments within the state of Indiana. To date, I have received the names of only seven departments. PLEASE help me to find the names of these departments. If you know of any, send the name of the county the department is in, the name of the department and the year of its anniversary. I would appreciate it very much. I have set a goal to have this completed and turned over to the president by the end of the year.

Until the next time, I remain, your friend and historian.

John Davies



Jay King and his wife, Alice, of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department, getting ready to enjoy a bowl of chili at the soup supper held at the Bryant Fire Department on March 24, 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

# Wanda Johnson chosen 2007 Lois Boaz winner

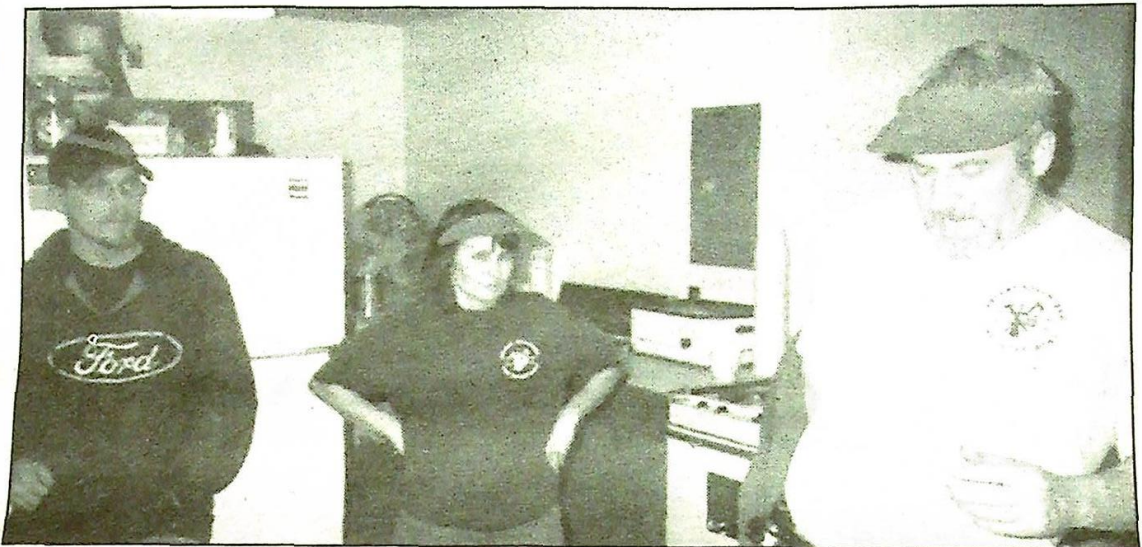


Our 2007 winner of the Lois Boaz award, Wanda Johnson, is from the Richland-Taylor Fire Auxiliary. She has been active in the auxiliary since 1981. Wanda not only started the auxiliary but was active in starting her district auxiliary. Wanda is also a 25 year member of the IVFAA.

Wanda and her husband, Johnny have been married for 53 years and are the parents of six children, 18 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. She has always been there to support her husband's career in the fire service and her children that are involved in the fire service.

Wanda is very active in her church serving as a board member. She has always helped at the local festival in town. Wanda is known as the kind of person that would give you the "shirt off her back" to help you. She is there to help in any way that she can.

Wanda has always been a big supporter of her husband and children in their car racing and enjoys going to the track to show her support. We have also heard from many sources that she makes the best baked beans around. -- submitted by Eula Ashbury, 2007 Lois Boaz Award chairman



On March 24, 2007 the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department, Bryant, Indiana held a soup supper at their station. President of the Fire Department, Nancy Armstrong looks like she is trying to tell Fire Chief Randy Coleman to get busy! -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

# EJ Smith Angel award ...



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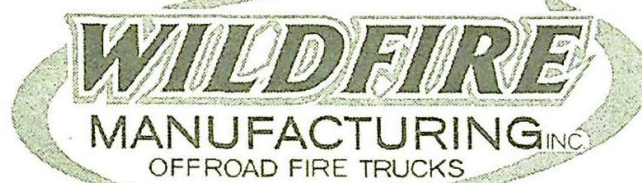
for 25 years, who is also a firefighter. She has two daughters who are members of the State Auxiliary.

I am proud to announce E J Smith as the 2007 Angel Award Winner. \$200.00 will be donated to Hoosier Burn Camp in E J Smith's name.

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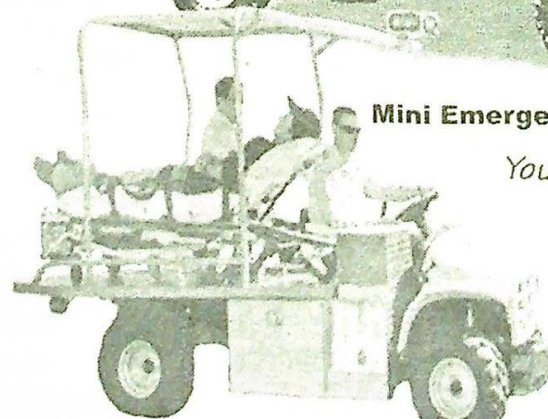
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3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
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This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

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April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
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3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
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## Firemen honored for brave, heroic actions



Cayuga firefighters David Bailey, Shawn Haworth and Benji Brink were recognized Saturday for bravery in rescuing an 89-year-old woman from high water in January. Pictured are, from left, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association President Larry Ketchem, Bailey, Haworth, Brink and Cayuga Fire Chief Tim Wilson. See story. (Digital photo by Eric L. Jones) -- submitted by Sonny Carey with permission given to re-print by George B. Carey, Publisher, "The Daily Clintonian", Clinton, IN

"The Daily Clintonian"  
Clinton, IN

Three Cayuga volunteer firefighters were recognized Saturday evening for their "brave and heroic actions" in rescuing an 89-year-old woman from high water earlier this year.

A resolution sponsored by Rep. Dale Grubb and passed by the Indiana House recognized firefighters Benji Brink, Shawn Haworth and David Bailey.

On Jan. 17th, the three responded when Alberta Wimsett, 89, drove her car into an area of high water and became stranded. Wimsett was reportedly in her vehicle, in the water, for at least three hours before her vehicle was discovered and

### Chaplain reminds everyone to slow down

As chaplain I want to remind you to be careful, slow down and LIVE.

When it comes to property and casualty, vehicle accidents account for 65% of all claims filed against fire departments in this country.

Intersection accidents led the way. As our streets, roads and highways become more congested and cars become more quiet, the problem of driving with lights and sirens becomes more dangerous and deadly.

With the windows rolled up and the air conditioning on, the radio on, plus talking on the phone, the public doesn't hear the sirens. Most are preoccupied thinking about where they are going and not where they are.

If you are a driver of an emergency vehicle you must stay alert and concentrate on where you are and who's in the other vehicles and do they SEE and HEAR you.

As a Gold Card carrying member I can remember when the Indiana law stated you were only allowed one blue light not over 32 candle power in brightness and must be mounted below the headlights.

I cannot imagine with all the traffic and speed of vehicles today still having to abide by this antique law.

THIS IS ONE OF THE BATTLES WON BY THE IVFA TO GET THIS LAW CHANGED.

-- submitted by Jerry Cohen

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was determined that a boat would be needed in order to rescue Wimsett. Because the fire department does not have a boat, Brink retrieved his own boat and brought it to the scene.

Once the firefighters reached the vehicle, Haworth entered the back seat of the car and unlocked the doors. The three then helped Wimsett out of her car and into the boat, and brought her to safety.

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association President Larry Ketchem and Fire Chief Tim Wilson presented copies of the resolution to each of the three firefighters Saturday. A fourth copy will be displayed at the fire station.

"These outstanding men help to ensure the safety of their community," reads the resolution. "It is fitting that we recognize Benji Brink, Shawn Haworth and David Bailey for their brave and heroic actions." -- submitted by Sonny Carey, with permission to re-print article given by George B. Carey, Publisher, The Daily Clintonian, Clinton, IN.

emergency personnel were notified.

## 2008 officers elected at 2007 convention

The 2008 officers were recently elected at the 2007 convention held in Evansville, Indiana in June. They are as follows:

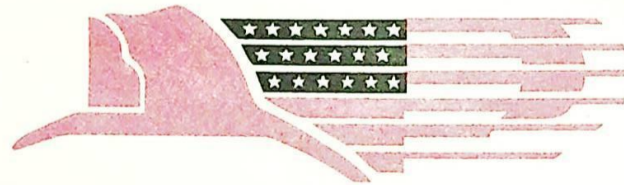
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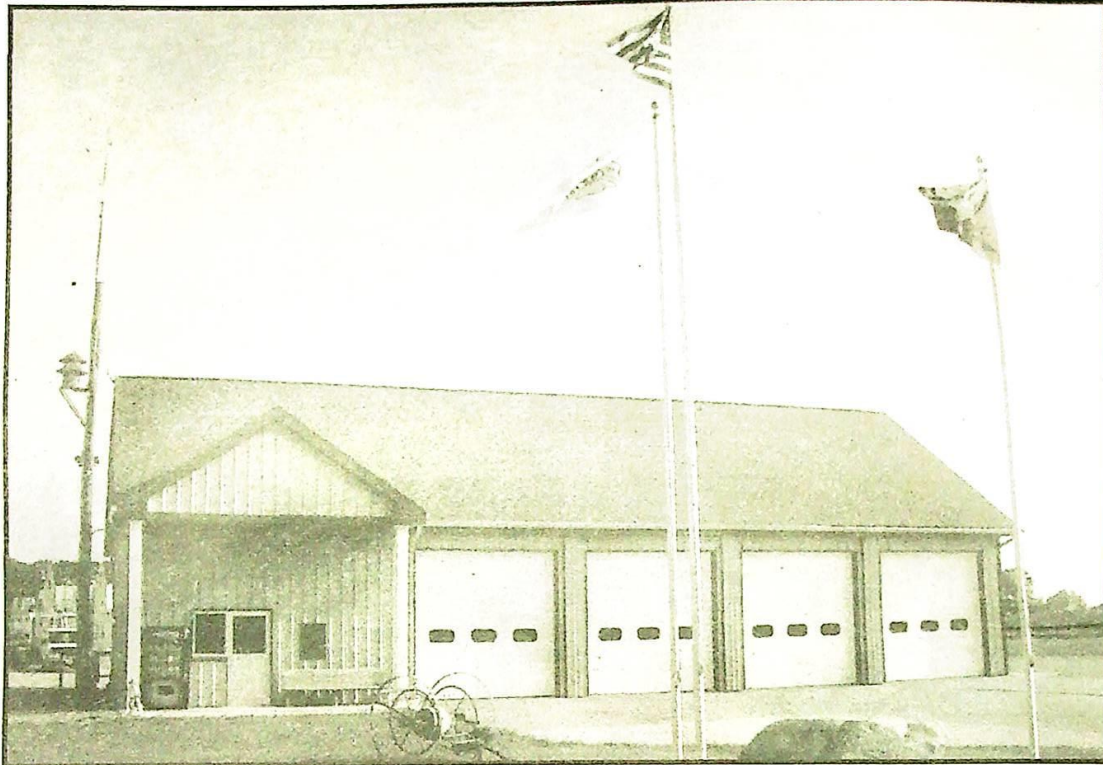
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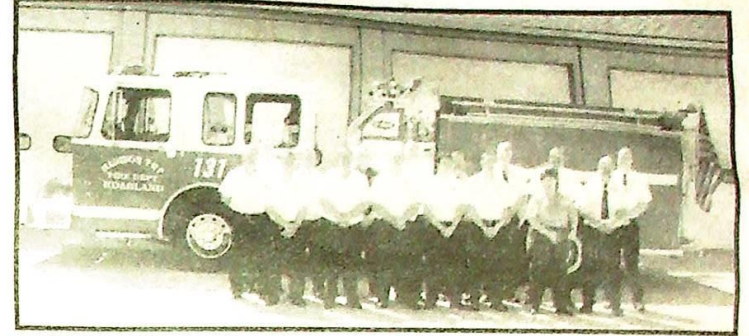
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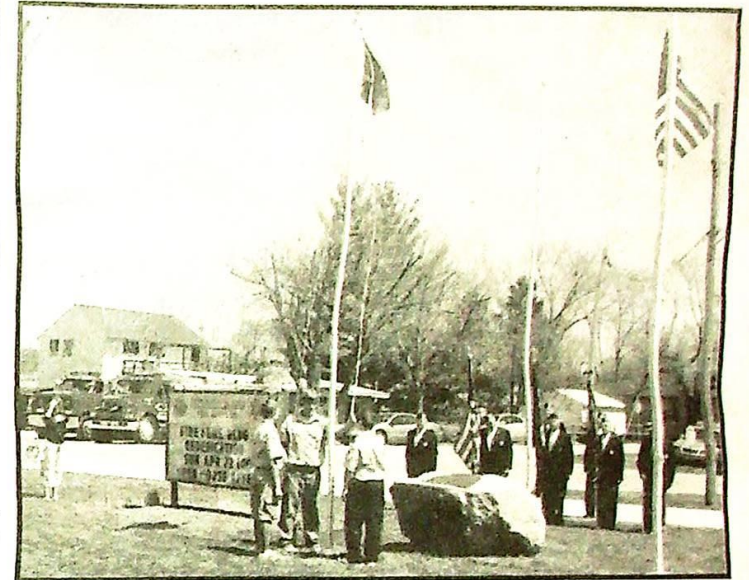
# Hoagland fire station rededication held



Re-dedicated April 22, 2007 -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast



Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department and EMS personnel. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast



American Legion Post 420 Color Guard from Monroeville, IN. Boy Scout Troop 348 from Hoagland, IN. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

On March 17, 1930 a meeting was held at the local Post Office where the officers were elected and the by-laws were drawn up to organize Hoagland Volunteer Fire Dept. As the years have passed they have purchased many different fire trucks and many men have helped as firemen. Today's fleet consists of two engines, one tanker, and a grass rig/rescue unit.

They help support this by the annual Christmas tree sales, and one annual dance, known as the Turkey Dance, where they raffle off 50 turkeys. For the last 10 years they have had a silent

auction and a live auction on Saturday of Hoagland Days in June.

Hoagland E.M.S. was formed in 1980. They are a Basic Life Support Unit with paramedic assists coming from TRAA out of Fort Wayne.

Fire Department women's auxiliary was formed in 1957. To be a member of the Auxiliary, you must have a husband, son, or father as a fireman.

Today, the Ladies' Auxiliary has two fundraisers, the Longaberger Basket Bingo in October and selling food at Hoagland Days Demo Derby.

They sponsor two service projects each year, the Easter Egg Hunt before Easter and on Trick or Treat Night, they serve free hot chocolate and candy for all who stop by the fire station.

The rededication of the station replaced the previous station that was dedicated Sept. 12, 1964. Congratulations on your new station and the excellent commitment and service that you give the community.

(Submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)



## Tom Nobbe awarded 25 year service pin

District 19 -- Tom Nobbe, Eagle Fire Dept., Oldenburg, receiving his 25 year pin.

(Pictured, left to right) -- Bob McKensie - PR Southeast, Tom Nobbe - Eagle Fire Department, Ed Scheele - District 19 chairman and Gary Swain - Eagle Fire Department fire chief. -- photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman



## Rykers Ridge 25 year members

Pictured are Charlie Stiver, Bob McKensie and Dennis Woodfill, 25 year members from District 14 Rykers Ridge. -- photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

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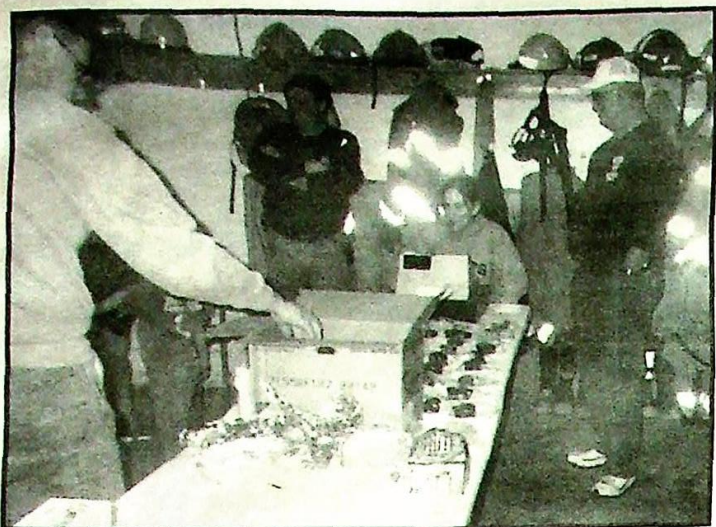
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**November Deadline: October 10, 2007**

# Redkey VFD holds chili supper



On January 27, 2007 the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held a Chili Supper.

I guess Eric Young and Rick Current are making sure that Rick's daughter is doing her job right! -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Pictured is Michelle Young, wife of Fire Chief Randy Young and her daughter just finishing their bowl of soup. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Pictured is Don Knisely telling the guys that the soup is ready. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

# 2007 Miss Flame



Pictured above is 2007 Miss Flame, Amber Farrer, Bremen Volunteer Fire Department, District 5. -- submitted by Miss Flame Chairman, Barbara Kerney

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# Crown Point Fire/Rescue members receive awards

Crown Point Fire/Rescue members receive membership awards.

Pictured (left to right) Otis Marlowe, Tim Martin and Scott Abraham, all 10 year members and Paul Watland, 35 year member. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

# Crown Point F.D. receives new members

New members of Crown Point VFD are (left to right) Mark Reed, Terry Ciciora, Doug Olson and Aaron Wietz.-- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



# Neises awarded plaque

(Pictured at left) -- Cory Neises of the Crown Point VFD receives his five year membership plaque. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.





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# Barry Lain receives 25 year pin for service



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and Jim Bradford, PR, present Barry Lain of Schneider VFD with his 25 year service pin. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



# Walters receives membership plaque



Tom Walters of the Crown Point VFD received his 10 year membership plaque. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

# Human Remains Detection (HRD) Team ... What it can do for your department

By Karen Karrer, unit #345 EMT, SARTECH 2, K9 Handler, St. Joseph Township Fire Dept. Allen Co. Base 70

An HRD team is perhaps one of the most effective tools any department can use in human remains detection or recovery operations. An HRD team is a well-trained collective of Search and Rescue responders and their K9s (specially trained cadaver dogs), working together to locate human remains in a variety of environments. These dogs can detect the bodies of people who have drowned in almost any body of water (including oceans, lakes, rivers, ponds, and creeks), as well as on dry land.

If your department is in charge of a human remains recovery operation or investigating a death or drowning, do you have a protocol identifying what resources to call on for assistance? Here are some of the practical applications for an HRD team. In all of these example situations, there is a need to seek & locate, or confirm, the

presence of human decomposition scent, residual scent, or human remains:

- Water recovery
- MVC with dismemberment or ejection
- Supporting scene evidence of alleged homicide
- Assistance in locating a missing despondent patient
- Suspected grave site investigation or probable grave/body dumping site
- Suspected fire scene death
- Gas-leak explosion, plane crash or domestic terrorism mass-casualty incidents

Regardless of the situation, much must be taken into consideration before, during, and after any incident where your department may require the assistance of an HRD team. Boat rescue, dive, fire scene recovery, and MVC/homicide investigation teams should all be familiar with how, where, and when to use these HRD resources.

Best Practices "Do's and Don'ts" in preparation for using an HRD

team:  
DO:

Give a Search team as much 'generic' information about the situation as possible (rather than specific GPS locations) The team needs to know the type of terrain involved (land or water, MVC, collapsed structure, etc.), estimated time or mode of death (to anticipate body condition and appearance), general geographical locations (urban building, rural outdoors, train tracks across a specific township area or a specific pond or stretch of river), environmental considerations or hazards of the area, (chemical plants, factories, waste water treatment plants) etc. Your HRD team will need to take these into consideration when determining what equipment & preparations they will need to make before they begin the actual search.

Give them specific directions on how you want any evidence discovery handled: reporting, recording/photographs, marking, protect-in-place vs. procurement or collection, etc.

Tell the search team if there are any historical human remains in the areas they are searching, such as an old grave yard, bodies found there previously, or the possibility that more than one missing body could be found in that area (i.e., a river search where a body from a previous investigation had decomposed on the river bank up to 2 or 3 years prior to the current search or a boating accident where more than one body is involved.)

Ask questions. The HRD team should be able to tell you what their dog's alert and 'indication' behaviors look like to help you understand their K9 colleagues. They should be able to answer any questions you have on how to correctly apply and interpret the outputs from their tools.

DON'T:

Have an HRD team start a search at a "possible" point last seen (PLS), last known point (LKP), body dump site, etc., until the search strategy has been reviewed with the team and it has been deemed safe and wise to do so for that specific case. It is not always best to tell a HRD team where a body may or may not be. A briefing to a lead HRD team member, indicating more definite information, is appropriate to help determine reasonable disclosure of details. Instead, give them an "area" to search and let them tell YOU the

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# HRD team . . . - continued from page 32

findings. This provides the HRD team an honest "deniability" element when used in an investigation and/or in court. With no predetermined expectations about a location, the HRD team can provide agencies with a high-integrity report on any suspected homicide/incident scene.

Pressure a SAR team into starting an incident search before they know the background and are prepared for various contingencies of the search strategy. Let them assist in the development of the search plan. They have the tools, best practices training, and experience to assist in establishing a search plan to best achieve your objectives.

Tell an HRD search team the results of any other K9 team's search until after they have been completely debriefed of their own independent findings for that particular area. The individual HRD team reports can then be combined and interpolated collectively to advance your search and/or findings with the high degree of integrity you need to legally support an investigation.

Assume "there's a body here" simply because a K9 performs an actual alert. Depending on that K9's training, such an alert may merely indicate that substantial decomposition scent is present. Remains may have been at that location and then moved, leaving varying amounts of residual scent for the dog to detect.

In conclusion,

Be sure to ask the search team for a copy of their written search record, once it is completed. As with any fire service or EMS incident, a professional SAR team will generate a search report, whether the requesting agency ever asks for it or not. From a legal standpoint, if the search and/or search result is not documented, it did not happen. The search report record will serve to preserve the search results for future reference and possibly guide future search efforts. This report should also be part of your department's investigation file. These reports may be extremely useful in obtaining search warrants and/or providing supporting evidence or testimony in prosecuting complex cases.

Training with teams in advance of actual need is recommended to enhance the resource-conservation value realized from HRD utilization. K-9 teams welcome the opportunity to train alongside other services. Joint-training can be arranged through the IDHS Search and Rescue Training Center, either on-site at Camp Atterbury or coordinated in your area to use your local department equipment and area HRD resources. Call the DHS Search and Rescue Training Center for questions about non-emergency search and rescue training or general information at 812-526-0013. To request actual incident support, contact the DHS Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-669-7362.



Linda Abraham, Marge Baumgardner, and Heather Martin, members of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Ladies' Auxiliary, help with the men's annual golf outing by serving hot dogs to the golfers during the day. It was a beautiful day and great times was had by all! - submitted by Marge Baumgardner

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## Crown Point VFD golf outing held



Paul Watland, District #2 chairman and member of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department helps with the department's annual fund-raiser - the golf outing. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner

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**STATE OFFICER'S MEETING**



Malinda Bell  
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**IVFAA QUARTERLY MEETING  
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Call to order: president Joann Hays called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Beth read a lovely poem before leading ladies in opening prayer.

Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam thanked everyone for the kindness shown to her during the death of her husband.

Pledge: Miriam led the ladies in the pledge.

Bylaws: Toni says she still has Bylaw books. District chairmen, make sure and get the books to your ladies.

Nominating: Susie said she has three positions open. Anyone interested to let her know.

A big Thank You to Tammy and Susie for the lovely "Luha" entertainment they had on Saturday afternoon for the ladies.

Roll call: Tammy - guest six, officers 29. Total: 34.

Minutes: Tammy made motion to dispense with reading of minutes, seconded by Jane Ferro. Everyone in favor.

Treasurer report: Dorothy gave the report.

Correspondence: Malinda read thank you card from Don Johnson's family.

Discussion about the old typewriter that is not being used anymore to do the minutes from the officer's meetings. It is obsolete. Motion by Lou to get rid of it and seconded by Barb Kerney. All in favor. Any expense over amount allotted bring receipt in to be reimbursed. Also will buy Forever stamps.

Membership: Tammy paid department - three, paid individual -

10, paid by department - 30. Total new for May - 40, for a total of 860.

Chaplain's report: Beth has list of deaths for the convention. Beth went over list to make sure she has not missed anyone. Beth also sent out several cards. Bibles are in, she is glad because she needs them. Anyone needing Bibles to please get them from her.

Discussion held on the new insurance. Joann says she has been receiving calls about this. Tammy sent membership list to lady and she has been having a hard time receiving any information from insurance lady about any of this. Roll call was done for each district chairmen of who has received or not. During discussion Tammy received an e-mail from the insurance lady that all mailing has went out as of 4-26-07. Billing department got behind, that is why everything was behind.

Auditing: Barb Kerney has nothing at this time.

Games: Marilyn had nothing, but E.J. Smith said going to have some new games.

Installation: Barb Parker wanting to know if want long or short of installation. Joann suggested that pins be pinned on new officers. This can be done during banquet at convention. Joann looking into this. Jane Ferro motioned to leave it up to Barb on how installation is done with a second from Martha. All in favor.

Financial Study: Lou asked about our CD if we want to roll it over or what? Barb Parker motioned to roll over and shop around, seconded by Barb Kerney. All in favor.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker, she has received several items for the auction.

Jim Bradford brought in newspapers. He said only state officers get papers, not auxiliary members.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney - everything pretty much done, we have 23 ladies vying for the title.

VP: Martha - doing okay.

Historian: Phyllis said that Anne has retired due to health reasons. Phyllis has taken over for her. Please remember Anne in your prayers and send cards to her. Phyllis asked if District 1 and 2 could be combined? Barb Kerney motioned to do this with

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a second from Jane Ferro. All was in favor.

President's Advisory: 0.  
Lois Boaz: No representative was present.

Parliamentarian: 0.  
Beth said she has 25 year pins for ladies. Pins will be given out at convention. We have 128 pins to present, had discussion on ladies that need 25 year cards, and over past presidents the districts need to keep them listed on their membership list. Make sure that dates are correct on the ladies joining.

Mary Mackin Committee -- Jane Ferro held a meeting Saturday evening. Discussed proper procedures on distributing the funds. A discussion was held to change Mary Mackin Scholarship to "Mary Mackin Memorial Fund" and the IVFAA will not be responsible if the fund goes broke. Also the money that is paid out to the girls will be given in a check to the parents/guardians. Miss Flames will continue to operate out of the fund. The fund will be known as the Mary Mackin Memorial Fund. IVFAA will continue donating \$100.00. Jane said they would have a meeting in August on Saturday afternoon at Columbus before quarterly meeting on Sunday.

Jewelry: None.  
Old Business: Lou read the SOG's that we had reviewed. Everyone was supposed to have been taken back to districts for approval by their ladies.

Tammy did roll call of districts for and against new SOG's. Was passed.

New Business: None.  
Convention Report: Steve Anderson gave update on convention. Everything falling into place.

Entertainment and next meeting date: June 13th to 16th. Convention at Evansville.

Adjournment: 12 noon. Joann read a "Mother's Love".  
Prayer: Beth.

Submitted by:  
Corresponding Secretary IVFAA  
Malinda Bell

**IVFAA CONVENTION 2007  
JUNE 14, 2007  
THURSDAY  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA**

Call to order: President Joann Hays called meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Joann welcomed everyone to the convention.

Prayer: Chaplain Beth gave opening prayer.

Pledge: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam said our flag is at the church for the memorial service. Miriam led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Joann acknowledged immediate past president Barb Kerney and thanked her for handling the duties as chairman for the Miss Flames.

Roll call: Tammy - there were 26 officers and six guests present.

Barb Ketchem talked to the ladies about changing the Lois Boaz name. Barb explained that it is nothing against Lois Boaz and we should keep the award but the family no longer sponsors this award. Ladies, think about this and in August meeting discuss this again.

Suggestion for renaming the award to: Ms. Flame or Most Worthy Auxiliary Member?  
Minutes: Lou Bartlow made motion to dispense with reading of minutes and was seconded by Jane Ferro. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy Reiter gave report.  
Treasurer's report stands approved as read.

Correspondence: There was none.  
Chaplain's report: Beth went over names for memorial service that will be held on Friday. Beth told everyone to please leave the roses lying on the cross after memorial service. Do not remove them, so pictures can be taken. The convention persons will get them to you. If you don't get yours, see Steve Anderson.

Membership: President Joann said that at Friday's meeting we would be presenting 25 year pins to members

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present. Those not present, it is the district chairmen's responsibilities to get these pins to their ladies. Beth has the pins ready, she will read names and members will be presented their pins by president Joann Hays. Then ladies and district chairmen will go to back of room for picture taking. This is just for IVFAA members that dues have been paid for 25 years.

Tammy gave membership report: we have 99 paid individuals, 54 paid departments, 24 life and 737 paid by department for a total of 860 paid members.

President Joann went over what is to be in briefcases of district chairmen. She had put a packet together to be kept in briefcases. These must be kept in briefcase and passed on to the next district chairmen. Lou Bartlow said take out old bylaws, keep one copy and throw rest away. We have new bylaw book, SOG's leave in until we get new ones copies. Also keep the Mary Mackin Fund info until we get new ones with the change to Mary Mackin Memorial Fund. About scholarship forms and information, can get them from web site or from Barb Kerney through the Central Office.

Auditing: Barb Kerney said would be in August.

Lois Boaz Award: No representative present but everything ready.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney said she has 21 girls. Thanked everyone who helped.

Beth talked about membership that past presidents be listed with auxiliary department. Went over list for 25 year pins.

Steve from 2008 convention gave a report about some of the things that will be going on and also the dates are June 18-21, 2008.

VP: Martha talked about how she got the axe and donations. A discussion was held on cookbooks. Suggestion was made to reduce price. Barb Kerney made a motion to reduce cookbooks to \$5.00 and seconded by Faye Sallee. Motion carried.

Jewelry: Marlene said jewelry is going really well.

Old business: Discussion about new insurance. Some have received their forms and others haven't. Will keep trying to get information for ladies. Line officers, district chairmen and Lois Boaz recipients to sit down front tonight. Pictures of line officers and district chairmen will be after meeting.

Barb Kerney said ladies had asked about shirts for auxiliary. Carol Curl is the one who is making them and she had some for the ladies to see and will be taking orders for them.

Discussion held on emergency call list. We are to follow the procedure that we have on the list. It is up to the district chairmen to call and inform any of their ladies about illness, if someone is hospitalized or if there is a death.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker doing good.

Games: Marilyn and CJ - games outside east of Civic Center on Saturday a.m.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Jane Ferro, okay.

Vans will transport anyone to the church Friday for the memorial service.

Financial Study: Lou - none.  
Nominating: Susie - she is all ready.  
Next meeting date: June 15, 2007, Friday, convention, Evansville.

Adjournment: Marilyn Dever made motion to adjourn with a second from Leona Uryga. Motion carried.

Closing prayer by chaplain Beth.

Submitted by  
IVFAA corresponding secretary  
Malinda Bell

IVFAA CONVENTION 2007  
JUNE 15, 2007  
FRIDAY  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA  
Call to order: president Joann Hays

called meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Joann welcome everyone and thanked everyone for their support to her through the years.

Prayer: Chaplain Beth gave the opening prayer.

Pledge: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam led the group in the Pledge to the Flag. Ladies, today was first time for our flag to be carried into the church for the memorial service. A big thanks to the men.

Program: "For the Love of a Firefighter" Lona Huffman, Jones & Associates Insurance presented a power point presentation, did an overall review about insurance, Indiana law, workman comp., and IVFA benefits and etc. Darin Dilppolito, Provident Insurance, supplement coverage info.

Program stopped so the Miss Fames could come into our meeting. IVFA 2007 Miss Flame Amber Farrer, representing District 5, Bremen Volunteer Fire Department, IVFA 2007 runner-up Keri Jo Davis, representing District 10, Hartsville Volunteer Fire Department. Runner-up Miss Flame steps in if Miss Flame cannot fulfill her duties.

Continue with program presentation. Brian Russell did presentation on Supporting Heroes, about benefits they provide for a firefighter's death due to death in line of duty.

Roll call: Tammy - 26 officers, 38 members, 20 individuals and seven guests for a total of 91.

Recognized 2007 Lois Boaz winner, Wanda Johnson, Richland/Taylor Auxiliary, Bloomfield and IVFA vice president's wife Virginia Elick and IVFA president's wife Barbara Ketchem.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy gave the financial statement for 2006-2007.

Treasurer report stands approved as read.

Minutes: Joann asked if we could dispense with reading of minutes? Betsy Howell made motion to dispense with reading of minutes with a second from Jane Ferro. Motion carried.

Convention 2007 chairman Steve Anderson asked if we had any questions about the convention? We thanked him for the Convention 2007 having a beautiful memorial service.

Chaplain's report: At the memorial service 14 names were mentioned. Beth said to let her know of any illness, deaths, etc.

VP Project: Martha talked about raffle tickets. Still need to sell more tickets.

Jewelry: Marlene - we have new IVFA state pins for men. Selling quite a few. Doing good on jewelry.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker doing good. Drawing will be at 5 p.m. today. Would like to sell more tickets.

Bylaws: Toni - she has extra of the new bylaw books. If anyone needs them see her after the meeting.

Our cookbooks have been reduced to \$5.00. We took a vote on this at Thursday's meeting 6-13-07.

Auditing: Barb Kerney will be at quarterly meeting weekend on Saturday August at 3 p.m. Books will be audited at Columbus.

Games: Marilyn says will be outside east of the Civic Center Saturday morning.

Financial Study: Lou says okay.  
Historian: Phyllis Vargo was absent.  
Parliamentarian: Toni says okay.  
Mary Mackin: Jane says ready.

Immediate past president Barb Kerney presented president Joann Hays with a lovely corsage.

Convention report: 2008 convention chairman Steve gave an informative report. Next year's theme "Paddlin Down the River" June 18-21, 2008.

Correspondence: None.

Membership: Tammy gave roll call for a total of 91.

### DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo  
District 1 - 2 chairman

Minutes of the March 8, 2007  
District 1 & 2 of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 Chairman.

Phyllis thanked Lake of Four Season Auxiliary for hosting the meeting.

Pledge was done.  
Kevin LaDuke of Lake of Four Season gave department history.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance: Paul Watland, District #2 chairman and his wife Linda; Martha Thomas, VP I.V.F.A.A., and her husband Jake, Clarence Moss, treasurer District 1 & 2 I.V.F.A. and Tom Orrell District #1 chairman, and Mallory Lampa, District #2 Miss Flame.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 18 members in attendance & six guests representing five departments.

Marge Baumgardner read the minutes from the November 2nd, 2006 meeting, passed as read.

Phyllis Vargo gave treasurer's report in absence of Ann Moss, with a balance as of 2/1/07 of \$2,258.66. Passed as read for audit.

Correspondence - None.

**OLD Business**

Phyllis talked about By-law changes that we want to submit to the state regarding adding granddaughter to be eligible for Miss Flame. Phyllis needs to have this in a by-law change to present at officer's meeting. L.O.F.S. Auxiliary will write it up and get it to Phyllis this week.

Jane Ferro came up with the idea of honoring ladies for membership service in IVFAA. Beth did the honors of calling the ladies forward and president Joann presented the ladies their pins. Then Malinda took ladies and district chairmen pictures.

Chaplain Beth read a very inspirational saying titled, "Team Geese", the next time you see formation of geese, remember it is a "reward" a "challenge" and a "privilege" to be a contributing member of a "team".

Nominating: Susie opened the floor for nominations. Elected for offices were president Martha Thomas, vice-president Beth Caudill, recording secretary Tammy Hungate, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, chaplain Bette Sellmer and Sgt.-at-

Arms Miriam Schaekel.  
Installation: Barb Parker performed the installation ceremony for the new officers.

Joann thanked everyone for her years of service as district chairman, chaplain, vice president and president and encouraged everyone to build up your auxiliary, back your 2007 and 2008 men and women officers.

Entertainment and next meeting date: August 4 and 5, 2007 at Columbus. Host for entertainment on Saturday will be District 19.

Adjournment: Jane Ferro motioned for adjournment with a second from Jackie Rench. Motion carried.

Closing prayer: Chaplain Beth.

Submitted by  
IVFAA corresponding secretary  
Malinda Bell

### DISTRICT 11-B REPORT

Once again, District 15 put on a very good convention. Steve Anderson and the committee did an excellent job. Those of you who didn't go, really missed out.

I want to congratulate all of the award winners:

Mr. IVFA - Harold Capper  
Lois Boaz - Wanda Johnson - District 17

Angel Award - E. J. Smith

Ollie Sandberg - Greg Colip

Miss Flame - Amber Farrer

Miss Flame Runner Up - Keri Jo

Davis

Miss Flame Miss Congeniality -

Morgan Borden

Bridgeport Scholarship Winner -

Megan Walker

Bridgeport Scholarship Winner -

Katelyn Bruns

Bridgeport Scholarship Winner - Erin

Holliday

Mary Mackin Memorial Award -

Macajah Green

Mary Mackin Memorial Award -

Amber Farrer

President's Award - Larry Bartlow

And all of the District Award

sponsored by Global.

Please don't forget to invite the 2007

Miss Flame and runner up, as well as

your own district Miss Flame to your

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activities and fund raisers. Dues are due. don't forget to send them to Tammy Hungate. You will find her address listed elsewhere in this paper.

Members, please attend your district meetings. You meet old friends and make new ones. For the meeting times and locations, contact your district chairman. Come and share your ideas.

Your officers for 2007 - 2008 are: President - Martha Thomas Vice President- Beth Caudill Recording Secretary - Tammy Hungate Corresponding Secretary - Malinda Bell

Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter Chaplain - Bette Selmer Sgt-at-Arms - Mariam Schackel In District 11-B, we have 11 ladies who have been members of the IVFAA for 25+ years. Two of them have 30+ years of service. I am visiting the auxiliaries and presenting them with the 25 year pins.

Every September, Districts 11-A and 11-B have a joint picnic. This year again, it will be at Fairbanks Park on Sunday, September 9 at 1:00 at the Overlander Shelter in Terre Haute. The park is on the Wabash River near downtown. Drinks are provided. Come and spend the afternoon with us.

Barbara Ketchem District 11-B chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky District 19 chairman

The May 8 meeting for District 19 IVFAA was held at Morris Fire Station with Pam Scheele and Roberta Streuwung conducting the meeting as I had a funeral back in Ohio. Thanks girls for stepping in for me.

The next meeting will be at Morris on August 14th. I will give out the 25 year pins to members who get them. We received the beautiful pins at the convention in Evansville.

If you have never attended a convention you might want to consider it. They are lots of fun with fellowship, banquet, Miss Flame, meetings, vendors etc. The memorial service is something to see with a beautiful wooden cross having lighted candles and roses representing those who have left us. The bagpiper, color guard and service given by the State Chaplain are very touching.

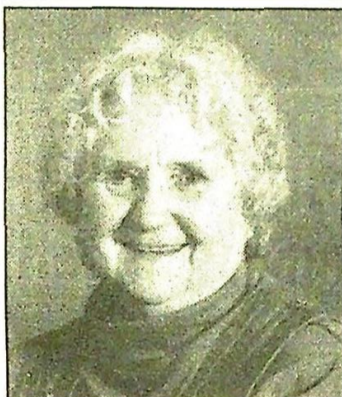
Our Miss Flame, Rachel Butt, represented us very well. She was so beautiful in her gowns and let her vibrant personality show how to

represent your district in a positive way. Next year's convention will be in our district at the Belterra in Vevay. Hope you will all plan to attend and have a good time.

The next state officers' meeting will be Aug. 4 & 5th. If you have anything you'd like me to share or bring up please feel free to contact me. I'm listed in the paper.

Pam Gerdowsky

IVFAA Imm. Past President Joann Hays



Dear friends and IVFA and IVFAA family,

Thank you all for your kindness to me and Bob over the years. It was my pleasure serving as the IVFAA president for the past two years.

Thanks to the 2007 convention

committee and especially Steve Anderson for a wonderful job as chairman.

To Barb Kerney, I don't even know where to begin. Barb, you did such a wonderful job as Miss Flame chairman. Thanks to your committee and to anyone who helped you. Thanks also for the beautiful tribute you paid to our Jennifer. I know she was looking down and smiling. I know it was hard for you. It was so beautiful. I'm sure there were tears throughout the banquet room Friday night.

Thank you, Beth, for allowing me to place Jennifer's rose -- it meant a lot to me. The memorial service was simply beautiful.

Congratulations to all of the award

winners. I know you all were very deserving of it.

Congratulations and good luck to all the IVFA and IVFAA officers for 2007 - 2008, I wish you the very best.

To all of my officers, district chairmen and past presidents, I thank you for serving me over these years. Bless all of you and just being there for me and let's all help this organization grow. It can be done if everyone does their jobs.

Take care, everybody and bless each and every one of you and your fire departments. I pray for good health, stay safe and be there for one another.

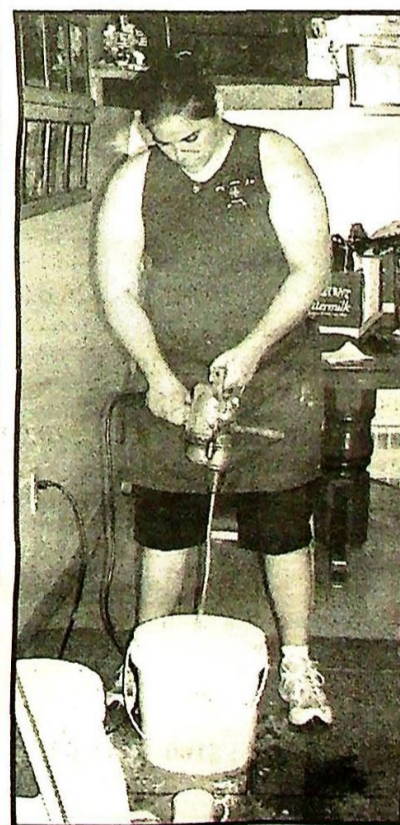
"Until we meet again" Love and prayers,

Immediate past president Joann Hays

Crown Point ladies' auxiliary holds 13th annual pancake breakfast



Len Dunlap, Mark Baumgardner, Sr. and Gary Huys cooking sausage for the 13th Annual Crown Point Ladies' Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast held on June 16th with over 900 people in attendance for the event. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.



Newest member of the Ladies' Auxiliary - Jill Dobis got the job of stirring up all that pancake mix to fee all of those 900 people.

Thanks to all that came and supported the auxiliary and the members of the fire department and ladies' auxiliary for a GREAT JOB. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

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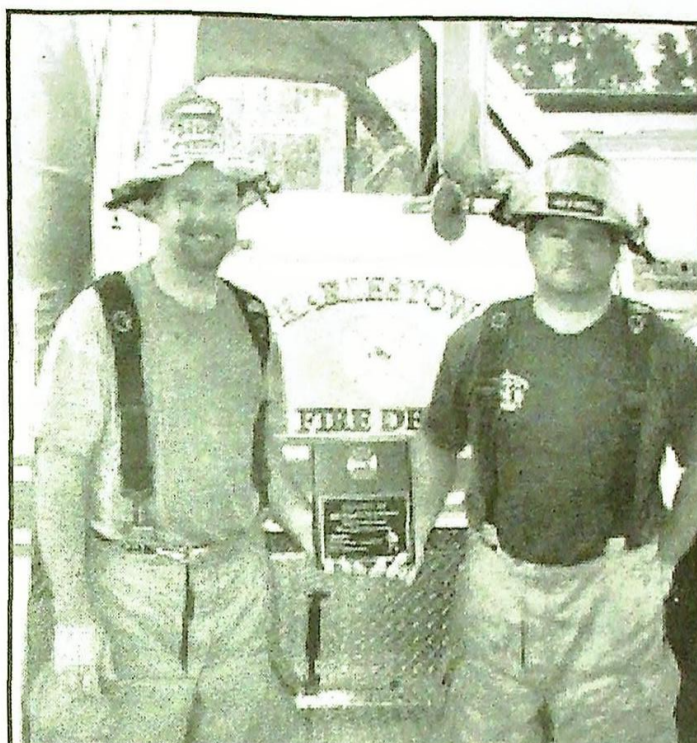
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# Charlestown Fire Department hosts waterball tournament



The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department hosted a waterball tournament at the Charlestown Founders Day Festival in June.

Many teams played for bragging rights, but only one team walked away Number 1.

Pictured at far left includes the winners, Jason Doss from CVFD, District 14 and Shawn from Livona, District 16.


Everyone had a good time.

Pictured at right includes the runners-up from Charlestown's waterball tournament, CVFD Jason Whalen and CVFD Gary Woods, both from District 14.

Pictured below is District 14 Miss Flame, Kadie Coyne after playing waterball in the CVFD tournament, and being defeated by a bunch of OLD TIMERS. (Who could that be, HA, HA!)

-submitted by Charlie Moon

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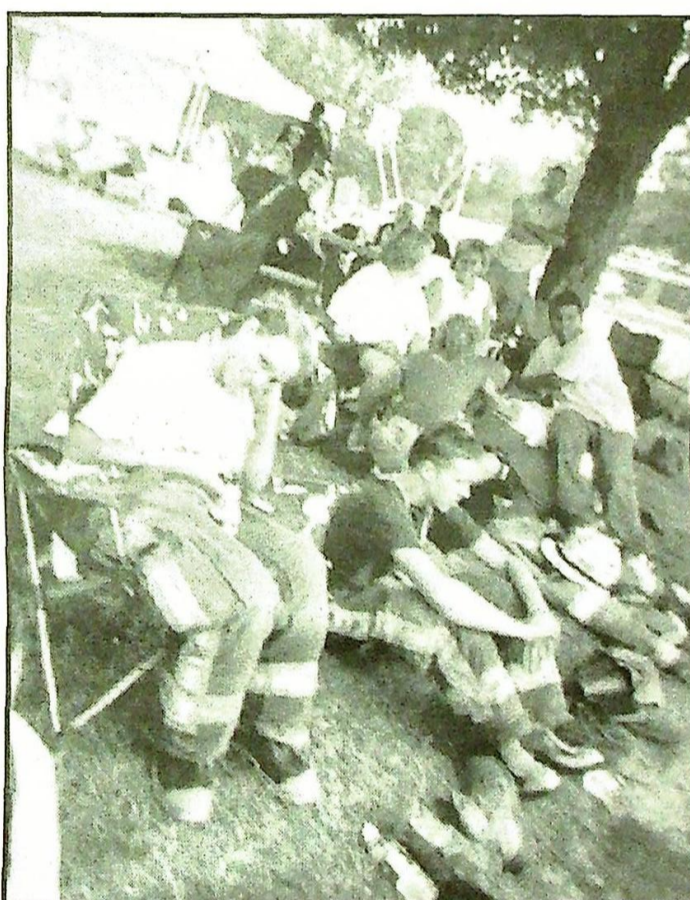
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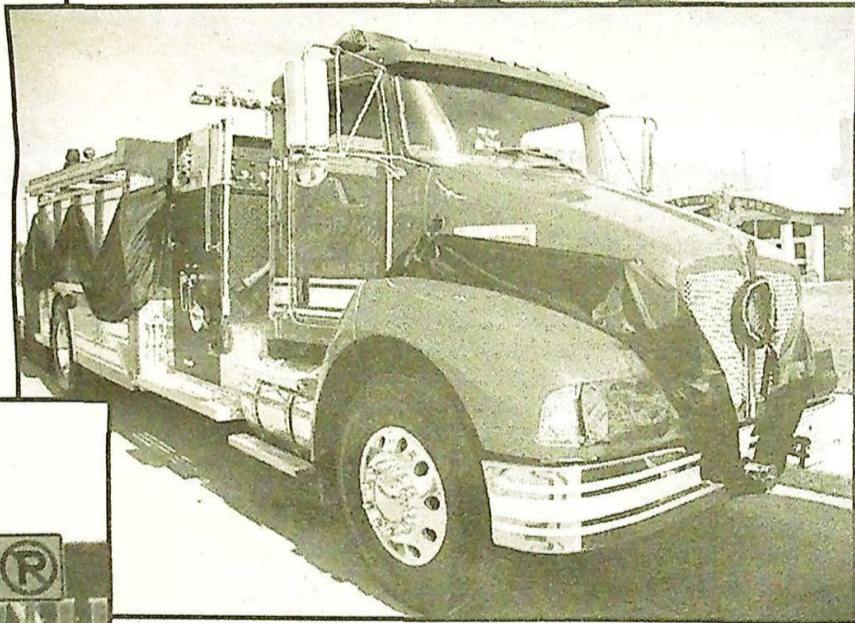
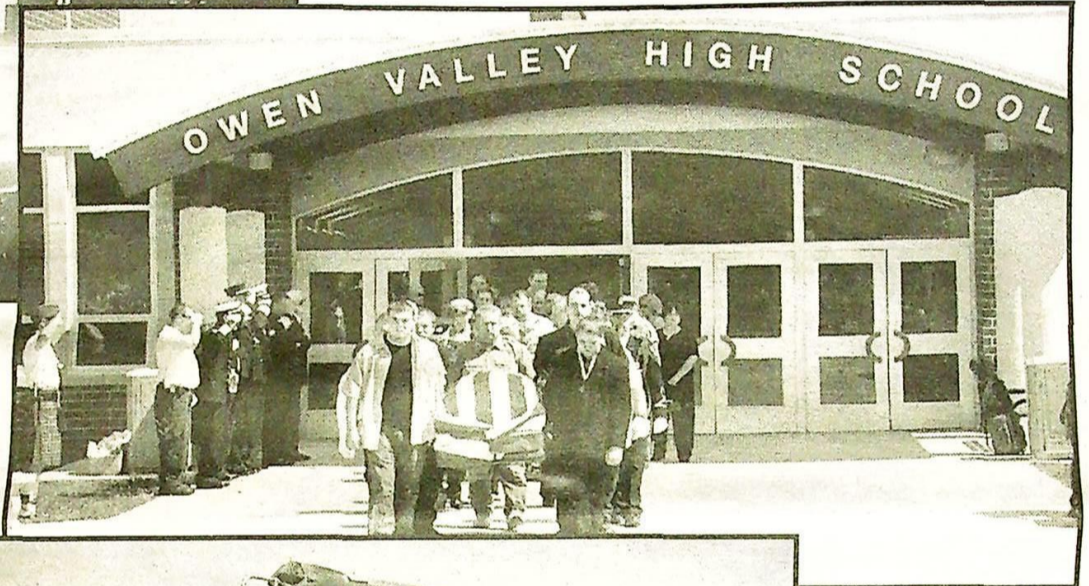
# Support Hoosier Burn Camp

# Funeral services held for firefighter Dennise Leslie



Thirty-seven emergency vehicles brought over 150 firefighters to the Owen County High School to pay their respects to Coal City Firefighter Dennise Leslie.

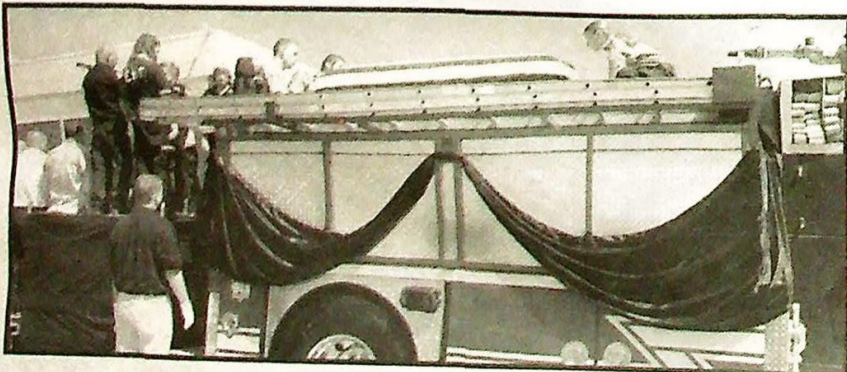
Firefighter Leslie was killed in a motor vehicle accident on Monday July 2, 2007. Coal City Fire Department Chief Andrew Whittington and Deputy Chief Richard Whittington led the Owen County Fire, Medical and Rescue personnel in paying respect and honor to Firefighter Leslie. Speakers during the ceremony included Owen County Rescue Chief Dan Browning, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Public Relations Director Diane Harrison, Coal City Deputy Chief Richard Whittington, Greencastle Firefighter and Indiana Firefighter Training System District 7 coordinator John Shafer and Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson. Marshal Johnson presented Firefighter Dennise Leslie with the State Fire Marshal Meritorious service medal. -- submitted by Diane Harrison



An Owen Valley fire truck is draped in black in preparation for carrying Dennise Leslie from funeral services in Spencer to burial in the Coal City area. -- Photo courtesy of the Spencer Evening World.



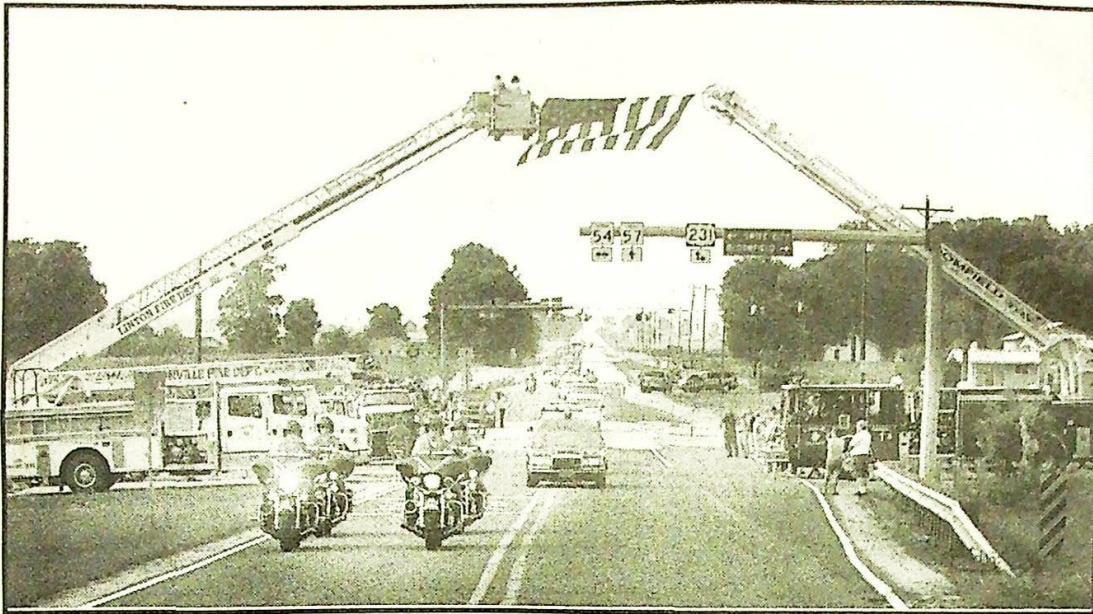
A steady stream of fire trucks pass under a giant flag in Worthington as Dennise Leslie is taken to ceremonies in Coal City. -- Photo courtesy of the Bloomfield Free Press.



Firefighters load the body of Dennise Leslie onto a fire truck for her final call. -- Photo courtesy of the Spencer Evening World.

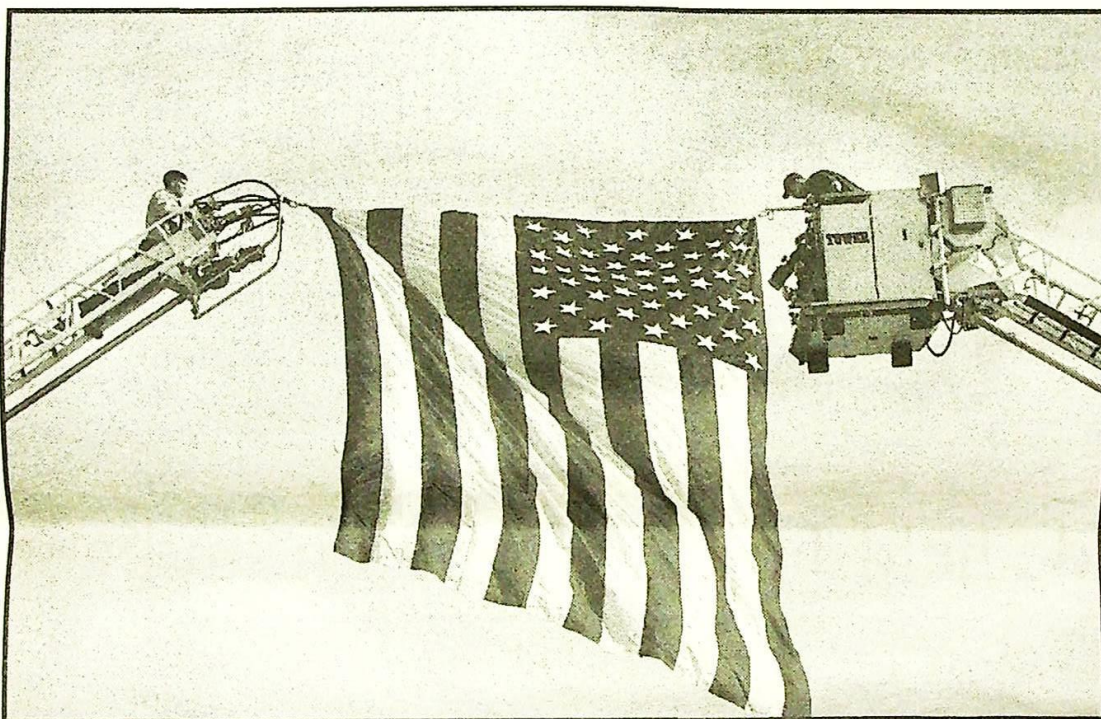


# Services held for firefighter Mark Kelsey



The funeral procession of firefighter Mark Kelsey drives through Greene County on its way to Kelsey's final resting place in Washington, Indiana.

*Both photos courtesy of the Bloomfield Press and Richland-Taylor Township firefighter R. Michael Johnson.*



Bloomfield firefighter Brad Grounds and Linton Fire Chief Lonnie Eberhardt drape the American flag between two extended ladder trucks on State Route 57 in Greene County.

## New Washington Fire Department holds fish fry



On the first weekend of July, the New Washington Fire Department held a fish fry and festival for anyone who wished to attend. They were very proud of the crowd that attended both Friday and Saturday and would like to thank anyone who attended in helping make it a success. Pictured (left) is Stan Martin from New Washington Fire Department, cooking on the grill at the New Washington fireman's festival. Pictured (right) is Tom Cochran, NWVFD and Richard Jones, local politician, frying fish at the New Washington fireman's festival. — submitted by Charlie Moon.

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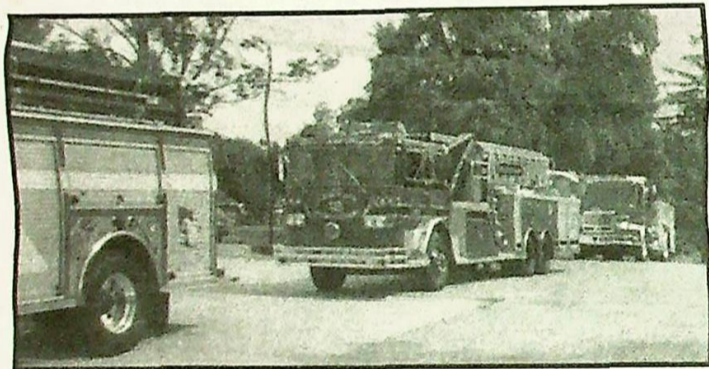
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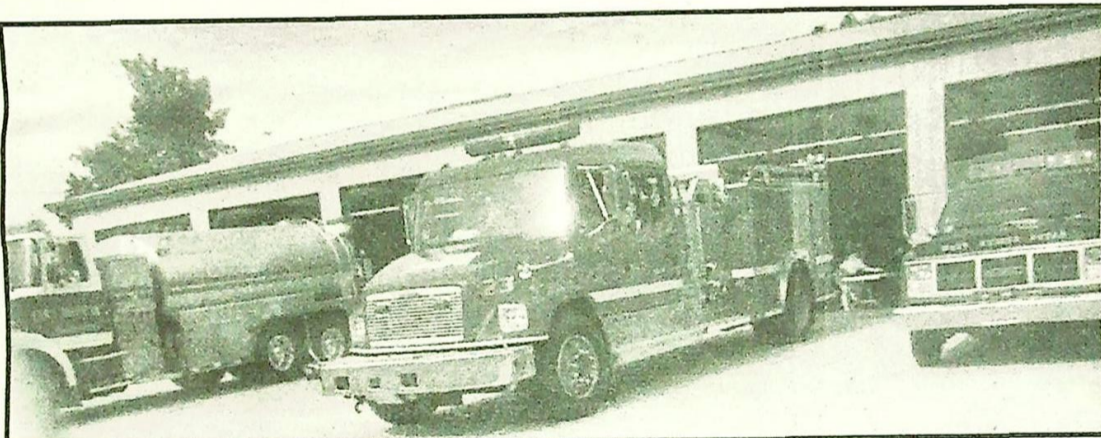
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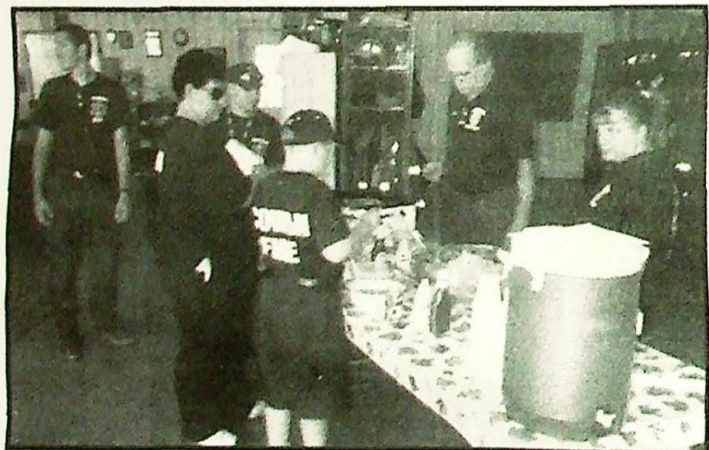
## Gas Days Festival parade held June 30 in Eaton, Indiana



Center Township's fire truck waiting in line for the Gas Days Festival Parade to start which was held on June 30th in Eaton, Indiana. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Eaton Volunteer Fire Department trucks are all nice and clean for their Gas Days Festival Parade which was held on June 30th. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Eaton Volunteer Fire Department getting ready to serve a light lunch to the different departments who attended their parade. The parade was held during their Gas Days festival on Saturday, June 30th. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Monroe Twp. (Cowan) Volunteer Fire Department took possession of a new truck. The truck is a 2007 Ferrara custom cab with a Spartan chassis, 6 person cab with intercom and SCBA seats. It has a 1500 gallon tank with a 1250 GPM waterous pump - side mount. Also included is a thru tank ladder storage, hydraulic rack, 8 KVV PTO generator, a Cummins ICS 330 HP engine with an Allison automatic transmission and was purchased for \$310,000.00.

Pictured (at right) with the new truck is fire chief, Fred Carter. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Department purchases new fire truck

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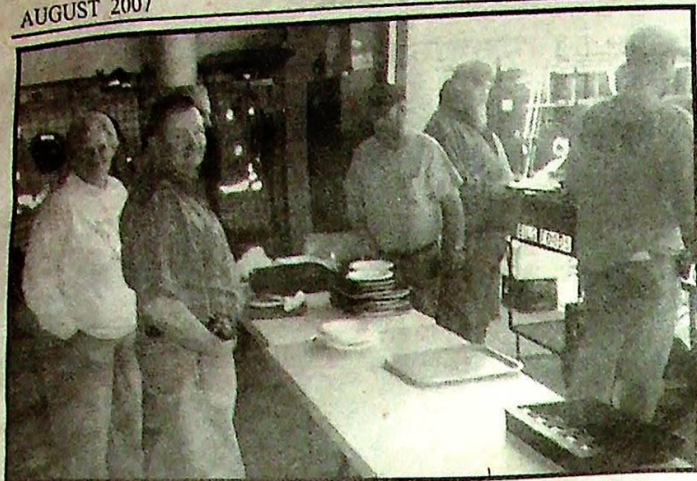
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### Ridgeville holds pancake breakfast

Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, Ridgeville, Indiana, held a pancake and sausage breakfast on April 22, 2007.

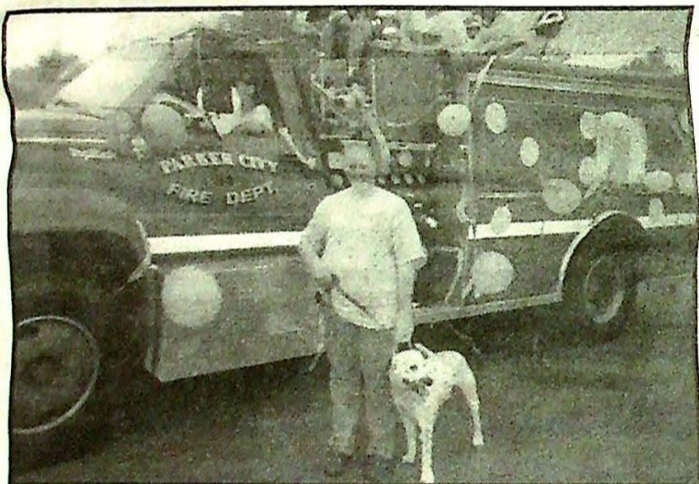
Hey, guys, is their cooking any good? - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

### Department holds training with Ohio department

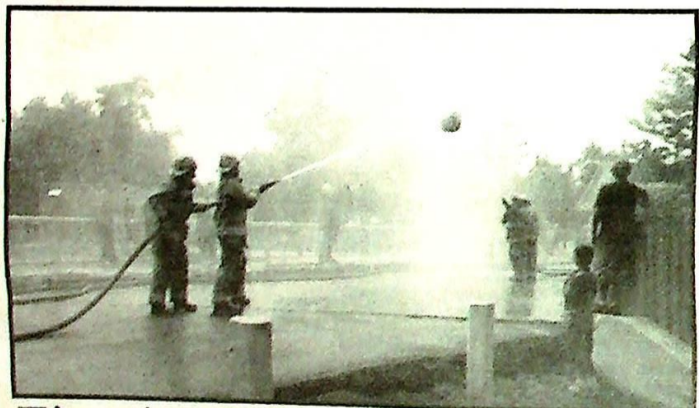


Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department holds training with the Southwest Mercer Fire Department of Fort Recovery, Ohio. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

### Parker City hosts parade



A parade was held at Parker City on June 23, 2007. Shown is Cathy Caldwell and the department dog from the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



### Fire departments compete in waterball contest

Albany Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast and waterball on Saturday, June 30th at the park.

Shown here are the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department and Albany Volunteer Fire Department fighting each other. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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### Department purchases grass truck

Pictured with their new 2007 F350 diesel grass truck is the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department. It has a 300-gallon water tank, 18 HP Briggs Stratron gas engine, Hale pump Hpx200, front road sprays, 8-gallon foam cell w/foam flo, all stainless steel manifold. Skid unit built by S & S Fire Apparatus Company, Fairmont, Indiana.

Pictured (front row - left to right) Tom Friend, Terry Hall, Adam Tharp, Nathan Rust, and Jared Ramsey. (Back row, left to right) Donald Caylor, Elizabeth Caylor, Jimmy Tharp, Joday Auker, Levi Doss, Stacey Chalfant and Mike Frantz. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Salamonie VFD holds pump training



On March 31, 2007 Salamonie Volunteer Fire Department held pump training at their station. Several of the members were in attendance. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

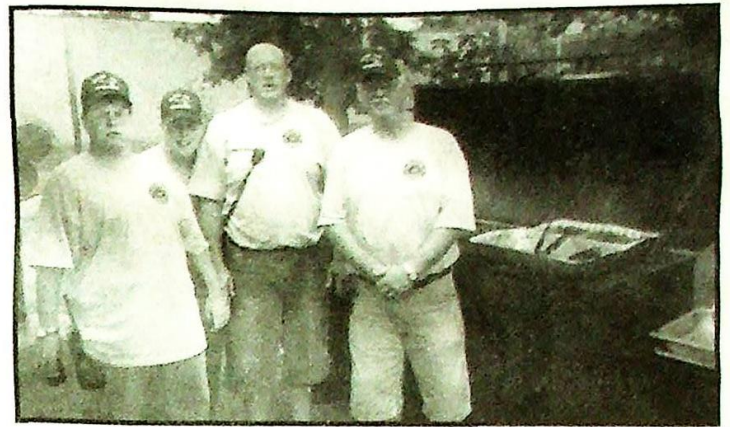
## First Responders take part in Salamonia parade



Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department's First Responders' truck being driven by Fire Chief Lloyd Wright in the parade held at Salamonia, Indiana on June 24, 2007.

Riding in the back are cadets Ashley Theurer, Matt Theurer and AJ Cain. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

# Eaton VFD holds Memorial Day car show



Eaton Volunteer Fire Department held a car show on Memorial Day. Pictured cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs are (from left to right) Mark Grove, Matt Grove, Fred Hollowell, and Shawn Sharp. Hey, guys, who's watching the grill? - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

Pictured at left: At the car show held by the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department on Memorial Day, their cadets showed their appreciation to Bobbie Goe for all her help in their training.

Pictured giving her the plaque are the cadets and members of the department. Bobbie is the wife of fire chief Kyle Goe. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

## Lynn VFD holds fish and tenderloin fry



On May 19, 2007 Lynn Volunteer Fire Department held a Dan's Fish & Tenderloin Fry.

Looks like the crowd is enjoying the meal. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B

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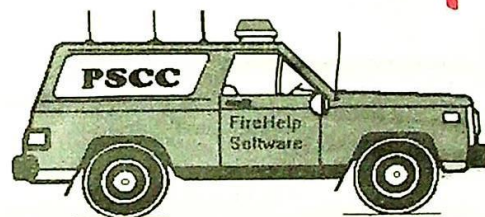
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