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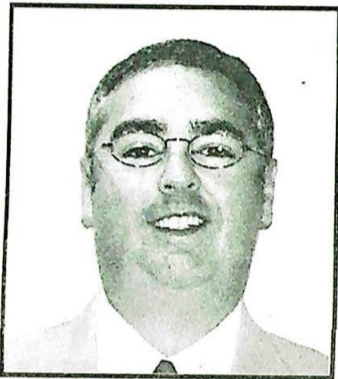
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From The President

Tim Deckard



The Value of a Volunteer

The volunteer fire service had FAITHFULLY served our great nation for over 300 long years. We continue to serve with great pride and dedication to protect our communities. It has been reported that our services to our communities save local areas around \$37 billion per year. With the demand that is placed on our volunteer

organization grow every day we face great significant challenges in overcoming the lack of resources both human and financial.

Lack of human volunteers. It grows and is a concern for the fire service. Some of these areas are major issues affecting retention of volunteers.

- We face increased demands
- Time demands keeping your home life going
- Lack of NO comprehensive benefit

But it is proven that the most major problem in retaining volunteers is the lack of quality leadership from the white helmet to line officers. Poor management styles and visible blinders on for the safety or future growth of the department and for better community services is driving volunteers away.

No to even mention the lack of the all mighty dollar. Funding is at the critical point and becoming a focusing point at round table meetings across the state and country. Figures show that the value of the volunteer hour is \$20.25 per hour. Now let's look at those departments that try to offer its members a \$5 per call to respond and that is barely a quarter of the value of their reimbursement for their service to the community.

Now where do we go from here after looking at just some of the problems within. First being held accountable. The ole' saying goes "if you can't trust them in the firehouse you can't trust them on the fireground." Don't blame the member, blame the leader and its officers. They are the ones that let this happen. Remember these are the ones that set the attitude in the station and it affects the operations of the fireground. We have to provide a good foundation for pride and attitude that is needed. Never forget only you have absolute control over your own attitude. Be positive, say nice things to your members and watch the members grow. Now from the top. Egos eat brains. Keep yourself humble, you're not always as smart as you think. Have solid foundation values. Always and then some; make sure you have ACCOUNTABILITY. Make sure EVERYONE goes home. Have good communication, read the smoke, now read your people. Trust your people and remember those who do exceptional performances let them know. Give credit where credit is do. Let go of the PAST and FOCUS on the future. Make a plan, let your members know where you are going. We as members need to remember to be careful for what we wish for. Safety of ALL of your people comes FIRST. Be a good leader first and be their buddy second.

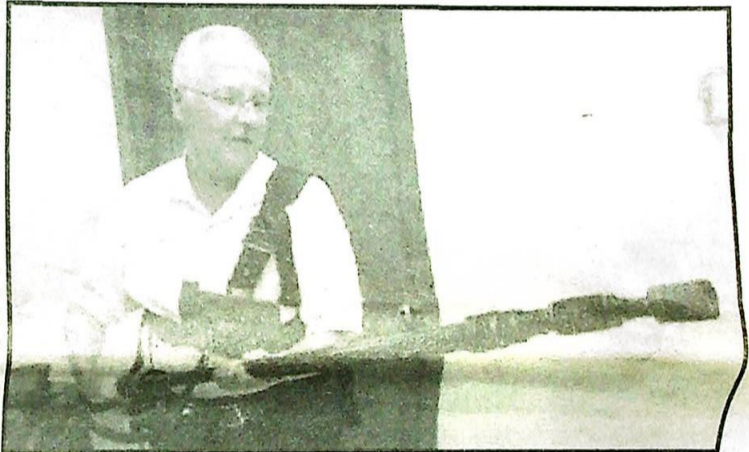
Pinching that penny. Some are against billing for services, in which are against the principles of being volunteer. Billing for services is a reality. Look at it this way - at an event of any kind, services are not free. It is sad to say but many people value what they pay for and ignore what they get for free. Communicate to your communities the value of your department and its members. Be a positive impact in your community and see what happens.

Have a great summer.

Thank you for allowing me to lead your organization this past year, and I look forward in the challenges we will take next year. Thank you for what you do for your communities and the dedication that you have to make it happen.

Tim Deckard, President

New detection, search surveillance equipment for C.P.F.D.



Crown Point Fire Chief, Greg DeLor demonstrates the station's new toy, a thermal detect, deter, search and surveillance system that will assist firefighters. - Photo by Scott Brandush/Star

By KITTY CONLEY
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CROWN POINT March 5 -- The Crown Point Fire Department has a new toy. This is a \$17,300 piece of equipment paid in full by Homeland Security through FEMA.

It is a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) Grant that gives the fire department a Zistos thermal detector, deter, search and surveillance System or the WS-TDDS.

CP Fire Chief Greg DeLor had to go to Washington DC to be trained to not just use this piece of equipment but also to train others how to use it.

This TDDS will allow the fire department to look into a collapsed building or trench, or underwater before sending personnel into a dangerous situation.

This telescoping camera has two different arms. One can extend 14 feet and the other is shorter but can bend and see around corners. The arms have articulating ends, and a boot that will force up dropped ceiling tiles.

This comes with two photo heads that are easily exchanged on and off the front end of the arms. One photo head is a regular color camera that has its own LED lights.

The other photo head includes a thermal imaging camera as well as an infrared black and white camera that takes crisp clear videos while not letting the person being videoed see lights on the camera. There is

also sound capability.

The operator has a harness where everything necessary can be attached. DeLor was demonstrating how he could look in different places. A special TV monitor can be attached to the front for a one-person operation or on the operator's back for others to view.

Wireless transmission will send the audio/video signal to a remote lap top computer in a remote command center. The video can be monitored at a safer distance as well as making a DVD for later review.

According to DeLor, the can drill a 2-inch hole in floor and extend the arm 14 feet into the basement.

The thermal imaging can find someone in a basement. In a flood this device can go through water but thermal immigrating cannot work in water or through glass. The listing device, however, is great through glass, as are the cameras. A solid cement block wall can be listened through with ease.

The operator has headphones that can be used at a fire or collapse scene to listen for something as faint as the sounds of breathing. The headphones keep out the sounds from heavy equipment, which if done over a speaker might be missed.

DeLor said that if he turns it on in his office he can hear what is being said in the kitchen of the Fire House. That is going right through office and walls.

Once this piece of equipment is in a room he can read the temperatures



I.V.F.A. Benefits www.ivfa.org

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, website addresses, etc.)
- IVFA Officers, District Chairmen and Public Relations page which provide you the necessary details to contact them (address, phone, e-mail)
- Training Events Calendar that allows you to submit electronically your "open enrollment" training programs and courses to be held, including class description, location, dates, contact person(s), e-mail contacts, etc. This list would be maintained by date. Users can view what training is available in their area and how to contact the related "host" department to schedule people to attend.
- Events Calendar that follows the same structure as the Training Events Calendar. Having a fund-raiser, muster or other "public" event to raise funds? Then post it here so others can see and attend.
- For Sale page that provides space for departments to post "sale" items that other departments may be interested in purchasing (firefighting related only, not personal items), and sorry, but NO trucks, please.
- The Department Spotlight page to provide special recognition to fire departments around the state. The "Spotlight" information would be provided by the department via e-mail, based on the number received, (along with pictures), would run on a monthly or quarterly cycle. Information is included in the site as to how to "nominate" your department.
- Forms page, which contains many of the forms used to submit information for the web-site, as well as the IVFA License Plate and Change of Information forms. Other forms will be targeted to be included soon as well.
- "Links" page to many emergency related websites, 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 Website - another benefit to the IVFA and its members.
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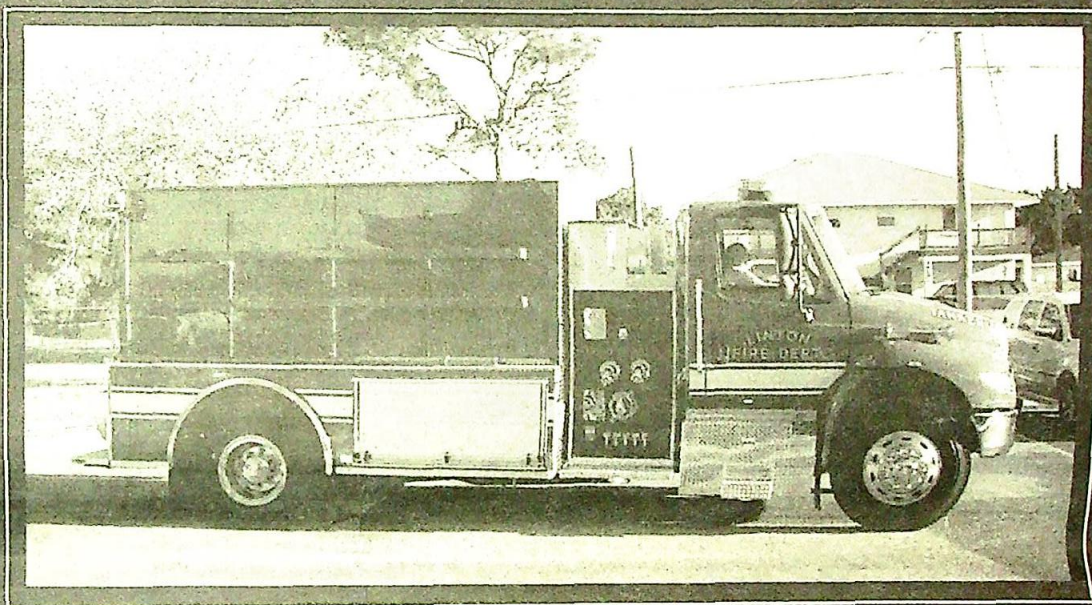
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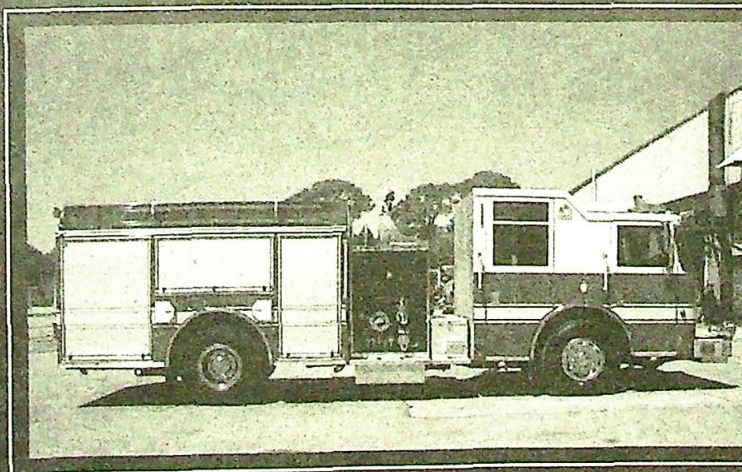


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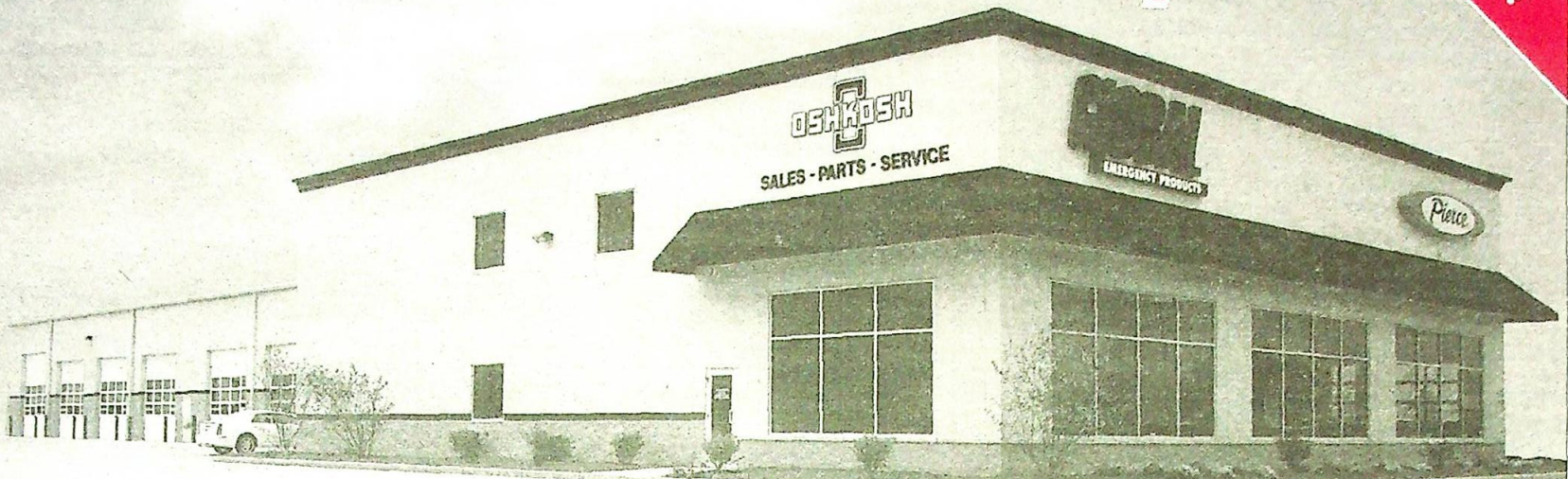
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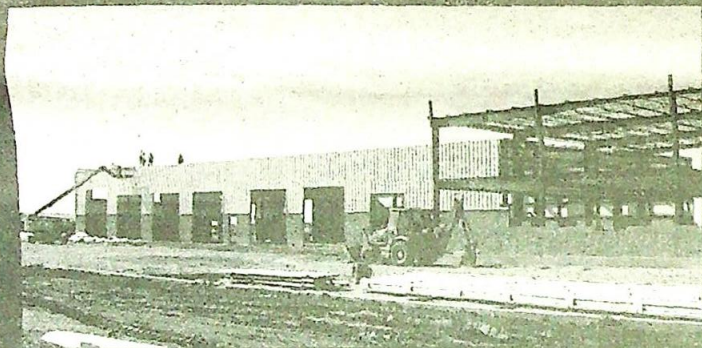
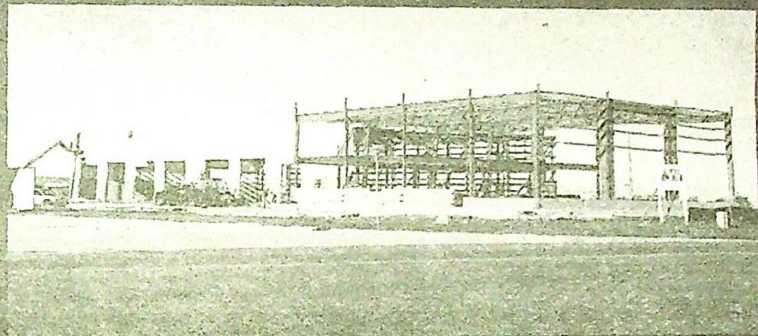
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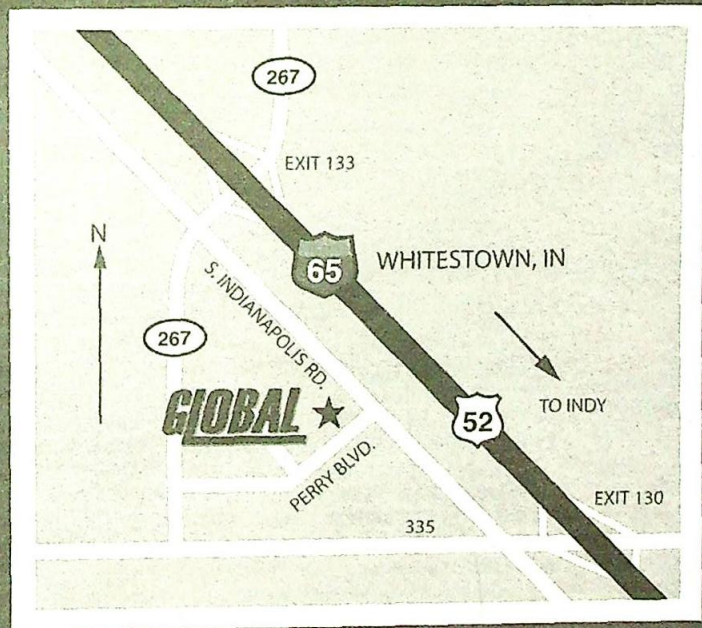


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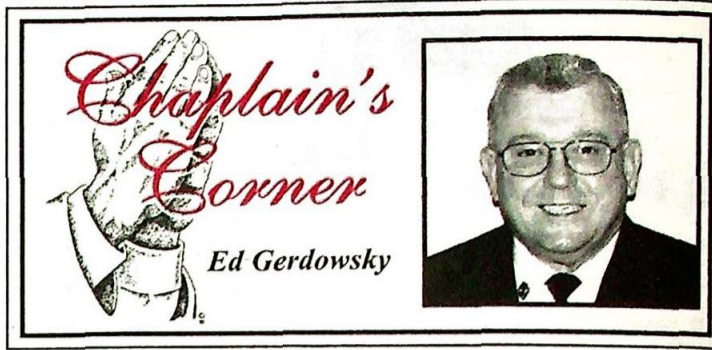
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I'd like to thank each of you for your support and re-electing me as your IVFA State Chaplain for a second term. I hope I will not disappoint you as I take on another year. I think the Memorial Service at the Indy Convention was very touching despite a few minor glitches. I hope next year to have it run smoother.

I want to thank the chaplains who assisted me and the ladies' chaplain, Joann Hayes who helped me to make this ceremony so special. It is a very moving service and one way we can show our fallen firefighters and auxiliary members how much we care. They will forever live in our hearts. I also want to thank those who set up the beautiful cross and the Miss Flames for putting the roses in their memory.

To the associate chaplains and district chaplains, thank you so much for filling in for services that come up when I cannot be there. There are times when time does not allow for traveling in order to be there when we are needed. You all do a wonderful job and help make our organization a rewarding place to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you need to contact me about any concerns, my phone and e-mail is in the newspaper.

May God's blessing be with you and your family.
 I love you, O LORD, my strength.
 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer:
 My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
 He is my shield and the horn of my salvation,
 My stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy
 Of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.
 Psalm 18:1-3

Chaplain Ed (Ski) Gerdowsky

GOD WILL LISTEN TO YOUR PRAYER AT ANY TIME OR PLACE

There are many misconceptions about prayer, as well as many misuses of it. Some people think that the only time and place for it is at their House of Worship, or at bedtime. The truth is that any time or place is appropriate, because God is always on hand to listen, if the prayer is of the right kind and for any good purpose. A prayer should begin with an expression of gratitude for our blessings. Next, it should never be a "shopping list" of the material things we would like to have, but instead, a plea for the recovery of someone who is ill, the comfort of a person who has just lost a loved one, help for the unemployed, or any number of unselfish requests. We may well find those prayers answered, and possibly receive some unasked for blessings for ourselves.



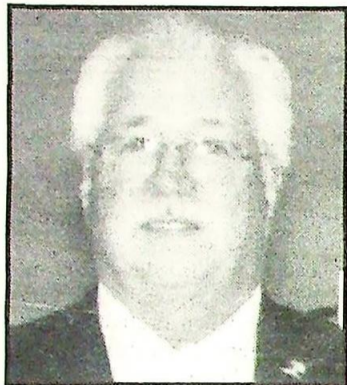
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From The Vice President

L.E. "Buz" Koehler



Another great convention has been put forth and I would like to thank Carol Thrawley and his committee for a job well done. The Awards Committee also congratulates all the award winners as they were all very deserving. Some of which were surprised beyond expectations. Next year's nominations for awards are being accepted now and if you know someone deserving please send your letters early.

The legislative committee has requested our membership's help in gathering information that will assist us with legislation before, during, and after legislative sessions. Even after having two pieces of legislation that were signed by the Governor this legislative session we need to continue to work to prepare for the next session. Please help by filling out the survey and returning it as soon as possible.

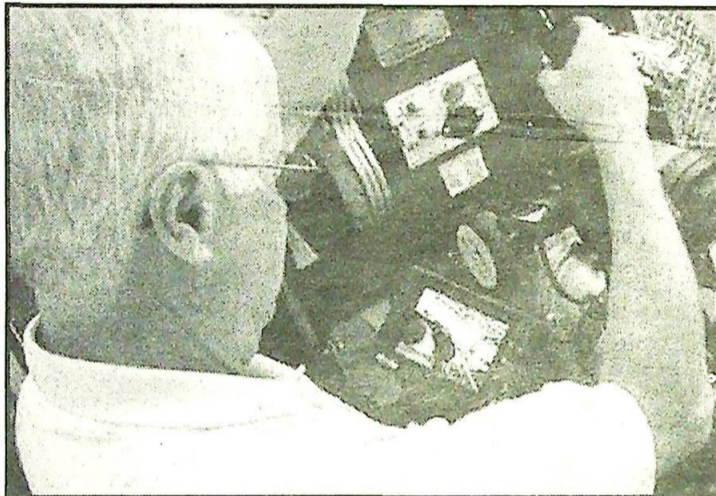
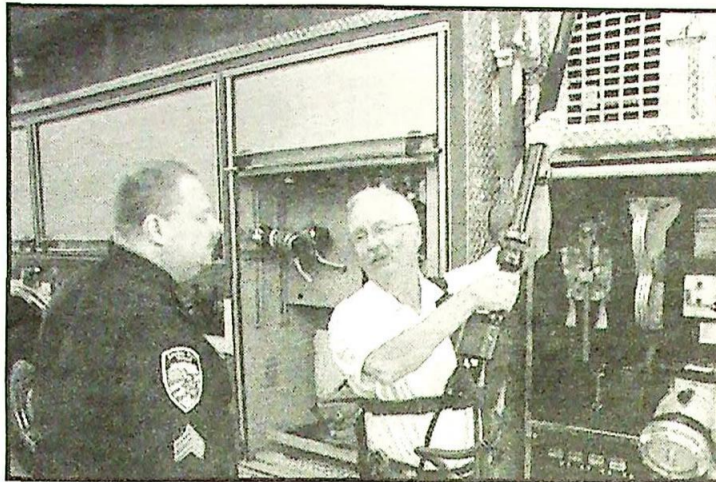
Many changes have been made to the Web Site as we continue to improve, and many more are planned for the future. If you have suggestions please feel free to send your suggestions to the Web Master.

Please be safe out there and I'll see you at the district meetings.

Buz Koehler,
Vice President

New detection . . .

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Greg DeLor (right) fire chief for Crown Point, demonstrates the search, deter, detect and surveillance equipment to police officer, Dave Benson. The equipment outfitted with cameras - will "snake" into buildings, to assist fire and emergency personnel as to weakened walls, ceilings or persons trapped. Below, DeLor uses the camera to demonstrate the camera which makes it safer and easier for professionals to check out situations. - Photo by Scott Brandush/Star

inside. As an example, "If the equipment measures 400 degrees no one can survive in that heat so I won't send anyone in and risk our personnel."

Firefighter Paramedic Mark Baumgardner, Jr., was searching for a grant for 800-megahertz communications equipment. He found the grant for this device.

"Junior did all the work in writing for the grant. He got this for us," said DeLor.

In the justice system this same piece of equipment can be used for other purposes. In prisons and jails when the guards are looking for contraband in hail cells they can use the flexible end of the WD-TDDS to look up in toilets. Now the rookie no longer has to stick his hand up there to find stashes of drugs.

The Crown Point Police will be able to use this equipment when someone is barricaded in a building to find out not only exactly where that person is located but they will be able to listen to any conversations that are going on inside. With the ability to look in windows on second floors, or around corners, the officers can be safer than just sticking their head up or around the corner and taking the chance of getting their head shot off.

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The WS-TDDS will run for 9 hours without interruption. It comes with two rechargeable batteries that last two hours each. It takes two hours to charge each battery and that can be done from one of the fire trucks. DeLor also has a D Cell adapter that will give five hours of operation time.

"I was just notified that we should be getting another FEMA grant from 2008. It is a matching grant of 90/10 and I got a call to see if we are still interested. With the economy some communities don't even have the \$10,000 share of a \$100,000 grant. We do," said DeLor. He added, "This will replace the exhaust in our building. The minute the diesel engines are turned on the extractor will draw off the exhaust and then automatically turn itself off once the vehicle is out of the building." -- This article courtesy of The Crown Point Star newspaper; Kitty Conley, Star Reporter.

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Willie "Mitch" Parish

Obituaries

William "Bill" E. Russell

August 12, 1946 - June 23, 2009

William (Bill) Everett Russell, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 3:34 p.m.

Born August 12, 1946, he was the son of Everett and Pauline Russell.

He married Victoria Bell McGlothlin, September 20, 1969 in Leiters Ford. His wife passed away April 5, 2008.

Bill was sealed in the Salt Lake City, Utah Temple October 20, 1971.

On January 31, 2009 he married Beth Lucile Davis in Logansport, Indiana, who survives.

He was founder and co-owner of Able Home Care Services since 1982. He served in the Vietnam War, drove a school bus for the Culver Community School Corporation and retired after 39 years as a member of the Leiters Ford Fire Department, served as a member of the Leiters Ford Improvement Corporation, Fulton County Hazardous Waste Committee and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Survivors include son, Scott and wife Kellie Russell, of Plain City, Utah; two daughters, Gretchen and husband Scott Johnson and Haidee and husband Michael Temme, all of Leiters Ford; grandchildren Claire, Madeline, Laura, Jessica, Katelin and Evelyn of Plain City, Utah and Michael, Renae, Rebekah, Elizabeth, Zachary, Russell, and Alexandra all of Leiters Ford.

Extended children and grandchildren include Kristina Risner, children Ashley and Richard; Richard Ganschow; Karle Rutledge and husband Mitch, children Linda and Andrew, all of Kentucky; Rob and Kira Bettcher, children Andi, Robby and Laney of Winamac; and foreign exchange daughter, Jantje Roder of Germany.

Other survivors include sons Jim Davis and wife Jessica, children Destiny, Kolby and James of Monticello; Michael and wife Kelly, son Wyatt of Oklahoma; and daughter Sarah Davis and companion Josh Ison,

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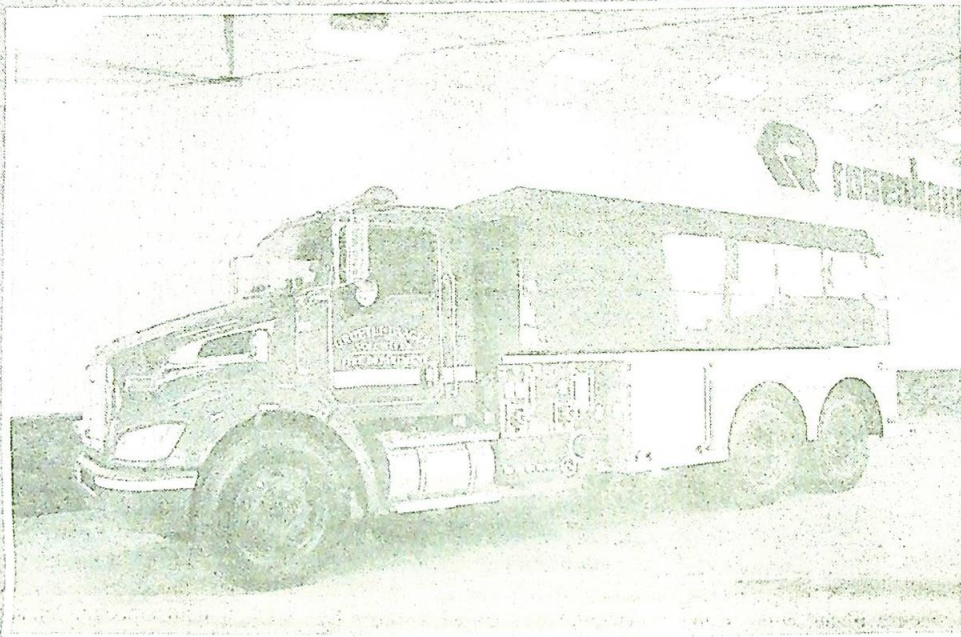


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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

Keener Township/DeMotte Fire Department

April 15, 2009

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 14 members of five departments in District 1 with Ross Township FD as the trophy winner, and by 46 members of eight departments in District 2 with Wheatfield FD as the trophy winner.

Guests included: past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, District 9B chairman Randy Denton, Districts 1/2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, IVFAA district secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 2 Miss Flame Amber Little, District 9B Miss Flame Kelsey Haun, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, Jim Crowell of Skalrewitz, 50 year members Pete Monix and Bill Casbon, and James Hickerson and Dr. Kevin Brunski of I-Denti-fied Inc.

Program: James Hickerson/Dr. Kevin Brunski discussed I-Denti-fied.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with the reading of March's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Parish discussed change in newspaper. Bradford reminded everyone of the upcoming convention at the Holiday Inn in Indianapolis on the N/Side, discussed seatbelts, yearly physicals, smoke detectors, VHF radio changes coming in 2013 and advised the dues packet will be going out sometime before end of the month and that any legislative information is posted on the website usually within 24 hours.

Miss Flame Amber Little advised of a community clean up project on May 2nd, would like to see as many people possible involved, and Miss Flame Kelsey Haun advised she had raffle tickets for sale to win a basket with an afghan and other firefighter items inside.

Treasurer's report: \$1,884.75.

Old business: None.

New business: 25 year pins were issued to Walter Baukema, Virgil Barker and Harvey Fraley of Keener by Paul Watland.

Bub Wise made a motion, seconded by Bob Szot for approval to issue \$250 check for Amber Little for upcoming Miss Flame expenses at convention. Passed.

Deaths: Merrillville Station #1 life member Jim McKay passed. A moment of silence was observed.

Good of the order: Saturday, April 18th, Ainsworth FD hosting pancake breakfast from 7-11. Saturday, April 18th, Shelby FD hosting a pork chop dinner. Sunday, April 19th, Boone Grove FD hosting a pancake breakfast at 7-1 at Station #1. Monday, April 27th, Rensselaer FD hosting Board of FF Standards/Education meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, May 1st,

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Keener/DeMotte FD hosting a fish fry at the American Legion at 5:30 p.m. June 18th, from 12-3 p.m., a live burn trailer will be onsite during convention, must call ahead to register.

Next meeting: Ross Township FD on May 20th.

Dan Sorbello of Ross Township FD won \$91 in the 50/50 drawing.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Passed.

Ross Township Fire Service
May 20, 2009

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and District 2 chairman Paul Watland led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by 33 members of eight departments in District 1 with Ainsworth FD as the trophy winner and by seven members of three departments in District 2 with Porter Township as the trophy winner.

Guests: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, assistant associate chaplain and 50 year Gold card member Jerry Cohen, IVFAA president Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 1/2 secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 1 Miss Flame Mary Fazekas and 50 year Gold card members Jake Thomas, Bill Casbon, George Thiel, Pete Monix.

Chief John Carter gave a brief history of the department.

Program: none.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with the reading of the April 2009 minutes. Passed.

Communications: Bradford discussed smoke detectors for hearing impaired at fire marshal's office, Hoosier Burn Camp bike run and 2009 Convention.

T. Orrell discussed "Supporting Heroes".

Treasurer's report: \$1,884.75.

New business: Orrell, Watland and Bradford issued 50 year pins to Jake Thomas, Bill Casbon, George Thiel, Pete Monix, and Jerry Cohen.

Motion made by John Carter, seconded by Ryan Shaffer to present District 1 Miss Flame Mary Fazekas with a \$250 check to help offset cost at convention. Passed.

Motion made by Wally Cook, seconded by Marge Baumgardner to give \$300 donation to Hoosier Burn Camp. Passed.

Deaths: A moment of silence was observed for Millard "Sparky" Hall of Shelby FD and for Cedar Lake Auxiliary member Barb Wilkening.

Old business: none.

Good of order: Auxiliary raffle tickets available for drawing at convention. Merrillville Station #1 Memorial Day parade. 10 a.m. line-up with service following at station. Saturday, June 20th, Crown Point Auxiliary hosting a pancake breakfast from 7 to 11:30.

Next meeting: July 15th.

Diane Fazekas won \$92 in the 50/50 drawing.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Wally Cook to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell
Secretary/Treasurer
IVFA Districts 1 & 2

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith which was held on June 24, 2009 at Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:30 p.m. The prayer was given by Russell Peterson and the pledge by Bryan Albright. The roll call consisted of five departments with 14 members and three guests.

The 4th District elections were held by chairman Terry Smith re-elected and Ronald Maier was elected as secretary.

Chairman Smith went over the I.V.F.A. handbook for all the younger members as to the benefits, guidelines, and what it means to be a member. PRNE Mort Sorg discussed the Bridgeport Death Benefit and how it is funded by the I.V.F.A. license plates being sold. Mort also informed the members that if their beneficiary has changed, they need to fill out a new enrollment form. If your address or phone number has changed, you can email the changes, along with informing your chairman of the changes. Mort also discussed the I.V.F.A. website and how fundraisers and special events can be displayed on the website which will inform other departments of your fundraiser and special events. Mort also informed the members who the new state officers of the I.V.F.A. were.

Chairman Smith discussed the new class that the IBFPSE approved. The new class will be called "Driver Operation Mobile Water Supply". The course will use the NFFA 1002 Standard and IFSTA Pumping Driver/Operator Handbook. The skill test will come out of the one they use in Kentucky.

Chairman Smith informed the members that the 4th and 4th Districts were awarded hosting the I.V.F.A. Convention in 2011. The chairman also informed the members that help will be needed in order to make a success of this convention. Chairman Smith informed the members that the next meeting will be held at the New Paris Fire Department on August 19, 2009 starting at 7:30 p.m.

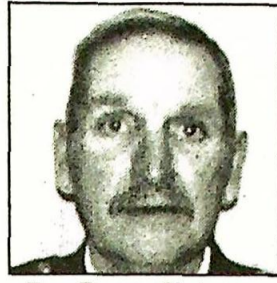
Chairman Smith and PRNE Mort Sorg presented Gene Patrick the 2009 Global Award.

The meeting adjourned at 21:00 hour by chairman Smith.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of those who voted for the 2011 I.V.F.A. convention to be held up north in South Bend. Those of you who did not vote for us, I would like to say you all come up north and let us show you a good time and have a lot of fun.

Chairman Terry Smith
4th District

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer - Chairman

Greetings from 5th District, Good news from 2009 Convention held in Indy.

Award winners from 5th District include:

Sue Glant - Lois Boaz Award
Dave Sickelka - Global Award
Peggy Nifong - 5th District Miss Flame - Mary Mackin Scholarship.
Congrats to all of the winners from the around the state.

Special announcement:

District 4 chairman Terry Smith and his wife Judy, myself and my wife, Diana and Amber are excited to host the 2011 Convention in South Bend. We are going to need a lot of help from local business and departments. So talk it over at your meetings and let's put on a super great convention!

Tony Farrer
District 5 chairman

JANUARY 8, 2009
DISTRICT 5 MEETING
Location: Silver Lake Fire Station, Silver Lake, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:30 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA assistant chaplain David Sickelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department.

Guests: Amber Farrer, 2007 Miss Flame and IVFAA District 4 chair; Toni Sorg; Mort Sorg, PRNE; and Peggy Nifong, 2009 District 5 Miss Flame.

Roll call: 30 members representing nine departments.

Minutes of the November 13 meeting were approved as read on a motion and a second.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer reported that the legislature just convened so there isn't much going on at this point. Larry Curl is our new lobbyist.

State awards are due February 1, including the Ollie Sandburg Award and the Angel Award.

February 7 & 8 is the quarterly officer's meeting for the IVFA.

Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due March 1. The award is \$1,500 and the fees for IVFA plates go into this fund.

2009 Convention will be June 17-19 at the Pyramids in Indianapolis.

2010 Convention will be in Terre Haute.

2011 Convention is being bid by District 4 to be held in South Bend.

Tim Deckard is the new president

of the IVFA, Ed Gerdowsky is the new state chaplain.

Other reports: Peggy Nifong reminded all of the departments that she is available for department events and fundraisers.

Amber Farrer, IVFAA District 4 chairman, reminded the department that Kristen Wylie is collecting pop tabs for Riley Hospital and to recruit members from their departments to join the Auxiliary. Insurance benefits are part of the membership.

PRNE Report: The Kernan-Shepherd Report is still being considered and bears monitoring by the fire services.

IVFA dues were discussed at length at the last quarterly meeting.

The IVFA website can list fundraisers and department events.

Statewide standards for EMS providers are being considered.

Baskin-Robbins is conducting a fundraiser for cadet programs through the National Volunteer Fire Council. The fundraiser will be held April 29.

Firefighters were encouraged to buy IVFA license plates as a part of the fee goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship and Line of Duty Death Benefit Plan.

The Public Safety Academy of NE Indiana will be the site of "Beyond Hoses and Helmets" training on February 7 & 8.

A large part of the IVFA budget goes to legislative advocacy and we have an excellent lobbyist in Larry Curl.

Tony Farrer added to the information on the Kernan-Shepherd Report by informing the members that the Marshall Co. commissioners are going to hold a meeting January 17 at 10:00 a.m. on this report. Copies of the report can be obtained off of the WNDU (Channel 16, South Bend) website.

Good of the order: Bremen Fire Department is acquiring new extrication tools. Their spring fundraiser will be a He-she stag on May 19 in Bremen.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Stanley Stup.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 20:13 hours.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Syracuse Fire Department March 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka,
Secretary

March 12, 2009

Location: Turkey Creek Fire Territory, Station 1, Syracuse, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by District Chairman Tony Farrer at 19:34 hrs. with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA Assistant Chaplain David Sickelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department.

Guests: Amber Farrer, 2007 Miss Flame & IVFAA Dist. 4 chair; Mort Sorg, PRNE & wife, Toni; Peggy Nifong, 2009 5th Dist. Miss Flame, & Terry Smith, IVFA Dist. 4 Chair.

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son Brian of Monticello; several nieces and nephews, a brother-in-law Norman Wagoner of Sheridan and sisters-in-law Pat Plothow of Leiters Ford and Bettie Gross of Kewanna.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, Woodie and Wilma McGlothlin and sisters Barbara Wagoner and Rebecca Nelson.

A final tribute to William "Bill" Russell was held on June 28 at the Family Good Funeral Home in Rochester.

He was a 35 plus year member of Aubbenaabee Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Leiters Ford.

A funeral procession passed by his station for "Last Call".

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passing through to another city or town.

Many states have authorized fire departments to bill for these calls to try and address this escalating problem. It's unfair for your community and department to bear the burden of footing the entire bill for these types of calls while the insurance companies continue to collect premium payments to cover the same accidents.

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ment in equipment, training, updating technology, etc. ESBC can help your department lighten the strain on your budget and local community through our billing services. In many cases, all of our fees can even be paid by the insurance companies we work with!

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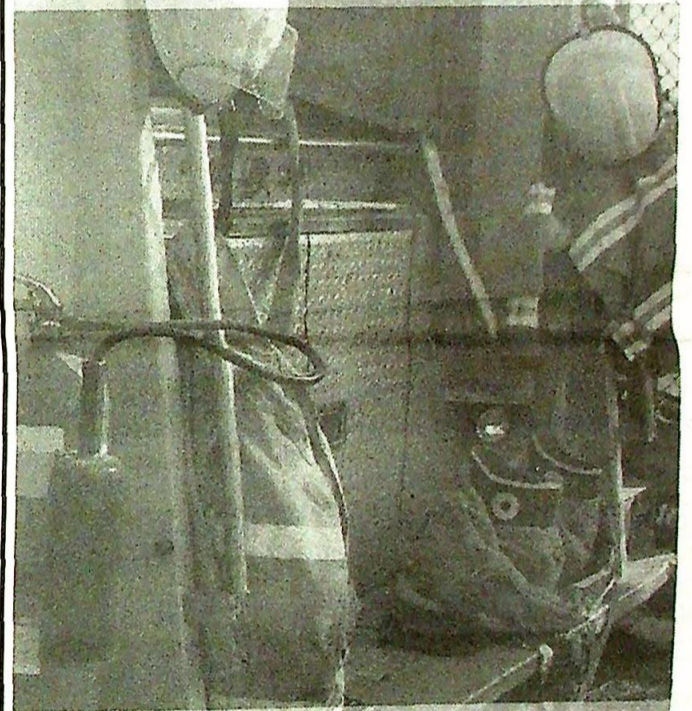
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 5

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Roll Call: 22 members representing 7 departments.

Minutes of the November 13 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Kissinger and a second by Durst.

Chairman's Report: Tony Farrer reported that the quarterly meeting was held and that there are a lot of inaccurate addresses on the IVFA mailing list. Members are encouraged to file out the change of address forms in order to keep things up to date.

The 1-800 Fire line is currently not being manned and the IVFA decided to spend up to \$1,200 to get it up and running out of the IVFA office.

It was approved to re-register the IVFA logo at a cost of \$1,000.

The FDIC show will be held April 22-25 and the IVFA will have a booth at this event.

Legislative Report: IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl reported to the Quarterly Meeting that there are a total of 736 bills before the Indiana Legislature and about 40 of those relate to the fire service. The Kernan-Shepherd Legislation is being pushed by Gov. Daniels by holding town-hall meetings across Indiana, usually with little or no notice. A phone tree is being put together so that the information regarding the time and place of these meetings can be rapidly disseminated to local fire departments. The Kernan-Shepherd report is the basis for legislation that would streamline local government by eliminating County Boards of Commissioners and Township Trustees.

PRNE Report: Mort Sorg added that the Kernan-Shepherd legislation was crafted with representation by career firefighters, but not volunteers. If passed as it currently stands, it would establish Public Safety Directors who would oversee all emergency services at the County level. SB 512 has passed the Senate.

In addition to making sure that addresses are correct, also make sure that beneficiary information is up to date. There is a \$3,000 Line of Duty Death Benefit.

Senior and Retired members of the IVFA need to be kept current with their dues. Grave markers and memorial Bibles can be purchased for \$60 in the event that someone dies and their dues are not current.

The status of PSID nametags can be checked by going to the Homeland Security web-site.

Eric Johnson spoke at the quarterly meeting for "Supporting Heroes" which is an organization that will assist a department with local funeral arrangements in the event of a Line of Duty Death, if invited to do so. They can provide some financial resources.

Tim Deckard is the new president of the IVFA.

Bylaw change: Chairman Tony Farrer brought to the body a proposed bylaw change that would prohibit revisiting any bylaw change for a period of two years. 12 of those present indicated their support for this change.

Quarterly meeting: Michelle Baxter is the representative of the American Home Life Ins. Co. that handles the new death and dismemberment policies for IVFA members.

Mike Gray of the IDHS (medical

services) reported that changes are being considered that would require paramedics to hold a state license and that would change the green lights currently being used.

The IVFA web-master encouraged everyone to make better use of the web-site. IVFA ID numbers are needed to sell items, but only chiefs are allowed to change department roster information. Special events and fund-raisers can be listed.

2009 Convention will be in Indianapolis at the Pyramids.

2010 Convention will be in Terre Haute.

2011 Convention is being bid by District 4 to be held in South Bend. Clarksville and Muncie have also put in bids.

The IVFA has printed new Promotional Booklets and they are available for distribution.

5- Dist. Info.: Information was given regarding engineered wooden floor joists and the speed with which they are compromised in a fire. Newly constructed or remodeled buildings should be entered only with extreme caution in a fire situation.

A service called 1-800 Board-up can be used by local departments to secure property after a fire, relieving the local department of responsibility for boarding windows, doors and other entry points. This service is free of charge and also provides emergency supplies for displaced families.

The difference between fire districts and fire territories was discussed. Chairman Farrer had information on the processes and pros and cons of each.

May 2 & 3 is the next quarterly officers meeting for the IVFA.

Concerns: Earl Kulczar, retired Bremen Firefighter, is hospitalized in ICU at St. Joe Med. Center in South Bend.

Other Reports: Peggy Nifong reminded all of the departments that she is available for department events and fund raisers.

Amber Farrer, IVFAA Dist. 4 chair, reported that a District 5 chapter of the IVFAA may begin meeting soon. \$5 per year in dues will provide membership and death and dismemberment insurance benefits the same as for IVFA members. She also reminded the departments that Kristen Wylie is collecting pop tabs for Riley Hospital.

Terry Smith, District 4 Chair, reported that the 2011 Convention proposal still needs a slogan, and that the South Bend Marriott and Convention Center are going to be the main venues in the bid being offered. Right now the key issues seem to be money and people. We will need a lot of volunteers to pull off the convention.

Good of the Order: La Paz will be holding their men's stag on March 28. Bremen has new extrication equipment and their spring fundraiser will be a He-She stag on April 30. Foraker will hold a Haystack supper on March 28 from 4-8 p.m. North Liberty will have a chicken supper June 4. North Manchester will have their annual grilled tenderloin dinner June 13 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Denver will be raffling a gun this year instead of a motorcycle in August. June 30 through July 4 will be the Bremen Firemen's Festival Waterball will be July 4 at 10:00 a.m.

There is new information regarding a method of suicide that involves releasing chemicals in a

closed space, such as an automobile. Cars should be approached with caution.

The 50/50 drawing was won by a member of the Syracuse Department.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Warsaw Fire Department, May 14, 2009.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka, Secretary*

May 14, 2009

Location: Warsaw Fire Department, Station 2, Warsaw, IN
Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:41 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA assistant chaplain David Sickelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department.

Guests: Mort Sorg, PRNE and wife, Toni.

Roll call: 20 members representing seven departments.

Minutes of the March 12 meeting were approved as read.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer reported that the quarterly meeting was held and that the 1-800 Fire line is in service. The proposed bylaw change that would prohibit revisiting any bylaw change for a period of two years was approved by the required number of districts to go into effect. Starting in February the deadline for the IVFA paper will be the 5th of the month. Clothing claim forms must be signed by the department chief and the district chairman and the article damaged must be put on the form and sent to the IVFA. 2009 Convention will be held in Indianapolis at the Pyramids June 17-20. Registrations need to be postmarked by May 21 to get the early registration discount. There will be an Antique Fire Truck show and waterball at convention located at the Wayne Township Training grounds.

A bid for 2011 convention is being put in by Districts 4 and 5.

Michelle Baxter represented American Home Life Ins. Co. that handles the new death and dismemberment policies for IVFA members.

Legislative report: IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl is interested in any ideas for legislation to attach to bills. John Buchman took a lot of heat regarding testing and training.

The next quarterly meeting will be July-August 2.

A 25-year pin was presented to Robert Hanes of Warsaw City Fire Department.

PRNE Report: Mort Sorg reminded members that old addresses and beneficiary information can be updated when sending in the dues. IVFA license plates are available for \$5.00 with the income going to fund scholarships and provide line of duty death benefits. Some departments are allowing their dues to lapse for financial reasons.

State Fair Safety Day is still awaiting confirmation from IN Dept. of Homeland Security.

Twenty nine people applied for Bridgeport Scholarships this year. Smoke alarms for the hearing impaired are available through the State Fire Marshal.

The Baskin-Robbins benefit for cadet programs had lots of people in attendance in Fort Wayne. The Fire

Corps Program encourages local citizens to volunteer at their local fire stations, freeing up personnel to do other things.

Mitch Parish had a stroke at the last quarterly meeting and was taken to Methodist Hospital. As of this meeting, he is in Francesville recuperating.

May 27 will be a visitor day at Hoosier Burn Camp.

The IVFA had a booth at FDIC in Indianapolis at which people could sign up to win a clock. It drew quite a number of people.

The Burn Trailer from Indiana Department of Homeland Security will be at this year's IVFA Convention. Full gear will be required in order to participate.

Mort Sorg attended the National Fire Caucus in Washington, D.C.

District 5 had two deaths in the last year and they will be remembered at the Memorial Service during the convention.

Concerns: Earl Kulczar, retired Bremen firefighter, is recuperating at home from a major heart event.

Good of the order: Bremen Firemen's Festival will be June 30 - July 4 with waterball on July 4.

Bourbon Summerfest will be in the middle of August.

Hoosier Burn Camp will have a motorcycle ride sponsored by Crown Point Fire and Rescue May 27th at a cost of \$25 per bike.

The Legislative Committee is working on a Legislator of the Year Award and hopefully it will generate some good PR.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

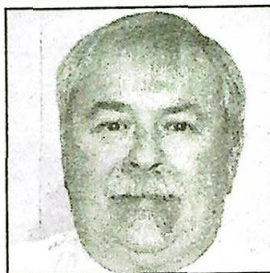
The next District 5 meeting will be at the Winona Lake Fire Department, July 9, 2009.

Sept. 10 - Aubenaubbee Twp. F.D. (Leiter's Ford)

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka, Secretary*

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6. It is now July and summer is here. Hope that everyone is staying safe out there.

Thanks to the Howe Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in May.

My sincere thanks to the men and women from Howe for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided. The meal was great!

The convention this year in Indy was super. The water park was a great venue for fun and entertainment. Congratulations to our new state officers.

Congratulations are also in order for our new state Miss Flame, Micajah Green from Wright Township Fire Department in District 11A. Hope all that attended enjoyed this year's convention. For those that could not make it, you missed a great time. Try to schedule some time in June of 2010 to make it to convention in Terre Haute. I'm sure Bill Bush and his co-workers will provide us with a good time.

It has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and fire

department functions the last few months. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a station dedication for the Metz Volunteer Fire Department and felt proud to be able to present them with an IVFA clock for their new facility. (Thanks to Bill Bush for his timely delivery of a clock.) The volunteers and their wives from Metz are a great bunch of people. A lot of dedication and hard work from these folks is what made this project come to a successful conclusion. On this same Saturday I attended a motorcycle rally for Hoosier Burn Camp east of Ft. Wayne along with our state Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie and District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch.

Many thanks to the Monroeville and Hoagland Volunteer Fire Departments for hosting this event. The good food and entertainment was enjoyed by all while supporting a great cause.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. It is going to be held at the Metz Volunteer Fire Department in Metz, IN. (southeast of Angola).

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 chairman

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter - Chairman

May 18, 2009

Mount Etna V.F.D.

Meeting called to order by chairman Walt Reiter. Chairman Reiter led the body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. 28 members representing 11 departments present.

Guests: Ivan Nevil, past president IVFA, Buz Koehler, vice president IVFA, Mort Sorg IVFA PRNE, and Tom Wall, Huntington County Commissioner.

Chairman Reiter announced Art. 15 Sec. 7 passed at quarterly meeting.

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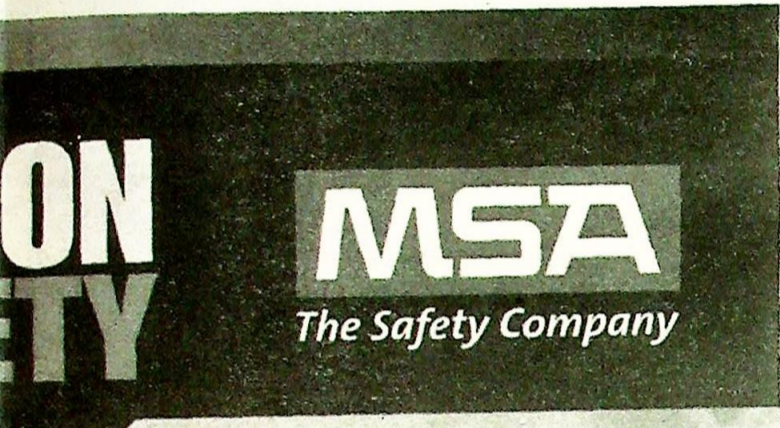
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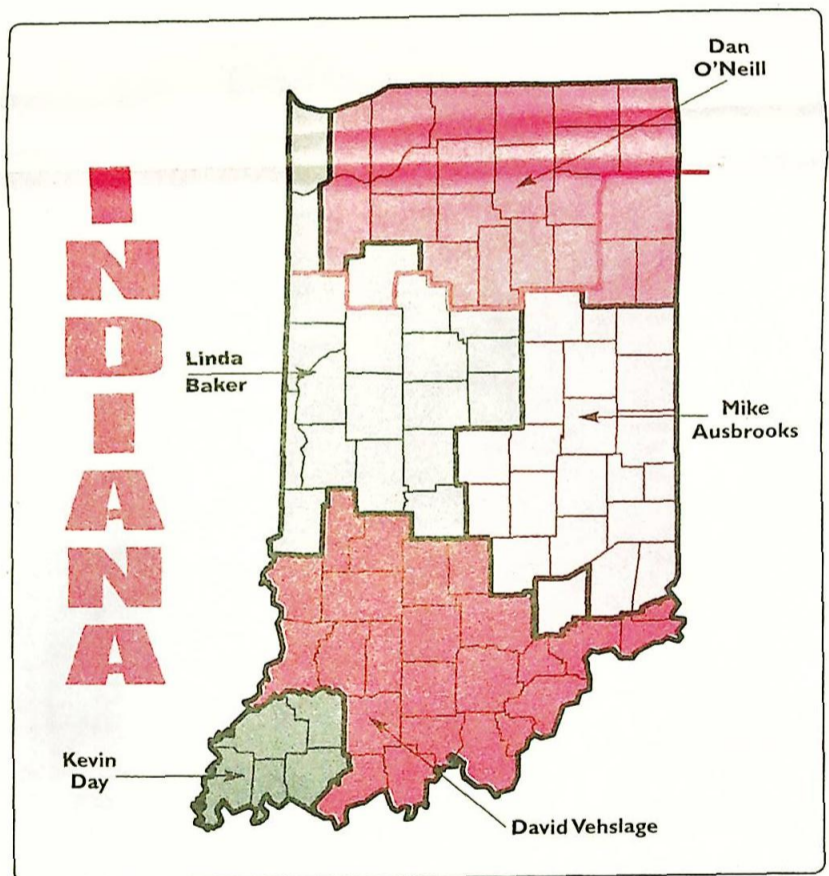
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 7

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The Live Burn Trailer will be available at convention, must pre-register online. Smoke detectors for the hearing impaired available at State Fire Marshal's office. May 27 is Visitor's Day at Hoosier Burn Camp.

V.P. Koehler commented on Art. VI, the procedure for voting on the convention floor. Art. V covers the qualifications of officers. He stressed the importance of department delegates getting input from their department on voting matters. 1-800-Fire-Line passes information of the contact person on to the department having jurisdiction. Fire Line in Indiana is now answered by the IVFA Central Office.

Past president Ivan Nevil discussed legislation issues. HB 1205 was passed and signed by the Governor. It states that a volunteer firefighter may not be disciplined for being late to work due to being on emergency incidents. HB 1362 passed and is waiting to be signed, it covers injured on incidents disability pay increases. Safe Haven Law, a person can drop off an infant at your local fire department and it must be accepted and proper authorities notified. You may NOT ask any questions though!! If by chance the infant is dropped off while the station is unmanned the station cannot be held liable, the person dropping the child could be charged with abandonment. If you have any ideas for state law changes pertaining to volunteer firefighters please notify Ivan Nevil for presentation to the legislation committee.

Chairman Reiter asked all members to verify that their information is up to date including addresses for all mailing purposes. Paper deadline is now the 5th of the month prior to paper month. Make reservations now for convention; call 8-5 for hotel reservations so that you are able to talk to the convention site instead of going to national call center. The room rates have been reduced! Encourage delegates to vote the departments wishes. Firefighter Board of Certification taking 6-8 weeks for turnaround. Will soon be able to recertify fire instructor's certification on line. H1N1 flu precautions information is available on government web sites.

Mort Sorg, IVFA PRNE, encouraged membership to purchase IVFA license plates, a portion of the proceeds go to support the Bridgeport Scholarship fund and also the line of duty death benefit. Past president Mitch Parish suffered a stroke while at quarterly meeting, doing well, still in rehab. Good turnout at IVFA booth at FDIC. Reported on going to National Fire Caucus with the IVFA.

Chairman Reiter presented Mort Sorg with 50 year pin. Also presented Dan Jordan, Markle VFD, with his 25 year pin.

Tom Wall, Huntington County Commissioner, expressed his support and gratitude not only to the firefighters but to all emergency services organizations in Huntington County. Also announced that Mount Etna has just been awarded a grant for a new fire station.

Next meeting will be July 20th at Nottingham Township. It will be election of officers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 with 29 members representing 11 departments.

Richard Sorg,
District #7 Secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Well, it's time of the year that we think about grass fires. Please be aware that they can come at any time.

The convention was well attended in Indy this year. Please plan on attending "2010 in Terre

Haute". It is a good time and meet other firefighters and pick their minds.

"Chiefs" dues notices were sent in by now, I hope you didn't forget.

The Legislative system for the I.V.F.A. is coming around quite nicely. We got our foot in the door.

Please attend our department meetings and district meetings. Our next one is in Lincolnville in September.

Well, the wife is calling, better get off.

Keep it quiet in your departments and remember, call me if you need anything.

Bill Pape
District 8A chairman



DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Another convention has come and gone. Hope everyone had a good time. It is always nice to see old friends and meet new ones. A big thank you goes to the convention committee for their hard work on putting on a very nice convention.

District 8B held their May meeting at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened by the

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken with 30 in attendance from eight different departments. There were two guests in attendance, vice president Buz Koehler and PR director Don Cushman.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. A second roll call was taken with the number of fire runs. There were 102 EMS runs and 90 fire runs made by the departments.

Vice president Buz Koehler spoke on some of the bills that were passed in the legislation that would benefit the fire service.

Chairman Lloyd Wright welcomed the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department to District 8B of the IVFA.

The next district meeting is on July 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned and a wonderful meal was served.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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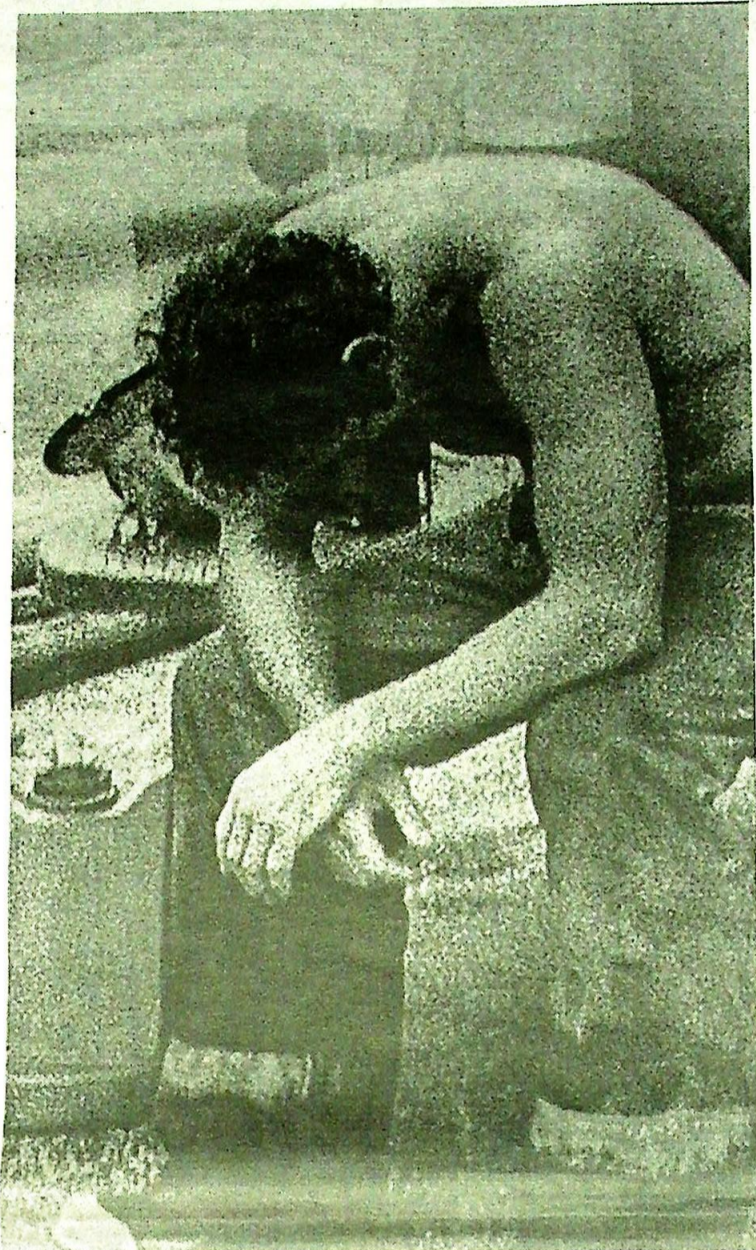
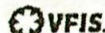
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GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
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KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
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MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Leighanne Ellis - Chairman

The District 9A meeting was held May 28, 2009 at Taylor Township VFD with seven departments represented. The pledge was given followed by prayer by Joyce Ancil. The meeting was presided over by chairman LeighAnn Ellis.

The minutes were read and approved as well as the treasurer's report.

Guests in attendance were Jim Bradford and Darrell Myers.

It was reported that Mitch Parish had a stroke at one of the board meetings and is doing therapy now. He seems to be doing as well as possible.

Jim Bradford reported that HB 1205 and 1362 both passed. The bill covering weekly indemnity passed. Newspaper articles are due by July 10.

The Fire Marshal has smoke detectors available for hearing impaired free.

Buz Koehler's wife had surgery so he was unable to attend this meeting.

Darrell Myers spoke about the types of items he has for sale.

Old business: We still need articles and pictures for the website. The IVFA convention will be held at the Holiday Inn North on June 17-20. The live burn trailer will be at the convention and you must register on line by June 5. There will be a 1 1/2 hour Instructor Course available for certification hours. They are looking for new items of clothing for members and officers. A meeting of the Board of Firefighter Standards will be held at the convention. John Buckman works for this board.

New business: Departments that have not paid their dues for 2008 are Georgetown, Pipe Creek, Taylor Twp. and Liberty Township Burrows.

Our district lost 33 members this past year due to departments dropping out. Certificate of Retirement was brought up at the last board meeting. We need guidelines for this.

Room rates for the convention are \$81. If interested in going, talk to Felice between 8-5 for registrations. Friday business meeting will be June 20 at 9:30.

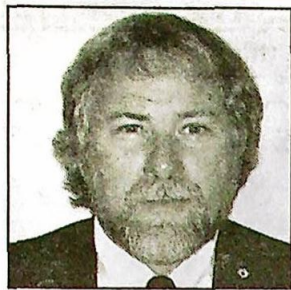
Rockfield is doing HPI training June 27. Others are invited to attend. Flora has had two bad fires in a two month period of time. Discussion was held on what happened.

Tony Nelson / Wally Bennett moved to adjourn at 8:40.

The 50/50 of \$6 was won by Wally Bennett. David Ancil won a shirt and Amber Blackburn won a shirt.

Leighann Ellis - chairperson
Joyce Ancil - secretary

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



David Israel - Chairman

This will be my last column as District 10 chairman.

August is here and winter around the corner; with all the rain seems like a short summer.

I would like to thank Danielle Mathews, our district Miss Flame, for representing the district well at Convention. Thanks to all the fire departments that got their station pictures to her. Her display made those of us from District 10 at convention proud of her hard work.

Sorry about almost sleeping through the dance practice, Danielle. This was a skit with the Miss Flames and their district chairman at the end of the Friday night banquet. It was fun other than that I was on time for everything.

Thanks to all the District 10 members that came to convention. We were represented well.

As you probably read in this issue, I will be stepping down from the district chairman's position after 14 years to take the IVFA vice president's position starting January 1, 2010.

My Grandpa Ralph Israel was a pioneer in helping the IVFA get started in its beginning. He served as PR Director, district chairman, signing up departments in the southern part of the state. What do they call it -- a family tradition and I'm going to take it to the next level. I will still be attending the district meetings to help out the new chairman.

At the August 19, 2009 IVFA District 10 meeting we will elect new district officers. I know of two individuals interested in the chairman's position, John Ray, current district secretary, who is assistant chief on Hartsville VFD and Mike Cole, assistant chief on the Burney-Clay Twp. VFD.

We would welcome anyone interested in any of the district offices to let me know or show up and have someone nominate you from the floor.

When I am done with my venture I would like to come back as district chairman unless everything is going

smooth and I can sit back in the crowd and talk through the meeting. I hope you will support me in the VP spot like you have while being your district chairman.

The 50 year pins are in and ready to present. I am trying to make the meetings of those departments to get these passed out.

The Legislative Committee is asking you for ideas for bills for the next session. Let me know or there is a form on the IVFA website ivfa.org you can fill out.

You need to visit the website anyway to participate in some of the items that we need info on and if your fire departments is not listed under District 10, please do so.

Keep me informed of your department functions and I will see you at the district meetings. Call me if you need something.

Be Safe

David Israel

IVFA District 10 chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A.

Our last district meeting was held at Patricksburg Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Chris Lunsford and all the folks at Patricksburg for the hospitality and good food.

Our guest speaker was Bill Newgent, Chief of the Greencastle Fire Department. Bill talked about the Indiana Fire Chiefs' Association and their 2009 Emergency Response Conference to be held August 19-22.

President Tim Deckard talked about government reform, 2009 convention, and the Blue Light Law.

State secretary talked about how important it is to get your dues paid on time.

Another convention has come and gone. Congratulations to the elected officers, Tim Deckard - president, David Israel - vice president, Larry Bartlow - secretary, Beverly Harker - treasurer, Bill Bush - sergeant-at-arms, Ed Gerdowsky - chaplain, and West Central PR Diane Harrison. Congratulations to Carol Thrawley and his committees for all of their hard work with this year's convention. You guys did a good

job.

District 11-A took home its share of the awards hardware. Congratulations to Don Vermillion, winner of the Ollie Sandburg Award. Dave Phelps, winner of the Globe Award, Micajah Green, winner of the state Miss Flame contest and recipient of one of the \$1500.00 Bridgeport scholarships. Another recipient of a \$1500.00 Bridgeport scholarship was Ashley Rhemel of the Wright Township Fire Department. Congratulations to all of you.

The 2011 Convention will be held at South bend. We are looking forward to finally going north again.

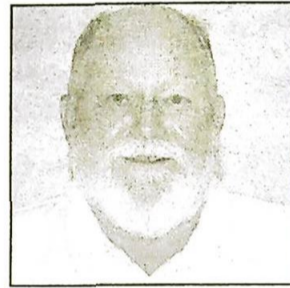
Our next meeting will be at the Thunderbird Fire Department.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters, be careful out there.

Jack McFarland

District 11-A chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Kingman
May 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The Pledge to the Flag was led by state secretary Larry Bartlow. The opening prayer was given by Mono Pastore, district chaplain. Roll call was taken with 23 members from eight departments present. The guests were introduced by chairman Southard and the auxiliary guests were introduced by district auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem. Guests included state president Tim Deckard. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Southard introduced Melissa Buell, Director of Task Force 7 who spoke about her responsibilities as a task force director. She also spoke about the organizational functions of Task Force 7. A question and answer session followed her presentation. President Tim Deckard announced that Larry Ketchem had received his 50 year pin presented by President Deckard at a recent officer's meeting. He spoke of some of the

concerns of the Association including budget cuts buy Washington lawmakers. PRWC Diane Harrison spoke on some of the upcoming events at the 2009 convention.

Chairman Southard presented to the Kingman Chief Allen Brown his 25 year pin and announced that the Blue Light Law would be posted on the web site. Dwayne Osborne spoke on the firehouse stimulus packages that were announced by the state. John Morphy of Perrysville VFD brought up several rumors that his department members had heard. These rumors were corrected by president Deckard.

At this time chairman Southard asked for the department announcements pertaining to fundraisers. He also mentioned the burn trainer at the convention and the requirements for turnout gear prior to entering the trailer. He then spoke on damaged helmets that had occurred during training sessions.

The meeting was adjourned by chairman Southard.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12.

Our May meeting was held at Danville Fire Department with 14 members present from five departments.

Discussion covered training programs, IDHS class auditing, IVFA legislative agenda for 2009 and upcoming events.

A special thanks goes out to District 13A for hosting this year's IVFA state convention. I know the Live Burn Trailer provided good training for our firefighters and I hope the fellowship and good times were enjoyed by all those in attendance of this year's convention.

If you have an interest in antique fire apparatus, I hope you attend the 2009 SPAA MFAA Summer Conference and Muster at the Wayne Twp. Emergency Services Education Center July 15 - 18 and the 43rd Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet at the Marion County Fairgrounds

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THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

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District 4 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2001

District 14 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

District 17A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

District 11A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

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



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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

IVFAA QUARTERLY STATE OFFICER'S MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009
CLARION HOTEL,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Call to Order: President Martha called meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann asked us to remember Dorothy who had hip surgery the 29th of April, and Mitch Parish who had taken ill on Saturday here at the hotel, in our prayers.

Pledge to the Flag: Sgt.-At-Arms: Miriam led the ladies in the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call: Lou gave roll call. There were 25 officers and seven guests.

Minutes: Phyllis made motion to dispense with reading of the minutes with a second from Leona. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Martha read the report for Dorothy. Martha read a letter from Dorothy. She asked if we had any concerns or questions about the report to write them down and she will get back to Martha to explain. Dorothy will see us in June. Treasurer's report stands as read. Dorothy is in rehab. Address: 303 South Main, Room 1020, Bluffton, IN 46714. Phone: 1-888-919-3557.

Membership: 59 departments, 91 individuals, 21 lifetime, 789 department members. Total membership: 901.

Chaplain's report: Joann gave a report on members that have passed away, also asked if anyone needed Bibles. Joann read a poem titled, "The Meanest Mother In The World".

Kristen, 2008 IVFA Miss Flame, thanked everyone for their support.

Correspondence report: Malinda got a new recorder - very compact and no more tapes. Read a "Thank You" card from Martha and her husband, Jake.

Auditing: Barb Kerney - Study will be in August and will be done a little different.

Installation: Barb Parker going to do full installation service.

Financial Study: Lou - nothing to report.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney - have 20 girls this year.

V.P. Project: Beth having district

COMMITTEES FOR 2009 - 2010

AUDITING Martha Thomas - Chm. Barb Ketchem Susie Lewis	PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY Faye Sallee - Chm. Martha Thomas Toni Sorg	BY-LAWS Susie Lewis, Chm. Leona Uryga June Cahill
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chairmen to take tickets and give to their district Miss Flame to be selling the raffle tickets.

Bylaws: Toni - one bylaw change. Barb Parker read the proposed addition. District chairmen are to take this back to their districts and discuss this with them. A copy of the proposed addition is attached.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis - okay.

Nominating: Susie - doing good. Historian: Phyllis and Joann still need pictures.

President's Advisory: Phyllis said Martha doing a great job.

Lois Boaz: Wanda Johnson said they are ready.

Bill Bush talked about the 2010 convention which is going to be in Terre Haute.

Jim Bradford brought newspapers in and discussion held on addresses. Lou said been having a lot of wrong addresses. Joann Hays, 4430 South 8th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802, Telephone: 812-299-1574, Cell: 812-230-5506. New chairman for District 13B: Tammy Davis, 310 W. Sycamore St., Centerville, IN 47330, Telephone: 765-855-5680. E-mail: Rhonda Moon, District 14 is resigning. She needs to send a letter of resignation to the IVFAA President.

Convention Report: Carol Thrawley gave an update on the Convention.

Buz wanted to know if we had anything for the Webmaster.

Michelle from insurance gave discussion on the insurance.

BREAK AT 10:05 to 10:15.

Lou will bring up at sometime about new membership forms, we need better forms. A suggestion was to list correct names, addresses, telephone numbers, amount of dues and when due. Ladies came up with some suggestions for this. Suggestions were to send out due notices when dues are due. A one time mailing of dues notices, explaining when dues are due each year and the amount. A suggestion was made to put notice in newspaper about dues. Membership committee could work on this.

District chairmen, get your reports turned into the president. This is to be done at each state officer's meeting.

Carol Curl sent order forms for shirts. Carol was absent so her husband brought the forms to us.

Parliamentarian: Toni - says everything is okay.

Old business: None.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker did a roll call on districts that bought items for convention.

New business: None.

District 14 will be having a meeting to elect a new district

chairman.

Entertainment and meeting date: Convention meeting June 18, Thursday, and if need to a meeting will be Friday, June 19, 2009. Convention dates: June 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2009 at Holiday Inn North Caribbean Cove Indoor Water Park, 3850 DePauw Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46269, 317-872-9970 or contact Carol Thrawley 765-987-3023 or cell # 765-545-0981. August meeting 1st and August 2nd, 2009 at Clarion in Indy.

There will be no entertainment on Saturday.

Adjournment: Motion by Phyllis to adjourn with a second by Pam. Motion carried.

Closing prayer: Chaplain Joann closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
IVFAA Correspondence Secretary
Malinda Bell

IVFAA Officer's Convention Meeting

June 18, 2009
Holiday Inn
Indianapolis, IN

Call to order: President Martha called meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann led the ladies in prayer.

Pledge to the flag: Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam led ladies in the pledge.

Roll call: Acting recording secretary Lou did roll call with six guests and 25 officers present.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy gave treasurer's report. Report stands as read.

Correspondence report: Malinda read thank you cards from Dorothy Reiter and Marilyn Dever. Martha read letter of resignation from District 14 Rhonda Moon. If anyone would like to get in touch with her, her phone # 812-557-3563, address: 195 Church St., Charlestown, IN 47111. Janet Woodfill is vice chair and will be acting chairman until elections in July. We wish Rhonda all the best and she will be greatly missed.

Membership: Lou - membership 2008/2009 - dept.: 59, individuals: 130, dept. member: 795. Lifetime: 21. Total members: 946. Membership 2009/2010 - dept.: 2, individuals: 5, members: 36. Total: 41.

Membership: Leona Uryga, they had a discussion on membership forms, will use up all old ones first before changing forms. Will be working on ideas for new forms of what needs to be listed on them. We need to have beneficial listed on form, and Bible Preface.

Chaplain's report: Joann passed out roses with black ribbon to wear to memorial service and to meeting tomorrow. Joann had some pictures from 2001 Memorial Service; she asked district chairmen if they needed any of these. Joann read names of ladies that will be remembered tomorrow. Everyone has enough Bibles.

Minutes: Beth made motion to dispense with reading of minutes. Barb Parker said we should ask if there is to be any additions or corrections to the minutes. Being none, they stand approved as read.

Auditing: Barb Kerney, not present. Installation: Barb Parker, all ready.

Financial study: Lou, okay. Miss Flame: Barb Kerney, not present. Heather Martin said doing wonderful; Barb Ketchem said judges having really hard time deciding.

V.P. Project: Beth, said girls will be selling tickets. She bought rest of cookbooks, would like to get them sold.

Faye Sallee made a suggestion that cell phones be turned off during meetings, this will be brought up at August meeting. Toni suggested be

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 12

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September 17 - 19. Both events will be hosted in Indianapolis this year.

Our next meeting will be held at Decatur Twp. Station 71, 5410 South High School Road, Indianapolis at 19:00 hours on Monday, July 20th. Election of district officers will be held and a program from IPL to discuss pulling electrical meters.

Hope to see you at Station 71.

Larry Bruner

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley - Chairman

Greetings to all!

The 63rd running of the I.V.F.A. convention is now in the history books, and it was a great time.

Jennifer Dzuba of McCordsville was a great representative of 13 as your district Miss Flame. Thanks to all those departments and individuals who offered manpower, apparatus, equipment, supplies, money (greatly appreciated), and moral support. Without you folks it would not have been possible.

The Global Award winner for 2009 is Garner Towing Service, Jamie Garner, owner. They work closely with the fire departments in providing wrecked cars for training as well as showing them the latest in automotive extrication safety.

Garner Towing goes out of their way year after year in supporting the fire service in Hancock County.

District officer elections were to be held on July 21st. Since the cut off for this article is about two weeks before that, I cannot report who is still or is now in those positions. Congratulations to Don Cushman. He was re-elected at the convention as the PR for East Central region again. He covers 8A and 8B, 10, 13A and 13B. Way to go, Don!

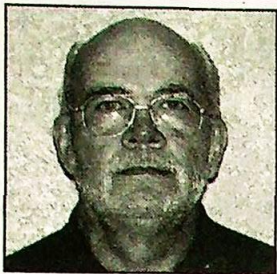
Keep plugging away at your local politicians. The Governor's desire to cut back on local government is still a very alive possibility in Indiana. Without you, the membership, support in opposition to these changes is not possible. The fire service is destined to lose local control of their services and monies. Keep telling them how your departments work with the trustees and local governing bodies to provide the most skilled volunteer professionals to aid the citizens of your communities.

We, as volunteers, are the front line of service to our communities and without you it just would not get done. Remember as we work to care for the sick and injured, the protection of properties, and community activities, to always, ALWAYS be safe.

Carol Thrawley,
13A chairman

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DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

May 2 and 3 I attended state officers' meeting in Indianapolis.

May 6th I attended a meeting at Worthington-Jefferson FD and presented 25 year pins to Worthington firemen, Don Dupire and Michael Steward for their service.

May 11th I attended the meeting of the Greene County Firefighters' Assoc.

May 16th our District 17A Miss Flame Amy Byers of Highland Twp. VFD and her family and mine went to Spurgeon VFD for a pancake breakfast and a car show. Due to the weather the car show was cancelled, but we had a good breakfast and an enjoyable time with the people there.

May 18th a memorial service was held for Loogootee VFD fireman Mark VanMeter. Condolences to the family.

May 20th I held a district meeting at Bicknell FD and presented 25 year pins to David Sullivan, Tom Estabrook and Myron Mackey.

Jim Abrams, PRSW, spoke on the by-law change that the districts had voted on and the state IVFA passed.

Tim Deekard, IVFA president, talked about 2009 legislation.

Beverly Harker presented the district a check for \$400 from the sausage dinner.

Our Miss Flame Amy Byers of Highland Twp. was introduced.

Julia Fox from Homeland Security - state EMS training officer, was introduced and put on a demonstration after the meeting.

Our nominating committee for our July elections are Johnny Johnson and Beverly Harker.

May 26th I attended Loogootee VFD meeting and presented 25 year pins to Gerald Huebner and Robert Bell.

I also presented chief Terry Pielemier a clock for their new station.

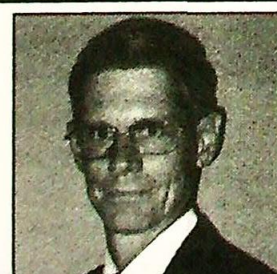
June 4th a memorial service was held for Vincennes Twp. VFD fireman James Schlomer. Condolences to the family.

The 63rd IVFA convention was held June 17-20 in Indianapolis. Congratulations to those newly elected and a thanks to all who have served the past year.

Congratulations to all the award winners for all they do and for how they represent the IVFA.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from the 18-District. The District 18 meeting of 21 May was held at the St. Henry C.K. of A.

Hall, with the St. Henry VFD hosting.

District Chaplain Bro. Giles Mahieu, O.S.B., gave the invocation. A prayer was given, a moment of silence was observed and bagpipes played in the passing of Charlie Ziegler, Dubois Fire Dept; Jerry Steinhart Jasper Fire Dept; and Mark Fortwendel, Troy Fire Dept.

Jack Kerney updated everyone on certification test grading, the new teaching manual, and other aspects of training. There was discussed the 2009 legislative session and asked for input for the 2010 legislature. The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Grants were also covered.

I reported to the members the context of the "Safe Haven Law" which deals with the possibility of a child being abandoned at a fire station.

Chief Stan Seifert of the Ireland Fire Department requested to host the 2010 District 18 Fire Prevention Parade and Miss Flame Contest. A call was made for any other requests to host the events, and after hearing none, Ireland's request was granted. My thanks to Chief Seifert and his membership for stepping up.

Guests at the meeting included Hannah Verkamp, District 18 Miss Flame; Katie Rickelman, 2006 State Miss Flame; Jack and Barb Kerney, Central Office; Jim Abrams, Public Relations SW and his wife Stella; Terry Tanner, Dubois County Sheriff.

The nominating committee for the District Officer Election in July was selected by random drawing. Those drawn and agreed to serve are Kenny Hedinger, New Boston; J.P. Stemply, Jasper; and Allen Steckler, St. Henry.

Sixty members answered roll call, eighteen departments represented, with two hundred and sixty-eight calls reported.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 16 July beginning at 2000 hours (EST). The meeting will be held at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center, with Jasper FD hosting.

My congratulations to Carol Thrawley and his entire staff for their work in putting on a great time at the Convention. My further congratulations to the newly elected officers.

Until next time-
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"

John C. "Bull" Smith
Dist. 18 Chair

Ladies convention report

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shut off before meeting begins. Wanda Johnson, Lois Boaz 2007 winner, was taken to Bloomington Hospital right after getting to the convention. Hope she is doing okay and will be home shortly.

Bylaws: Toni said will do tomorrow.

Jewelry: Marlene has a few state lapel pins. All district chairmen have 25-year pins.

Nominating: Susie says ready. Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis says ready.

Historian: Phyllis and Joann discussed passing on books to be kept with recording secretary. This

will be brought up at August meeting.

President's Advisory: Phyllis says okay.

Lois Boaz: ready.

Parliamentarian: Toni says okay.

Old business: None

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker.

New business: None.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Friday, June 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Barb Parker motioned to adjourn with a second from Barb Ketchem.

Closing prayer: Joann.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

June 19, 2009

Call to order: President Martha opened meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann apologized for there not being enough roses at the memorial service this morning. She asked if anyone did not get a rose to take back to their district to see her after meeting. Joann read a poem "Why God Made Little Girls Even Though They Have Grown Up And Left Us Here: Ladies, we were these little girls a few years ago.

Pledge to the Flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miram led the ladies in the pledge.

Recognized the 2009 Lois Boaz Award, Mr. IVFA, and the Angel Award recipients.

Roll call: Lou did the roll call with there being four guests and 31 officers.

Minutes: Miriam motioned to dispense with reading of minutes, Susan Lewis seconded. It was asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the minutes, there were none. Stand as read.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy read report it stands as read, subject to audit in August.

Correspondence report: Malinda had none.

Membership: membership 2008/2009 - dept. 59, individuals: 130, dept. members 795, lifetime 21, total members: 946. Membership 2009/2010 - dept. 2, individuals 5, members 36, total 41. We are going to have a new auxiliary - it is in District 21.

Membership committee: Leona says doing fine.

Chaplain's report: Joann stated that IVFA dues have to be up to date for a memorial service. It is the district chairmen's duty to make sure members dues have been paid.

Auditing: Barb Kerney - auditing will be done in August.

Installation: Barb Parker is all set.

Financial study: Lou said okay.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney brought the 2009 Miss IVFA Miss Flame and her court into the meeting and presented them to us ladies. District 3 Miss Flame sang at the opening meeting last night; did a wonderful job.

V.P. Project: Beth gave report on her projects.

Lou did the department roll call 2008/2009. There were 50 present.

Bylaws: Toni read what the Malfeasance, Non-feasance, and Misfeasance means, everyone was asked if they understood what Toni read and they all said yes. Then Toni read what the District 10 auxiliary at their Feb. 18, 2009 meeting approved the following amendment to Article I, Section 10 and the addition of Article I, Section II, and submitted to the IVFAA recording secretary for review, this was received on Feb. 24, 2009. Everyone has received a copy of this proposal amendment and proposal addition. Barb Kerney accepted the

bylaw as changed and Mary Klym seconded. Motion passed.

Jewelry: Marlene said she has some lapel pins left and all district chairmen have 25 year pins and some other jewelry, and if anyone needs any to let her know.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis said all ready, they have their two essay winners, Barb Kerney gave a donation to the M.M.M.F.

Nominating: Susie Lewis said ready.

President's Advisory: Phyllis said Martha doing a great job.

Lois Boaz: Already recognized at beginning of meeting.

Parliamentarian: Toni, nothing.

Old business: none

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker is doing a great job with the Chinese Auction.

New business: none.

Convention report: Joann gave a report it will be held at Terre Haute next year (2010). Will be taking registrations. Registrations will be \$50.00. After May 2010 will be \$75.00. Convention will be at Holiday Inn. Dates: June 16, 17, 18, 2010.

Historian: Phyllis said they have convention book 1, Nancy Neal said she found it while cleaning out her garage. A big thank you to Nancy.

Barb Kerney presented Martha her past president pin, corsage and Gold card. Thanked her for doing a wonderful job.

Elections: Susie Lewis held elections. Officers for 2010 will be president Beth Caudill, vice president Barb Parker, recording secretary Lou Bartlow, correspondence secretary Malinda, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel, and chaplain Joann Hays. Doing the installation was Faye Sallee with Betsy escorting each officer-elect forward to take oath of office.

Martha gave her farewell speech.

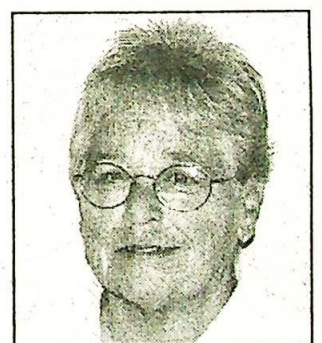
Entertainment and next meeting date: There will be no entertainment on Saturday, August 1st, August 2, 2009. Sunday will be the meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel, Indianapolis.

Adjournment: 10:45 a.m.

Closing prayer: Chaplain Joann had everyone to form a huge circle holding hands, while she gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
IVFAA corresponding secretary
Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - chairman

Minutes of the May 7, 2009 District 1 & 2 Meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was said.

Prayer was given by Phyllis Vargo.

Phyllis thanked Lake Dale Auxiliary for hosting the meeting and Phyllis gave them a check for \$100.00 for reimbursement for hosting meeting.

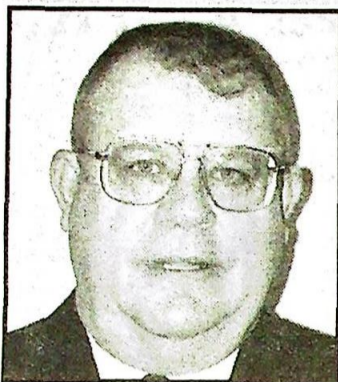
Ryan Kennedy gave department history.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 1 & 2, 2009 CLARION HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER INDIANAPOLIS, IN

President Tim Deckard called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the Invocation.

Vice-president Buz Koehler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Deckard called for the reading of the minutes of the February meeting by Secretary Bartlow. PRNW Jim Bradford made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Tom Orrell, District 1 made the second. Motion passed.

President Deckard called on Bev Harker for the treasurer's report. She stated that the budget is pretty much in line for this time of year. Convention 2007 has now reimbursed the IVFA for the advance monies to put on the convention.

Charlie Moon, District 14, made motion to accept the treasurer's report. Larry Bruner, District 12, made the second. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Status of new "25 year pins and 50 year pins" Central Office now has the new pins and will be sending the 50 Year pins for the Gold Cards this year.

Past president Jim Parker asked about report from the November meeting on forming a foundation for this organization to accept donations as a tax deduction. Bev Harker had contacted our accountant to research this. In order to do that we would have to create a separate Board with its own officers and that unless we were expecting a lot of donations this would be a bigger problem than it is worth.

Larry Bruner, District 12 asked if the registration of the Logo had been completed. Jack Kerney reported that it is being taken care of by the Registration Law Firm and is a slow process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS EXECUTIVE: TIM DECKARD - Advised treasurer to

move monies to wherever the best interest rate was and to use her judgment as to the amount.

CENTRAL OFFICE: JACK KERNEY - Closed out 2008 dues period and ready for 2009. Dues packets for 2009 have been mailed. Last mailing of newspaper had 900 bad addresses. 1-800-FIRE-LINE now being answered in the Office; had one call so far. Individual and Associate members now separated from membership into own list. License plates for 2008 were 3400 and for 2009 it is 1607.

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING: DIANE HARRISON - Some of the material that was passed out at FDIC was donated. Working on ideas for new item to be offered for sale from the IVFA clothing. Also working on a Certificate of Achievement for individuals that serve the fire service in extra ways.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION: JACK McFARLAND - Power point presentation for FDIC went over great. He thanked all that made this presentation possible. Need to think about material for the State Fair this year. The IDHS is not going to sponsor a Public Service Day this year of take part in one. July 1 is the deadline for information if this program will take place.

BYLAWS & SOG: BUZ KOEHLER - Read the Bylaw change that was submitted at the February 2009 meeting to be voted on today. That change being: Article XV Section 7 will read as follows: *Any Section of an Article of the Bylaws that is proposed and addressed by the Board of Directors shall not be revisited for a period of two (2) years, with the exception of an emergency vote in the affirmative of 2/3 of the directors present.*

Roll call vote taken: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 15, 17A, 17B, 18, 19, and 20 voting yes.

Districts 6 and 14 voting NO. The change passed 22 yes, and 2 no.

Also presented a paper stating what the responsibilities and duties of the Nominating Committee are. Explained the voting procedure for convention and who the delegates are at convention that can vote as written in the Bylaws.

He also brought up that the Bylaws do not have a written statement as to qualifications to be a district officer. Also that no policy for how district elections are handled (3 votes per department, or everyone in attendance can vote). Much discussion on this topic. After researching the Bylaws, a motion was passed on August 3, 2008 that the district elections shall be governed by the guidelines in the Bylaws and SOG's.

INSURANCE: BEV HARKER - Having gone over the present policy

and reduced the values in some areas we will renew our policy at this time with a \$500 savings from last year. We will be putting out proposals for next year's policy to any interested insurance company. Also compiling a complete list of all IVFA equipment as to age and value.

WEB SITE: BUZ KOEHLER - Web Master has made changes that district chairmen made at the last meeting with him. Editable form on the web site can only be filled out and printed from the web site, they cannot be e-mailed from there.

LOGO: JOHN SMITH - Send any request to use the Logo to him. He would like a letter written stating the purpose of the use of the Logo.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: JIM BRADFORD - This quarter's paper is 44 pages and printed 16, 947 copies. Please check all addresses and phone numbers for corrections. Due to the number of pages in the paper, starting the February 2010 issue the deadline for submitting pictures and articles will be January 5, 2010. The new deadline will be the 5th of the month preceding the date of the paper. Some discussion on putting the newspaper on the Web Site. This option is not available at this time.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: TONY FARRER - Had one claim for a pair of boots. Needs more information about the boots before the claim can be processed.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: DAVID ISRAEL - Have the sites wanting to bid for Convention 2011. They are Muncie, South Bend and Clarksville.

CONVENTION 2009: CAROL THRAWLEY - The IDHS Live Burn Trailer will be there for training. The requirements to take part in this are printed in the newspaper and on the Web Site. They have sponsored meals every day. If making reservation at the Convention Hotel, do so between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. If you call at any other time, the number rolls over to a national call center and they do not have convention information.

CONVENTION 2010: BILL BUSH - Plans are coming along very well at this time.

AWARDS: BUZ KOEHLER - Have full set of Global Awards. Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, and Angel Award winners have been selected.

BRIDGE REPORT SCHOLARSHIP: BEV HARKER - There were 29 applications this year. Three were disqualified: one for late postmark, one for 2008 dues paid late and one for not being a member of the IVFA.

NOMINATING: IVAN NEVIL - Have a full slate of officers for the convention.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY - Meeting March 9, 2009 in Vincennes with five Board members and eight guests present. Approved four variances and denied

three. Marshal Greeson has smoke detectors for the hearing impaired; contact his office. Practical skills must be done before the written test. Certifications taking 4-6 weeks to turn around. Tests being audited on a random basis. Re-election of board officers was held.

Meeting April 27 at Rensselaer with seven board members present and 17 guests present. They approved three variances and denied nine. Three instructor's licenses were suspended for falsifying records. Instructor I and II/III tests will now have 50 questions. July 1, 2009 all Firefighter I/II test questions will come from the IFSTA book.

FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE: BUZ KOEHLER - Dinner in February went very well. Next meeting May 7, 2009 for the election of officers.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: JACK KERNEY - Legislative priorities of the NVFC are: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act, Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Job Protection Act, Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act (H.R. 1194), Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act, Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement Rate, Ryan White First Responder Notification, Novelty Lighter Prohibition and Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act Extension and Expansion.

Advisory Committee appointed to make recommendation for the NFPA 1001 Standard for Firefighter Qualification.

Radio Wireless Committee not met since 2008. The new Generation 911 is in test sites.

INDIANA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL TEAM: DIANE HARRISON - They now have a PA system to use. No death to date this year.

LEGISLATIVE: LARRY CURL - Our two Bills H.B. 1205 and H.B. 1352 have both been passed by the Legislature and are on the Governor's desk for signing. We have had 16 legislative committee conference calls this year. Presented a list of things we need to do concerning our agenda in the Legislature: (1) Training program for our members about how the Legislature work and our need for everyone to contact their representative. (2) Have detailed study of how government and how it affects use. (3) Continue to improve our member notification list to get people to contact their own legislators and establish a database of members with personal contact with legislators. (4) Need to develop legislative agenda for next year as soon as possible, need list of ideas to the legislative committee as soon as possible. (5) Think about forming a Political Action Committee. (6) Need to start a "Legislator of the Year" program.

We also need an awareness

program for the Safe Heaven Law and how the volunteer fire department should respond.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT: TIM DECKARD - Traveled 2135 miles attending eight meetings, two county meetings, four district meetings, two fundraisers, a station dedication, and the Washington D.C. trip which was very good as they meet with all Indiana Senators and Representatives.

VICE PRESIDENT: BUZ KOEHLER - Traveled 1920 miles to various district and county meetings and 870 miles for various IVFA committee meetings.

CHAPLAIN: ED GERDOWSKY - Held one memorial service, attended one district meeting, trip to the State House, one fundraiser and two chaplain classes.

SGT-AT-ARMS: BILL BUSH - Thanked everyone for the cards he received after his recent fall. Made several trips to the Trophy Shop getting the trophies for this year's convention. They are ready.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: LARRY KETCHEM - Been to several district meetings. Working to get the military addresses for our members that are overseas so that we can mail them a copy of the newspaper.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORTS PRNW: JIM BRADFORD - Attended six district meeting, seven fundraisers, three Porter County meetings, one IVFAA meeting, two memorial services, one chief's retirement party, one trip to Printco for newspaper, Duneland Fire School, FDIC and the BFFS&E meeting. Total of 1702 miles quarter.

PRNE: MORT SORG - Attended six meetings, went to Washington, D.C. and the FDIC in Indianapolis.

PRWC: DIANE HARRISON - Attended four district meetings, three fundraisers, three county meetings, one funeral, one memorial service, Supporting Heroes banquet, Memorial Team Training meeting and the FDIC.

PREC: DON CUSHMAN - Attended most of district meetings and one open house.

PRSW: JIM ABRAMS - Attended three district meetings, two memorial services and three county meetings.

PRSE: AL WILLIAMSON - Attended two district meetings, two legislative hearings, trip to Washington, D.C. and the Fire Service Dinner. Traveled 1380 miles this quarter. Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M. Morning Invocation and message by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

Miss Flame Kristen Wylie gave highlights of her past year as Miss Flame and thanked everyone for supporting her.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS President Deckard presented past president Larry Ketchem his "Gold Card" for 50 years of service.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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JIM PARKER: Pass.
IVAN NEVIL: Pass.
RICHARD GLANT: Pass.
JACK ZEEKS: Pass.
BUZ KOEHLER: Pass.
JACK KERNEY: Pass.
LARRY KETCHEM: Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: TOM ORRELL - Next meeting May 20, 2009 at Ross Twp. Station #4 Merrillville.

DISTRICT 2: PAUL WATLAND - Next meeting July 15, 2009 at Lincoln Twp. V.F.D. in Thayer.

DISTRICT 3: DAVE KAUFMAN - Next meeting May 21, 2009 at Pleasant Twp. in Stillwell.

DISTRICT 4: TERRY SMITH - Next meeting June 24, 2009 at North Liberty V.F.D.

DISTRICT 5: TONY FARRER - Next meeting May 14, 2009 at Warsaw F.D. Station #1.

DISTRICT 6: JERRY SPRAGUE - Next meeting May 26, 2009 at Howe Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7: WALT REITER - Next meeting May 19, 2009 at Mt. Etna Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A: BILL PAPE, JR. - Next meeting May 13, 2009 at LaFontaine/Liberty Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B: LLOYD WRIGHT - Next meeting May 13, 2009 at Montpelier Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A: LEIGHANNE ELLIS - Next meeting May 28, 2009 at Taylor Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B: BUZ KOEHLER - Next meeting May 14, 2009 at Chalmers Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10: DAVID ISRAEL - Next meeting May 20, 2009 at New Point Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A: JACK MCFARLAND - Next meeting May

17, 2009 at Patrickburg Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B: LARRY SOUTHARD - Next meeting May 13, 2009 at Kingman Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12: LARRY BRUNER - Next meeting May 18, 2009 at Danville Fire Dept. Station #92.

DISTRICT 13A: CAROL THRAWLEY - Next meeting May 19, 2009 at Middletown EMS. He also reported that the room rates for Convention have changed from \$89 to \$81.

DISTRICT 13B: DENNIS SPEARS - Next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 14: CHARLIE MOON - Next meeting June 25, 2009 at Kent Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 15: STEVE ANDERSON - Next meeting May 19, 2009 at Buckskin Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 16: PAUL HOLCOMB - Next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 17A: SAM EMERY - Next meeting May 20, 2009 at Bicknell Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B: LUKE KLUENDER - Next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 18: JOHN SMITH - Next meeting May 21, 2009 at St. Henry Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19: ED SCHEELE - Next meeting May 28, 2009 at Metamora Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21: DON FULTZ - Next meeting June 29, 2009 at Sheffield Vol. Fire Dept.

NEW BUSINESS: President Deckard reported that in some areas of the state of Indiana state police are having trouble with volunteer firefighters and the "Blue Light". He needs to know from anyone if this is happening in different areas.

recess the meeting and proceed to the Board of Directors' meeting. Terry Smith, District 4, made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MAY 3, 2009

Chairman Larry Ketchem called the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

(1) Gifts for Miss Flame participants: in the past we have given \$500 for this. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to purchase the gifts for the Miss Flame contestants. Past president Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed.

(2) Jack McFarland, chairman of the Public Education Committee, requested a budget of \$2000 to use to purchase coloring books, bracelets and safety stickers to be handed out at the Indiana State Fair. This will not be needed if the IVFA is not invited to take part by July 1, 2009. Steve Anderson, District 15, made a motion to purchase these items if IVFA is invited before July 1, 2009. Charlie Moon, District 14, made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Ivan Nevil, chairman of the legislative committee, requested that we as the IVFA award a "Legislator of the Year" plaque and three "Honorable Mention Certifications". Larry Bruner, District 12, made a motion to pursue this issue not to exceed \$250. Past president Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Past president brought to our attention that we only have two Mr. IVFA patches. Need to find out where we get them and how much they will cost. This will be Board action at a later date after we find out more details.

(5) Jim Bradford, PRNW, stated that all major printing jobs are to be done by Rensselaer Printco.

(6) Dave Elick, vice chairman,

District 6, questioned why Miss Flame was charged for van parking and her dinner for one meal while at the National Fire Caucus in Washington, D.C. She understands the other expenses that she was charged. The amount in question is \$129.75. Charlie Moon, District 14, made a motion to pay the \$129.75. Larry Southard, District 11B, made the second. A show of hands vote was taken with 18 voting Yes and 13 voting No.

Michelle Baxter with American United Life, explained some of the benefits of our insurance. The health discount, prescription discount, vision, hearing and chiropractic care are also at no charge to our members.

President Deckard asked for commits on the lunch that was available on Saturday noon. Not real happy with it. Also, some other problem with hotel. He will check them out before the next meeting.

Jim Parker, past president, made a motion to adjourn. Bill Bush, Sgt.-At-Arms, made the second. Motion passed. President Deckard reconvened the officers' meeting. Buz Koehler stated that anyone needing a picture for the convention book to see him. And the new Benefit Booklets are here. Encouraged everyone to take some.

President Deckard introduced John Buckman of IDHS and Training. He stated that starting in March they have been auditing about five classes per week to see if everything is being done right. This includes doing practicals without being coached while doing them. Many instructors are not completing all of the skills required by the rules. Turn around time for certifications are about 6-8 weeks now due to staff being reduced to three people. The prerequisite rule went into affect January 14, 2009 that

you must meet all prerequisites for a class before you are to take the test for a class. Starting July 14, 2009 they will no longer process Certification Tests if the prerequisites are not met and send tests back to students stating that it is invalid. Lead instructor and lead evaluator must check all students for meeting the prerequisites for a class.

The six-hour in-service training for Instructors I & II/III will be in effect January 14, 2010. Training division still developing a program for this requirement. Should be done by July 1, 2009.

Firefighter I & II pass rate for the state is 82%. Also brought up that federal law requires you to read a test to a student if they meet certain guidelines; but we cannot read a test to a firefighter and that is wrong.

Many of our concerns should be brought up at the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meeting at our convention.

Having no other business, President Deckard called for a motion to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, secretary*

2009 Convention Officers' Meeting

Holiday Inn North
Indianapolis, IN
June 18, 2009

President Tim Deckard called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the invocation.

Committee Reports
Central Office: Jack Kerney - mailed out a membership list of paid/not paid departments.

Membership and Marketing: Diane Harrison - pass.

Public Relations and Education:

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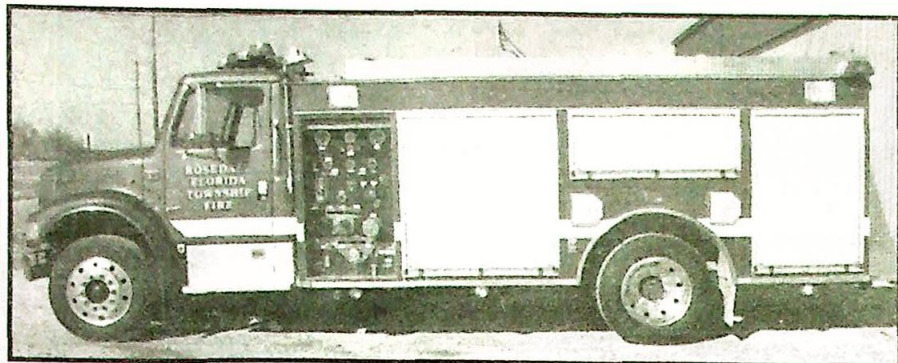
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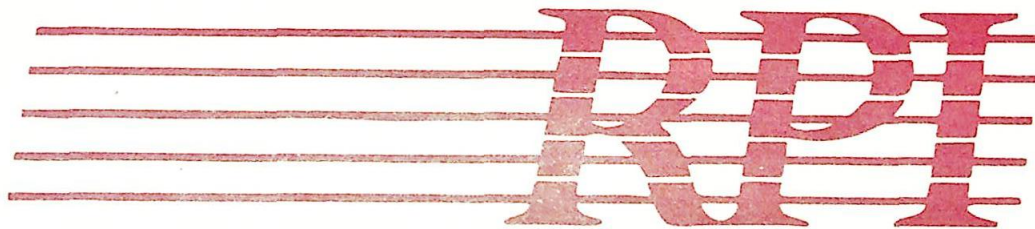
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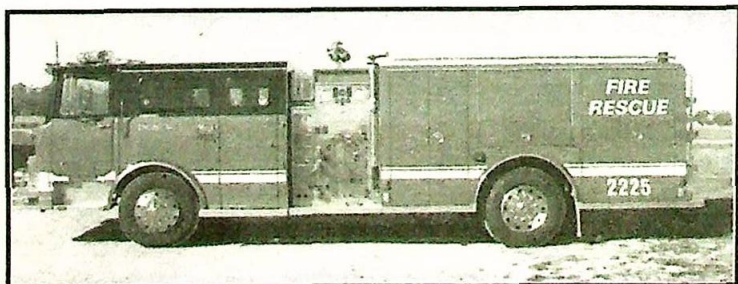
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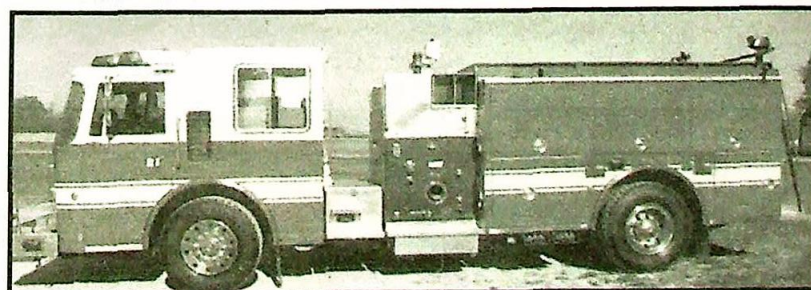
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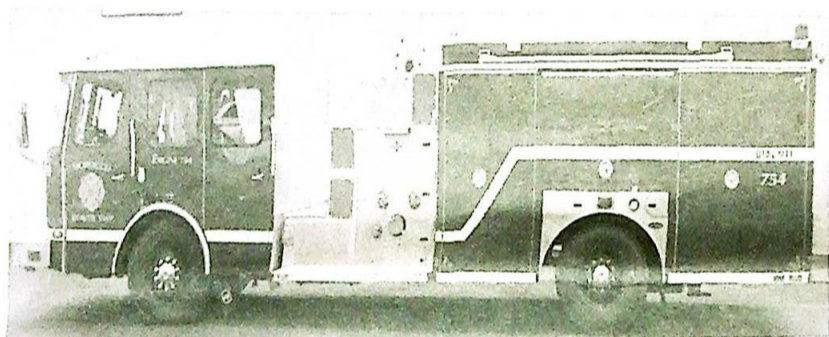
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District 1 / 2 ladies report ...

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Phyllis introduced guests in attendance: Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Martha Thomas, President of I.V.F.A.A., Paul Watland, I.V.F.A. District #2.

Motion made by Martha Thomas and 2nd by Donna Szafanski not to read the minutes of the March, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Phyllis Vargo with \$456.46 in checking. Report stands as read for audit.

Phyllis informed anyone that we lost a dear member of District #2 this past week Barbara Wilkening from Cedar Lake. Phyllis reminded everyone how much Barb was involved in auxiliary over the years, and she hopes members will carry on what Barb was very passionate about.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Phyllis talked about the state secretary. She told the group that they are trying to

verify every department's membership list. Lou Bartlow is temporary State Secretary until convention.

Phyllis went thru each department membership to try to confirm all current members.

Dues are due - they are \$5 for each member, please send your dues to Phyllis Vargo first, she will forward them on to the state.

Convention is next month. There was a motion by Pat Missel, 2nd by Deb Feeley to accept the By-law change that District 10 is submitting at convention. Motion passed.

Phyllis asked Miss Flame if she had her reservation for Convention. Phyllis told her go have fun and you will make lots of friends for life. She will see her at convention and wishes her Good Luck! And she is a winner to us.

Phyllis advised the group that our treasury is getting low; she asked the group what their pleasure was in

order to raise money for the district. We did have a great attendance for the November district meeting, as fell short of our goal for profit. There were suggestions on the floor for raffle, or we could do the Butter Braid again. Phyllis Vargo made a motion 2nd by Deb Feeley to hold the Butter Braid Fundraiser again. Motion passed. We will set up delivery date for September district meeting.

Jim Bradford informed the group that he brought some copies of the paper for the ladies who don't receive them at home.

Pat Missel from Cedar Lake Auxiliary thanked Phyllis and everyone for everything that was done and coming to Barb Wilkening service. Cedar Lake deeply appreciated it.

Phyllis took a moment to thank Martha Thomas for being president for the last 2 years for the State Auxiliary.

Phyllis told the groups if your organization needs help with anything, please give her a call, she will be happy to help.

50/50 winner was Donna Szafanski.

Next meeting is September 10th at Cedar Lake.

Motion by Shelli O'Brien, 2nd by Rachel Suggs to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. Dist. 1 & 2

November deadline October 10, 2009

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Leona Uryga - Chairman

Minutes of the May 20, 2009 District 3 meeting.

The meeting was held at the San Pierre Fire Department on May 20, 2009, with the auxiliary members enjoying a potato soup, croissants and dessert luncheon. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:30 p.m.

No correspondence.

Roll call was taken: five from Michiana Shores and two from San Pierre.

The minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting stand as read.

The treasurer's report was given and stand as read until audit. A check for \$175.00 was written to Dawn Schumacher for expenses for Ms. Flame.

Ms. Flame, District 3, Autumn Schumacher was unable to attend our meeting due to school functions.

At the San Pierre Fire Department fish fry on April 4, Miss Flame Autumn Schumacher sold \$250.00 in cookbooks she designed and Leona Uryga sold \$80.00 in the cookbooks at the state meeting. Money is being raised for the Burn Camp. Ms. Flame is collecting stuffed animals to take to the Burn Camp.

Chairperson Leona Uryga stated the statewide membership is 901. The convention is scheduled for Indianapolis - Holiday Inn by the Pyramids, June 17 to 20. A raffle is planned and tickets were distributed to the auxiliaries. The price is \$1.00 for one ticket - \$5.00 for six tickets. First prize is a fireman's axe, 2nd prize \$200.00, 3rd prize is queen size quilt and 4th prize is \$100.00.

Coming events: No activities scheduled.

Michiana Shores will have a fundraiser for our July 15th meeting in Michiana Shores.

The next meeting is scheduled for Michiana Shores Fire Dept. July 15, 2009.

On behalf of the IVFAA District 3, we'd like to thank the San Pierre Fire Department Auxiliary for hosting this meeting and providing a wonderful luncheon.

50/50 was won by Harriet Macudzinski \$3.00.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dolly Millick, seconded by Gert Peterson; motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan M. Lewis

Secretary-Treasurer, District 3

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Susie Lewis - Chairman

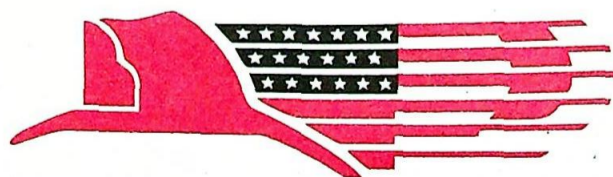
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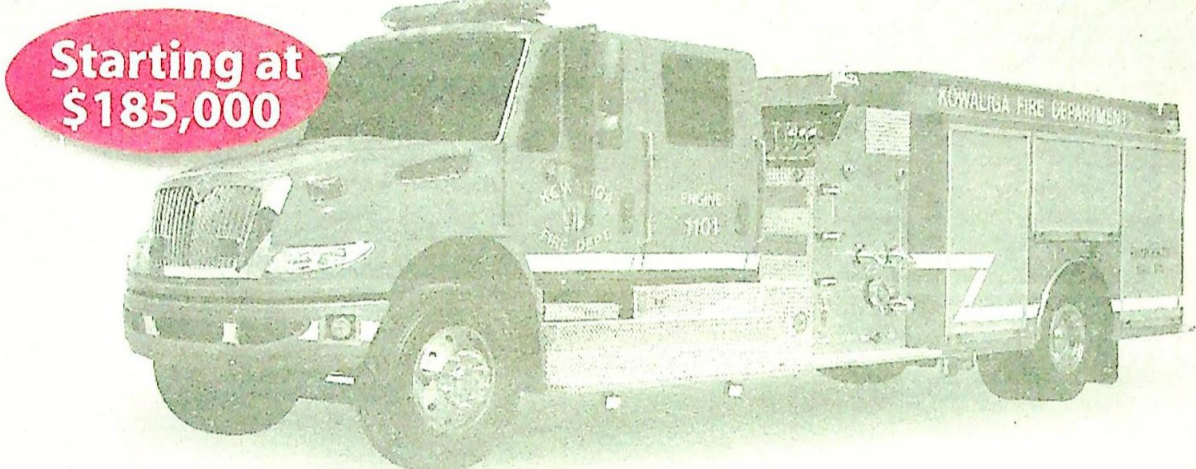
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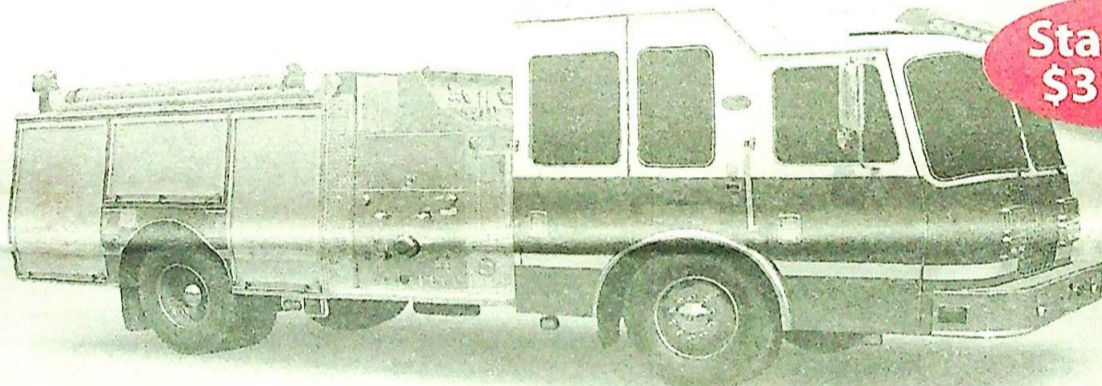
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The meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by seven ladies from five departments. We also had one guest, Miss Flame Kaylie Kongar.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. We received a check from Monroeville Fire Department for \$60. We made \$945.00 on our auction in March.

The May officer's minutes were read and discussed. The by-laws change was read and discussed.

Convention was discussed. It will be June 17 - 19 at Caribbean Cove in Indianapolis.

Election of state officers was discussed.

We had a discussion on Miss Flame allowance. Motion was made by Dianna Gray to give Miss Flame's parents \$500.00 toward her expenses. Seconded by Virginia Wilson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Virginia Wilson to pay Suzi Lewis, district chairman, \$50 per night for three nights at convention. Motion seconded by Dianna Gray. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be the election of officers. It will be held at Nottingham Township on July 20, 2009.

*Antoinette Sorg,
District Secretary*

DISTRICT 10 REPORT

Janet Matthews - Chairman

District 10 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was held at New Point Vol. Fire Department, New Point, Indiana.

Meeting was called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said. We held a baked goods auction with the men. The auctioneer was Ed Stone

from Clifford Fire Department. We brought in a total of \$152.00.

Roll call: Burney 1, Hope 2 with one individual, Cletta Buttery, Lori Parker, Danielle Matthews and Janet Matthews.

Minutes read as approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Old business: Amendment that was submitted. Go back to auxiliaries and find out when everyone joined the state.

New business: Motion was made by Cozette Howell to donate \$150.00 to Danielle Matthews at convention, seconded by Tricia Fleener.

Cletta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol Moody.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cozette R. Howell*

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Heather Martin - Chairman

The past couple of months have been somewhat busy for me. I was unable to attend the May District 15 IVFA meeting due to my daughter's Spring Band Concert. I understand it was as always a good meeting. I would like to thank Buckskin for hosting it.

My husband, daughter and I attended the IVFA Convention in Indianapolis in June. I was lucky enough to be able to help on the Miss Flame committee this year. For the past couple of years I have taken the Miss Flames for granted. I never realized before how much not only the girls have to go through and how stressful it can be, but also how much work the people behind the scenes put into it. Congratulations

to Micajah Green who is the new Miss Flame, Rachel Butt our First Runner-up and Jordan Gorsuch who is Miss Congeniality. Thank you to Emily Girten who represented District 15. I would like to thank Kristen Wylie for everything she did during her term as Miss Flame. I would like to congratulate the girls on the wonderful job they did. I would also like to thank the parents for sharing your beautiful daughters with us all. Thank you to District 13A and those who helped with the Convention. I am already looking forward to Terre Haute in 2010 and South Bend in 2011.

I attended the MARRS Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary meeting in June. This is a wonderful group of ladies who really have a desire to help their community. They are also not just opening their Auxiliary to those who live in their district, they are welcoming anyone who wants to be a part of an Auxiliary. So if your department doesn't have an established Auxiliary and you want to be involved in something that gives back to the community please feel free to come to a meeting. I will have more on this organization in following articles, but as of right now please let me know if you need meeting dates. If there are any other organizations out there that would like to get word out about their auxiliary please let me know and I will be happy to pass it along. I would also like to attend various functions and meetings in my district. I am working on getting meetings set up for the IVFAA in our district. I'm still working on the logistics, but as soon as everything is in place I will be sure to let everyone know. I really enjoy getting to know the people in my district.

I will be attending the Medical Training at MARRS Township VFD on July 20th as a victim. I've never had the opportunity to do this and I am really looking forward to it. I will be attending the IVFA meeting on July

21st also at MARRS. I will also be helping with a blood drive at MARRS on July 24th. On August 9th I will be in Indy for the State Meeting. I'm sure there are things and places I am forgetting and I apologize if I have left out something or someone. Have a safe rest of the summer.

*Heather Martin
IVFAA District 15 chairman*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

July 4, 2009

Hi Ladies,

Hope those who went to convention had a wonderful time. I know I really enjoyed the hotel which was very accommodating.

Carol and Maureen Thrawley and staff did a great job of meeting everyone's needs and it turned out very well.

Our District 19 was especially proud of Rachel Butt for winning first runner-up as Miss Flame. She is a real asset to the IVFA and will represent the organization well. All the girls were very beautiful and deserving of the title as they represented their districts proudly. It is a great feeling to know you belong to an organization that helps those in need and can share camaraderie with each other. I hope maybe next year a few more will be able to attend.

Our local departments are holding their festivals and will be hoping to see you there if you can attend. We are very fortunate to have these brave men and women help out whenever the need arises. Please support them in any way you

can and say thank you from time to time. I know they would all appreciate it.

I hope you will all enjoy your summer and if I can assist you in any way, please let me know. I will see some of you at the August 2nd state meeting in Indianapolis.

Have a great summer and God's blessings be with you.

*District #19 chairman
Pam Gerdowsky*

Hi girls,

It's time to pay dues again. If you will send the white copy along with your check to me, I will send your new stickers to you. Keep the yellow copy for your records. Please indicate if they are a new member and need a membership card, too.

If you have questions or need forms, either write to me or call at 765-245-2125 and I will get back to you.

Remember, the men can belong to the auxiliary, too.

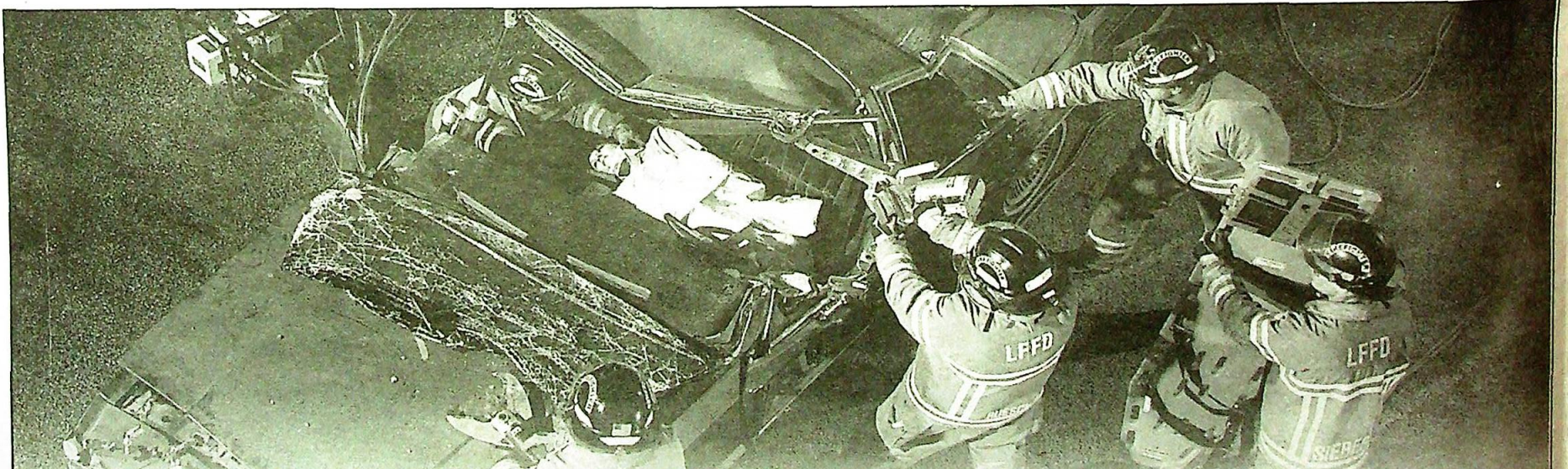
Hope everyone has a safe and prosperous new year.

*Lou Bartlow,
Recording Secretary
P.O. Box 12
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2009 award winners

Convention 2009 Award Winners are as follows:

- Mr. IVFA - Jack Zeeks
- Ollie Sandberg - Don Vermillion
- Lois Boaz - Sue Glant
- Angel Award - Joyce Ancil
- Miss Flame - Micajah Green
- Miss Flame Runner Up - Rachel Butt
- Miss Congeniality - Jordan Gorsuch



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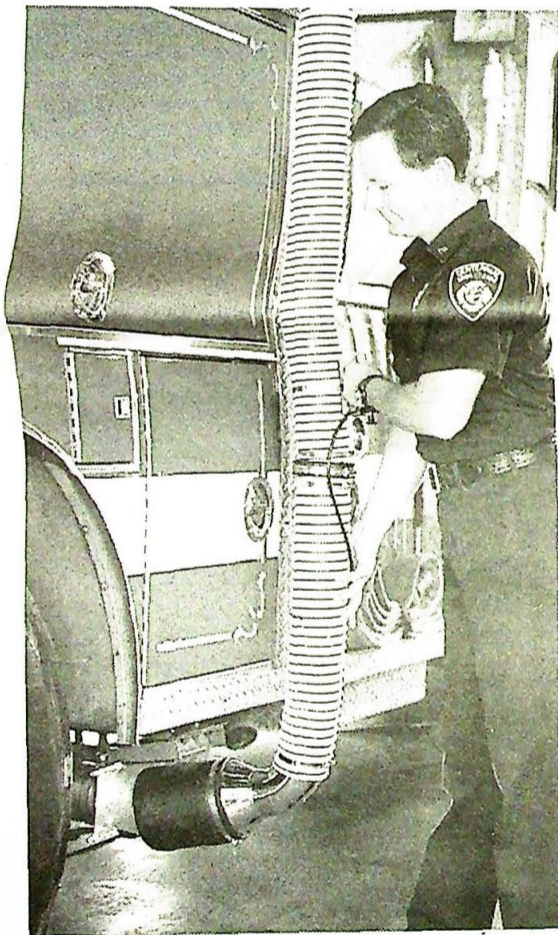
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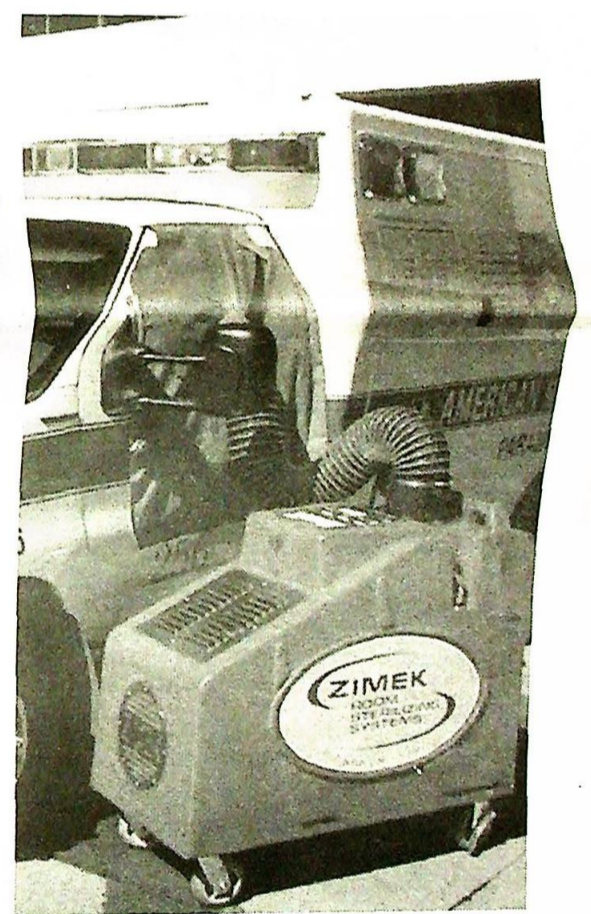
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Men's convention report . . .

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Jack McFarland - pass.
 By-Laws & SOG: Buz Koehler - Need short meeting with the By-Law committee right after this meeting.
 Insurance: Bev Harker - pass.
 Web Master: Buz Koehler - any information to the web site needs to be in before June 27, 2009. Webmaster will be out of town from June 27 until July 13, 2009.
 Editor's Assistant: Jim Bradford - pass.
 Convention: David Israel - Three sites bidding for Convention 2011. They are South bend, Clarksville and Muncie.
 Convention 2010: Bill Bush - pass.
 Awards: Buz Koehler - Everything ready.
 Bridgeport: Bev Harker - Have three winners and they will be at the banquet.
 Nominating: Ivan Nevil - Everything is ready.
 Board of Firefighting Standards and Education: Jack Kerney - Thanked every one that took part in this morning's meeting. The next meeting is July 27, 2009 at Terre Haute.
 Fire Institute: Buz Koehler - At last meeting elected Jerry Nulliner as president.
 National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney - Next meeting is in September in Iowa.
 Indiana Emergency Services Memorial Team: Diane Harrison - pass.
Officer's Report
 Vice President Buz Koehler: pass.
 Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky: pass.
 Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush: pass.
 Board Chairman Larry Ketchem: pass.
 PRNW Jim Bradford, PRNE Mort Sorg, PRWC Diane Harrison,

PREC Don Cushman, PRSW Jim Abrams and PRSE Al Williamson, all pass.
 Past presidents Jim Parker, Carl Bruns, Ivan Nevil, Willie Parish, Richard Glant, Jack Zeeks, Buz Koehler, Jack Kerney, and Larry Ketchem, all pass.
 District 1 Tom Orrell, District 2 Paul Watland, District 3 Terry Smith, District 4 Dave Kaufman, District 5 Tony Farrer, District 6 Jerry Sprague, District 7 Walt Reiter, District 8A Bill Pape, District 8B Lloyd Wright, District 9B Randy Denton, District 10 David Israel, District 11A Jack McFarland, District 11B Larry Southard, District 12 Larry Bruner, District 13A Carol Thrawley, District 13B Dennis Spears, District 14 Charlie Moon, District 16 Paul Holcomb, District 17A Sam Emery, District 19 Ed Scheele and District 21 Don Fultz, all pass.
 District 15 Steve Anderson reported he tried a different format for his last meeting. It seemed to work and will discuss it at the August meeting.
 District 17B Luke Kluender stated that his next meeting was June 23, 2009.
 District 9A Leighanne Ellis and District 18 John Smith were not present.
 Lobbyist Larry Curl gave overview of what we have done this year in Legislation. Two of our Bills HB 1205 and HB 1362, both passed and are signed by the Governor and become effective July 1, 2009. We are still working to enlarge our database of members who have personal contact with any State Legislator or government official. A form is on the website to fill out for this. We need to start to put our thought together for legislation for

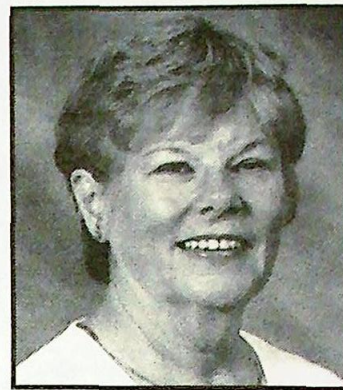
next year. This process will start in August.
 The IVFA will for the first time present a "Legislator of the Year" award to Robert Bishof for his efforts to the fire service in the Legislature.
 President Deckard mentioned that IDEM has a hearing on changing the open burning standards for Indiana.
 Secretary Bartlow explained the Delegate Registration sheets and how to fill them out and the need to complete this as quickly as possible.
 Treasurer Bev Harker announced that mileage rate for the convention is 40-cents for officers and delegates. Only one delegate from each department will be allowed mileage.
 President Deckard called the names of the people on the Credentials committee. They are Larry Bartlow, Larry Ketchem, Carl Bruns, Diane Harrison and Jim Parker.
 The Mileage Committee consists of Bev Harker, Don Cushman, Al Williamson, Jim Abrams, and Richard Glant.
 The Audit Committee consists of Larry Ketchem, Tim Deckard, Terry Smith, Jack McFarland, Al Williamson and Charlie Moon.
 Convention chairman Carol Thrawley thanked everyone for attending this year. Also announced some changes in the event locations.
 Motion by Don Fultz to adjourn the meeting. Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
 Larry L. Bartlow, secretary*

2010 Convention Terre Haute

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



Hope everyone is fine and enjoying the summer.
 The convention this year was great. There seemed to be a good turnout and everyone appeared to be having a good time.
 I hope your departments have all paid their dues on time so they qualify for all the IVFA benefits.
 I will see some of you at your meetings.
 Hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

*Beverly Harker
 IVFA Treasurer*

Department awarded check



Dick Smith, Commander of the VFW Post from Fort Recovery, Ohio, presented the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department with a check for \$400.00.

Pictured (from left to right) are Scott Hilfiker, assistant fire chief, Dick Smith, commander, and Lisa Manor, secretary and treasurer. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Miss Flame

wrap-up for 2009

WOW! What a year! Each year brings a unique and talented group of girls and 2009 was no exception.
 Thanks to parents, friends, district chairmen and those firefighters from the districts that lent their support to the 20 young ladies that represented them. Each one of them are definitely a winner. Please continue to include them in your activities. They are all anxious to participate whenever or wherever needed.
 Congratulations to our 2009 Miss Flame Micajah Green from District 11-A representing Wright Township Fire Department. Micajah was also one of the three recipients of the \$1,500 scholarships. Our runner-up for 2009 is Rachel Butt from District 19 and represents Sunman Fire & Rescue. Both of these young ladies are very talented and are involved in their fire departments as well as their communities. They will be great representatives of both the IVFA and the IVFAA.
 Each year the girls select one from their group as Miss Congeniality. The 2009 award winner is Jorden Gorsuch from District 6 representing Albion Fire Department. Jorden's personality truly reflects the overall group from which she was chosen.
 It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Miss Flame program and to be among such a group of fantastic girls. To all of you - thanks for making 2009 a great year. I know we can expect great things from all of you.
 Good luck in your future endeavors.
*Barb Kerney
 2009 Miss Flame Chairman*

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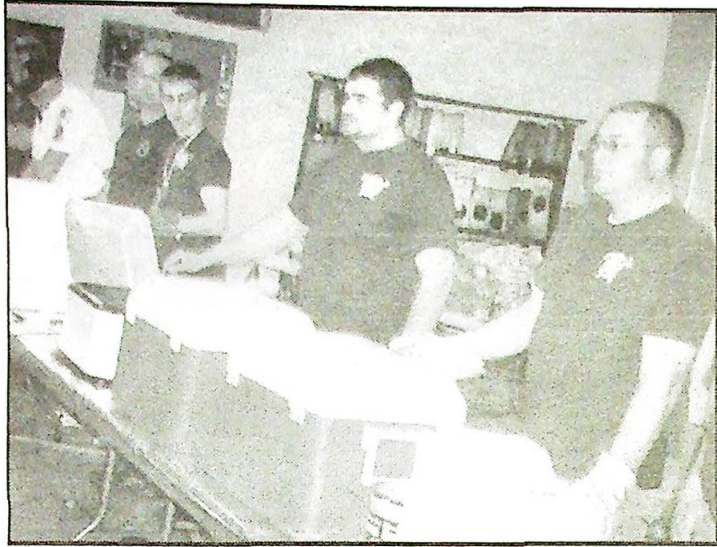
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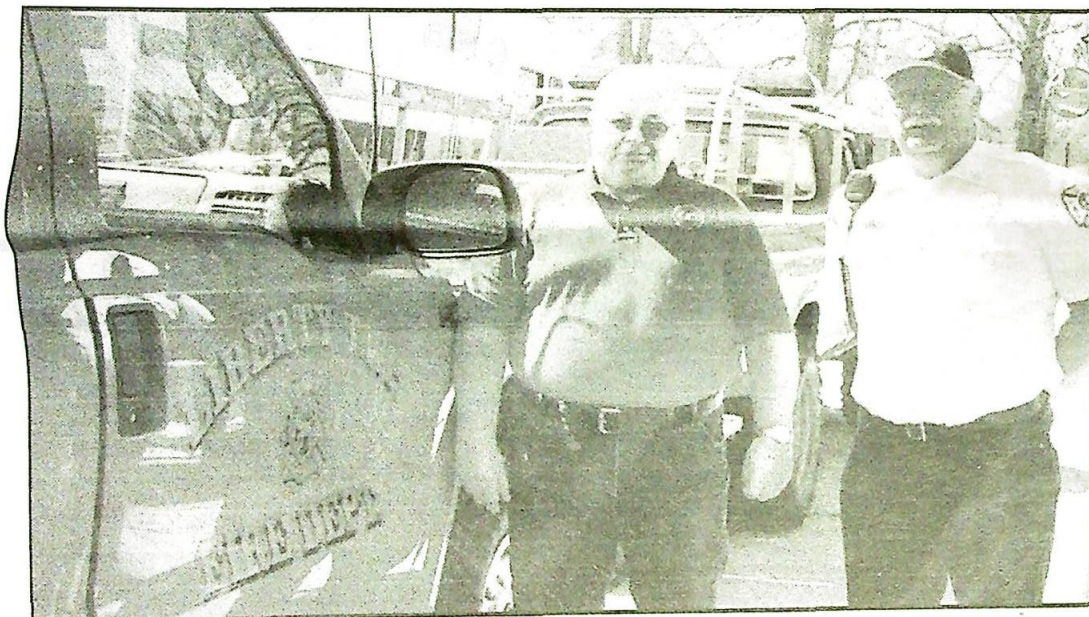
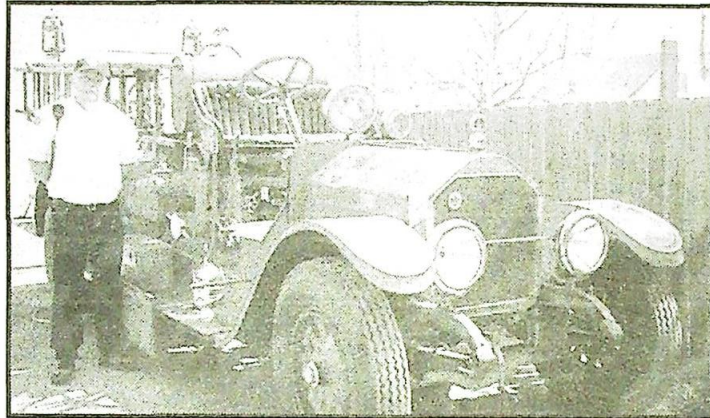


TOP PHOTO - A pork chop and chicken dinner was given on Saturday, April 4, 2009, as a fundraiser for Liberty Township Fire Department.

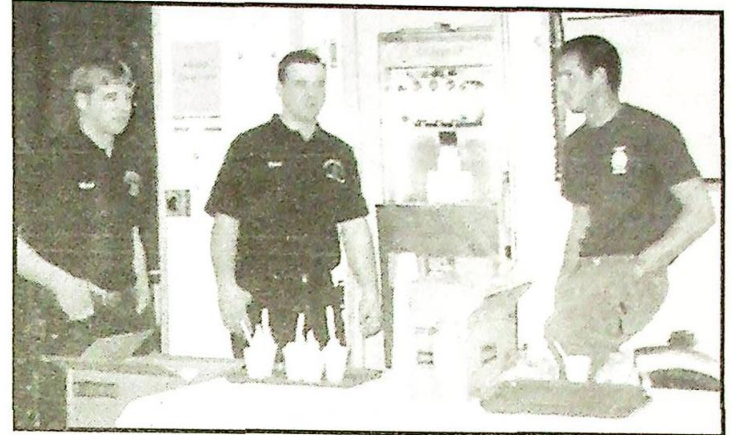
MIDDLE PHOTO - Chief Bryan Albright showing their 1920 truck.

BOTTOM PHOTO - Chief Bryan Albright shows District 4 chairman Terry Smith their new grass rig.

Photos submitted by Terry Smith District 4 chairman



Foraker VFD hosts Haystack Supper



A Haystack Supper was held by the Foraker Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, March 27, 2009.

There was homemade ice cream along with a bake sale with delicious cookies, pies, etc.

The food was delicious and everyone had a good time. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman

NOVEMBER DEADLINE
OCTOBER 10 - 12:00 NOON

Chinese Auction winners

- Indianapolis Convention June 19, 2009
- District 1: Fire-EMS Stepping Stone -- Virginia Wilson, District 7
- District 1: \$25 Speedway Gift Card - Emilee Liston, District 8A
- District 2: \$25 Speedway Gift Card - Shirley Hall, District 3
- District 3: Gift Card/Basket Fire Memorabilia - Steve Macke, District 19
- District 5: Basket of Towels/Lotions-Gels - Randy Merkel, District 19
- District 6: Basket of Photo Albums-Camera, Etc. - Carol Moody, District 10
- District 7: Lottery Tickets - Eula Bush, District 11B
- District 8B: Freedom Endures Statue - Vivian Woodfill Stone, District 14
- District 8B: Firefighter's Blanket - Lindsey Lang, District 8B
- District 9A: Basket of Paper Products - Char Sly, District 3

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Department
Ryan	P.	Jackson		Argos Vol. Fire Dept.
Joey		Cope		Bainbridge Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	K.	Fairchild		Batesville Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown		Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael		Demo		Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dessen	James	Miller		Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Beau	Steven	Gish		Cannelburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth		Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Luke	Jacob	McDonald		Cicero Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	A.	Dean		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Matthew	W.	Ladd		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Deana	Yvonne	Hakes		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Justin	Wayne	Miracle		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Paula	J.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Andrew	C.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Aaron	Dean	Myers		Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.
Frank	S.	James		Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.
Jered	Alan	Stetter		Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker		Eel River Vol. Fire Dept
Rusty		Oeth		Elberfeld Vol. Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday		Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Michael	Alan	Tobin		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	Leland	Meinhardt		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin		Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Bryan	Howard	Allen		Forest Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	Edward	Stahly		Geneva Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Brian	A.	Napier		Glenwood Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Brandon	Buckner		Hamilton Twp. Fire Dept.
Nichlas	Charles	Bohm		Hanna Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Larry	Dean	Strait	II	Hartford City Fire Dept.
Eric	Joseph	Vonderheide		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Richard	Joe	Hamilton		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Nicholas	Paul	Meyer		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	E.	Shaw		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Berger		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas		Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	R.	Schillke		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Sabo		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Wallace	Weaver	Jr.	Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Co.
Odis	Ray	King		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Brandon	Joe	Johnson		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Tony	Errol	Nunley		Markle Fire Dept.
David	C	Perry		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Brandon	M.	McVade		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Blake	Todd	Soller		Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner		Milford Fire Dept.
John	Henry	Flowers	III	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.
Jeffery	Ryan	McClain		Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder		New Chapel Fire Dept.
Michael	B.	Dickey		New Washington VFD
Dallas	William	Hutts		Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Jason	Goings		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
Frank		Galvan		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
Aaron	Joseph	Bower		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
Steven	Edward	Bowyer		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
William	M.	Kendall		Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Ric	D.	Miller		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Woodrow	Lowe		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Miles	Stephen	Stutsman		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Byron	Thomas	Blake		Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Timothy	David	Zakutansky		Porter Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Tony	Joseph	Presley		Summitville-Van Buren Fire Dept.
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Ty	Bryant	Mercer		Webster Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Lisa	Dawn	Ellis		White River - Hazleton V.F.D.

Chinese auction ...

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- District 10: Basket/Digital Camera/Supplies - Randy Denton, District 9B
- District 10: Arbonne Body Products - Betty Selmer, District 14
- District 10: Office Supplies - Dorothy Reiter, District 7
- District 10: Blue Candle Arrangement - Denis Schutte, District 19
- District 11A: Red & White Afghan - Diane Buck, District 21
- District 11B: Tote Fire Bag/Fire Extinguisher - James Hall, District 3
- District 15: Colorful Throw - Peggy Israel, District 10
- District 17A: Ladies' Aux. Bag/Grill & Supplies - Beth Caudill, District 19
- District 19: \$200 Dotty's Bulk Food Basket - June Cahill, District 17A

A big thank you to the Miss Flames who did the drawing and a special thanks to those who donated prizes and those lucky winners! Our raffle was a big success thanks to all of you who purchased tickets. Hope to see you next year.

Phill Cross awarded 50 Year Gold Card



Pictured is District 3 chairman Dave Kaufman presenting a 50-year Gold Card to retired Coolspring Township firefighter Phill Cross at the Coolspring Township Fire Station during a district meeting.

A 50-Year Card was also presented to retired Coolspring Township firefighter Orphy Loomis who was not present for the photo. - submitted by David Kaufman, District 3 chairman

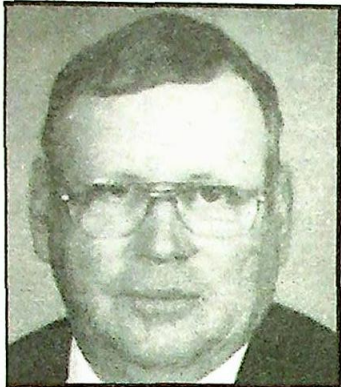
Schell receives 25 year service pin



Larry Schell of Otter Creek Station #2 is presented his 25 year pin. (Left to right) Chief Gary Stum, Larry Schell, and District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

November deadline: Oct. 10, 2009

**Public Relations
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Jim Abrams**



I attended the district meeting in Indianapolis the first weekend of May.

I attended a memorial service for Mark VanMeter on May 18th. Our thoughts go out to his family, friends and fire department.

I attended District 15's meeting May 19th at Buckskin Vol. Fire Department.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Bicknell at Vigo Twp. Vol. Fire

Department on May 20th. I attended District 18's meeting at St. Mark's on May 21st. Their next meeting is July 16th at Jasper Outdoor.

District 17A held a memorial service for James Schlomer of the Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and fire department.

I attended the convention in Indianapolis. Thank you to everyone who came. We enjoyed the week.

Congratulations to Micajah Greene from District 11A who won Miss Flame.

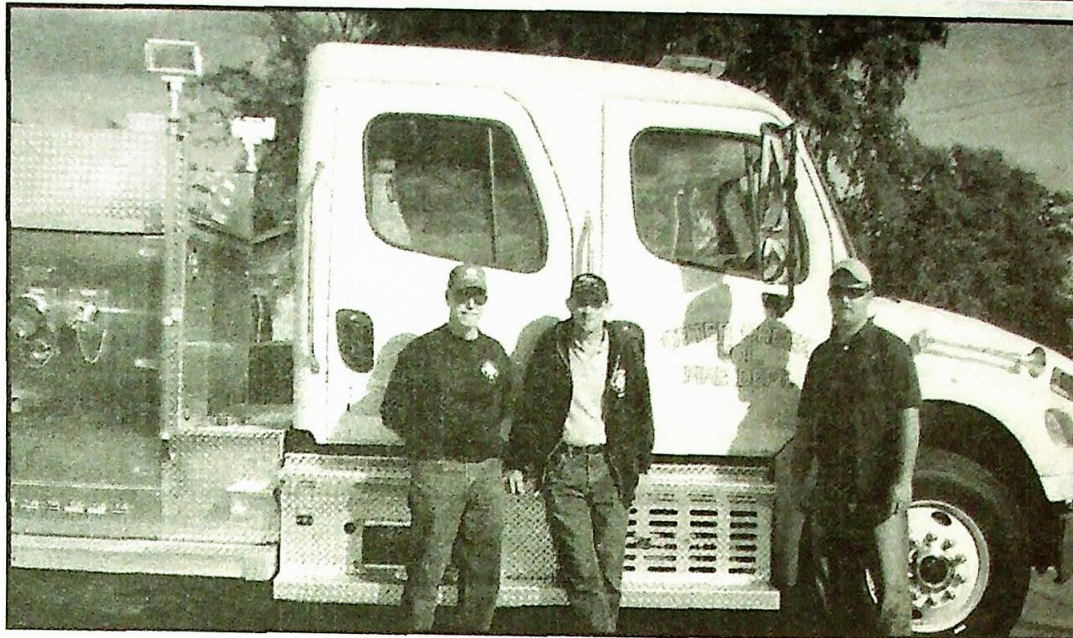
Congratulations to all those who won awards. We had a great time! Thanks to the Indianapolis convention committee.

I attended District 17B's meeting on June 23rd. They held elections as follows: district chairman Luke Kluender, vice chairman Bob Brown, secretary-treasurer Steve Nolan, Sgt. of Arms L.D. Martin.

District 15's next meeting is July 21st at Marrs Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

District 17A's next meeting is July 26th at Loogootee Vol. Fire Dept.

Sincerely,
Jim Abrams
P.R.S.W.



Department takes delivery of new engine

Pictured (left to right): Mike Smith, Chief Gary Sturm and Bryan Mount of the Otter Creek Township Station #. They took delivery of their new Rosenbauer engine. It is equipped with a 1259 GPM pump with 1250 gallons of water. It also has a Foam Pro system with 20 gallon of foam and Resqtech extrication equipment. This apparatus is equipped for fire, motor vehicle accidents, or EMS calls. It is able to handle anything that happens in Otter Creek Township said township trustee Robert Salmon. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

*Pindston receives
25 year service pin*



Fire Chief Redgie Pindston of the Turman Township Fire Department receives his 25 year pin from District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.







**Edward Bose receives 25
year pin for years of service**



Edward Bose of the Praireton Fire Department is congratulated by District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland after receiving his 25 year pin. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

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Hello to Everyone in the PRNE,
I wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make the 2009 convention in Indianapolis a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the facilities, especially the water park. Congratulations to all of the winners! Thank you to Kristin Wylie for all the travels and appearances she made during her reign as Miss Flame 2008. Congratulations to the newly elected 2009 - 2010 officers of the IVFA and the IVFAA. Please give them your support.

This year's session of the Legislature has finally ended. It was a successful legislative year with much being accomplished. If there were items that you would like to see discussed in the next legislative session, please contact your legislative committee or an IVFA officer. Remember to invite legislators to functions at your local stations. The legislators are there to serve you throughout the year.

If you have any functions coming up in the near future, please let me know and I will try to attend.

By the time you will be reading this, it will almost be time for school to be resuming throughout the state. Be sure and watch for the school buses. The MDA Fill the Boot campaign will also be getting into full swing.

Hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mort Sorg, PRNE

Thank you . . .

Wow, Splash into Indy 2009 has come and gone. What a great time all had for those three days. Thank you to all who made the trip to the Caribbean Cove Water Park at the Holiday Inn North.

Congratulations to all the elected officials for both the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. for the coming term. A hearty welcome to our new Miss Flame, Micajah Green. You have some big shoes to fill from both the 2007 and 2008 Miss Flames. Have fun with this.

The Live Burn Trailer was a GREAT success. To those who took the opportunity experience it and to the I.D.H.S. training staff, we the convention committee are glad all had a safe and good time. To Castleton V.F.D. and Pike Twp. F.D. and Pro-Air, thanks for your equipment and manpower in support of the Trailer.

All of the vendors that came for our vendor show for Thursday and Friday, THANK YOU! Without you much of the Convention would not have been possible. Over 45 vendors both inside and out made for a great opportunity for both the "ground pounders" as well as officers to see the latest and greatest equipment out there today.

We hope everyone had a great time. The staff of the Holiday Inn told us how much they themselves enjoyed you folks being there. Never have they had convention attendees behave in such a well mannered way as our "not real" fighters did.

- Thank you for allowing us to be your hosts.
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 - Martha Biehl, Treasurer
 - David and Virginia Elick, Miss Flame Liaison
 - Jerry Sprague and Kristen Wylie, Events
 - Gary Wilson, David Sr., and David Jr. Marshall, Security
 - Suzie Lewis, Brittany, Katlin and Tiffany, Child care
 - Kim and Scott Harris, Kid's games
 - Scott Spurgin, Adult games
 - Don Cushman, Jeff Biehl, Beer men
 - Phil Auchenbach, Our "guiding light", Foods
 - Tim and Jody Smith, convention photographers
 - Shelly Wilson, First Aid



Can I have this dance?

Micajah Green, District 11-A Miss Flame for 2009, dances with her father, Howard Green at the 11-A Miss Flame dance. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

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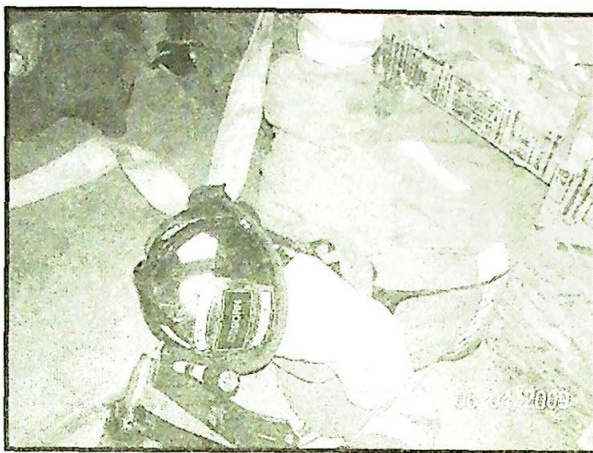
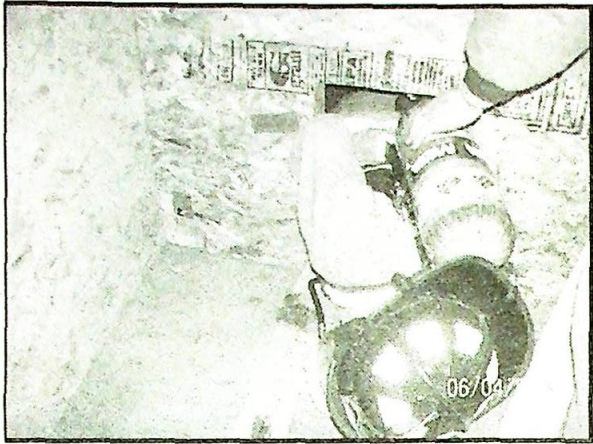
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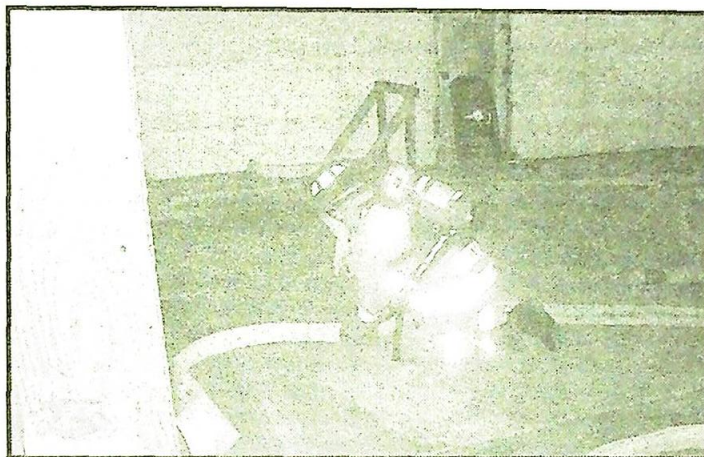
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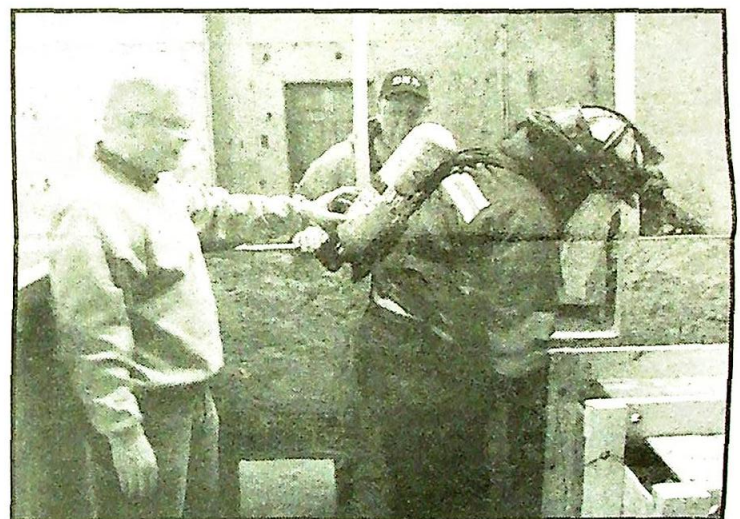
Pictured are students breaching a wall simulation during the IDHS District 1 Firefighter I/II SCBA Confidence Course training at the Kingsbury Fire Station in IVFA District 3. - submitted by David Kaufman, District 3 chairman.



Checking vital signs on a student who just finished the SCBA Confidence Course.

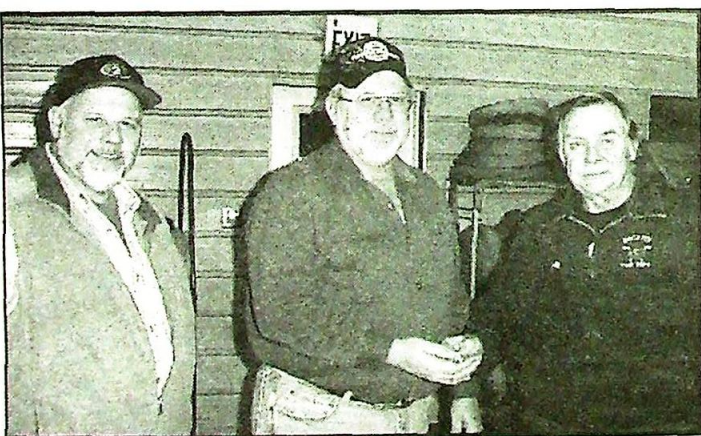


Showing a Firefighter I/II student following a hose through the SCBA Confidence Course at the Kingsbury Fire Station during the IDHS District 1 Fire Training in IVFA District 3.

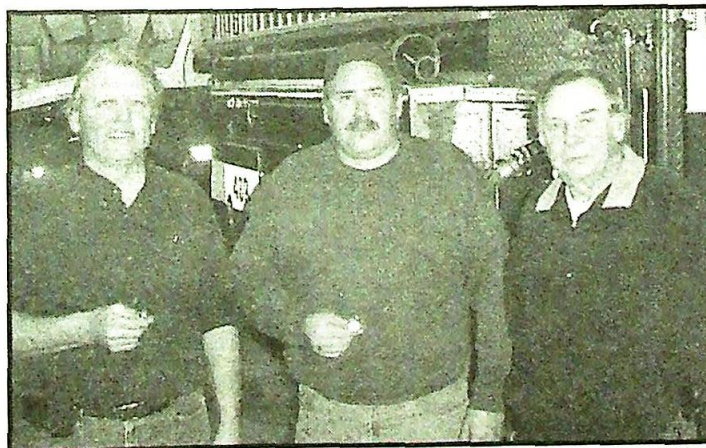


Pictured is a Firefighter I/II student coming through the simulated window opening as District 1 Fire Training Council instructor Jack VanAtten looks on.

Twenty-five year pin recipients from District 7

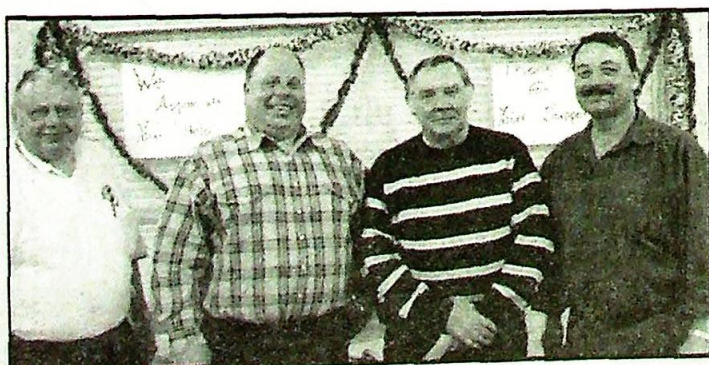


Monroe Volunteer Fire Department - Russell Cook (chief of Monroe FD), Kenneth Straub, receiving pin and Walt Reiter, district chairman. Not pictured but receiving a pin - William White.



Preble Volunteer Fire Department - Mike Werling, Kent Klopfleisch, receiving pins from Walt Reiter, district chairman.

Not pictured but receiving pins - Warren Scheumann and Norman Scheumann.



Poe Volunteer Fire Department - Mort Sorg, PRNE, Richard Sorg, receiving pin, Walt Reiter, district chairman and David Rudney, receiving pin.

Not pictured but receiving pins - Carl Crickmore and Steve Crickmore. - photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

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On the EMS side of Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security...

My attempt to gain the wife's admiration by volunteering to vacuum the interior of her car reminds me of frustrations we occasionally face as firefighters.

The hose and electric cord on the vacuum was too short to reach all four quadrants of the car requiring me to reposition the car to complete the task. After repositioning I could not get the rear passenger side door open because by moving the car I had automatically re-locked the back doors when placing the transmission into drive.

If we analyze my frustrations involved in trying to please my wife, we find the short hose/cord was not the only culprit. The "straw that broke the camel's back" was that aggravating electronic system that prevented me from gaining immediate access to the back, passenger side, floorboard.

Initially my thought about that aggravating locked door went to that pesky governmental protection agency that had likely mandated the car manufacturer to make sure that car door locked at times I wished it not to lock.

Firefighters and EMS persons are no different than other folks. We do not always understand why certain rules and regulations are in place that makes our task more difficult.

If I really think on it long enough, I would not want it to have been my grandchild that had opened my automobile back seat door while I was traveling at 55 MPH and have fallen onto the roadway. The governmental protective agency ignored my opinion that it took too much more of an effort the make a

second trip to the other side of my car to unlock the door in favor of providing a safer environment for my grandchildren.

The EMS Commission and many of the persons training First Responders found a shocking revelation in our education of that certification level. The use of long spine boards and cervical collars had been left out of the training and testing requirements for First Responders from the beginning of that certification level many years ago. Once that issue came to light everyone, including me, started firing opinions from our position. This column is much too short to give all the pros and cons of that well discussed issue but the bottom line that everyone must understand is **DO NOT STOP THE PRACTICE OF IMMOBILIZING PATIENTS.**

The issue has been addressed from the educational standpoint by adding those elements to the next generation of First Responders. A large number of us had already been taught and unofficially tested by instructors that were unaware that the specific objectives were missing from the curriculum.

In retrospect many of us in the Fire and EMS arena believe this issue was very good for us to debate because it brought out thinking and facts that no one person or organization had realized existed. In a perfect world all rules and regulations would initially be made in a way that they would make every person and agency happy with the results. As we all know the perfect world has not yet arrived and we have assigned boards and

commissions to make adjustments as part of their ongoing duty to the public.

I have been greatly impressed with the recent change I am seeing at the IDHS (Indiana Department of Homeland Security) to reflect the image many of us in small business have had for several years. I am hearing that we need to be more "customer friendly" toward the public and toward those who serve the public. Many volunteer fire departments are finding a shortage of personnel to fill their rosters and a study recently out of Purdue University verifies the shortage to be critical in the EMS world as well.

To find answers to these issues we need well intended, interested, fire and EMS personnel to put on their thinking caps and help us figure out how to assure the public we have been diligent in our retaining of current responders, and are recruiting and effectively training new Fire and EMS personnel. We must assure competent continuing education as well. There are many ways the average Joe can help, from becoming active in associations like the IVFA (Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association), IFCA (Indiana Fire Chiefs Association), IEMSA (Indiana Emergency Services Association), and other related organizations, and there are sub committees on the Fire and EMS side that need committed persons to fill advisory positions listed under "boards and commissions" on the following web site: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/>

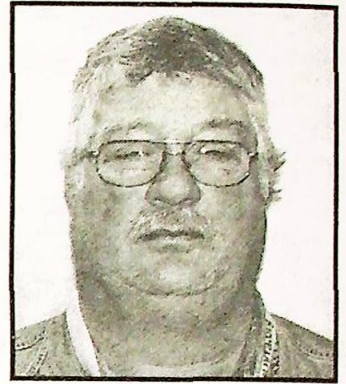
Applications are currently being accepted for the new Technical Advisory Committee (to the EMS Commission) that is to be composed of representatives from all ten IDHS districts.

On the EMS side you can contact any of the five district managers, call the Department of Homeland Security at 1-800-666-7784, or you can call or email persons in your area you know to be currently involved in areas of EMS that can give you their favorite contact information. State staff and some members of the commission are making a renewed effort to get out and make ourselves available to interested Fire and EMS persons by attending local meetings where we are invited to share our goal of being more "customer oriented" and to be available to listen to your concerns. If we do not have the answer we will try to find it.

As my grandchildren encourage me to pay more attention to them and leave my computer, I am really glad some regulating agency made the effort to require automatic locks on the rear seat doors of my wife's car.

Myron Mackey is a small business owner with over 30 years as a volunteer firefighter serving on the Bicknell Fire Department, IVFA member, EMT, EMT-BA, NREMT-I, and NREMT-P. Myron currently is serving his third term on the EMS Commission having originally been appointed from the ranks of the Volunteer Fire and now as the EMT representative. You may contact him at myron.mackey@verizon.net

Public Relations Director East Central Don Cushman



Hello state firefighters, We had a good convention this year at Indy. Good to see all the friends made over the years.

Sounds like Terre Haute will be as good as this year's blast.

The burn trailer was a big hit on Thursday.

Will see fellow firefighters around the state at meetings.

Be safe out there.

Don ECPR

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Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman, presents Pete Taylor, Chief of the Van Buren Fire Department District 11-A attendance award. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.

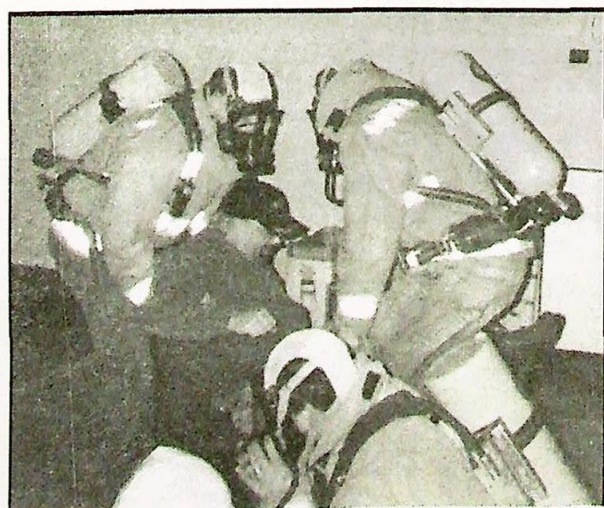
Presented plaque and banner



Retires after 30 years ...

Estel Shidler retires from Hymera Fire Department after 30 years of service.

The department presented him with a plaque and a banner that displayed all of his pins and patches. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman.



Ridgeville VFD holds training

The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held Air Pack training at their fire station.

Sure hope the guys don't drop the poor fellow! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Newly elected officers for 2010 IVFA

Following are the newly elected officers to serve the IVFA for 2010:

- President - Tim Deckard
- Vice President - David Israel
- Secretary - Larry Bartlow
- Treasurer - Beverly Harker
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Bill Bush
- Chaplain - Ed Gerdowsky
- Public Relations Northeast - Jean Smith
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- Public Relations West Central - Diane Harrison
- Public Relations East Central - Don Cushman

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers.

Public Relations Director Northwest Jim Bradford



Congratulations to Carol Thrawley and his team for a job well done on this year's convention.

I want to thank the members in Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B for re-electing me their PR Director.

By now, the new district chairmen have been elected and attended their first state officer's meeting.

I hope that every department that needs a new station (who doesn't) got their grant requests in on time.

Don't forget to list all of your department fund raisers and other functions on our website.

Jim Bradford PRNW

IVFAA President Beth Caudill



I would like to thank everyone for helping make this year's IVFAA raffle such a success. We were able to reach our goal in sales.

The winners from this year's raffle at convention were:

Firemen's Axe -- R. Denton of Rensselaer; \$200.00 -- Bill Stagge, District 10; Queen size Quilt -- Batesville Firefighters Auxiliary, District 10; \$100.00 -- Kathy Danford, District 18 and a Lighted Firefighters Plaque -- Dave Klym.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks again to all who helped sell and bought tickets.

See you next year!

IVFAA VP Project Chairman Beth Caudill

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NVFC spring meeting minutes

NVFC Spring Meeting March 31 - April 4, 2009 Alexandria, VA MINUTES

Executive Session April 3- Roll Call: Secretary/Treasurer Allen Metheny took roll call of the directors and alternates from each state.

Chairman's Report: Welcome from Chairman Phil Stittsburg. Moment of silence for Dr. James Coleberd and Paul Wilcox.

Update by Brent Marshall that Wendell Robison's is undergoing surgery for cancer. Phil noted that Maggie Wilson, former Director of Health and Safety, had left the NVFC after 10 years to work for FEMA.

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regarding Article 11, Section 1, 2, and 3 changes. Joe Guyotte commented on the Membership Committee's ability to accomplish their goals.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Allen Metheny gave the Secretary/Treasurer report. Copies of the Financial Report were distributed.

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Tom Miller commented that the IAFF did not hesitate to comment on this issue in 2008. The Chairman responded that the political landscape has changed now. Jim Seavey commented that we are not representing young volunteers if we do not act on this issue.

Vote on original motion. Motion carried. Motion John Lyman, second Joe Guyotte to remove from table the two-page two-hatter resolution document. Motion Carl Christensen, second Roger Bair to table issue until next general session meeting. Motion carried.

State Membership Exploratory Committee: Lee Sachs gave the State Membership Exploratory Committee report. There were four committee members at the committee meeting and 40 or so others that joined the meeting.

Membership and Awards Committee: Joe Guyotte gave the Membership and Awards Committee report. Motion to move the Lifetime Achievement Award to the spring starting at the spring board meeting in 2010. Motion carried.

Health and Safety Committee: Ken Fontenot gave the Health and Safety Committee report. Motion to adopt the B.E.S.T. NVFC Health and Safety Priorities poster to be sent out to fire departments nationwide. Motion carried.

Motion to amend the language of the NVFC Policy Statement on Minimum Training Standards from: "The National Volunteer Fire Council recommends that all volunteer fire departments in the United States set a policy, or a goal that personnel attain, at a minimum, a level of training that meets or exceeds NFPA 1001 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications or an equivalent state standard in order to engage in fire suppression."

Standards Committee: Norm Hoefft gave the Standards Committee report. Motion to form advisory group to make recommendations for the next revision cycle of NFPA 1001. Motion carried. Motion that the NVFC explore entering a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Code Council. Motion carried.

Chairman's Luncheon: Lou Southard, the Assistant Director of Fire and Aviation Management for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, spoke at the chairman's luncheon regarding the FEPP program and other USDA programs.

General Session Speakers: Dr. Denis Onical, the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy, stressed the importance of unity in the fire service. Dr. Onical emphasized the importance of "seeking ways to stay together and unify."

Steve Younis, the Propane Emergencies Program Coordinator at the Propane Education and Research Council, stated "Our goal is to make your job easier."

Open General Session April 3- Motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting in September 2008. Motion carried. Wildland Committee: Dallas Renfrew gave the Wildland Committee report. Motion to have the NVFC post information on the web site regarding how states can participate in the Firefighter Excess

make your job easier." Younis told the Board. "We want to build a good, solid working team relationship with the NVFC so that we can all increase the chances of saving the lives of both first responders and the public."

Reconvene the General Session to Continue Volunteer Advocacy Discussion

Discussion on two-hatter issue. Jim Monihan commented that he wants the NVFC to communicate to Congress only at the request of state Directors. He has no problem with the union in Delaware and doesn't want to start one.

Steve McClintock commented that there have been some issues in Nevada, but they sat down with the union president and resolved those issues. Kevin Quinn suggested that staff take a look at the document and develop a more polished position statement.

Lee Sachs read statement aloud. Vern Losh asked if we have talked to VCOS or the IAFC about this issue. Motion by John Lyman, second Jim Monihan to amend the motion to delete the last three paragraphs of the two-page statement on the two-hatter issue. Motion failed.

Discussion on how to implement a campaign without funding

Willie Parish commented that a firefighter was fired in Indiana for volunteering. Motion by Bill Bulman, second Roger Bair to vote immediately on the amendment. Motion carried. Motion by Ken Fontenot, second Clay Whaley to remove paragraphs two and four from the second page of the two-page statement on the two-hatter issue. Motion failed.

Allen Brennan asked what we would accomplish by deleting paragraph four. He commented that we may not need an aggressive campaign but should at least do a press release. Lee Sachs commented that there was no sense in voting if the document would only be kept internally -- it should be posted on the web site, newsletters, and E-updates.

Allen Montgomery said that we need to make a statement and figure out how to support it -- we must be professional. He stated that he supported the one-page document. The Chairman noted that the motion was to delete paragraphs two and four. Jeff Cash stated that the union was unhappy about the NVFC opposing the collective bargaining bill. Jim Monihan commented that Congress was not going to do anything about this issue.

Red McKeon noted that Connecticut has had a law passed. Pat Hlavaty said that the IAFF is a bully. Roger Bair said that a union contract cannot usurp the Constitution and that we shouldn't have to do this but we need to. The Chairman asked if the organization should take a position, and suggested approving the motion and then further discussion on how to release it. Motion Jim Seavey, second Carl Christensen to adopt two-page statement on the two-hatter issue. Motion carried. Motion for the NVFC to develop web-based resources to assist two-hatters, including: * An area where individuals under pressure from their union or employer to quit volunteering can report on the difficulties they are experiencing.

Mike Bird commented that we need more members in order to stop the IAFF in their tracks.

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Personal Property program. Motion carried. NVFC Foundation: Bob Kilpeck gave the NVFC Foundation report. The Foundation is working on a mission statement. The Foundation would like to have a Silent Auction at the Spring Meeting that is set up in the Registration area. ESIP, Provident, and VFIS agreed to each donate items. At their meeting they also discussed firefighter arson and how the staff can work on this issue. Also brought up was holding the State Benefits Summit in conjunction with the NVFC Fall Meeting. The Auction at the Awards Banquet brought in \$5,892.

Legislative Committee: Jim Monihan gave the Legislative Committee report. Motion to adopt no position on the Employer-Employee Cooperation Act. Motion carried. Motion to adopt no position on the Firefighter Fatality Reduction Act of 2009. Motion carried. Motion to retain the Priority List for Legislation except for removing #8: "Supporting America's Volunteer Emergency Services Act." Motion carried.

Legislative Resolution: Whereas President Obama and the Congress have established and are implementing a Stimulus Program to the national economy, and Whereas a part of the program will provide Grants to fire departments to build and rehabilitate fire stations, and Whereas this program has the potential to be administered as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, which is an exemplary effort by the Federal Government to support the nation's preparedness to deal with emergencies, both small and large, and protect life and property across the nation, now Be it Resolved that the National Volunteer Fire Council urges our national leaders to keep this program and its funding segregated from those of the AFG and further to protect the AFG from any diminution in its funding, function, or mission. This Resolution adopted the 4th day of April 2009 to be spread upon the minutes of the National Volunteer Fire Council and communicated to ALL persons of interest in this matter. Motion to adopt resolution. Motion carried.

EMS Committee: Ken Knipper gave the EMS Committee report. Motion to change the EMS Committee mission statement to: To best serve the interests of the volunteer EMS Community, the NVFC EMS Committee will support evidence-based standards, facilitate initiatives that support volunteers (both fire and non-fire based), and actively oppose efforts to impose standards and regulations that do not demonstrate a potential to impact survival or morbidity. Motion carried.

Radio/Wireless Committee: Scott Potter gave the Radio/Wireless Committee report. Motion to change the mission statement to: To monitor spectrum allocation issues and recommend actions to the Board. To support the implementation of Wireless E911 throughout the country. To monitor communications issues that affect the volunteer fire and emergency services. Motion carried.

Homeland Security Committee: T.J. Nedrow gave the Homeland Security report. Motion to change the Homeland Security Committee mission statement to: The mission of the Homeland Security Committee is to monitor homeland security issues at the federal level which have the potential to impact the ability of the volunteer EMS/fire service from carrying out their mission. The Homeland Security Committee shall communicate, report and make recommendations to the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the NVFC biannually or as necessary. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee: Motion to change the Nominating Committee mission statement to: 1. Establish the eligibility of candidates. 2. Prepare and conduct general and special elections on behalf of the NVFC. Motion carried.

State Concerns: Phil Stittleburg reported that a volunteer firefighter's insurance in Wisconsin was denied because he was a volunteer. Are any other states experiencing this? Tom Miller said that being a volunteer firefighter in West Virginia raises the premiums. Ulrich Mauser noted that there is no industry-standard on occupation and how it affects rates. He recommended that people review the policy closely. Clay Whaley told the Board that Arkansas passed a Novelty Lighters law. Lee Sachs explained to the Board about two Maryland State Senators that tried to pass legislation at the last minute against EMS and Shock Trauma in the state of Maryland. The Senators were not successful. Jim Williams talked about the requirement to have a CDL in New York to drive apparatus in certain situations and wanted to know if others were having issues in their states. Maryland, California, Rhode Island, and Ohio reported they have separate CDL licenses. Bob Reason said they are exempt in Illinois. T.J. Nedrow said they have challenges when departments leave the state, they can't come back; interstate issues. Carl Christensen said that volunteers are exempt over 26,001 lbs. They are also launching an institute (similar to CFSI), working on the novelty lighter act, cigarette bill, and move over law. John Lyman informed the Board that Rhode Island was finally going to have a physical Fire Academy. He wants to know who gets the 1-2 percent insurance money in your state. Please email him. Thomas Miller discussed the LOSAP 3158 bill that is in the House in West Virginia and asked the Chair for a letter of support. Tom will forward a copy of the bill. Brad Carroll announced that Wyoming has received a \$998,000 SAFER Retention and Recruitment grant. Joe Guyotte wanted to know if it could be considered to have the Spring Meeting Monday - Wednesday so those who did not want to stay for the CFSI dinner could leave before it starts.

Good of the Council: Dave Finger gave an update on the Fire Sprinkler Coalition. Bruce Johnson from the ICC stated that working together and having a coalition has really helped. Jack Kerney said that in Indiana they are moving to get Health and Safety tied to workmen's ith the

compensation and minimum wage.

Employers must hold your job for two years if you are injured while firefighting. Kenn Fontenot told the Board that Louisiana has received a \$960,000 recruitment and retention grant. Allen Metheny then mentioned that Delaware received a \$398,000 SAFER grant. He also mentioned that Delaware got to represent volunteer firefighters in the Presidential Inaugural parade. Vern Losh showed the Board the commercials that California was able to produce with their retention and recruitment grant. They are also developing a volunteer strategic plan and will share it with the Board. Massachusetts received a grant and borrowed California's brochure. We can use each other's materials for a collaborative effort NVFC will post the works of the states on the site so that it is all in one place. Oregon also received a grant. Kevin Courtney said Idaho has run its retention and recruitment program for a year and even refers potential volunteers to neighboring states. They found that targeting the 18-25 year old age group by using Facebook was beneficial. Bob Platz, Director from Iowa, gave out information on the Fall Board Meeting in Coralville, Iowa, September 23-26, 2009. Scott Potter mentioned that in Connecticut on Thursday both John McAuliffe and Red McKeon were inducted into the Connecticut Firefighters Hall of Fame. Pat Hlavaty congratulated Jim Williams on 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter and noted that Linda Economides had passed. John Bomar then mentioned that Norm Hoeft has just celebrated 50 years of volunteer firefighter service and that the state museum will open soon. Bob Timko reported that Tom Savage of the PA Fire Service Institute is retiring soon.

Adjourn General Session

Executive Session April 4

Elections: Motion by Jeff Cash, second Jim Monihan that the nominations be closed for Chairman. Motion carried. Motion by Jeff Cash, second Jim Monihan to accept Chair by acclamation. Motion carried. Phil Stittleburg re-elected. First Vice Chair - No nominations from floor. Motion Bill Bulman, second Roger Bair that nominations be closed. Motion carried. Voting commenced. Jack Carriger elected. An announcement was made that this was Jim Williams' last meeting as an NVFC Director. Jack Carriger noted that the NVFC's support helped pass the novelty lighter ban in Oregon. Motion by Mike Bird, second Bill Bulman to reconsider the motion on the Bylaws amendment recommendation. Motion carried. Motion by Roger Bair, second Clay Whaley to accept as a whole the recommendations of the Bylaws Committee. Discussion on Bylaws. Motion Allen Brennan, second Joe Guyotte to adopt all of the proposed bylaws except the part regarding dues, which was not submitted at least 25 days in advance. Further discussion. Motion Bill Bulman, second John Lyman to vote immediately. Motion carried. NVFC staff was asked to provide information on how to market the added membership levels. Original motion carried. Motion Bob Timko, second Jim Monihan that nominations for Second Vice Chair be closed and submit affirmative for Jeff Cash. Motion carried. Jeff Cash elected Second Vice Chair. Secretary/Treasurer - Allen Metheny running unopposed. Motion by John Lyman, second Roger Bair to cast vote as one. Motion carried. Allen Metheny elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Executive Committee elections: Running for Executive Committee at large: Chris Bain, Mike Bird, Bill Bulman, Tony Bronk, Vern Losh, Pat Hlavaty, Suzie Koklich, John Lyman, Bob Kilpeck, and Jim Williams. Jim asked to be removed from the list as he will no longer be serving as an NVFC Director. He asked that David Jacobowitz be added as the NVFC Director for New York in August. John Bomar nominated Norm Hoeft to be added to the ballot for Executive Committee. Nominating Committee tallied the votes; Chairman Stittleburg opened discussion for closing thoughts. Comment that the legislative priorities cards provided by the NVFC are helpful for state legislation as well. Jim Seavey commented on decorum at meetings and said that the NVFC's resolution on the two-hatter issue has already been leaked and that he had received a response. He said that the NVFC should also make a statement on collective bargaining. He suggested that information like this be introduced in a closed session rather than an open session. The Chairman commented that he thought it was important that state association members and corporate members be aware of the issues facing volunteers. Many corporate members had questions after the last meeting and by leaving the meeting open this time, the members can hear first-hand the concerns of the Council. Executive Committee election results: Mike Bird, Pat Hlavaty, Norm Hoeft, Suzie Koklich, Robert Timko. Motion Jeff Cash, second Mike Bird to destroy ballots. Motion carried. The Chairman thanked Jim Williams for his service. The new Executive Committee Members were installed. The Chairman then provided his closing remarks noting that he was proud of the Council for approaching such difficult topics without resorting to personal attacks and that the meeting had been very productive. He said we shouldn't be afraid to make mistakes, be innovative, discovery is the journey. Motion Jim Monihan, second Scott Potter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned.

Jack Kerney

It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood. In general, businesses may not open burn anything.

Bear Branch VFD celebrates 40th anniversary

Forty years ago, several men came together in the Bear Branch area in Southeast Indiana to volunteer their time, knowledge and energy to benefit the Bear Branch community. On May 27, 1969, Howard Wiesmann, Harry Althoff, Paul Spier, Raymond Dennis, Alfred Sommers, Norman Rimstidt, Raymond Berkemeyer, and Lawrence Marker met to form the Bear Branch Volunteer Fire Department. For several weeks prior to this gathering, these men, and several more, met, discussed and canvassed the Bear Branch area collecting pledge funds to finance the newly proposed department. In subsequent weeks, these men researched the needs of the newly established fire department and their first fire truck purchase was a 1948 International at a cost of \$2895.00.

The initial active members serving the department were Norman Rimstidt, Raymond Dennis, Raleigh Bowling, Carol Dean Knigga, Howard Wiesmann, Alfred Sommers, Earl Sommers, Paul Spiers, Rueben Housemeyer, Harry Althoff, Carl Knigga, and Ervin Iceberg.

Harry W. Althoff was elected fire chief and still serves in that position to this day.

Sadly, most of those original good Samaritans have passed on.

In 2001, a brand new firehouse was erected on Milton Bear Branch Road in Bear Branch. It supplies plenty of garage room for the trucks, an automatic generator for electric supply that offers the community a safe, warm sanctuary during power outages. It has kitchen access for department and community functions, meeting room, storage and rest rooms with showers that have served the community well, especially this fall and winter when wind and ice took down many power lines and stranded many citizens. The new building is very different from the original building that was so small, trucks had to be jockeyed in and out of the structure and firefighters crawled between them

to get to the fire trucks.

Like all fire departments, they not only fight fires, they respond to many emergencies. Motor vehicle crashes, distress calls, searching for missing persons, animal rescue, and assisting during times of weather related natural disasters are just a few of the situations Bear Branch VFD have had to handle the past forty years.

Many memories both joyful and sad come to mind when the community comes together for the department's annual chili supper and hog roast.

Members related some of the most memorable emergency responses over the years:

Linda Phillips recalled when a few years back members spent several hours rescuing a blind horse that had fallen into an old well. "We pumped hundreds of gallons of water out of the well to keep him from drowning and it took hours to track down someone with equipment to lift him out. He was so exhausted and frightened, he couldn't stand so I laid on my belly for hours at the top of the well, holding a rope to keep his head out of the water and talking to him to help calm him down. The horse had to be sedated to secure him safely in a sling as he was lifted about 25 feet from the bottom of the well. That meant finding a vet who was willing to come to the scene, crawl into the well, and sedate the poor critter. County Line Vet Clinic Dr. Scott Kraushar helped us with that part." With many thanks and smiling faces, the horse walked away from his afternoon of adventure and wet, muddy firefighters hosed off, loaded up and went home.

Harry Althoff and several others laugh when recalling driving down the road to a fire call when a fire hose came loose from the truck. He responded dragging a fire hose about two hundred feet behind.

A firefighter fears two things greatly when tearing down the road full-throttle with siren screaming to a call: Someone trapped in the fire

or a firefighter not coming home. The fire that took the life of 15 year-old Jessica Zeinner was one of the most heartrending a firefighter must face. John Erickson recalls, "The road to the house was difficult to maneuver yet we tried our best to reach the fire as quickly as we possibly could. Sometimes, when our best is not enough, the pain is deep and long lasting, not just for the family, but for the fire fighters as well."

During the past 40 years many members of the department have come and gone, and today the Bear Branch Volunteer Fire Department continues with the dedication of Harry Althoff, Alan Althoff, Travis Althoff, John Erickson, Mike Chase, Aaron Cutter, Jeremi Cutter, Ronald Cutter, Richard Kindler, Greg Peelman, Nick Peelman, Linda Phillips, Jeff Purvis, Bob Richards, TJ Richards and Chuck Snelling.

Even with society's busy lives and schedules, the commitment remains the same today as with volunteers of the department forty years ago.

All the men in 1969 who gave of their time, and their skills, sacrificing family time, holidays and even money from their own pockets probably never imagined a female firefighter or the advancements in technology that is now available for use by a modern day firefighter.

Sherman Godsey, May Hugh Bush, Everett Oatman, Lewis Poe, Marshall Fleek, Carl Knigga, Albert Vinup, Wilfred Goodner and Carl Althoff, were some of the other gentlemen who worked so hard to establish and maintain the Bear Branch Volunteer Fire Department. All these men and women, a dedicated group that has and will continue to serve and benefit Bear Branch citizens and surrounding community in the future.

Submitted by:

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Haysville firefighter receives 25 year pin

At the Haysville VFD (District 18/Dubois Co.) meeting of May 11, Haysville firefighter David J. "Buster" Weikert was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Pictured with Weikert is District 18 secretary Ken "Pooch" Lau (left) and District 18 chairman John C. "Bull" Smith (right). - Article and photo provided by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

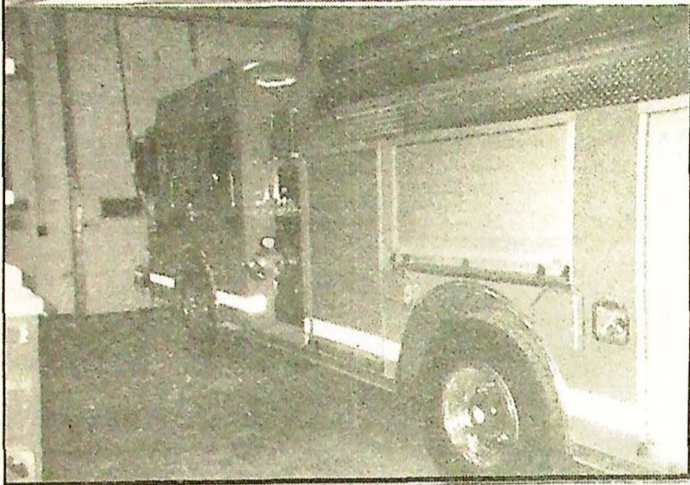


Two presented with 25 year service pins

At their annual Firefighters Banquet and Awards gathering on Saturday, April 4, two members of the West Baden Springs VFD (Orange Co., District 18) were presented with their IVFA 25 year membership pins.

Chief Marvin Malone (center, left) and Captain James Kellams (center, right) are pictured with District 18 chairman John C. "Bull" Smith (far left) and District 18 secretary/treasurer Kenny "Pooch" Lau (far right). - Photo and article submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.





Parker City VFD owners of new fire truck

Pictured here is the newest fire truck of the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Completes CPR recertification class



Pictured is PRNW Associate Chaplain Ron Devenport completing his CPR Re-Certification at a recent class in District 3. - submitted by David Kaufman, District 3 chairman

Firemen receive 50 year membership pins

(Left to right) - Jerry Cohen, retired state chaplain, William Casbon, Chief - Porter Twp. VFD, Pete Monix, St. John VFD, Jake Thomas, Merrillville VFD and George Thiel, Griffith VFD all received their IVFA 50 year membership pins. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



Lindsey Current busy at work . . .



The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Selma, IN, held a fish fry on March 6, 2009 at the Selma Elementary School.

Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame is helping to serve. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a chili supper on March 7, 2009 at the American Legion.

Helping to serve is Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry on March 21, 2009 at their fire station.

Pictured (from left to right) Michelle Theurer, Raymond Gentry, Dustin Hilfiker, Lindsey Current - District Miss Flame, AJ Cain and AJ Locker. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Advanced Extrication Course held



These photos are all from the advanced extrication course held at the Kingsbury Fire Station during the IDHS District 1 Fire Training Council's Firefighter I/II Course in IVFA District 3. - submitted by David Kaufman, District 3 chairman



Aboite members awarded pins



Several 25 year pins were presented to members of the Aboite Township Volunteer Fire Department.

In the photo (from left to right - front row) Denis Pauze, Keith Walda and Dick Beltz.

Back row - chairman Jerry Sprague, Sue King, Don Caudill, Gene Meyers, Steve Gaston, Charles Dwyer, Lynn Hoekstra, Karen Hoekstra and IVFA state Miss Flame Kristen Wylie.

Not pictured: Doris McCullagh, Charles Hire and Doug Roberts. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

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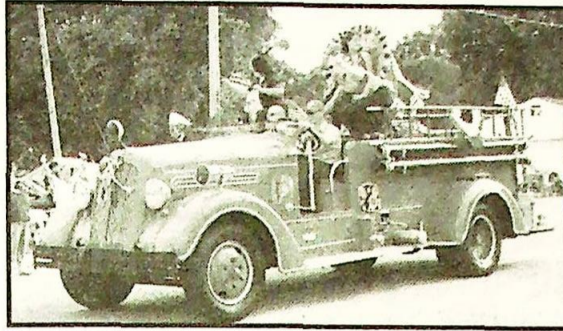
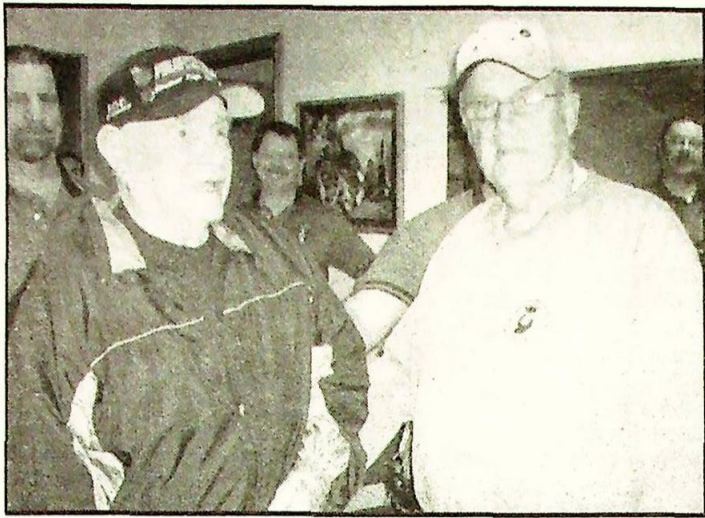


The Honorable Senator Tom Weise is shown presenting the IVFA State Miss Flame Kristen Wylie and District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague to the Senate members on the Senate floor on February 11, 2009.

Both were in Indianapolis visiting the Capitol to show support for the IVFA along with several other IVFA members in the IVFA's effort to defeat House bills that were detrimental to the volunteer fire service.

The IVFA was successful in helping defeat those bills. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Lake Station July 4th parade held



Pictured is District 1 Miss Flame Mary Fazekas on a 1936 Seagraves fire truck (East Gary) at the Lake Station 4th parade. Also shown is fire chief Robert Janes new truck (car) of Lake Station Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Mary Klym (photographer).

Barker awarded service pin

Virgil Barker of Keener Twp. VFD is presented with his IVFA 25 year service pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



Keener Twp. VFD members receive 25 year pins



Paul Watland, District 2 chairman (left) presented Walter Buckema and Harvey Fraley of Keener Twp. VFD with 25 year service pins. Chief Tom Tognarecci looks on. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Harrison Twp. member receives Gold Card

District 16 chairman Paul Holcomb presented Gerald Saulman with his 50 year Gold card at a banquet in his honor held at the Harrison Twp. Fire Department. - photo courtesy of Bob Davis, FGB Images and submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman



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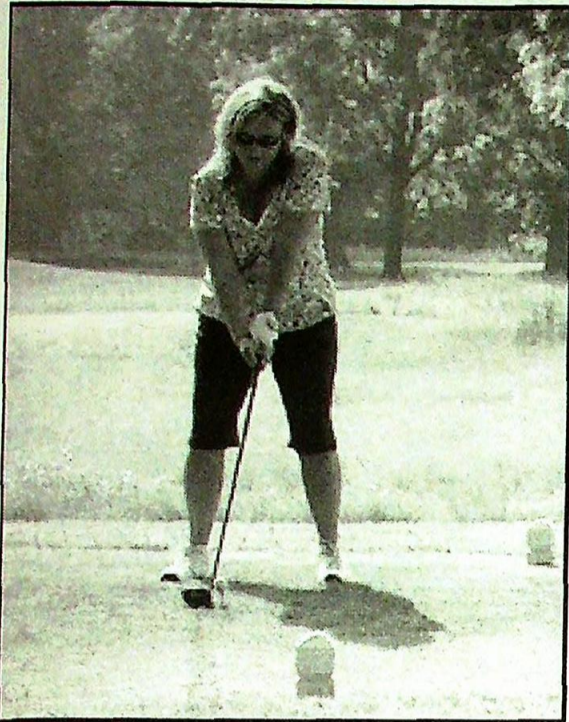
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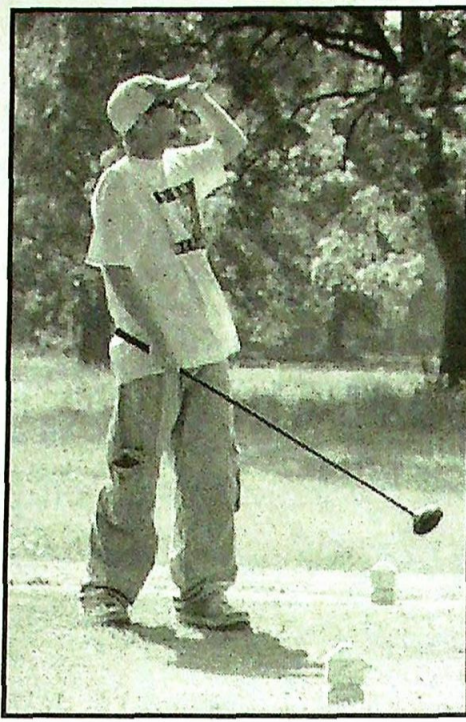
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Jason Thrawley, where did it go??



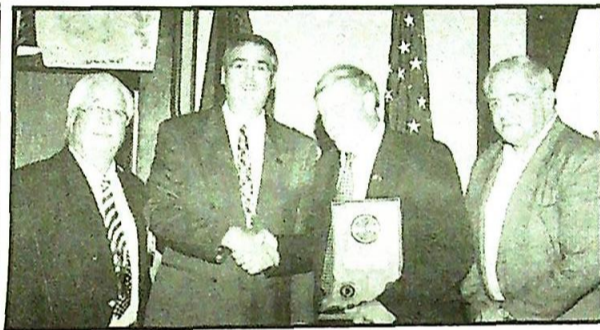
Miss Flame contestants



Miss Flame 2009
Micajah Green from
District 11A



Memorial Service



LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR - This is the first award of this kind. Pictured are LeMoyne "Buz" Kochler, IVFA vice president - Tim Deckard, IVFA president - Rep. Bischof, shown holding the plaque and Larry Curl, far right.

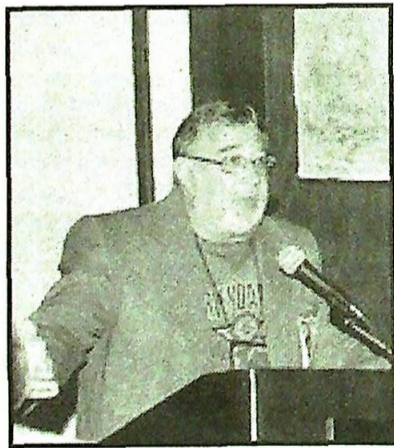


Bridgeport
Scholarship
Winners

IVFA Treasurer Beverly Harker is pictured second from left.



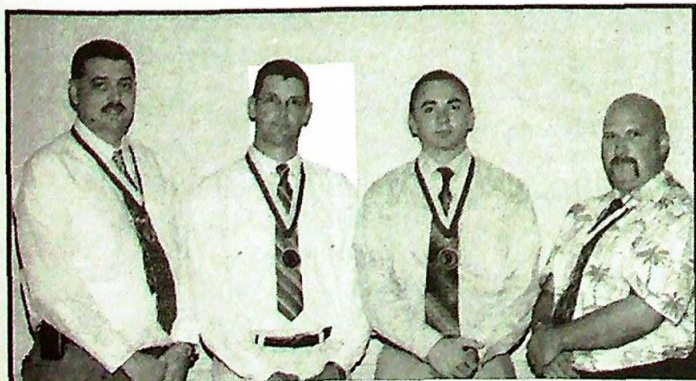
Lois Boaz
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Sue Glant



Mr. IVFA
Jack Zeeks



Angel Award -
Joyce Ancil



MEDAL OF VALOR WINNERS:
(Left to right) - Jeff Murray, Chris McCart, Mooreland VFD, Chris Hartgrove, Dunreith VFD and David Sclerettie, Hagerstown VFD.

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Attend South Milford fundraiser



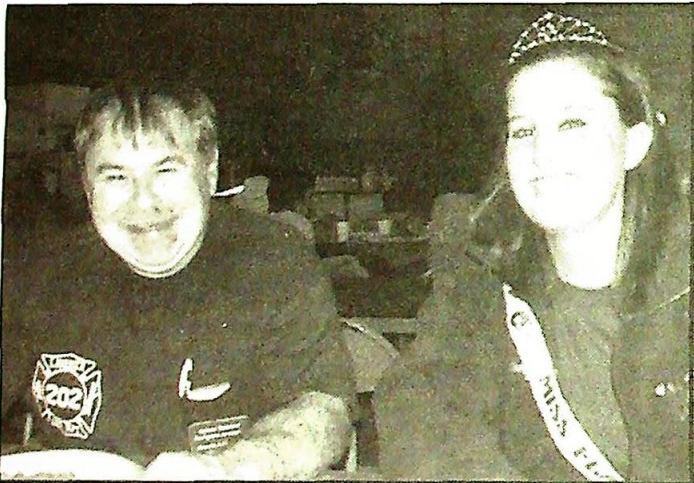
District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, IVFA State Miss Flame Kristen Wylie and District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch attending a fundraiser breakfast at the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department in March. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Receive appreciation blankets



District 6 Miss Flame Jorden Gorsuch and IVFA State Miss Flame Kristen Wylie receive appreciation blankets in March at the pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by Jorden and the Albion Fire Department to benefit Kristen's project to help the children at Riley Hospital. A big thank you to Jorden and the Albion Fire Department for their support. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Sharing a laugh



District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague and District 6 Miss Flame Jorden Gorsuch share a laugh at the Laotto Volunteer Fire Department during Laotto's fish and tenderloin fry in March. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Presented 25 year service pin



Gary Huys, Captain of the Crown Point VFD presented with his 25 year IVFA service pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



Visits Memorial

IVFA Miss Flame Kristen Wylie and District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague visit the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the National Firefighters Academy in Emmitsburg on their way to Washington, D.C. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



Attends spaghetti supper fundraiser

District 6 Miss Flame Jorden Gorsuch at the Stroh Volunteer Fire Department for a spaghetti supper fundraiser in March. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



Sharing food and celebration

Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman and his wife, spent the evening with the families at Farmland Fire Department enjoying food and celebration of another successful and enjoyable year in the fire service. – Department Photo

Views demonstration



IVFA District Chairman Paul Watland, and Roland "Bub" Wise, view a demonstration of the I-DENTI-FIED System™ from Dr. Kevin M. Brunski after the April 15th IVFA District 2 meeting at the Keener Township Firehouse. During the meeting, District 2 Fire Departments learned how The I-DENTI-FIED System™ can help manage real-time access to a firefighter's medical history in the event of a medical emergency during local or regional deployments or while off-duty. The I-DENTI-FIED System utilizes a RFID transponder (the I-DENTI-TAG™)

embedded into any dental prosthetic device to provide positive identification of a firefighter and allows for immediate retrieval of a firefighters' medical history from a Personal Health Record via the Internet or a 24x7 Call Center. Visit www.i-denti-fied.com for more information. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



Presented with clock won in drawing

Robert Kulesa, Lakes of the Four Season Fire Force, is presented with the clock he won in the drawing at the FDIC sponsored by the IVFA, presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

Old National Bank makes donation



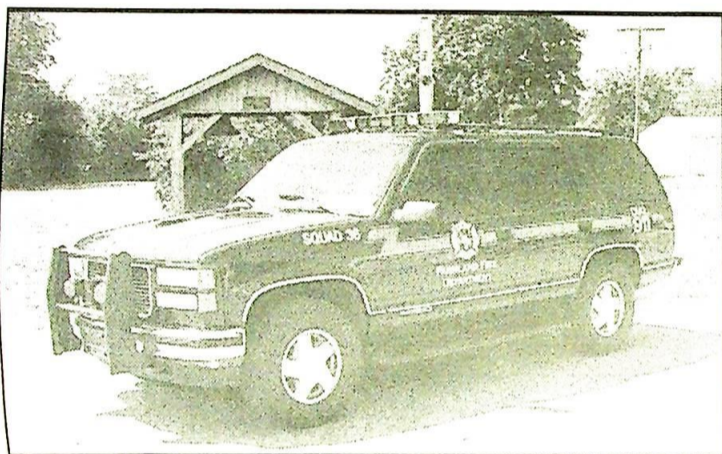
Helping celebrate Old National Bank's 175 years of service – Bank employees from Farmland and members of Farmland Volunteer Fire Department celebrate by accepting a check from Old National Bank as part of \$175,000 donations made by the bank throughout Indiana.

Pictured (in back - left to right) Kaylee Jones, Mike Osgood - Chief, Brant Jones, president of the fire department. – submitted by Billy Sunday.



Awarded 10 year plaque

Bryan Bodamer (right) of the Crown Point VFD is awarded his 10 year membership plaque by Mark Schweitzer, president of the CPVFD. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman



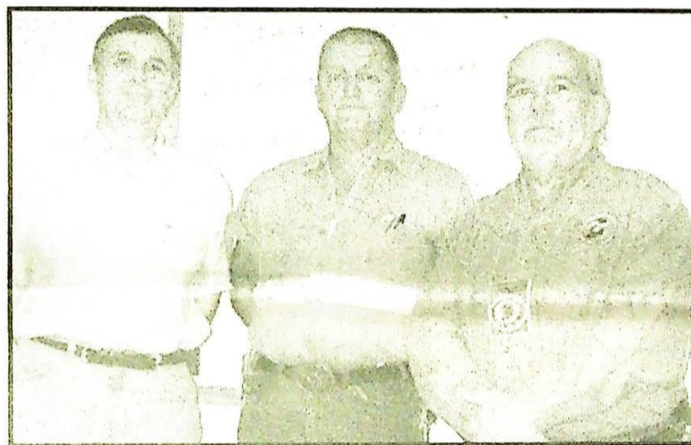
Vehicle added to fleet

Farmland Volunteer Fire Department puts vehicle in service. – First Responders from Farmland adds Squad 36 to their fleet.

The truck will run First Responder runs and rescue as well as transportation for firefighters if needed. – submitted by Billy Sunday.

Awarded 25 year service pins

Worthington-Jefferson firemen Michel Steward and Don Dupire were presented their 25 year pins by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



Bicknell firemen awarded 25 year service pins

Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents 25 year pins to Bicknell firemen David Cullivan, Tom Estabrook and Myron Mackey. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

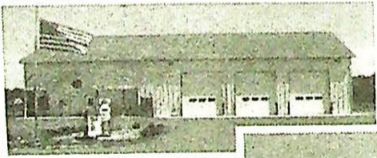


Gerald Huebner presented 25 year pin




Loogootee VFD fireman Gerald Huebner is presented his 25 year pin by District 17A chairman Sam Emery. – submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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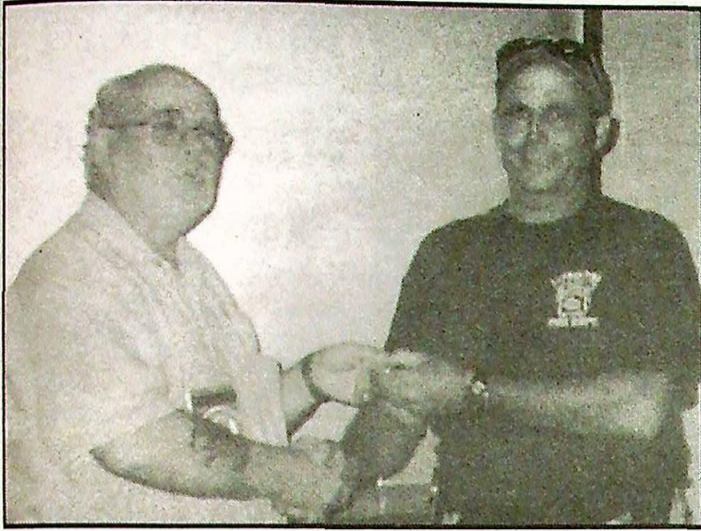
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Bell awarded 25 year pin



Loogootee VFD fireman Robert Bell is presented his 25 year pin by District 17A chairman Sam Emery. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



Station clock presented to Loogootee chief

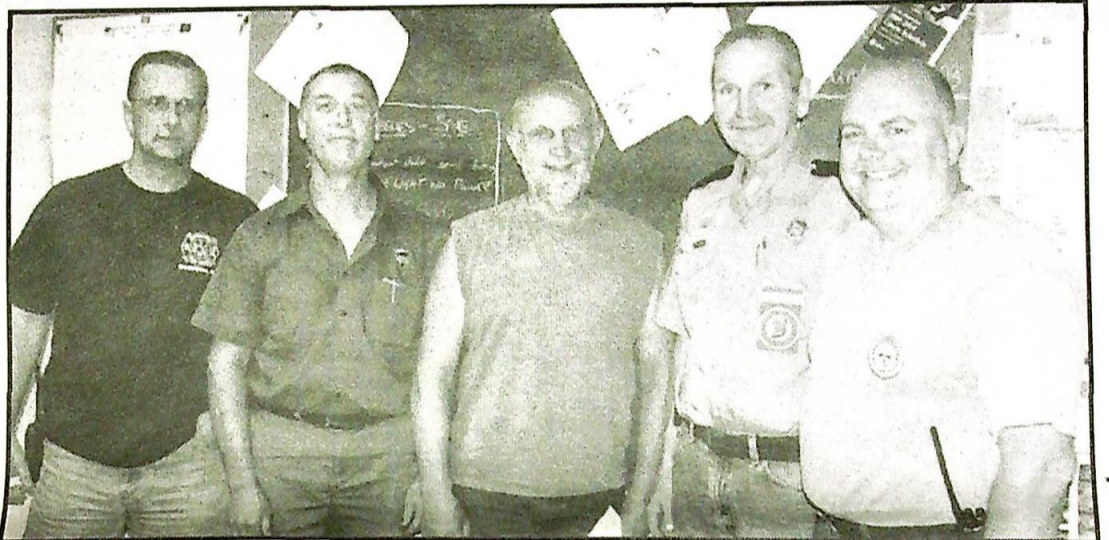
Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents a clock for their new station to Terry Pielemeier, chief of the Loogootee VFD, assisted by state treasurer Beverly Harker. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

Bourbon VFD members receive 25 year pins



Miss Flame relaxes after pancake breakfast

Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, Amy Byers, District 17A Miss Flame and Raymond Brooks, chief of the Spurgeon VFD relax after the pancake breakfast. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



(Left to right) - Bourbon Vol. Fire Dept. Mike Long, Doug Eyrich, Larry Hall, 5th District chairman Tony Farrer and Lenny Berkey. On June 1 - four members of the Bourbon Vol. Fire Department received their 25 year pins. - submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman.

Life Star Rescue displays Kiryas Joel ambulance at FDIC

May 20, 2009 VAN WERT, OH - Beckoned by signage that read "Come See the Transformation", show attendants were wowed by a shiny ambulance in booth 3685 at FDIC, the largest Fire Exposition in the world. The "transformation" took place months before the trade show and now, attendants could see no difference between this ambulance and a new one. The stunning remounted ambulance, built by Life Star Rescue for the town of Kiryas Joel, disguised itself with technological upgrades and eye catching embellishments that testify to the high quality workmanship behind the scenes at Life Star Rescue.

In the 90 days preceding FDIC, Life Star Rescue transformed Kiryas Joel ambulance by bringing the broken-in unit back to the highest standard. The unit was stripped and repaired where needed. Then Life Star Rescue began the reconstruction. The existing Ford E450 was converted to a Chevy C4500 Chassis. A state of the art camera system HID lighting, Multiplex electrical system and rear air suspensions were also installed.

Brian Murphy, House Territory Representative, has noticed chassis conversions have been popular with his customers. "FDIC was a great opportunity to entice new customers with the C4500 chassis." Life Star Rescue is one of the only remount facilities offering a certified chassis

conversion program and has successfully converted several trucks from one chassis to another. Proud owner of the ambulance, Moses Witriol, looks forward to his new Chevy and the additional features. "The LED lights in the module will provide better lighting to work under and make patients and medics more comfortable. The HID lights are really great on the highway," detailed Moses. "With my new cameras I can monitor the travel of my squad and ensure safety for everyone."

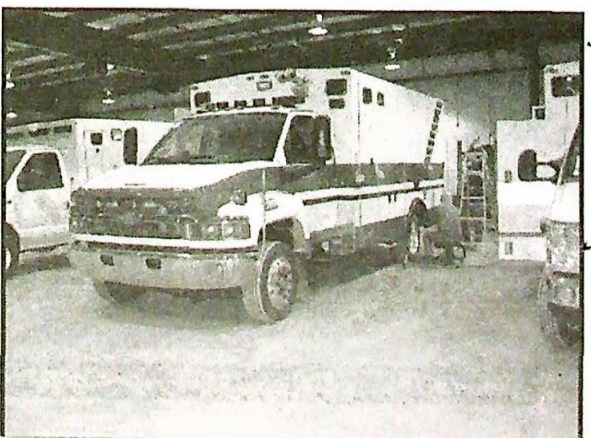
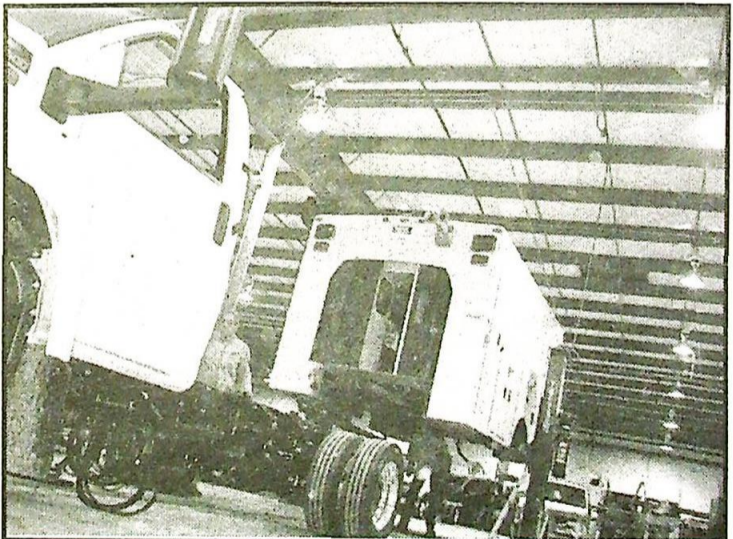
He also knows the new electrical system, with no switches, will be more reliable. "I once had an electrical system that kept shorting out but my new system won't have that problem. If I ever did have a problem with my electrical system the customer service at Life Star is great."

Along with their technical expertise with an ambulance, Life Star Rescue promises a positive customer experience. The Life Star Rescue team works with customers closely to deliver the quality truck they expect. "We rely on customer feedback and constant communication to get the job done right," affirms Brian Murphy. Brian keeps the lines of communication open and follows up every time so he is certain he will have a satisfied customer like Moses Witriol.

The town of Kiryas Joel took delivery of the vehicle and another

remount a few weeks after FDIC. "These trucks are our fifth and sixth remount with Life Star. The service has been really good and they help out with loaners and the little details. I have OCD and I think things should be perfect. And with Life Star it is perfect."

Perfection is the goal at Life Star Rescue which, after 326 remounts, they are more than familiar with the process. Life Star Rescue has been dedicated to remounts since its founding in 1990. The premium upgrades in Moses Witriol's trucks offered Life Star Rescue the opportunity to display their workmanship to a large audience at FDIC.





Presented check for expenses

Brian Woodall, president of the Greene County Firefighters Association, presents Amy Byers, District 17-A Miss Flame a check for \$50.00 for her convention expenses. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman.



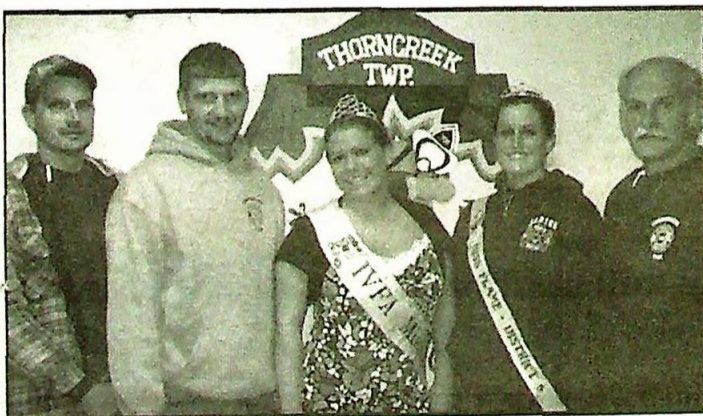
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Congratulated as Angel Award winner

Diane Harrison congratulates Joyce Ancil for receiving the Angel Award. – submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman.



Miss Flame, Thorncreek members attend fish fry

Members of Thorncreek Volunteer Fire Department along with IVFA Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie and District 6 Miss Flame, Jorden Gorsuch at Thorncreek's fish fry fundraiser. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



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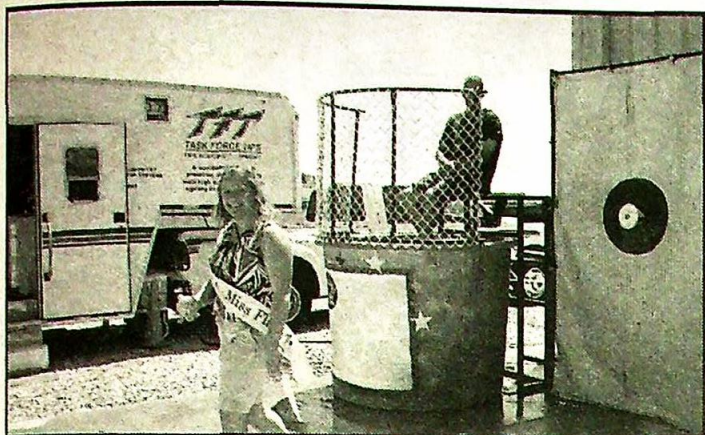


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Ready, set, dunk!

Miss Flames attend Mongo fish fry



IVFA Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie, getting ready to dunk Charlie Moon at fundraiser for Hoosier Burn Camp at Hoosier Fire in Indianapolis. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



IVFA Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie and District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch while attending a fish fry at Mongo Volunteer Fire Department. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Hard at work at pancake breakfast!

Help needed in finding 9-11 painting



IVFA Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie, Shipshewana Chief Chad Miller, and District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch at Shipshewana V.F.D. pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser. Shipshe put the girls to work! – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

To those who attended the "Splash Into Indy 2009" Convention on June 17th through the 20th

On Saturday morning, while the hotel staff was taking down the banners and decorations for the convention, someone representing themselves as staff on the convention committee, took control of property not belonging to them.

The banner that belongs to the I.V.F.A. Central office was taken. The banner listing the vendors was taken. And the 9-11 painting that hung behind the speakers podium in the main meeting room was taken.

The Central Office banner and the vendors' banner can be replaced. They can be made again. The 9-11 painting cannot!!

Jason Thrawley and two members of the 2004 class at New Castle Alternative School painted it in the spring of 2002. They painted it for all the firefighters of Henry County. After Jason graduated in 2004, the school gave the painting to the boys. In turn, the other two boys gave it to Jason for his mom because of her dedication to the Fire Service.

That painting cannot be replaced!!

Marlene is heartbroken about the loss of the painting. An empty spot is on the wall where it should be hanging. I am having a hard time coming to grips with why ANY ONE would take ANY of these banners or the painting.

If any member of this Association knows the whereabouts of any of the banners or the painting, please contact the I.V.F.A. Central Office.

Thank you,
Carol Thrawley



Sparta Township VFD holds fish fry fundraiser

District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch and Sparta Twp. Chief Jim Heintzelman while at Sparta Township V.F.D. fish fry fundraiser. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.



Old National Bank presents check to VFD

Old National Bank is celebrating 175 years in business this year.

In honor of this, each branch of Old National Bank is presenting a check for \$175.00 to a non-for-profit organization.

Presenting the check for \$175.00 to Lloyd Wright, fire chief of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department is Andrew Morehou, manager of the Portland Branch of Old National Bank. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Have a safe summer!

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The Day That Changed America

By: *Katelyn Martin*

I'll never forget that treacherous day. Seeing that film has permanently scarred me. That feeling of not understanding why everyone was crying. Then, it hit me. On my birthday, some stupid terrorists decided to crash two planes into New York's Twin Towers. It changed not only my life, but also everyone's in America.

On Monday, September 11, 2001, I was ecstatic to be celebrating my 7th birthday. I thought I wasn't a little kindergartner anymore. I was a 1st grader, a big kid. What I couldn't figure out was why, at 8:26 in the morning, did everyone look so sad and on the verge of tears. I was even more puzzled when I came home from school to my red, watery-eyed mom. Then, my mom showed me the tapes. I still remember today, seeing for the first time that first plane crash and people running, jumping out of the building, and screaming. Later that night, we went to a Monday night prayer service, which I didn't really know. When we arrived at the church, I thought everyone hated me because they were crying. It wasn't until my mom explained it to me again that it truly struck me that my day of celebration was now America's day of weeping.

Every birthday I celebrate brings tears to my eyes as I remember that day. On my birthday 2790 innocent people died, of those 2790 people 343 were firefighters, police officers and paramedics trying to help those who were trapped in the buildings. Some were even inside when the buildings crumpled and fell to the ground like paper and pick up sticks. I still remember those horrifying images.

Truly who knew that one-day could change so many lives in so many ways? A good way lives were changed is that people finally realized that firefighters aren't stupid people that just run into burning buildings. They truly help save peoples lives. Now instead of taking family members and loved ones for granted we appreciate every day spent together and thank God for the next. America truly came together and showed how much love we have. Strangers would go up to weeping people they didn't know and give them hope, comfort them and encourage them never to give up hope.

Larry Ketchem awarded 50 Year Gold Card for years of fire service



President Tim Deckard presents past IVFA president Larry Ketchem, board chairman, with his 50 year Gold Card. - submitted by Tim Deckard

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Due to space limitations not all news articles and photos were able to be published in this issue. Look for them in the November paper.

NOTICE
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The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

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Please contact the District chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Awarded 25 year pin



District 17A chairman Sam Emery presents Myron Mackey of the Bicknell Volunteer Fire Department his 25 year IVFA pin. - submitted by Tim Deckard

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