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100 Years of Service to the Farmland Community

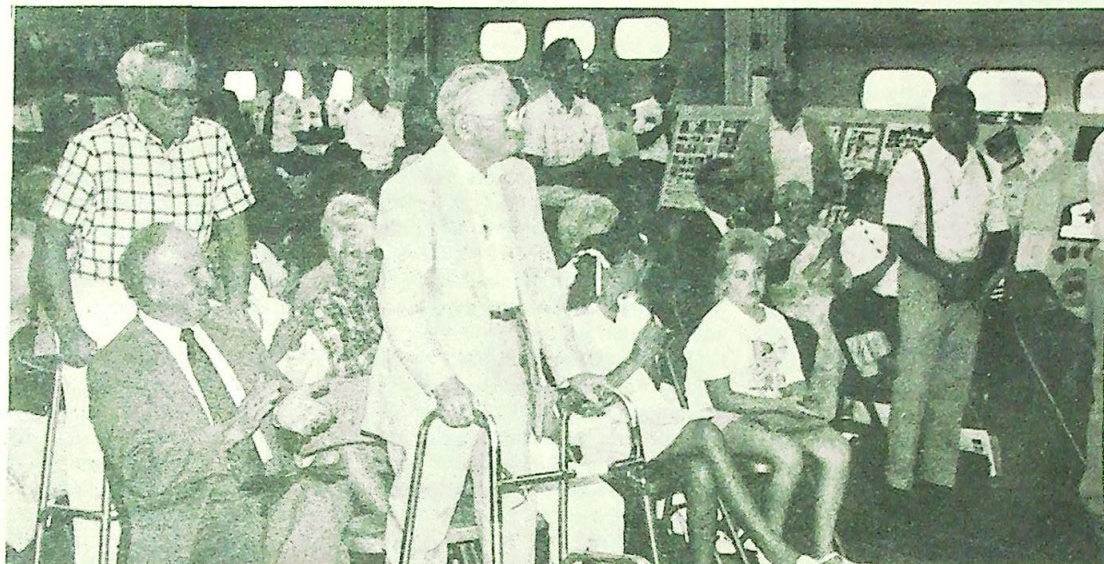
On July 15, 1990 the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 100th year of service to the Farmland area.

While the dedication of the Jack Fouse Memorial was going on the fire department received a call of a field fire. About half of the Farmland firemen present responded to the call.

The remaining members stayed with the guest and continued the ceremonies, where there was a ringing of the old fire bell in memory of the fellow firefighters who have past away.

The Memorial was built by funds that were donated by family members of Jack Fouse. The construction of the memorial was done by retired Farmland firemen Russell Bennett, Ed Huddleston, Wilber Stikler and Omer Frame.

Better late than never.



Pictured are some of the retired Farmland Firemen. Standing in front is Jack Fouse, Hobert Collins, Wilbur Ludwig, Omer Frame, Marshall Lee, Russell Bennett, Wilber Sticker.

Firefighters from Crown Point, Merrillville, Independence Hill and Lake Hills Fire Departments confined the fire to a storeroom on the roof of the county administration building at 93rd Avenue and Taft Street.

No one was injured by the flames, but smoke entered the complex ventilation system and forced evacuation of the administration and court buildings, disrupting three jury trials and the daily business of county government.

Ronald L. Taylor of the State Fire Marshal's office and Detective Patrick Tracy, a county police arson specialist, were combing the fire debris Tuesday afternoon for clues. Wise said they found an unidentified accelerant that had been poured on the paper records and set afire several hours before maintenance worker Walter Gail discovered the fire about 7 a.m.

Lake County Commissioner Ernest Niemeyer, R-Lowell, acknowledged, "We have a problem here." He said county officials can't determine whether two security guards were on duty Monday night when the fire began.

The fire originated in 5-foot stacks of records from CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act), a federal job-training program abolished in 1984 because of public corruption and ineffectiveness.

Two former CETA officials, Saranetta Lang Lamplin and Ronald Sullivan, have been convicted of extorting bribes from vendors seeking job-training contracts. Lamplin was convicted last month of lying to a federal grand jury about bribes.

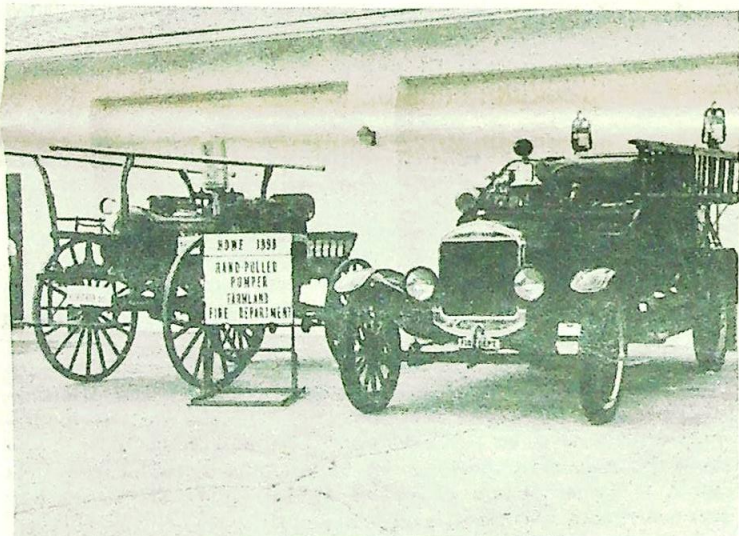
The government complex was closed Tuesday while maintenance workers were pumping water outside and aired out smoky offices with exhaust fans.

The administration building will remain closed today while ventilation continues, but building B, which houses the courts and the clerk's offices, will be open for business, Niemeyer said.

Wise said fire damage to the building's structure was minimal, but water from fire hoses leaked through the roof and onto electronic equipment in the county health department.

James Smith, an architect employed by the County Council, expressed concern Tuesday that the water may loosen asbestos insulation in office ceilings.

County Councilman Sydney Garner, R-Crown Point, who spearheads the county insurance oversight committee, said the county's self-insurance plan will cover the cleanup costs.



Here is a 1898 hand pulled pumper of the Farmland Fire Dept. Also the 1992 Model T which was the first piece of motorized equipment of the Farmland Fire Dept.

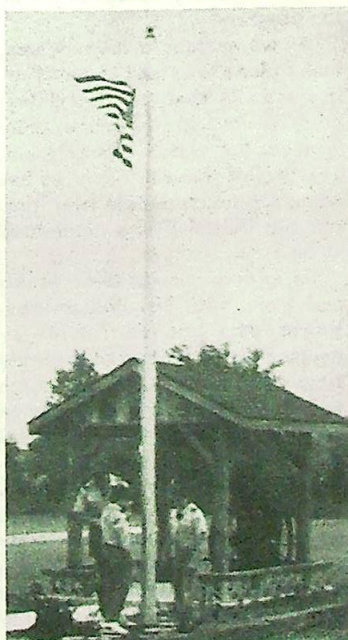


Here is Chief Troy Williamson at a sign in front of one of the Farmland merchants.

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Here are some members of the White River Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. who are sitting on the back of one of their pumpers and tanker. The Farmland trucks were stripped down to show the equipment they carry on their trucks.



Boy Scouts from Farmland raise the flag at the Jack Fouse Memorial.

Arson ruled in records burning

By Bill Dolan
Staff Writer

CROWN POINT - Fire officials say arson is the cause of a Tuesday morning fire that damaged stacks of paper documents at the Lake County Government Center.

Crown Point Fire Chief Roland "Bub" Wise said someone intentionally set fire to paper records of a scandal-riddled county job-training agency that has remained under a federal probe.

"Arson was definitely involved," said Wise. He said the State Fire Marshal's office is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the arsonist.

More to do in '92 - Clarksville

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From the President



Ivan Nevil

The First Annual Fire and Emergency Service Institute and Caucus Dinner was in my estimation a huge success. We had over 500 in attendance. The only question that was asked of me was if the program could be a little shorter as some guests had to travel some distance to get home. That is being worked on. The date has been set for the 1992 Dinner which will be on November 15th. The location has not been established at this time.

In late December Bill Howe and I attended the funeral for the Hammond firefighter who lost his life in a fire. Details of the fire are not available, but it was stated that he was reported missing on the day of the fire but the body was not found for three or four days later. The fire consumed a total city block of warehouse storage. According to Marshal Goddard this was the only fire related death by a firefighter in the state for 1991.

We are having a terrible time getting all the bills together for this session of legislation. When I last talked to Gene Stofer, he did not have a copy of all bills that have an impact on the volunteer fire service. Hopefully we can get this done as soon as possible so we can get the help thru our local legislators on some very important issues.

Vice President Parish has been very busy setting up the seminars in each of the public relations area. These seminars are put on at no cost to you and we encourage all to attend them. This year the program is on Critical Stress Incident Debriefing. He is working with the statewide team and the local representatives to put on the program.

As we move into the new year make plans to attend some of the fire schools that the association co-sponsors with the Indiana Fire Service Instructors Association. The first of these in February has some top notch people from thru our the United States committed to be here.

In early January, Gene Stofer and I met with Mr. William Seagraves who has been hired to oversee the formation of the state training academy and get some programs started. We discussed several problems that we could see developing if the wrong approach was used for the volunteer firefighters. We feel that a lot of training could be made available to us if it is available locally and all certification levels also made available at little or no cost to the students.

In early February we should have some forms that will be used by emergency workers for reporting contact with body fluids while doing rescue work. The report will be given to the hospital and other agencies for followup notification if the person being treated had some

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From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



Scripture: ST. JOHN Chapter 5 Verses 3-11
In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool; but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Jesus saith unto him, RISE, TAKE UP THY BED, AND WALK. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked; and on the same day was the Sabbath.

The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me. Take up thy bed and walk.

He gives hope when it seems there is none.
He gives life when our candle burns short.
He gives peace when our world is in turmoil.
He gives strength when we are weak.
He loves us when no one cares.
He washes us clean as snow.

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As I look out the window, I see about three inches of snow. A bowl of stew or my bean soup would go good about now. How fortunate Grace and I have been with no snow in our travels, oh yes, we had plenty of rain.

We were saddened with the passing of Jim Glaub, our President in 1963 an 64. Jim served as Board Member, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Vice-President, and also Charles Bogden of Wayne Township, Indianapolis. Charles was secretary of his department for many years, and a Board Member of Wayne Township. He was very active in the Republican party. I have had eight memorials or funerals so far this quarter.

The many duties of Volunteer Firemen today make some complain, some quit, and others move on. There are certain ways by which we can react to the trials and troubles of life which will always prove to be disappointing. When everything seems to go wrong it is easy to develop a bitter attitude of resentment.

A Volunteer Fireman can resent the teachings of his chief. A husband can resent his wife if married life isn't rosy. A wife can resent her husband when there isn't enough money to make ends meet. Resentment can never be directed toward God. Joseph was able to rise above the trials and tragedies of life because of the genuineness of his faith in the presence and purpose of God for his life. The victory that over cometh our resentment is our faith.

As Volunteer Firemen our faith grows day by day as the many situations we find ourselves in. Trust HIM to be with you in everything you do. So as the scripture say, TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK. Be a Volunteer that God can be proud of.

It won't be long and Valentine's Day will be here. Be sure to do something special for your loved one, if it is only a big I LOVE YOU.

I know who holds the future,
And I know who holds my hand.
With God things don't just happen,
Everything by Him is planned:
So as I face tomorrow
With its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles --
Give to Him my all.
A.B. Smith

This Sunday go to the church of your choice, you'll like it.
Your Chaplain,

P.S. Your Chaplain fooled you--he didn't mention all of the New Year's resolutions that were made and already broken???. didn't make any.

NOTICE
All I.V.F.A. Members

For you to receive your IVFA license plate you MUST pick up your form from your District Chairman or Public Relations Representative. It must be an original form, not a copy.
Thank you,
Harold Stofer

From the President

Continued from Page 2 form of a communicable disease problem.

In this issue of the paper Mr. Don Abbott will publish the first of several articles that have to do with understanding all new federal and state guidelines on personal protection, physicals, etc., that a lot of us does not understand. Hopfully you can then understand what the requirements are. Don has a lot of expertise in this area as he been to several states putting on seminars dealing with these issues. He is also a member of the committees which were charged with writing the guidelines. Please take the time to read and understand them. I have visited with Past Pres. Lockhart a couple of times lately and he is progressing very well. He still has some vision problems but he is able to drive now. We wish him well as he continues his improvement. He is back to work also.



"Firesafety in the '90s"

NFPA Annual Meeting and Firesafety Exhibit

May 17-21, 1992

New Orleans is the site for the 96th Annual Meeting and Fire-safety Exhibit of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) May 17-21, 1992. State-of-the-art fire protection technology and theory are the focus of this conference, dubbed "In Tune with the Future-Firesafety in the 90s."

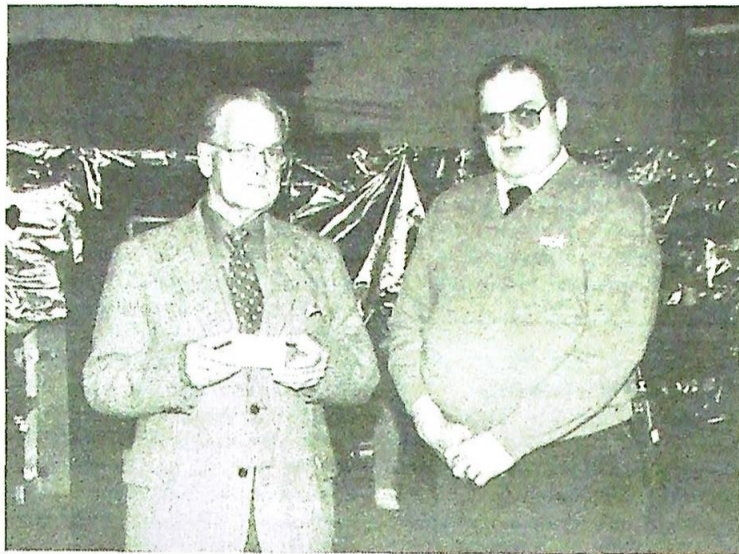
The meeting has an ambitious technical session scheduled, with 42 NFPA codes and standards up for membership consideration, including the internationally recognized NFPA 70, National Electrical Code®, and the completely revised NFPA 1, Fire Prevention Code. The Firesafety Exhibit is already confirmed at more than 170 exhibitors and should prove to be one of the biggest displays of firesafety products and services ever.

Other meeting highlights include the very popular Sunday Seminars, free to early registrants; three sessions featuring an impressive lineup of speakers; and three intensive engineering seminars sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), which is holding its Annual Meeting in conjunction with NFPA's

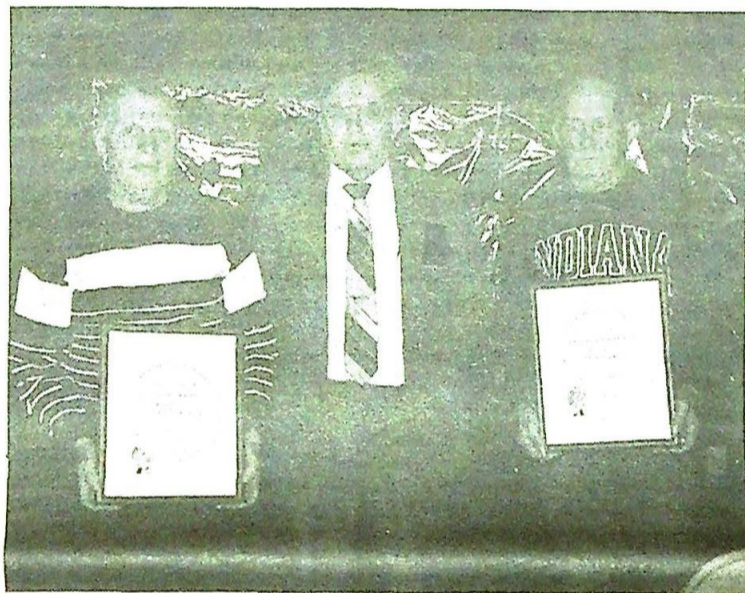
The meeting will take place at the New Orleans Convention Center on Convention Boulevard. For additional information on meeting registration, please contact the NFPA Meeting Registration department at 617-984-7310.

Established in 1896, the NFPA is an international, nonprofit, voluntary membership association with 60,000 members worldwide. Publisher of the National Fire Codes® and the Learn Not to Burn® public firesafety education program, the NFPA also prepares many statistical reports on fire prevention and protection. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts.

FIREMEN & AUXILIARY



Max Foster was presented his IVFA Gold Card by Lewis Osborne, District 11B Chairman at the Cayuga VFD Christmas Party December 7, 1991. Congratulations Max!



Larry Newman (left) and Dale Weir (right) were presented 30 year service awards from Gene Goddard (middle), State Fire Marshal at the Cayuga VFD Christmas Party, December 7, 1991.

Hope everyone has had a happy and safe holiday. It is still winter out there, so watch the roads, we have to get to the scene of the fire before we can do any good. In the Clinton Twp. and Clinton City area of District 11 firemen, police and state fire representatives have been very busy. Working together they have caught an arsonist. We all hope the judicial system will be able to do its job so our job will be easier.

By the time this paper is published, District 11B will have had our Miss Flame contest and will be getting our girl ready for the state contest.

The Clinton and Dana banks gave \$50. saving bonds to 24 area poster winners for fire prevention week. The winners were from grades 1 thru 6 at the local elementary schools. It is wonderful to know that the community is helping to promote fire prevention so their neighbors will be safe.

We have had two District Meetings since the last IVFA paper was published. In November we had a very delicious meal at Reelsville. They served turkey and all the trimmings. I think I gained 10 pounds. Then January 12, Cayuga had Chili and peanut butter sandwiches. It was cold and the soup was real tasty. We had a larger attendance at this meeting. I hope this is an indication that more people are becoming interested again and will be attending the meetings. We do miss your input and friendship.

Larry Ketchum received two accommodations in 1991. He received firefighter of the year from his department. I'm sure it meant very much to have Mike Fowler, Assistant Fire Marshal present his plaque at the honorary dinner. Larry has also been promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major of the 38th Infantry. Keep up the good work Larry we are all very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Cayuga VFD was very honored to have the presence of Gene Goddard and his wife Betty attend the Cayuga Christmas Party. He presented Larry Newman and Dale Weir with 30 year certificates. Max Foster received his IVFA gold card. Ronald Abernathy received his 20 year plaque from the Cayuga Department.

Last month District 11B lost a past District Chairman, James Tagney. Jim served as District Secretary for quite a few years. I would like to thank Jack Wilbur, District Chaplain and Father Lantz for putting on a very nice service. Jim took his last ride on the Lyford fire truck. Dan Lee, Assistant Fire Marshal of the Marshal's office presented Tagney's family with a Meritorious Service Award. Jim will be missed.

Our next District meetings will be March 8 at Hillsdale and April 28, 1992 at Bellmore. Put them on your calendar and plan to attend, everyone is welcome and bring your family. Dinner will be served at 1 PM and the meeting will follow.

That's all for now folks!

Downy Osborne

P.S. Don't forget to get your nominations in for Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg and Lois Boaz awards.

FIRE SERVICE SPARED HARSH FCC RULING

WASHINGTON - - In a recent unanimous decision, the FCC ruled that fire, police and EMS organizations would be allowed to continue to use their current radio frequencies and would be exempt from FCC plans to restructure the electromagnetic spectrum.

With its 4-0 vote, the FCC decided that a number of current radio wave users, including utilities, oil exploration and delivery companies and railroads, will have to make way for emerging technologies, such as "personal communications systems". The decision, heralded by many hightech telecommunications companies and derided by a number of major utilities and railroads, is seen as a major victory for the American Fire Service.

"It is reassuring, that in this time of impersonal and unresponsive federal bureaucracy, to see an FCC ruling that puts America's domestic defenders first. Far too often federal actions harm rather than help the fire service. I want to commend FCC Chairman Alfred C. Sikes and the rest of the commissioners for recognizing the members of America's fire departments and the vital role they play in the safety of America," commented Representative Curt Weldon (R-Pa.).

chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus. The Congressional Fire Service Institute, Jan. 23, 1992

Information Requested on Female Firefighters

Lee Silvi, a career firefighter and a graduate student at Cleveland State University, is conducting a research project for college credit on the topic of recruiting and training female firefighters. At the completion of this project the results will be offered for publication in a periodical of national circulation. He is in need of mailing addresses of female firefighters and male or female fire chiefs of fire departments that have female firefighters. Surveys will be randomly mailed to firefighters and to fire chiefs selected from the mailing list that is assembled. Surveys will be strictly confidential.

Anyone knowing of a female firefighter in their department or another community should send the names and address of the female firefighter(s) and/or firechief to him at: Female Firefighter Survey, Attn: Lee Silvi, P.O. Box 982, Mentor, OH 44061. The deadline for receiving information is March 31, 1992.

If known, please indicate if the person is full time, part time, or volunteer, and if the department is career, combination, or volunteer. Thank you for your assistance in this survey.

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JUNE 17, 18, 19, 20

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Information for the May issue of the Newspaper needs to be in our office no later than April 20, 1992.

Thank You, Robert Laney, Editor

District Meetings

DISTRICT 3

Thursday - October 17, 1991
Kingsford-Union Fire Dept.

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:45 PM. There were 14 members present representing 5 departments. The pledge was led by host Chief Bentley.

No guests were present.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and amended. The amendment was that Firefighter Zeman is not the President at Westville.

The Treasurer's report was given. Had to fix the borrowed smoke machine for the EDITH house. We also purchased the new smoke machine. Tom Tharp also advised that he has received several donations toward the house.

Communications:

Secretary Wiatrowski advised all departments will have to notify the state of how many license plates it wants reserved for its members for 1992.

Tom Tharp read several letters aloud from people who saw the EDITH house at Oktoberfest.

Tom also read a letter inviting all departments to help the Salvation Army by ringing bells at Christmas time. The invitation came from WLOI-WCOE. Last Year Center Twp. and Kingsford-Union held a challenge to see who could raise the most money. Kingsford-Union and Center Twp. put the challenge to all departments in the district.

Tom stated that the EDITH house was used well in the last month. Almost 5,000 kids have been through the house at this time. Chesterton Fire Department used it and provided several improvements. Tom also stated that he knew of kids that were playing fire escape in their playhouse. The Shriners have also donated 500 more books to pass out.

The State Fire Caucus is November 17, 1991. If you have a ticket but cannot attend, don't waste the ticket, give it to some-

one.

New Business:

The Duneland Fire School was announced it will be March 28 & 29, 1992.

It will be held at the Westchester Middle School. There will be about 40 classes available. If you have any suggestions for classes, contact the committee or Doug Miller from Center Twp. (LaPorte). There will be a vendors open house and the classes will be more specialized. Farm Rescue, ISO Ratings are a couple classes planned.

Chairman Bentley then began the drawing for the Fire Caucus tickets that the district bought. Winners were Bob Bentley (Kingsford-Union) and Ron Prast (Center L.P.). Congratulations guys!

Good of the Order:

Nothing.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held at Knox-Center on November 21, 1991. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dave Zeman at 8:25 PM. The meal was Italian beef sandwiches and potato chips. The program was put on by Chief Bentley and showed a video he made on the history of the Kingsford-Union Fire Department.

The 50/50 was won by Tom Stockwell.

MEETING SCHEDULE 1992

January 16, 1992 - Springfield Twp.; February 20, 1992 - Washington / Starke Co.; March 19, 1992 - Pleasant Twp.; April 16, 1992 - Center Twp. (LaPorte Co.); May 21, 1992 - Michiana Shores; June 1992 - Convention; July 16, 1992 - North Judson; August 20, 1992 - Bass Lake; September 17, 1992 - Scipio Twp.; October 15, 1992 - Koontz Lake; November 19, 1992 - Kingsbury; December 1992 - Happy Holidays!!

1993 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

January - San Pierre, February - Lincoln Twp., March - Cass/Clinton Twp., April - Hanna Twp., May - Long Beach, June - Convention?, July - La Crosse, August - Hamlet, September - Noble Twp., October - Kankakee Twp., November - Coolspring Twp., December - Happy Holidays!!

District meetings start at 7:30 PM LaPorte time.

NOTE: It is up to the host department to provide a program for the meeting held at their department. If you cannot, please contact the Chairman prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Wiatrowski, Secretary

Thursday - Nov. 21, 1991
Knox-Center Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by Chairman Bentley. There were 24 members present representing 11 departments. The pledge was led by host Assistant Chief Rick McCan.

Guests Present were:

Lawrence Swartz IVFA Past-President, Pam Combs Starke Co. EMS.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved on a motion by Doug Miller. There were no changes to the treasury.

Communications:

Chairman Bentley mentioned that the association has 17,062 paid members. He also mentioned that Immediate Past-President Pete Lockhart suffered a stroke. Word is that he is doing very well.

District #18 has IVFA patches. Contact persons are in the newspaper.

There is a bill being drafted to drop the \$10 charge for IVFA plates.

There is a bill before the legislature to change the death benefit for volunteers killed in the line of duty from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Another bill states that anyone that has been exposed to HIV virus by a patient be notified.

There is also a bill that defines the word 'physical'. This is so that we will be able to skip parts of a full physical and save some money.

Another bill allows a fire district to have a cumulative building fund.

Lawrence advised everyone to send in the nominations for the Ollie Sandberg Award.

I.C. 20-12-19. 5-1 states that if a firefighter (paid or volunteer) is killed in the line of duty, his or her children will have free tuition at any Indiana state college.

The Fire Caucus went well. There were about 500 in attendance and there were several good speakers. This was videotaped and may soon be available. This caucus was a start on working together.

Committee:

EDITH-Tom Tharp we owe Re-gency for smoke machine. They gave us 30 days to pay and it has been several months now. Another 1000 kids have been through the house. Kingsford-Union and LaPorte City Fire Departments together put on a program at Hailman Elementary. Knox Center may also use it in their upcoming parade. Tom again read the letter from WLOI/WCOE for all that were interested. Contact Tom if you wish to participate. A trophy will be presented to the department that raises the most money.

PREVENTION - Gary Ekart states that he has been very busy. He introduced Dave Casey who will be helping him now. They had the EDITH house at the local mall and about 100 kids went through it. They have been going to all grades and are running public service announcements. Both are catching on well. We have to remember that our first job is education. This may prevent our second job. They also have 135 different pamphlets in stock. If anyone sees a new one that they don't have, pick it up and give it to Gary or Dave.

Old Business:

Doug Miller again talked about the upcoming Chesterton Fire School. The costs will probably be the same. On the 28th there will be an open house and several vendors will be there. He reminded everyone that there needs to be good attendance at the school to continue to have them in our area.

New Business:

Chairman Bentley announced that Kingsford Heights will be celebrating its anniversary on June 12-14, 1992. There will be a parade and all departments are invited to participate. They will also have a waterball tournament. There will be no fee and the top four winners will receive trophies. There will also be an air show and fireworks display.

Guests:

Lawrence-States that he was pleased with attendance at the caucus. We must remember that we are controlled by the state legislature, so we must work with these people. The physicals that we must now have is a result of legislative action. Several departments have been cited but none have been fined. If your department does not have this in effect at this time, you should have a policy stating when it will be and how it will be implemented. We should always keep in mind that safety is first on all scenes. The Chief of the department is usually the one that ends up responsible in an accident. He also stated that the volunteers were not separated from the career firefighters at the caucus. Although some complained of the price, we must remember that this was a fundraiser not a dinner meal. We need to have more departments represented and more support next year.

To apply for the Bridgeport Scholarship you can contact Lawrence or Bob for the applications. All applications must be in the State Secretary's hands by March 1, 1992.

To stop people from getting IVFA plates it would cost about \$1000. There will be a change in

the applications for next year.

He reminded everyone to get their dues early next year.

Good of the Order:

Lawrence reminded everyone that the application for rooms at the convention is in the paper. He also stated that the Friday night boat ride is \$12.00 and the Saturday ride is \$7.

Bob mentioned that you can contact the State Fire Marshal's office to use the new sprinkler trailer that they have.

Gary thanked Bill Howe, Father Lantz, and Ivan Nevil for their help in getting his reimbursement for attending the convention.

After some discussion it was decided to drop San Pierre from our roster due to the fact that they only have 2 members that are also IVFA members.

Gary told everyone that Knox has not been cited by OSHA for the train derailment.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held at Springfield Twp. on January 16, 1992 at 7:30 PM LaPorte time.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Gary Ekart at 8:35 PM. The meal was BBQ pork and potato chips. A program was put on by Starke Co. EMS.

The 50/50 was won by Pete Sassa.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Wiatrowski, Secretary

Regular meeting District 3

Thursday - January 16, 1992
Springfield Twp. Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:40PM. There were 16 members present representing 7 departments. The pledge was led by host Chief Thad Brinkman.

Guests present were: Debbie Harris IVFAA District #3, Felicia Robowski District #3 Miss Flame Candidate.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved on a motion by Robert Uryga. Chairman Bentley stated that he has paid for the smoke machine and now wants to combine the convention account and the savings account into one checking account requiring two signatures.

Communications:

Chairman Bentley read a letter from the association about the new forms for requesting license plates. They must now be authorized by the District Chairman and must have the applicant's name on it to be approved. It must also have the IVFA seal embossed on it. If you need forms call or write the Chairman or Secretary with the names and how many forms per name.

A discussion then ensued about the insurance that all departments need. Robert Uryga asked to have the IVFA tell us what we need. The general concerns was that we should have an information packet to tell us the guidelines.

Chairman Bentley then introduced Felicia Robowski. Felicia is our district's Miss Flame candidate. She is from Kingsford-Union Fire Department where her dad is Chief. Her mom is a member of the K-U Auxiliary and her brother is a member of the department. She is a sophomore at LaPorte High School and is currently Chief of the Kingsford-Union Jr. Fire Department. She was the winner over 6 girls from her township and 2 from the district. She stated that she is hoping to win at the convention and hopes to make District #3 proud. Let's all wish Felicia luck and give her all the support that she needs.

Gary Ekart then made a motion to give Felicia \$100.00 for expenses. Carried.

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District 3

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Committee:

EDITH - Chairman Bentley stated that the house has been inactive lately. They have noticed that some of the shingles leak and there has been some water damage but nothing extensive. If anyone wants to reserve it, contact Tom Tharp at 393-5815. You must have a 2 7/8 ball and should have some kind of towing insurance.

PREVENTION- Gary Ekhart passed.

Old Business: Nothing.

New Business:

Chairman Bentley read a letter from the association regarding the use of the IVFA logo. A copy of these regulations is available from Chairman Bentley.

Good of the Order:

Gary Ekhart announced that a 25 year retired member of their department died recently. He was an IVFA member and his name was Sherman Chamberlain. Our sympathy goes out to his family and his department.

Gary then talked about 2 New Year's Eve calls that were highly exciting.

Announcements:

Lincoln Twp. will hold a Chili Supper on March 7, 1992 at the station in Fish Lake. Kingsford-Union will hold a Fish Fry at their station on April 17, 1992. This has not yet been confirmed though.

Springfield Twp. will be having it's Fireman's Ball sometime in late April or early May, 1992.

The next meeting will be at Washington Twp. in Starke Co. on February 20, 1992 at 7:30PM La-Porte time.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Gary Ekhart at 8:37PM.

The 50/50 was won by Jim Ims.

The meal was sloppy joes, chips, and doughnuts. There was no program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wiatrowski, Secretary

DISTRICT 9-B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 8:05 P.M. at the Medaryville Fire Station in Medaryville, In.

There were 11 guests present Total firefighters present numbered 37 with 93 alarms among the 8 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: I.V.F.A. Convention Reservation by May 17, Fireman's License Plate, Pictures needed for Convention History Book, News for paper due in by Jan. 20, Miss Flame Contestants needed, Mr. I.V.F.A. Award, Ollie Sandberg Award, Midwest Award, Legislation affecting the

fire service, 400 + people to attend first annual Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, Liability insurance to meet state laws, I.V.F.A. Membership, Display trailer on sprinkler heads, Fire Expo in 1993, Children of firefighters killed in the line of duty to have free tuition to any state school, Disability insurance, possible Seminar April 11 on Stress Management in Rensselaer, 7 person Haz./Mat. division at State Fire Marshal's Office.

A plaque was presented by the Medaryville Fire Department to Henry Risner retired Chief of 20 years and firefighter for over 30 years.

Program on O.S.H.A. requirements was presented by Robert Mauck from Fire Inc.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M. Next meeting is January 9, at the Monon Volunteer Fire Department in at 6:30 slow time / 7:30 P.M. fast time.

Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis J. Risner

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:55 P.M. at the Monon Fire Station in Monon, IN.

There were 7 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 33 with 61 alarms among 9 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were Fire Chief's Orientation at Speedway on Jan. 25 & 27, 1992 I.V.F.A. Convention, news for the paper due in by Jan. 20, Stress Management Class April 4 at Rensselaer, Miss Flame Contestants needed for District 9-B, Bridgeport Scholarship entries due in by March 1, Indiana Weekend at NFA on March 14-15, 1992 Indiana Fire Conference Feb. 22-23 at Lawrence North, Midwest Fire & Safety now carrying the S & S line, Stress Management Class in March at Greencastle, and Awards - Midwest, Ollie Sandberg, and Mr. I.V.F.A.

Congressman Jim Jontz discussed legislation affecting the fire service.

Program on Electrical Safety was presented by Jack Landrum of the White County R.E.M.C.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. Next meeting is March 12 at the Monticello Fire Department in Monticello at 6:30 P.M. slow time/ 7:30 P.M. fast time.

Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis J. Risner

Since the last paper came out I have held District meetings at Johnson Twp. VFD in November and McCulloch VFD in January. The turnout of firefighters was good.

At the January meeting the Auxiliary held their Miss Flame contest and a very pretty young lady from Brownstown VFD won for our District. Her name is Christina Dawn Bowers. I wish to congratulate her and wish her luck in the Miss Flame contest in

June at the Convention.

On January 18 I was at Rykers Ridge VFD and I saw my older brother receive his second Fireman of the year award. Congratulations Carl maybe when the IVFA kicks me out as District Chairman I will come back and compete with you on that award.

I took off for my Grandsons wedding up in Ohio and saw a couple of nice fire trucks while I was there.

Our next meeting will be at Brownstown VFD on March 18, 1992 at 7:30 pm Indiana time.

Robert Woodfill

DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A held its November meeting at Shelburn Fire Department. We enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner, a good home safety program by Indiana Farm Bureau and had an opportunity to see Selburn's new Fire Truck which was just put into service. Fairbanks and Curry Township also had their latest equipment on display - nice group of fire apparatus. It's good to see these departments upgrading their equipment and getting active in the I.V.F.A. Our January meeting will be at Prairieon and the March meeting at Honey Creek Station #1. I am looking forward to attending the Indiana Fire Conference in February. I thought last years was great and looking at the list of speakers I believe this one will be as good. As I write this article, the wind chill is well below 0 and with the ice and snow our capabilities are certainly tested. We need to watch our people and our equipment very closely.

With best regards,
Bob Meyers

DISTRICT 19

Nov. 21, 1991 District 19 IVFA meeting was held at Moorefield Vol. Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Paul Covington.

Pledge to flag. Prayer led by Bill Klusman.

First roll call taken with 63 men from 16 departments reporting 56 runs.

Guests; Jim Gilmore from Koorsen Fire Protection who donated a pair of fire gloves given away in second drawing after 50-50 drawing.

Minutes of Sept. meeting read and approved.

Lee, Carl, and Paul Covington attended dinner at Indianapolis on Nov. 17. 600 people present and around 30 legislatures.

Possible fire school in spring of 1992. Hoosier Fire Equipment expressed interest in putting on either foam demonstration class or extraction class.

At State Officers Meeting Nov. 2, discussed some legislation they are working on: 1) Bill to eliminate \$10.00 fee on license plates; 2) Try to include volunteer firefighters in line of duty death benefit at state level. Volunteers are included in federal death benefits but not state. State has fund for paid policemen and firefighters; 3) Try to introduce a bill that lets fire tax district have accumulative building fund; 4) Try to introduce a bill to modify the privacy act; to insist that medical facilities report to us if we become exposed to body fluids, whether or not the patient has AIDS or hepatitis; 5) Introduce a bill to define what is required for a physical; 6) Introduce bill to insure firefighters accident and health coverage, covers heart attacks. Downey Ins. does. Some

questions about Nationwide paying.

Several state fire schools coming up. Will be stress management included, firemen encouraged to take wife or girlfriend because there is a segment for them.

Articles for paper need to be in by 20th.

No applications for awards yet. Midwest has to be in by Feb. 1st. Ollie Sandberg by March 1st.

Paul Covington is IVFA Safety Chairman. Will try and put safety related article in paper. Needs help from district firefighters on suggestions for articles.

Indiana law IC 20-12-19.5-1 states deceased paid police and volunteer firefighters children will be granted free tuition to any state supported school in Indiana.

If your department is doing fire prevention work, State Fire Marshall's office has a sprinkler trailer available for loan. Shows a sprinkler putting fire out.

New Assistant State Fire marshal, Dan Lee, was Haz-Mat instructor in previous administration.

District 19 voted to go with combined Expo in 1993, in Indianapolis at convention center. Voted in at State Officers Meeting with 16 for and 6 against. District 12 agreed to submit a resolution for 1992 convention to have it adopted into by-laws.

State Fire Marshal has re-established a Haz-Mat Response. To send letter with new 800 number. It will call into state police operation center same place you call for arson investigation now.

OSHA inspector sited a department for not having a poster showing workmen's comp. insurance.

IVFA opposed to federal proposal to tax Halon system. Fighting it at federal level. Tax because of talk about Halon damaging ozone layer. IVFA opposed because it is a good fire fighting tool.

Going to push for sprinkler bill for all federal buildings. Also for a bill to allow firefighters to inspect for preplan federal buildings.

NFPA working on new standards in infection control, NFPA 1581.

IVFA voted not to sponsor Blaine Dakota show. The Blaine Dakota show fund raiser was explained at convention, split of profit not considered enough, can use show if your department wants.

Voted at State Officer's Meeting to purchase new IVFA flag which will cost \$500.00.

No Old Business.

For the Good of the Order.

Fire bomb problem in Jefferson-Craig and Posey Townships, is bigger problem then we were aware of. Kids are making bombs, some mixing large amounts.

Carl stated legislation prepared for bill to eliminate license plate fee.

Second roll call.

Moorefield had structure fire in week-end cabin which didn't have utilities. Fire was investigated.

Sunman had gasoline tank spill in rural area. Spilled 700-800 gallons of mainly diesel fuel. Carl raised question about high cost of cleaning up these types of spills. Discuss possible bill to control clean-up cost.

Next meeting Jan 23 at Aurora #2.

Judy Hildebrand present with Miss Flame from last year, Cami Scheele, and new candidates. Representatives are from Manchester, Jennifer Hambrink; from Sunman, Rebecca Retzner; from Blooming Grove, Deanna Scheppler; and from Morris, Susan

Scheele. Cami thanked everyone. Winner for 1992, Jennifer Hambrink of Manchester. Raised \$73.00 for Miss Flame tonight.

National Fire Academy at Emmetsburg, Maryland has memorial service during which they present names on plaques of firefighters who died in past year. Ron Downing, Moorefield talked about visit to academy.

Meeting adjourned.

Mark Wirth, Sec/Treas.

DISTRICT 6

November 21, 1991 meeting at Jackson Township, Dekalb County.

District Chairman Doug Engle called the meeting to order.

Treasurer & Secretary reports were read. The motion was made and seconded to accept the report.

Old Business:

Doug reported at the last Officer's Meeting that 16 District Chairmen voted for and 16 voted against and four were absent for voting on the 1993 Fire Expo at Indianapolis.

Bill K. reported that the IVFA Convention is in June and the Fire Expo is in 1993. He advised that the constitution would have to be changed at the convention in 1992. Support of combining for Fire Expo is still in the planning stages; also displays, apparatus, and etc.

New Business:

Fire Marshal's office has a Sprinkler trailer available. Anyone interested in it is to contact Don Johnson. Whoever wants to use it will have to come pick it up. The trailer was donated by the National Sprinkler Association. Sprinkler heads have low degrees setting. Budd Grogg brought up an issue on incident command. He recommended information for charges for \$250.00 per response unit, \$150.00 for any other unit responding, and \$100.00 for any other unit needed. Get actual cost of run. Have charges made up ahead of time to hand owners. You will have to fill out the Fire Marshal's report or will not get paid.

Bill K. commented on insurance companies. Explained that the departments responding outside the jurisdiction charge insurance companies. Most insurance companies will pay for charges that are requested. Suggest every fire department to start charging homeowners according to the statutes. Working 10-70's charges different on state highways. Money is to be sent to fire departments and set up in special account. Insurance companies request copy of report from the Fire Marshal's office. Checks are to be made out to the homeowners. Checks have to be sent to the fire departments and spent for fire-fighting equipment and buildings. Fire department bills homeowners that responds on mutual aid, not fire department assisting to. Cooney Tucker asked of an incident that took place in Noble Co. Bill K. advised that the company that had the spill was responsible for paying for the hazmat clean up.

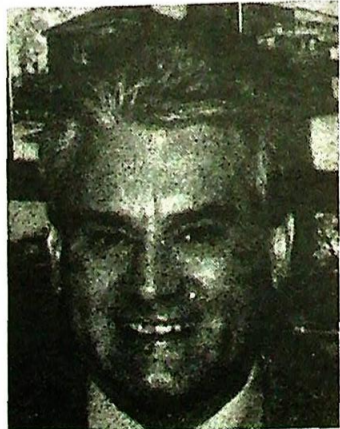
Good of the Order:

Saturday September 23rd the Spencerville-Concord Twp. having a 50's and 60's dance; \$15.00 per couple.

Training:

Budd Grogg advised of regulations from IOSHA advising of fire departments cited for miscellaneous items. One department received 12 citations and also a \$5,000.00 fine but did not collect. Citations were from personnel to equipment also HIV

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shots and physicals. Jack Ford commented on 16 districts that voted no on the fire caucus. Bill K. reported from the report of the United States Fire Administrations from an incident of an accident involving a piece go fire apparatus and a train at a train crossing. The engineer of the train advisted in the report that the driver of the apparatus did not see the train; driver looking at the car fire ahead of it. Bill K. read from the report of the incident. Booklet available from the Federal Transportation Board.

Budd Grogg made a comment that he heard that Cooney Tucker quoted was, "That if you're going to one emergency, don't create another." Bill K. advised that Tim Doughty will donate a \$45.00 Emergency Driver's Manual to fire departments wishing to receive one.

Doug E. reminded everyone that the nominations for:

Midwest Award, Mr. IVFA, Olie Sandberg Award and Scholarship Awards.

Next meeting to be at the Boit Twp. Fire Department in Jan. March meeting will be at the Angola Fire Department.

Bill Kinsey advised of the P.R.'s Incident Stress Management on March 7th at the Warsaw Fire Department. Pike Lake will have a one day seminar.

Bill K. commented on the Fire Caucus in Indianapolis.

Doug Baker, Sec./Treasurer

January 16, 1992 meeting at Aboit Township, Allen County.

District Chairman Doug Engle called the meeting to order at 7:45PM. Nineteen members answered roll call.

Secretary & Treasurer's report read and approved with one correction requested by Bill Kinsey. Chairman requested names of those wishing to apply for IVFA license plates.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Good of the Order - None.

Chairman introduced Tom McComb of 911 Survival Strobe. Tom gave a demonstration of the Strobe which is designed to signal the location of an emergency to responding emergency units. It can be ordered by calling 219-481-7717. It sells for \$29.95.

The Chairman introduced Maynard Masters an Indiana Michigan Power Company Service Technician, who gave a lecture and showed a tape on electrical hazards encountered by firefighters and emergency medical people. He pointed out proper procedures for those people encountering these hazards.

Doug Baker, Sec./Treasurer

Noble County Firemen's Association meet at the Albion Fire Station Sept. 18, 1991. President Harold Cummings of the Rome City Department presiding. Dis-

cussed was mutual aid procedures and planning for an interdependent exercise. Roger McNair, training officer of the Wolf Lake Fire Department, gave a short lecture and demonstration of some factors affecting building construction as these factors affect firefighting.

Noble County's meeting of Nov. 20, 1991 was poorly attended as Ligonier had a major fire requiring mutual aid response.

The Jan. 15th meeting is to be rescheduled because of weather and road conditions.

The Stuben-Dekalb County Firemen's Association met Sept. 12, 1991 at the Spencerville Community Building. Mike Schuerman, President presiding. The two county associations joined ten years ago. The group discussed the county application for a third radio frequency as well as their supporting efforts of the Auburn Street Fair.

A nominating committee was appointed to select candidates for the Dec. elections.

Mike Good, a captain in the Auburn Fire Department, was elected President of Dekalb Stuben County Firefighters Association at the December meeting in Corunna Wednesday evening. He replaces Mike Schuerman, president for the past two years who was not eligible as he has moved to Allen County and joined the Ft. Wayne Fire Department.

Dennis Treesh of the Corunna Fire Department was elected Vice President and Lynn Justus Robinson of the Dekalb County Sheriff Department continues as Secretary/Treasurer a position he has held for the past three years.

Twenty-seven firefighters received active service awards and John Jackson of the Hamilton Fire Department received the Firefighter Of The Year award.

Guy Maustaller, former Mayor of Butler, and the historian of the association was presented with a beautiful clock mounter plaque for his many years of service to the association. Forty-four people enjoyed a bountiful carry-in dinner.

DEATHS:

JOHN A. BECHTOLD, 89, a retired firefighter of the Columbia City Fire Dept. died Sunday, July 28, 1991, at the Whitley County Memorial Hospital. John was an active member of the department for 35 years and recently received his gold 50 year life membership card.

RUSSELL D. WOLFE, 80, died Wednesday, August 7, 1991, in Brownsville, Texas. He too was a retired firefighter of the Columbia City Fire Department where he served as Chief for eight years. He and his wife Margaret operated the Wolf Garage and Wrecker Service. He was injured in an accident in 1970 and retired and moved to Arkansas and later to Texas.

URCYL A. DEVER, 83, died Saturday, August 10 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was a member of the Grabill Fire Department in Allen County, Chaplain of the Sixth District of the IVFA, and a former treasurer of the Allen County Firefighters Association. He lived in Cedarville and was a member of the Community Church there and active in the park association. He was very active in fire service affairs, attended all of the meetings of the district, the state conventions, and of the fire department.

Urcyl was also known as the Cider Man. He would travel to Michigan to his brother's orchard to work the harvest and bring back apples and cider for customers in the community and a gallon of cider for the fire meeting.

A memorial service was held at the funeral home, Duane Lantz, Chaplain IVFA conducting the service.

HOWARD "RED" BLANTON, 77, former Chief of the Ft. Wayne Fire Department died Oct. 30, 1991 at the Covington Manor Nursing Home. He retired from the department in 1966 after 25 years. He was chief of the department from 1959 to 1963. It was during this time that the devastating Wolf & Dessauer fire occurred. He was noted for his efforts in upgrading firehouse, equipment and technology. After retirement he joined the Nowak-Williams Fire Prevention Division where he designed and installed extinguishing systems for business and industry. He retired from here after 19 years.

LAWRENCE L. SIGLER, 73, died Nov. 2, 1991 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was Assistant Chief of the Huntertown Vol. Fire Department for 8 years retiring in 1976 after twenty years service. He was a captain of the Fire Brigade of Rea-Magnet Wire Co. from were he retired after 39 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

ROBERT L. BECKLEY, 79, died Dec. 3, 1991 at the Goshen General Hospital.

He was a member of the Albion Fire Department, Noble County, and served as Chief from 1956 to 1966. He was a life time member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. A memorial service was conducted by Duane Lantz, Chaplain of the IVFA.

Firefighters from around Noble County manned the Albion the Albion Fire Station while the Albion Firefighters followed their fallen Chief on his last ride on a fire truck from the Trinity United Methodist to the Rose Hill Cemetery.

His son Robert E. Beckley is the present Chief of the Albion Fire Department.

and wife.

The next district 8A meeting will be at Gas City Fire Dept. March 11, at 7:30 P.M.

The 1992 - 1993 meeting schedule for 8A is enclosed.

Speaking of rescue, did you read in "USA today" - - - "Mesa, Arizona. It took 4 firefighters to pry "PET" 6-FT. Python off hand and body of Susan Inherst, 23. Snake attacked as she tried to feed it live chicken."

It doesn't say what happened to the chicken.

Schedule of Events:

- I.V.F.A. Meetings 1992-1993
- 7:30 PM - 2nd Wed. - Bi-monthly odd months.
- Mar. 11, 1992
- Gas City Fire Dept.
- May 13, 1992
- Green Twp. Fire Dept.
- July 8, 1992
- Greentown Fire (Election Officers)
- Sept. 9, 1992
- Jonesboro Fire Dept.
- Nov. 11, 1992
- Lafontaine - Liberty Fire Dept.
- Jan. 13, 1993
- Lapel Fire Dept.
- Mar. 10, 1993
- Madison Twp. Fire Dept.
- May 12, 1993
- Mill Twp. Fire Dept.
- July 14, 1993
- Orestes Fire (Election Officers)
- Sept. 8, 1993
- Pipecreek Twp. Fire Dept.

I'm out'a here, till next time.
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The evening began with a social hour complete with cocktails and munchies. All present then enjoyed a prime rib dinner complete with all the trimmings prepared by members Joe Stowers, John "Tiny" Minor, Chuck "Bub" Stowers, and Derrell Lawless. Our resident cooks Bill Stowers and Ron DeRoos were down with the flu so "Tiny and Bud" jumped in at the last minute to help make sure everything went well.

After dinner was completed, our "rookies" were invited to participate in the traditional "Washing of the Dishes". It took almost ten minutes before they caught on that they had been washing the same group of plates over and over again. All of the more senior members of the dept. seemed to enjoy this little "prank" which initiates all new members of the dept.

All present then sat down to enjoy the Awards Program. 5 Year Service Awards were presented to Julie Kepshire, Jerry Webb, and David Myers. Each received an embroidered shirt with the dept. logo. 10 Year Service Awards were presented to Ken Hughes and Joe Stowers, who both received windbreaker type jackets with the department logo.

The winner of the '91 "Cripple of the Year" award was presented to Julie Kepshire. Our 1991 "Incentive Award" was presented to Carol Linzy for accumulation of the most points during the year. These points come from participation in departmental activities. The 1991 "Firefighter of the Year" ended in the tie between Capt. John Kepshire and Asst. Chief Dan Lamb. Individual plaques were awarded to both winners as well as to Carol Linzy. All winners names will be engraved on station plaques.

After the serious awards were presented, Santa presented each member of the dept. with a small gift to remind them of something that had happened during the year. Gifts ranged from milk cartons with members pictures on them for several "not so active" firefighters, to "Fire School Survival Kits" for members that seem to have problems with life in a big city like Indianapolis.

An excellent time was had by all.

DISTRICT 8A

Last meeting was January 8 at Frankton Vol. Fire Dept. 26 members from 13 departments were present.

The license plate process was explained for 1992 and 1993. Any member wishing to purchase the plate needs to contact the 8A chairman. I am contacting member departments as I can. 96 applications have been delivered as of 1-31-92. I expect to see you all soon.

Tim Thomas, State Fire Marshal's Office gave a few comments about progress and future plans for helping the fire service.

A hand out, "33 Fire Ground Survival Tips" was given to each member. Future training coming this spring and the I.V.F.A Public Relation Area Fire School was discussed. Subject: Stress Management. Attendance: Husband

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SPICE FROM THE VICE

With the holidays past we can now look forward to spring (this is a little hard to say with the outside temperature barely in the teens and the ground covered with snow!).

As you may know, the IVFAA Vice President's main duty each year is the money-making project which has been the Lucky Doe Doll raffle for several years. This year it is a very special challenge for me. The doll, made and donated by Mrs. Belva Crosby of Lewis, IN, resembles a newborn infant. She is dressed in a white and yellow pinafore and a hat with real hair and lashes. Mrs. Crosby also crocheted a yellow and white afgan for her. After seeing the doll at the November State Officer's Meeting, Corresponding Sec. Lou Bartlow commented that she needed a cradle. Larry and Lou Bartlow made a handpainted, a yellow and white cradle. A mattress and lace-edged white pillow were made and donated by Helen Michl. All of this will be given away with the first prize of \$100. My neighbor, Jerry Broadstreet, and my husband John put their heads together and constructed a white oak and plexiglas carrying case so the doll won't get soiled as I take her around the state. And, once again, the raffle tickets were donated by the Firemen's Store of Gary, IN.

To date I have visited four district meetings showing the doll - 10, 19, 11A and 11B - and hope to visit more districts before Convention. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available through the District Chairman or you may call or write me.

I would like to close with the following:

THE KITCHEN PRAYER

Lord of all pots and pans and things since I've not time to be
A saint by doing lovely things or watching late with thee
Or dreaming in the dawn light or storming Heaven's gates
Make me a saint be getting meals and washing up the plates
Although I must have Martha's hands, I have Mary's mind
And when I black the boots and shoes Thy sandals, Lord, I find.
I think of how they trod the earth, What time I scrub the floor
Accept this mediation, Lord, I haven't time for more.
Warm all the kitchen with thy love, and light it with thy peace
Forgive me all my worrying, and make my grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men food,
In room or by the sea
Accept this service that I do, I do it unto Thee.

Maxine Davies, V.P., IVFAA

DISTRICT 11-A

District 11-A held its November meeting at the Shelburn Volunteer Fire Department. We were served a very good Turkey Dinner. We would have liked to have seen more members attend but were happy to see those who did take the opportunity to come. We had as guests, Lou Bartlow, I.V.F.A.A., Corresponding Secretary and Maxine Davies our Vice President. We thank them for attending. With the Holidays behind us we can concentrate on the upcoming Convention. It will be here before you know it so let's plan on making it the best. Our next meeting will be at Prairieon, so hope to see you there.
Janet Meyers

DISTRICT 11B

Dear Aux. Members & Friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and got everything they wanted from Santa. I know my Granddaughter got more than her share from her Grandfather. With only one grandchild she doesn't have a chance of not being spoiled.

Our first district meeting on January 12, 1992 at Cayuga was very encouraging because our attendance was up. We had a very enjoyable meeting seeing old friends and new faces. Maybe the survey did help after all. I wasn't very hopeful because we had little response. It was the consensus of the reports that were received that the meetings stay on Sundays as they are, and the reason people are not attending is because their priorities have changed. Lets hope it won't take a tragedy to change the priorities back to more District involvement.

The taking of the roll call and reading of the previous minutes and treasurers report were approved. Committee reports were discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting. There were still discussion on the State incorporating some new and interesting things. It was agreed that they have carried us this far, hopefully they can come up with something that will stimulate and increase our membership.

Preparations for our Miss Flame Dance that was held on February 8, 1992 at the Clinton Half Century Club were finalized. Approaching functions that dept's. Seems everyone is getting geared up for another exciting and hopefully fun filled year.

District 11B would like to invite you to attend our next meetings on March 8, at Hillsdale and April 28, at Bellmore. If you have any new ideas, bring them with you and share them with us. We want to generate interest and test ourselves to achieve greater accomplishments. Lunch is at 1 PM followed by the meeting.

I need some news articles for the IVFA paper. I know you have been busy, please take the time to let everyone know. Letters for the Lois Boaz Award are needed; convention will be here before we know it.

Have you made your reservations and registrations yet for Clarksville in June. If not, don't wait. You can get the forms out of the IVFA paper or from your District Chairman.

Maxine Davies brought the Doe Doll with cradle to the District meeting. This year the doll and cradle are spectacular. The picture does not do the doll justice and the cradle that Larry Bartlow made and Lou painted is unique. We need to sell, sell, sell tickets.

Hope to see you all March 8, 1992 at Hillsdale.

Betty Osborne, Chairman
(317) 492-4090

DISTRICT 10

The 10th District I.V.F.A.A. meeting was held on Nov. 18, 1991 at 6:30 p.m. with a pitch-in dinner at Hope Fire Dept.

Barb Parker called the meeting to order. Barb welcomed everyone and thanked Hope for hosting.

Barb introduced Miriam Schaeckel Sgt-of-Arms State Officer.

Vivian Thomas gave devotions.

Roll call: 16 members, 3 guest & 1 State Officer.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report subject to audit was given. Cake raffle was \$43.00.

Motion was made to pay the bills by Nadine Craig, seconded by Miriam Hickman. All in favor-motion carried. Auditing report was given. The books were found in order.

Old Business: Elections were conducted by Sgt-At-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel.

Chairman - Barb Parker - Eallener Raffeliff made motion to close nominations - second by Lois Taylor - all in favor.

Secretary Peggy Isreal cast one unanimous vote for Barb Parker for Chairman.

Secretary - Cozette Neal - Lois Taylor made motion to close nominations - second by Peggy Stewart - all in favor. Secretary Peggy Isreal cast one unanimous vote for Cozette Neal for Secretary.

Treasurer - Nancy Neal - Lios Taylor made motion to close nominations - second by Miriam Hickman - all in favor. Secretary Peggy Isreal cast one unanimous vote for Nancy Neal for treasurer.

Chaplain - Miriam Hickman - Sandy Rush made a motion to close nominations. Second by Peggy Stewart - all in favor. Secretary Peggy Isreal cast one unanimous vote for Miriam Hickman for Chaplain. Miriam Schaeckel wished them all luck.

Barb presented Vivian Thomas with a little angle for her 12 years of service.

Bible for Judy Scudder of Adams was given to a representative from Adams.

Bible for Grace Adam of Maretta was given to a representative from Maretta. Then it is to be donated to a major hospital.

New Business: Barb read procedures for reporting a death.

Doe Doll tickets were to be passed out in Feb. Please be sure to return any unsold tickets.

Money making project. Miriam Hickman donated a quilt to be raffled. Vivian Thomas made a motion to raffle the quilt - second by Nancy Neal - all in favor - motion carried. Tickets are to be distributed in Feb. Nancy Neal made a motion to have a drawing in May. Second by Cozette Neal - all in favor, motion carried.

Barb reported on State Officers meeting. 11A's & 11B's Miss Flame proposal was voted down.

Convention is June 17-21. By-laws books to be sheets of paper.

One by-law book per auxiliary. Door prizes were drawn for. Gift exchange was conducted.

Barb introduced Chasity Morris. She thanked her for doing a fine job representing the 10th district.

Chasity said she enjoyed doing it and learned a lot from it. She thanked the district for letting her represent them.

Officers were installed by Miriam Schaeckel.

Miss Flame contestants were introduced.

Christine Brown - Burney, Janice Wilkins- Bunker Hill, Autumn Neal - Hope. Judges were Maxine Davies, Ted Craig, and John Davies.

Ladies closed their meeting with the Lord's Prayer and circle with Vivian Thomas doing the honors.

The Doe Doll was shown by Maxine Davies. The doll and tickets were all donated.

The 10th Dist. Miss Flame is to be Autumn Neal of Hope.

Cake was won by Ted Craig. Barb thanked everyone for coming and wished them all a safe trip home.

Bruce Neal thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting adjourned. Peggy Isreal



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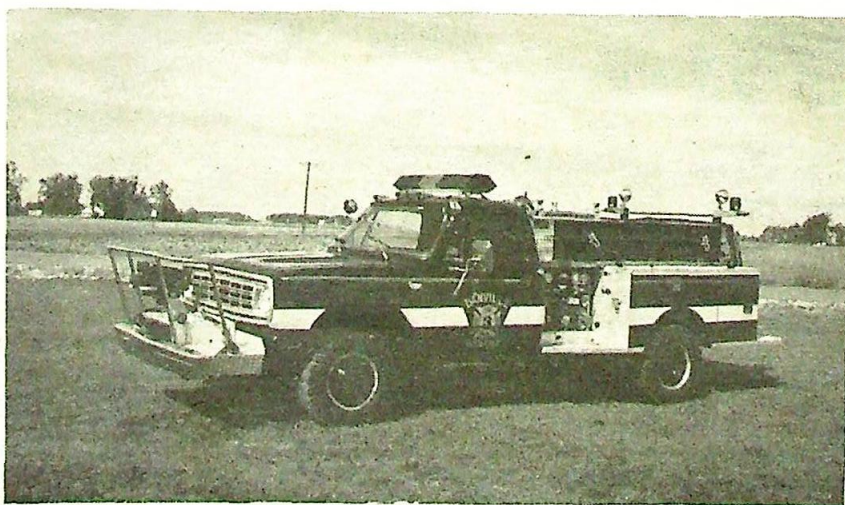


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(Left to Right) Front row: Debbie Marquis, Debbie Frazier, Tammy Bertram, Julie Clark, Kim Morris. Back row: Kirk Morris, Larry Savage, Jeff Willen, James Lee, Tony Clark, John Foudray, Brian Clark. (Not pictured Bill Klisavage.)

Special Thanks

The 10th District I.V.F.A.A. would like to offer a very special Thank You to the 10th District's Chaplain Miriam Hickman, who graciously donated a hand-made quilt in memory of her late husband Charles Hickman, who was a firefighter for the Marietta Volunteer Fire Department. The quilt will be raffled off to help offset the District's Miss Flame's expenses. Thanks again, Miriam. From the members of the 10th District I.V.F.A.A.

DISTRICT 3

January 22, 1992
Noble Twp.
Chairman, Leona Uryga opened meeting with Pledge to the flag. Chaplain Carolyn McCarty read a poem. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given.
Old Business:
Ladies were reminded of the Bake/White elephant sale March 18, 1992 at Lincoln Twp. A donation to help defray expenses for Miss Flame will be presented to her at the May meeting.
Chairman brought up the possibility of buying 10 necklaces and 10 bracelets for approximately \$60.00. These items will be presented to future Miss Flames. Helene Froling motioned, seconded by Annabell Konieczny, to buy this jewelry. Motion carried.
It was reported that Ruth Kuhnel had been ill and was better. The 50/50 drawing realized \$7.00 for the District III's coffers. Lucky Leona won both drawings for \$3.50 each.
Coming Events:
Kingsbury - Pancake breakfast last Sunday in April, (Michigan Shores).
Noble Twp. - Chili Supper - Feb. 8th - 4-7, Ham raffle - April 11, Feather Party - ?
Sciopio - ?
All Doe Doll Tickets have been passed out. There may be more at the March meeting.
Nancy Wallace motioned, sec

onded by Brenda David, to adjourn. Motion carried.
The host department served refreshments and sang Happy Birthday to Leona.
Marie Gemberling
Secretary/Treasurer

LOIS BOAZ NOMINATIONS Due By April 1, 1992

The Lois Boaz Memorial Award is presented each year at the IVFA Convention.
The nominee must be a current member in good standing of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary.
The nominees shall be nominated by individual letters (no xerox copies) to any member of the committee which is composed of the last three recipients: Maxine Davies, Chairman, Betsy Howe or Barbara Parker.
Letters of nomination should include name, address, Auxiliary, District, jacket size, etc. Other information to be included is involvement in local, district, or state Auxiliary. However, she does not have to have held an office in any of these organizations. Her involvement in her community other than fire department related activities.
The committee shall have all nomination letters by April 1, 1992. No nominations will be accepted after that date.
The recipient is selected by the Committee at the May Officer's Meeting, or before if additional deliberation time is necessary.
The Lois Boaz committee shall use all deliberative powers at their disposal to select a person who has done the most, in their opinion, over the past years to further and benefit all aims and projects of I.V.F.A.A., as well as their fire department and community.
The letters of nomination shall be a guide and not a directive in the selection of any recipient.
The number of letters sent for

any one individual or the mention of other community activities will not have a direct bearing on the selection of the recipient. They may disregard all letters and suggestions if so desired and pick a person of their choice. All decisions and judgements of this committee are final and binding.

The recipient's name shall remain a secret until the time of presentation at the I.V.F.A. Convention opening meeting. At that time, the recipient's work and deeds and finally her name are announced.

The recipient receives a corsage, name bar with the year received, a white jacket with the Lois Boaz Award emblem, and the inscribed plaque.

The recipient will then become a member of the selection committee for the next three years.

LADIES, GET THOSE NOMINATIONS IN NOW!!

The Madison Courier

... WE WERE PLEASED TO learn yesterday *The Madison Courier's* coverage of local fire department activities is being disseminated around the state of Indiana. Madison Township Fire Chief ROBERT BLACK was giving information on a farm implement fire to *Courier* Staff Writer WAYNE ENGLE, and he told the reporter that when attending the Indiana Vol. Fireman's Association convention this year, he had noticed in the organization's quarterly newspaper that eight or 10 news items from the *Courier* on local fires were included. "That newspaper goes all over the state of Indiana, because any volunteer fire dept. that's a member of the IVFA receives it." Black explained.
Sat, Dec. 21, 1991

Lincoln Township youths \$1000 richer

By JOHN SCHEIBEL
Morocco Courier editor
MOROCCO - Coming forward with valuable information paid off for two local youths.

Two Lincoln Township youngsters each received \$1,000 checks last week as rewards for information regarding arson and vandalism at the Lincoln Elementary School over the summer.

Brad Sandberg, an investigator with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office, presented two \$1,000 checks to the Newton County Prosecutor, William Sammons, and the chief of the Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department, Capp Wann, at a ceremony Tuesday.

Wann passed on the money to the two youths, who wished to remain anonymous.

The rewards were provided by the Indiana Arson and Crime Association in cooperation with the Indiana State Fire Marshal and the Property Insurance Companies in Indiana.

The two Lincoln Township youths were rewarded for coming forward with information about a fire and vandalism that caused \$16,000 damage to the school and softball facilities on Saturday, July 13.

People involved with the Lincoln Township Little League discovered the damage at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 14.

Wann said the fire in the school building was set on Saturday in one of the entrance areas.

When the individuals who set the fire left the building they closed the doors behind them

which cut off the fire's supply of oxygen and caused the fire to burn itself out, Wann said.

In addition to setting the fire the three youths responsible for the damage spray painted school property and stole a public address system, money, baseball cards, baseballs and bats from the concession stands at the softball fields.

Two 13-year-olds and one 15-year-old were charged with the arson and thefts at the school.

The stolen property was recovered and returned to the Little League.

Sandberg credits the two anonymous youths with providing the information necessary to solve this case.

He also gave credit to the local law enforcement agencies for working to resolve the case quickly.

By Wednesday of the week following the fire the case was resolved, Wann said.

"It came together because of a team effort of the fire departments, the Sheriff's department, the Fire Marshal's office and the Prosecutor's office and it takes that team effort to have a successful investigation," Sandberg said.

The two rewards are the first rewards of their kind presented to residents of the Newton County, Sandberg said.

Wann said, however, that the two youths who provided the information came forward with information before knowing reward money was being offered.

The Indiana Arson and Crime Association offers up to \$1,000 to people who provide information leading to the arrest of person or persons responsible for arsons or major crimes.

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From Your Safety Committee

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As we embark into the new year we felt the need to heighten the safety awareness of the firefighter and emergency responders that read this paper. We have set a goal of attempting to write an article for each edition of our paper that will touch on the safety and well-being of all.

The first topic we choose to write about is "Mobile Water Supply Apparatus" as defined in NFPA 1903; most of us refer to them as tankers. This is a vital part of our fire suppression equipment; the best trained and equipped department can do little without adequate water supply. Some very important questions should be answered by your department about this piece of equipment; whether it be existing, being modified or a new one is being specified.

What type of terrain is involved in the response area? What type of roads and bridges will it have to traverse? How large is the area it will have to serve? How much fire flow is likely to be needed? What manpower is available to operate it?

The primary function of a tanker is to haul water. The vehicle must be heavy enough to do this safely and efficiently. The first consideration is the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the chassis as it was constructed. From a safety standpoint, the brakes, tires, and suspension are the primary importance. Since it is an emergency vehicle, it often will be operated at relatively high speed and may be required to maneuver suddenly. It is a good idea to choose a chassis that has a GVWR of at least 10 percent more than the maximum load anticipated. This will provide the margin of safety that can make the difference between arriving on the fire scene in a timely manner or getting involved in an accident that may result in extensive property damage or even loss of life.

The balance of the vehicle is also important. If the front wheels carry too much of the weight or too little, the steering won't be responsive and it may be difficult to control. A bad front-to-rear weight ratio also can cause one of the axles to be overloaded while the gross vehicle weight is well within the specified limit. When the vehicle is fully loaded, the front axle should carry no more than 36 and no less than 30 percent of the total weight, on a two axle vehicle. If it is equipped with tandem axles on the rear, the front axle should carry between 22 and 28 % of the total weight.

The longer the distance that the tanker will have to travel in a typical water shuttle, the more water it needs to carry. Over the short haul small, maneuverable tankers may be able to deliver as much water as larger ones. NFPA 1231 Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting may be of help in determining this.

If a tanker is used in a rural area with narrow roads and bridges with low weight limits, limit the gross vehicle weight to 30,000 pounds. Although the need for quick response is not normally nearly as great for a tanker if an effective water shuttle operation is to be performed, the tanker will be required to travel at a reasonable speed and be handled well on the road.

Equally important to the safety

of the emergency responders and the public is the warning devices. The tanker must have adequately audible and visual warning devices. In addition to the red lights visible 360 degrees by Indiana State Law, NFPA 1903 requires intersection lights, work area, step and walkway lighting, reflective stripping and back-up alarm, to name a few.

The best defense is a good offense, so obtain a copy of NFPA 1903 and/or Fire Apparatus "A Guide to Repowering, Reconditioning, and Reconditioning" by F. Wesley Dolezal. Review these and consider the importance of providing the safest vehicle possible for this task.

If you fail to see the importance in this, ask these questions of your department:

Can the Chief Officers and Governing Body afford the responsibility of knowingly operating an unsafe vehicle?

Can the department afford being charged with negligence for knowingly operating an unsafe vehicle that resulted in property damage or loss of life?

Will the insurance carrier stand behind a claim involving a vehicle that is considered unsafe?

Please consider these and other aspects of safe operation of emergency response vehicles. We must reduce the number of injuries and deaths involving responding to and returning from alarms.

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This information-packed film discusses where propane, butane and propylene are likely to be found, explains their principal hazard properties, and outlines safe outdoor and indoor storage conditions. It tells how to carry out a fire safety analysis, and how to minimize the danger of a leak or spill during transfer operations, which is when many LPG incidents occur. Emergency responders are taught priorities in sizing up and controlling an incident, including isolating the area, eliminating sources of ignition, monitoring for flammable atmospheres, and cooling tanks exposed to fire in order to prevent container failure. The film also tells how BLEVEs occur and explains that letting a fire burn may often be the best tactic.

"Propane, Butane and Propylene" was produced on location with the cooperation of fire departments from Nashua, NH; Rochester, NH; Hartford, CT; and Glastonbury, CT. The technical committee for the program includes Henry Renfrew, Connecticut State Fire Marshall and a member of the NFPA 58 Committee; Bill Butterbaugh, Asst. Vice Pres. of Technical Services of the National Propane Gas Assoc.; David Blomquist, Fire Protection Engineer for Chevron Corp.; and Mike Hildebrand and Greg Noll, principals in Hildebrand-Noll Associates hazmat consulting firm and authors of numerous articles relating to hazmat response.

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Firefighters Train



The Call Leader

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Fireman Given Aid



(Photo by Patti Casterline)

Scott Crull, with the Madison Township Fire Department at Hobbs, is given assistance after being overcome by smoke during a house fire Monday in that village. Crull managed to crawl from the building but was unable to walk. The house, belonging to Alan Dickover, was occupied by Teresa Shupperd and Rick Keifer, both of whom were to work at the time. Shupperd had two cats, believed to have died in the fire and a collie, which was able to escape.

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"The Coriolis Effect???"

By Cooney Tucker

The weather is affected by two great forces and by many smaller ones. The first is a great circulation of air caused by heated air at the equator. Heated air expands and becomes lighter and rises and flows Northward. As it loses heat and becomes cooler it condenses and becomes heavier, it sinks and flows Southward.

The second is ground to air friction. As the Earth turns, its surface speed varies depending on latitude. At the equator the Earth is approximately twenty-four thousand miles in circumference and as it makes one revolution in twenty-four hours, the approximate surface speed is one thousand miles per hour. At the North Pole the ground speed is particularly zero. This illustrates the different ground speeds at different latitudes.

The air, of course, does not keep up with the ground speed but a twisting action is imparted to the air causing it to turn and circle in a clockwise direction - observed from above. Tornadoes always turn in a clockwise direction. South of the Equator the effect is the same except the circulation is in a counter clockwise direction.

This twisting is called "The Coriolis Effect" named after a French scientist who researched the phenomena.

Now the question? What has this to do with fire fighting?

The "Effect" is imparted to fluids and can best be observed in still bodies of water, one right in your home. Fill your kitchen sink and sprinkle some pepper in the water so as to more readily observe the direction of circulation. Pull the stopper and if your drain is not restricted or obstructed, you can see the clockwise motion of the water as it rushes out the drain.

As your pumper drafts water from a dumptank or any shallow body of water the whirlpool at the strainer will not be evident until a certain GPM flow is reached. As the flow is increased the circulation of the water is increased to a point where a whirlpool or tornado effect is formed in the water with air in the center of the whirlpool. If the flow is further increased or the depth of the water over the strainer is reduced, this column of air will reach the suction hose and be drawn into the pump and kill your prime.

There are three things you can do to prevent this:

1. Reduce your rate of flow. 2. Increase the depth of water over your hose. 3. Find something that will float and put it over the air column. The circulation of the water will keep it in place. On one occasion we used a pop can which helped but wasn't quite big enough. A small square of plywood is ideal. Another time the home next door had a cord of stove wood in the yard and a chunk of wood worked well.

In burning a house for training we experienced another example of the 2 "Coriolis Effect". After our laddering and ventilation were completed the house was well involved. Roof and second story was gone with fire over the entire first floor and in the basement.

A neighboring department had just acquired a high-expansion foam generator and this was set up to flood the basement with foam through an outside basement stairway.

After the operation was going well the wall above the generator fell outward injuring a man and damaging the generator. I was greatly surprised as I had checked the wall just before the generator was started. The wall was well anchored and the corners still intact. It was three days later before I learned the reason for the collapsed wall. I had a man in the road controlling traffic, in front of the house, and he observed a fire whirlwind or tornado moving around the first floor. This developed after the generator was started. The generator with a four foot fan and plenty of power put a blast of air along with the foam into the basement causing the whirlwind to form. As it roamed around the first floor it finely touch the wall bringing it down.

Any time you see such a whirlwind in a fire watch it carefully as it has a lot of power.

RESCUE: From an old copy of the "Indiana Fire Service News".

Child with a foot caught in a pipe or drain. Use a stove poker with the end bent at a right angle (or any slim steel rod similarly shaped) slip the poker down past the leg to catch and raise the child's heel so the foot doesn't jam as the leg is raised.

FALLING WALLS: Fire can cause great damage to the structural elements of a building. Firefighters need to recognize the loads these elements may carry and how these loads may shift during fire fighting operations causing these elements to fail.

We identify 14 loads that may be encountered.

GRAVITY - Always trying to pull down the structure. WINDSHEAR - Forces apply to a building by the wind. DEAD LOAD - Weight of the building and anything permanently attached. LIVE LOAD - Any load not permanently attached. IMPACT LOAD - Any load delivered in a short time. STATIC LOAD - Applied slowly and remains constant. REPEATED LOAD - Repeatedly applied. CONCENTRATED LOAD - Heavy load located at one point. AXIAL LOAD - Straight and true. ECCENTRIC LOAD - Off side. TORSIONAL LOAD - Twisting. COMPRESSION LOAD - Compression. TENSION LOAD - Pulling apart. FIRE LOAD - Potential fuel.

'We were lucky to make it out alive'

Early morning blaze levels rural Rensselaer home

By MARY KAYE KOCH
Republican Staff Writer
RENSELAER - A rural Rensselaer family lost everything except their lives to a fire early Wednesday morning but the mother of the family said that she and her husband and two daughters will go on and make the best of it.

Debbie Lucas, an employee of Fagen Pharmacy in Rensselaer, awoke about 5 a.m. this morning to the shrieking of a small fire alarm at her home on 630W. Lucas credits the device to saving their lives. Lucas, and her husband Jimmy, an employee of Talberts and a student at Saint Joseph's College, and their two daughters, Ambyr, a fifth grader, and Alina, a third grader, were sleeping at the time of the fire.

The fire completely leveled the two story home, after heavy winds brought bringing the fire under control to a halt.

"We were lucky to make it out alive. The first thing we heard go off and if it hadn't been for the small fire alarms, you would have had four dead bodies," Lucas said, while staying with her parents, Allen and Pat Toben, who reside in the only other home on the road.

Lucas said the first thing she thought of when being awoken at 5 a.m. was that it was time to get up.

"I remember looking at the clock and it was about 5 a.m. The first thing I thought was that it was time to get up, being awakened like that (suddenly) was my first thought. I then realized what was happening and I woke up my husband and said, "Jimmy, the house is on fire." We then grabbed the kids and got out of the house," she said.

The family then ran out to the garage and got in an automobile to make their escape.

"Everything just burned to the ground. The firemen just couldn't keep up with it because of the wind. Everything is gone. We have lost everything," Lucas said.

One of the things that the Lucas' have not lost is their will to go on.

"We have got our lives. This is not something you want in the last part of December, but it has happened. You know, you work hard for everything and then in a moment it is gone. But, it has happened and we have a positive outlook and well, we'll go on," Lucas said.

Since the Lucas family has lost everything, Lucas asks that if anyone in the area has anything that they are not using or are going to throw away, to donate it to them.

"We certainly would appreciate it," she said.

Mrs. Lucas wears medium size clothing and her husband wears large or extra large. Alina wears size 14 clothing and her sister, Ambyr, wears a ladies size small.

A fund has also been set up at Bank One of Rensselaer. Anyone interested in donating to the family, may go to either the main branch or drive-through and make a monetary donation to "The Lucas Family Fund." Loraine Mitchell of Bank One said that other items which wished to be donated could also be brought to the main office.

According to Rensselaer Fire Chief Lawrence Swartz, about 15-18 men helped battle the blaze and no injuries were reported except several firemen having minor frostbite. Swartz added that the firemen had been at the fire since about 6 a.m. and were just re-

turning to the department at about 12:15 p.m. Mutual assistance was called in from Remington.

No further details were available from Swartz, but Lucas believes the fire to be electrical in nature.

To: Directors and Alternates From: Paul S. Lukas, Secretary "FIRE FIGHTERS GLOVE INQUIRY"

Following the lengthy glove discussion at the Texas meeting the enclosed firefighter's glove inquiry was developed to obtain feelings from users of how well or not our current gloves are. There is a copy of the form below. Feel free to duplicate the form if necessary. Completed forms are to be sent no later than February 29, 1992 to:

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South Plainfield, NJ 07080

All information received by use of this form will be submitted to the appropriate National Fire Protection Association Committees. Please do your part to assist in gathering the information.

FIRE-FIGHTER'S GLOVES INQUIRY

1. All of the below listed qualities are desirable in a fire-fighter's glove. Which are most important to you? Indicate these qualities by marking an "X" next to the four most important.

- _____ Fit
- _____ Comfort
- _____ Durability
- _____ Flexibility
- _____ Warmth
- _____ Grip
- _____ Dexterity
- _____ General Appearance
- _____ Color
- _____ Thermal Protection
- _____ Waterproof
- _____ Other (Please Specify)

2. Using the same qualities as detailed in part 1, rate your current gloves by placing an "X" in the appropriate column.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Fit	_____	_____	_____	_____
Comfort	_____	_____	_____	_____
Durability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Flexibility	_____	_____	_____	_____
Warmth	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grip	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dexterity	_____	_____	_____	_____
General Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Color	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thermal Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____
Waterproof	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. If known, write in the brand name or manufacturer of current gloves.

4. Approximately how long do your current gloves last?

5. Indicate with an "X" the size glove you normally wear.

- _____ Extra Extra Small (6 1/2" to 7")
- _____ Extra Small (7" to 7 1/2")
- _____ Small (7 1/2" to 8")
- _____ Medium (8" to 8 1/2")
- _____ Large (8 1/2" to 9")
- _____ Extra Large (9" to 9 1/2")
- _____ Extra Extra Large (9 1/2" to 10")
- _____ Other (Please Specify)

6. Do you have any problem with "liner pull-out"? (Lining and/or insulation coming out of glove when removing your hand.) Indicate with an "X" in the appropriate position.

- _____ Never
- _____ Sometimes
- _____ Most of the time
- _____ Always

7. Please write any comments pertaining to either your current gloves or suggestions for improving fire-fighter's gloves.

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**Public Relations
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**Allen County dedicate new
fire station**



Carl O. Davis

Just a few lines to say we made it through the holidays and only gained a few pounds. Hope that each of you had a good Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Nothing new down here. Weather has been good and no major fires. Good turn out at the District meetings. Over three hundred at the Vincennes sausage supper. About one hundred at the Perry-Clear Creek Spaghetti Supper. Turkey barbeque well attended. Thanks to the Depts. for a job well done. Takes a lot of planning and work to make these a successful meeting.

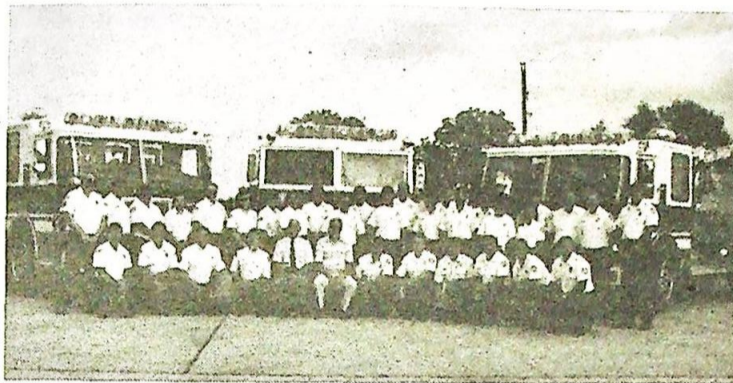
Don't forget our Stress Management School on March 22, 1992 at the Jasper Fire Station. Would like for husband and wife to attend. The meeting will be from 8:00 to 4:00. There will be six schools in the states, so if you miss one, try to make one of the others.

Midwest Awards - too late had to be in by Feb. Officer's Meeting. Bridgeport Scholarship applicant must have the forms completed and in State IVFA Secretary's hands by March 1, 1992. See Dist. Chairman or PR Officer for applications.

Early registration for the 1992 Convention. Save 15.00 if you send in your money before May 1, 1992. Motel rooms will be held until May 17, '92. After this date all rooms not booked will be turned loose.

Letters for the Ollie Sandberg Award must be in hands of the Vice President by May 1, 1992. Mr. IVFA letters must be in hands of the committee by April 1, 1992. Keep the cards coming and I will try to make your meetings.

That's it for this time.



On Sunday, August 25th 1991, Southwest Allen County Firefighters along with residents gathered to dedicate their newly constructed fire station.

The new station is located in Lafayette Twp. which is one of the three townships served by the fire district. The fire district constructed the new station to provide protection to that area of the district which previously had to wait sometimes up to 30 minutes for help to arrive. The new station is the third station the Southwest Fire District operates.

Some of the features of the station incorporates is a sprinkler system, the first for any fire station in Allen County. Along with a fire protection alarm system. Administrative offices are located on the first floor with the dispatch room, records retention and computer room and the firefighters living quarters. The second floor houses offices for the stations Assistant Chief and EMS Division Chief along with a conference room and SCBA maintenance room. The apparatus room provides parking area for up to six district vehicles. Safety features in the apparatus room include exhaust extraction fans and ground level booster tank filling capabilities.

Purchased also were two new Pierce four door Dash pumpers and the rehabing of the 1977 Ward LaFrance pumper by Renewed Performance Inc. Currently the fire district has a new 2600 gallon tanker on order and is expected to be in-service by late spring. A new radio system is being purchased which will include new mobile radios, portables, pagers and base station with a repeater system.

The Southwest Fire District Board of Trustees oversaw the bond procedure to finance the improvements. Board President Ellis McFadden, Vice President Dwight Siela and Secretary Roy Saylor conducted the ribbon cutting ceremony at the dedication by using the "Jaws of Life". Upon completion of the ceremony, a open house was held. Over three hundred people attended the open house. Tours of the new station, pumpers and a display of the Parkview Memorial Hospital Samaritan Helicopter were conducted. The Southwest Fire District pro-

jects over eighty square miles in Allen County which includes large sections of Interstate 69, Interstate 469 and the General Motors Truck and Bus assembly plant. There are seven full-time firefighters with the Fire District along with a part-time secretary. Eighty volunteer firefighters provide the bulk of the staffing for the Department. The Southwest Fire District responds on the average to over six hundred and fifty fire and EMS calls each year.

Currently the Southwest Allen County Fire District operates fifteen pieces of fire apparatus which includes: three (3) 1500 GPM pumpers, one (1) 1000 GPM pumper/tanker, one (1) 3000 gallon tanker, Two (2) rescue units, one (1) 85 foot snorkle, two (2) wildland response vehicles, two (2) basic life support ambulances, one (1) four wheel drive medical response van, one (1) supply van and one (1) chief's vehicle. The Southwest Fire District also houses the Allen County Hazardous Materials response group vehicle.

Donald Patnoudé, Fire Chief
Southwest Allen County Fire District

**Firefighters
show courage,
skill**

Recently, a fire broke out in a local Crown Point resident's home in the middle of the night. The Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept. was paged out and Crown Point EMS, for whom I work, responded also. We arrived at the same time Crown Point Police Officer Mike McColly did, and were told by a bystander that their relative might still be in the house. They stated that the relative's bedroom was close to the entrance of the home. Officer McColly assisted me in breaking in the locked door. I crawled into the home in hopes of finding someone close to the door but was driven back by the heavy smoke (visibility was about three to four feet).

Shortly afterward, the fire department arrived, with Fireman Bill Alder and Fireman/EMT Steve Van Woerden being the first to arrive at our location. With their self-contained breathing apparatus already on, they immediately started their search for the victim. In less than one minute, the patient was found and brought out to myself and my partner where advance life support was initiated. The patient was unconscious and barely breathing but soon improved.

I wish to thank Officer McColly for his efforts in helping gain entry to the residence which helped expedite the patient's rescue. But I especially want to thank and commend firefighters Alder and Van Woerden. Without their brave efforts the patient could not have survived.

If the city were to give a cita-

tion for outstanding public service or an award for the firefighter-of-the-year, the deeds of these men would exemplify what awards would stand for.

Brad Allen

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Courses included in this offer are: *The Volunteer Firefighter: A Breed Apart

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*Surviving the Hazardous Materials Incident

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FIREFIGHTERS SAFETY (I) OSHA, NFPA and YOU

This article is the first in a series of five on Firefighters Safety - (I) OSHA, NFPA and YOU

The most important resource in our community and the fire service is the firefighter . . . YOU!

In the 1970, when President Richard Nixon signed Public Law 91-596, it was declared one of the most important pieces of legislation ever enacted by Congress. The Occupational Safety and Health Act was to ". . . assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working condition to preserve our human resources." This law established the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) within the Department of Labor, this was the first national accident prevention legislation in the United States. It further allowed states through a cooperative agreement to administer their own program, Indiana elected to do just that and now you have the state of Indiana administering the Federal OSHA program through the state, Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA).

However, one of the last groups of employees to benefit from the requirements of this occupational safety law is the same group that has repeatedly had the highest injury and death rate among workers over the last several years . . . the fire service . . . firefighters. Not only have we been slow to react, but many still believe that it doesn't apply to them. OSHA regulations apply to all FIREFIGHTERS . . . whether career or volunteer, the same as injuries and deaths hold no designation.

PART 1 - PHYSICAL/MEDICAL EXAMINATION

First lets review the question, who or what is the Fire Brigade? OSHA 1910.156 is the Fire Brigade Rule, it has several parts, most of which will be mentioned in the upcoming articles.

"1910.156 (a) (2) Application. The requirements of this section apply to fire brigades, industrial fire departments and private or contractual type fire departments . . . This requirement does not apply to airport crash rescue or forest firefighting operations." This includes about every fire department in the State of Indiana, especially those doing interior structural firefighting.

In this first article we will explore the OSHA Rules and the NFPA Standards as they affect Physical/Medical Examinations. The first to be reviewed is the OSHA Fire Brigade Rule, 1910.156.

"1910.156 (b) (2) PERSONNEL. The employer shall assure that employees who are expected to do interior structural firefighting are physically capable of performing duties which may be assigned to them during emergencies. The employer shall not permit employees with known heart disease, epilepsy, or emphysema, to participate in fire brigade emergency activities unless a physician's certificate of the employees' fitness to participate in such activities is provided. For employees assigned to fire brigades before September 15, 1980, this paragraph is effective on September 15, 1990. For employees assigned to fire brigade on or after September 15, 1980, this paragraph is effective December 15, 1980."

Now this rule does not tell you what this physical/medical examination is to consist of, however, I will later give you some general guidelines.

The next rule that requires a physical/medical that affects the first service is OSHA 1910.134 Respiratory Protection.

"1910.134 (b) Requirements for the minimal acceptable program.

(b) (10) Persons should not be assigned to tasks requiring use of respirators unless it has been determined that they are physically able to perform the work and use the equipment. The local physician shall determine what health and physical conditions are pertinent. The respirator user's medical status should be reviewed periodically (for instance, annually)."

First, most physicians know little about what's required of a firefighter in doing the job, tasks, operations and physical requirements. Therefore, they will treat most firefighter's physical/medical like they would the general public. This is a major mistake. We are different. The physical and mental stresses created by this work require us to be in better physical and medical shape than the people we are expected to save and serve.

Second, the officers of the department should establish the tasks that are likely to be performed in an emergency operation by firefighters and the equipment they will wear and use to perform those tasks. Now at this point you have established the foundation of the requirements for the physical/medical. I believe that ALL personnel who actively participate in emergency operations who are members of your fire department should receive a physical/medical (i.e. firefighters, EMT's, etc.). It can give everyone peace of mind in regards to their personal health and safety.

Now you need to select a physician in your area to perform your physical/medical examination. An emergency room type physician would be the most preferred, however, these physicians may not always be available in your community. It is important to find a physician who is interested in your reason for this physical/medical, not just because it's the law. Present this physician with your job description and guidelines; discuss things that are important to both of you in regards to establishing this examination. Develop a form (figure 1) that can be a permanent part of each firefighter's personnel records maintained by the department, with only the chief having access. Remember this information/ examination is strictly confidential by law. After the examination guidelines have been established, present these to members of your department so that there may be questions asked and answers given. Set a time, date and location that is agreeable by the physician and department. After the physical/medical examinations have been given, it is very IMPORTANT that those receiving examinations also receive feedback on their results. The physician should also make recommendation as how to correct some of the situations or problems found during the examination. This is one of the most important parts of the physical/medical examination, FEEDBACK, to understand and receive assistance in problem areas. Likewise, it may be a problem shared by many people in your department and the issues may be easier to address as a department. For those people who fail these examination, it doesn't mean that you get rid of them. But instead, either assist them in correcting their problems, or if these problems cannot be corrected, determine where these people can be used on your department without jeopardizing their health and safety.

Probably, the hardest answer to find is how do you fund such a activity. In part, through planning, looking ahead at your next year's budget, setting aside funds to pay for the physical/medical examinations. But, in many cases the funds still aren't there. There are two possibilities. The first, have each of your firefighters check their personal health insurance to see if they can receive a physical/medical examination paid for by their insurance. The second, I have helped several departments in Central and Southern Indiana set a physical/medical examination for the department asking several physicians if they would conduct the examinations for a federal/state tax donation. The department would provide the physician with a department letter showing the number of personnel receiving the examination and the value worth of each and total examinations.

Again the only information appearing on the departments report from the physician is approved/disapproved or limitations of the firefighter. All other general health/medical information is considered to be confidential.

This rule like the previous rule does establish the guidelines for this examination. However, I will now give you some general guidelines that I have received from occupational medicine specialists, NIOSH and OSHA representatives.

ROUTINE EXAMINATION COMPONENTS OF EXAMINATION:

1. Complete history and thorough physical examination.
2. Complete vision testing using the titmus screener testing for near and distant vision accuracy both with and without correction as well as testing for depth perception and color vision.
3. Pure tone air audiometry performed by a CAOHC certified audiometric technician at frequencies of 500-8,000 hertz.
4. Complete urinalysis.
5. Complete blood count and differential.
6. Multiple blood chemistries (including sodium, potassium, chloride, CO₂, BUN, creatinine, glucose, total cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose, calcium, phosphorus, uric acid, bilirubin, SGOT, SGPT, LDH, alkaline phosphatase, total protein, albumin, and serum thyroxine).
7. Spirometry.
8. At the conclusion, the Department will receive a report from the physician specifically addressing whether or not the individual examined was medically qualified to perform fire department work and whether or not there were any limitations on these work activities.

The next OSHA regulation to review is 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, especially (f) Medical Surveillance.

(1) Employees Covered.

A medical surveillance program shall be instituted by the employer for the following employees:

- (i) all employees who are or may be exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards at or above the established permissible exposure limits for these substances, without regard to the use of respirators, for 30 days or more a year.
- (ii) all employees who wear a respirator for 30 days or more a year; and
- (iii) HAZMAT employees specified in paragraph (1) (4) of this section.

(2) Frequency of Medical Examinations and Consultations.

Medical examinations and consultations shall be made available by the employer to each employee covered under paragraph (f) (1) of this section of the following schedules:

- (i) Prior to assignment or for employees covered on the effective date of this standard as specified in paragraph (p) of this section.
- (ii) At least once every twelve months for each employee covered.
- (iii) At termination of employment or reassignment to an area where the employee would not be covered if the employee has not had an examination within the last six months.
- (iv) As soon as possible upon notification by an employee that the employee has developed signs or symptoms indicating possible over-exposure to hazardous substances or health hazards or that an unprotected employee has been exposed in an emergency situation.
- (v) At more frequent times, if the examining physician determines that an increased frequency of examination is medically necessary.

(3) Content of Medical Examinations and Consultations.

(i) Medical examinations required by paragraph (f) (2) of this section shall include a medical and work history with special emphasis on symptoms related to the handling of hazardous substances and to fitness for duty including the ability to wear any required PPE under conditions (i.e., temperature extremes) that may be expected at the work site.

(ii) The content of medical examinations or consultations made available to employees pursuant to paragraph (f) shall be determined by the examining physician.

(4) Examination By a Physician and Costs.

All medical examinations and procedures shall be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed physician, and shall be provided without cost the employee, without loss of pay, and at a reasonable time and place.

(5) Information Provided To The Physician.

The employer shall provide the following information to the examining physician:

- (i) A copy of this standard and its appendices,
- (ii) A description of the employee's duties as they relate to the employee's exposures,
- (iii) The employee's exposure levels or anticipated exposure levels, (similar to Figure 2)
- (iv) A description of any personal protective equipment used or to be used, and
- (v) Information from the previous medical examinations of the employee which is not readily available to the examining physician.

(6) Physician's Written Opinion.

(i) The employer shall obtain and furnish the employee with a copy of a written opinion from the examining physician containing the

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Firemen put out Remington fire

Crew feared person was still inside

By Kevin Murphy
Republican Staff Writer
REMININGTON - Carpenter and Gilboa Township Volunteer firefighters braced themselves for the worst Wednesday afternoon when they responded to a call of a man possibly trapped in a burning workshop.

The firefighting crew providing fire protection for Carpenter Township in Jasper County and Gilboa Township in Benton County, was contacted at 1:37 p.m. (CST).

The seven firefighters divided amongst a rescue unit pumper, water truck, and grass buggy were enroute to the first at 1:40 p.m., Fire Chief Mark Jones said from the fire station in Remington late Wednesday afternoon.

By 1:48 p.m., firefighters were on the scene at Benton County Road 900 East, a quarter mile north of CR 300N, seven and a half miles south of Remington.

"The initial response was of a possible missing person who was believed to have been in the shed," Jones said while hanging up his fire gear at the rear of the pumper truck. "I was the first to arrive on the scene, and it (the shed) was totally engulfed in smoke. I was really scared that a guy was in there."

Jones was on his day off from Central Soya at U.S. 24 in Remington.

"It turns out this hired worker on the farm had been out there about an hour before the fire started," Jones said. "We were very pleased to say the least when he came up (to the location)."

The workshop is located adjacent to a house on the property owned by Sam Washburn of Fowler, according to Jones. The initial call was of a hired man working for Washburn who was believed to be trapped in the shed.

Firefighters had the blaze contained by 2:05 p.m. Briefly after the fire was under control, the unidentified man drove up in a pick-up truck.

Jones said from the initial investigation at the scene, the fire was apparently started by a small utility tractor stored in the shed.

Major damage resulted to the utility tractor. Minor damage was incurred by a larger tractor. Jones estimated damage to the structure other than the wiring system as minimal.

"What I've found at this time is the small tractor is what started the fire," Jones said. "The fire started somewhere in that tractor. We can only speculate, but it looks like it might have been caused by an electrical short. I'll know more about it after we talk with the people."

Jones credits the fire department's grass buggy, which holds up to 300 gallons and can pump 300 gallons of water a minute, for getting the fire under control in about 15 minutes from the time of arriving on the scene.

"We don't consider it a grass buggy," Jones said. "We consider it a fast attack pumper because it is easy to maneuver. There was a lot of heat and smoke with the most of the flames coming from the tractor. Our main concern when we got there was to get the building vented. We got in as soon as we could and fortunately, the man wasn't in there."

No other buildings on the property were damaged.

OFFICER'S MEETING

Nov. 2, 1991, Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis. The meeting was called to order by President Nevil. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Parish. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. The roll call was taken by Secretary Kissell with a quorum present. President Nevil called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Howe made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Duane Lantz. The motion carried by a hand vote. President Nevil introduced the guests who had been invited to the meeting tonight. They were Robert Stewart, CPA for the IVFA and Larry Curl. They are on Sunday's agenda.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Nevil reported he attended the EMS conference in Indianapolis and was elected chairman of the EMS Commission. He also attended the caucus meetings in Indianapolis and several district meetings.

Vice President Parish reported he had attended two dedications and nine district meetings.

Chaplain Lantz reported he had several memorials since our last meeting. He attended the 150th anniversary at Madison.

Secretary Kissell announced there are 17,062 members as of this meeting. He reported that he has printed membership forms available that will be passed out at this meeting.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report as of 10-31-91.

Rec. Secretary Davies reported he had attended two district meetings and several local department meetings.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported that he had some supplies on hand.

President Nevil reported that Past President Lockhart had a stroke during the early part of October. The only damage is that he has a vision problem to one eye.

All Past Presidents in attendance passed.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

WC Michl reported attending all district meetings. He announced that his Stress Management class will be held March 28 at DePaw Univ. in Greencastle.

NW Howe reported he had made all district meetings. He gave a 50 year card to a DeMotte member.

NE Kinsey reported he attended a station dedication and all district meetings.

SE Hildebrand was absent.

SW Davis announced his Stress Management class will be held at the Jasper Fire Station on March 22nd. He commented on the OSHA standards.

EC Jackson was absent.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

D1 Kephshere passed.

D2 Stott reported that his attendance turnout has been good at the district meetings.

D3 Bentley reported his EDITH house is now in full service. During the past three months 5000 kids have been through it.

D4 Ferro was absent due to illness in the family.

D5 Glant reported one death in the district. He attended three county meetings.

D6 Engle reported that Larry Curl spoke at his district meeting about the caucus.

D7 Sorg reported presenting a 50 year gold card to a member in his district and has had several deaths since the last meeting.

D8A Fleenor reported delivering two Bibles since the last meeting.

D8B Petro reported his attendance at district meetings was good. He had 32 attend his fire school.

D9A Sutton absent.

D9B Hoehler reported one death in the district. He had visited stations in his district and his attendance, too, had been good.

D10 Neal reported two deaths in his district and he had presented a 50 year gold card to a member of his district.

D11A Meyers reported his last district meeting attendance was good.

D11B Osborne reported attending two county meetings and there had been one death in the district.

D12 Johnson reported presenting three 50 year gold cards to members in his district. His next district meeting will be held at a department which has not been a member of the association for 14 years.

D13A Nulliner was absent.

D13B Cox was absent.

D14 Woodfill reported he attended the 150th anniversary at Madison. He presented a 50 year gold card to a member in his district.

D15 Seitz mentioned he is after those departments who do not belong to the association from his district.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Engle reported he attended the Gibson Co Rescue meeting. He went to a department to discuss grant funds. Discussed an insurance situation occurring in his district.

D17B Zeeks reported on his last district meeting activities.

D18 Heneisen reported three deaths in the district. He has presented a clock plaque to a station dedication.

D19 Covington reported one death in the district.

D20 Palmiero reported on the activities within his district.

D21 Martin reported signing one new department. He attended three county meetings and also reported one death in the district.

President Nevil talked about the IVFA logo and the committee recommendations.

Bill Kinsey announced that the cost for a new association flag from a company in his area will be \$500.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislature, Gene Stofer commented on the license plates for 1992. He stated the current fee is a problem that is being looked into. Also he reported that volunteers killed in action be included in the state benefits along with fire districts included in the accumulative building fund. Physical examinations, they are mandated with no funding. What type of exam is required? The bottom line is there will be six bills that the association will push for passage during the next session of the legislature. He stated that November 19th is the opening day for the legislature and requested that each officer contact their local representative of the legislature to join the state caucus.

Editor's Assistant, Bill Howe stated that the paper will be mailed by

the end of the next week and the next issue will be out in February, 1992. All news is due in to the editor by Jan. 22, 1992.

Public Education, Jim Parker announced that the new benefits page for the District Chairman's package has been printed. Also the 30 second spots are being shown on TV.

Bridgeport Scholarship, Lawrence Swartz remarked that the new applicant forms have been completed and will be passed out.

Fire Schools and Training, Mitch Parish stated that there are two Public Relation Director area schools set up for the program on Stress Management to date and this school includes the spouses.

Historical, Mitch Parish reported that all convention books and all papers except April and July 1972 are accounted for by the committee. He requested additional pictures and information be forwarded to the committee.

Awards, Mitch Parish announced the deadline for the Midwest Award, due by February Officer's meeting and the Ollie Sandberg nominations are due by April 1st.

President's Advisory, Mitch Parish said that if information given is beneficial to all areas of the state, it will be presented at the officer's meeting. If not, it will be directed to the Public Relation Directors.

Blaine Dakota Show, Gene Stofer reported that sponsorship of this program would be difficult for the association. He suggested that the association not accept.

President Nevil remarked that IC 20-12-19.5-1 pertains to free tuition only to any of the state supported schools.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Kinsey quoted a price of \$500.00 for the replacement of the association flag from a company that he had contacted.

Convention '92, Roy Richardson reported that everything is ready and running ahead of schedule. The reservation deadline is May 17, 1992. The campground will be on a first come, first serve basis.

President Nevil announced there is a sprinkler trailer available from the Fire Marshal's Office on a first come, first serve basis. The meeting recessed at 9:16 p.m. until the upcoming day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Nevil with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

Gene Stofer introduced Robert Stewart who discussed the IRS guidelines for Not-For-Profit organizations. On our expense vouchers, all expenditures must be accompanied by a receipt in that amount. Expenditures not with a receipt will be put on a W-2 form. Following Mr. Stewart's presentation, a lengthy question and answer session was held.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS CONTINUED

SE Hildebrand passed.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

The IVFA Booklet, Lee Kissell is looking into revision in future.

The 1991 Convention minutes digest, Recording Secretary John Davies reported that the digest is complete and has been mailed. The emergency Call List, John Davies reported that an updated list has been made and copies sent to all state officers.

Convention '93, President Nevil opened the floor for discussion or comments concerning having the convention along with the expo in 1993 in Indianapolis. A poll of the district chairmen revealed 16 districts approved, 6 districts disapproved, and 4 districts were absent on having a joint convention with the expo. District 12 will research the current By-Laws and make changes into a resolution for presentation at the 1992 convention.

President Nevil read a letter from the French Lick Springs Resort sales office offering their facilities for future convention site.

President Nevil introduced Dan Lee, Deputy State Fire Marshal who spoke to those in attendance. Following his presentation, a question and answer session was held.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Bill Kinsey, Board of Standards Commission commented on the outreach program and gave updated information that will be coming down from the board.

President Nevil announced that the start time for the February meeting will be 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Gene Stofer spoke on the Natl. Vol. Fire Council meeting held in Midland, TX and the need for a uniform Health and Fitness program along with dual standards in the fire service. He gave statistics on attendance to the academy form 1980 through 1990. He remarked on the "Mark Mueller Award" to be presented at the National Meeting next April. He touched on recruitment and retention problems, clothing problems, inspection standard for ropes and death benefits. Also spoke on bills now in legislature, volunteer's activities on a national level and the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial.

Indiana Fire Institute & Caucus program, Gene Stofer spoke briefly on this subject and reminded everyone to invite all State Representatives and Senators to the caucus dinner.

President Nevil announced the recipients from the drawing for the caucus banquet. Also, he will draw two more names to replace two others who for some reason withdrew.

At this time, a motion by Jack Zeeks, seconded by Larry Petro to adjourn the meeting for lunch was made. Motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meetings was called to order by Chairman Glant. A motion by Bill Howe, seconded by Bill Engle to suspend with the reading of the minutes. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Larry Petro, seconded by Bob Bentley not to support the Blaine Dakota project. The motion carried by a hand vote. The association flag, a motion was made by Jack Zeeks, seconded by Dwayne Osborne to have the company make the flag at a cost of \$500.00. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The IVFA logo Committee Report, A motion was made by Bob Bentley, seconded by Bill Howe to accept the recommendations of the committee as printed. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer requested \$1500.00 as a new category into the current budget for social security with holdings for officers as Item #6.

Larry Petro made a motion to allow the funds necessary. Seconded by Dwayne Osborne. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Gene Stofer spoke about a hospitality room cost at the caucus and stated that \$1,000.00 could be taken from the legislature budget to cover this expense.

A motion by Jack Zeeks to take \$1,000.00 from the legislature budget account to cover the hospitality room cost at the caucus. Seconded by Bill Engle. The motion carried by hand vote.

The next issue was the license plate. The policing of next year's plate sales is a major concern right now. Comments and concerns were heard at this time. It was recommended that Gene Stofer and Lee Kissell come up with a solution from suggestions heard at this meeting.

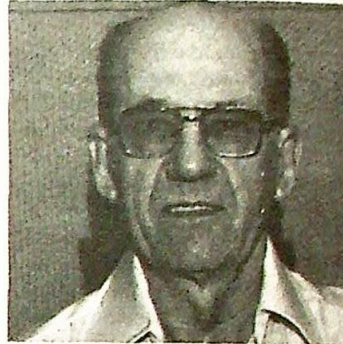
Convention 1992, Roy Richardson requested an additional \$1,000.00 advance for the 1992 convention. A motion by Doug Engle, seconded by Jack Zeeks to allow the association to advance \$1,000.00 to the 1992 convention. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Howe. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz.

John Davies, Recording Sec.

Public Relations West Central



L.J. "Toddy" Michl

Hi everyone,

Just getting a break in the weather in time so I can make all my District Meetings. Went to District 11B at Cayuga. They had a good meeting and good attendance. We had District 11A meeting at my station in Prairie. We had members from Shelburn and Hymera, some hadn't attended before. They showed enough interest to come in this cold weather. We hope they got their questions answered satisfactorily. Thanks for coming fellows, please keep coming and bring your wives next time.

With the State and Federal Government mandating several things we must abide by, this is a good way we can get information to more men and dept's on what they must do. I know we don't have all the answers, but we can give them the information on what we do have. Our Lobbyist are working on several items now and they may need some help calling your State Legislators. If you are contacted, give them all the help you can. This is to benefit all of us.

Thanks to John Davies, I learned that our good friend Charlie Bogden passed away. Charlie was District 12 Sec./Treasurer for approximately 33 1/2 years. My wife and I, Bob and Joann Hays from Honey Creek attended the Memorial Service. District 12 and Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. did a fine job. We will miss Charlie. He was a dedicated member of the I.V.F.A. We should have more like him.

P.R. 3 will hold a Stress Management class March 28th from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at DePaw University. This is on a Sat. This class will be held in the Julian Science and Math Center, same as last year. The building is at the intersection of Hanna St. and College on the southwest corner. Parking on the West side of the building. It will be a class for husbands and wives. There will be no charge for attending. I will send flyers to each dept. in the P.R. 3 area. Everyone is welcome to attend. See you at your next meeting.

Monroe Twp. family loses home in blaze

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

Flames of an undetermined origin destroyed the home and all the possessions of a northern Jefferson County family late Sat.

"They even lost their Christmas tree," said Fire Chief Robert Black of the Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., referring to the Terry Geisler family.

Black said Geisler, his wife and their baby lived in the two-story, wood frame farmhouse on Camp Meeting Road, in northeastern Monroe Township near Jefferson-Ripley county line. It was 2.5 miles off Highway 421 and could only be reached over rough terrain, Black said.

"The alarm came in at 11:50 p.m. Saturday," he explained. "Mr. Geisler was watching television and Mrs. Geisler was asleep in a bedroom, both downstairs. Their baby was staying with the grandparents."

Black said that Terry Geisler heard a loud "pop!" sound. "He thought it was on TV for a few seconds, then he heard another one and went to investigate," the chief said.

Geisler went upstairs and saw flames traveling across the floor of a room on the second floor. "He ran downstairs, woke up his wife and got her out of the house," said Black. "They had no phone, so he had to run to a neighbor's house to use one. He went to two different neighbors and was unable to wake them up, before he aroused a third neighbor and used the phone there."

Black said the Madison Township fire engines were going out the door of the firehouse within three minutes of the first alarm, but that then it took 18 minutes for them to arrive at the fire scene because of the long distance involved and the rough terrain they had to travel. The Canaan Vol. Fire Dept, dispatched to the scene. Monroe Twp. has no fire depts of its own and is protected by Madison Twp. and Canaan.

"We found the house totally involved (engulfed in flames) when we arrived," Black said. "The out-buildings were far enough away that they weren't threatened by the fire, but we had to stay away from one part of the house because electrical wires burned through and fell. But the electrical company did shut them off."

"We were also hampered by lack of a water supply," said Black. "This was due to being in the extreme northeast part of the township, and extreme north of the county. We had to go into Ripley County to reach a fire hydrant."

He said Township and Canaan each sent a pumper and two tank trucks to the fire, and the Jefferson Providing Ground dispatched a pumper and tanker under the mutual-aid agreement.

A total of 18 firefighters from twp., eight from Canaan and two from JPG, answered the alarm.

Black said the Geislers lost everything they had. He said those wishing to donate clothing can contact the Madison Twp. Station Two at 273-4100 tomorrow from 12:30 to 3 p.m. or Thurs. at the same hours, to obtain clothing sizes. He said the family also needs the usual household appliances.

Black said he and First Assist. Chief and Cause and Determination Investigator Tom McClelland are still investigating the cause of the blaze.

No one was injured.
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following:

(A) The results of the medical examination and tests.
(B) The physician's opinion as to whether the employee has any detected medical conditions which would place the employee at increase risk of material impairment of the employee's health from work in hazardous waste site or emergency response.

(C) The physician's recommended limitations upon the employee's assigned work.

(D) A statement that the employee has been informed by the physician of the results of the medical examination and any medical conditions which require further examination or treatment.

(II) The written opinion obtained by the employer shall not reveal specific findings or diagnosis unrelated to occupational exposure.

(7) Recordkeeping.

(i) An accurate record of the medical surveillance required by paragraph (f) of this section shall be retained. This record shall be retained for the period specified and meet the criteria of 29 CFR 1910.20 (Access to employee exposure and medical records).

(ii) The record required in paragraph (f) (7) (I) of this section shall include at least the following information:

(A) The name and social security number of employee

(B) Physicians' written opinions, recommended limitations and results of examinations and tests;

(C) Any employee medical complaints related to exposure to hazardous substances,

(D) A copy of the information provided to the examining physician by the employer, with the exception of the standard and its appendices.

The NFPA Standards address this question of physical/medical examinations in several areas.

"NFPA 1001 (A-2-1.3) Medical and Physical Requirements Applicants shall be required to successfully pass a rigorous medical examination and physical fitness test. The nature of the tasks which a firefighter will be called upon to perform requires an unusually high degree of physical fitness, agility and dexterity. Firefighters experience an exceptionally high rate of service connected injuries and deaths which is indicated by the studies revealing that firefighting is a most hazardous occupation."

NFPA 1401 (4-2) Emergency Scene Use, Chapter 4 - SCBA Training - Annual Personnel Certification

4-2.2 Prior to initial training, personnel shall be examined and certified by a physician as being medically and physically fit in accordance with chapter 2 of NFPA 1001.

NFPA 1500 (5-3) Occupational Health & Safety 5-3.6 All members using SCBA shall be medically certified by a physician on an annual basis, and shall be regularly trained, tested, and certified in the safe and proper use of this equipment. When this evaluation is conducted by a physician other than the fire department physician, the evaluation shall be subject to the review and approval of the fire department physician.

The law establishes the responsibilities of (I) OSHA and the duties and rights of employers and employees. The spirit of the act is for employers (fire departments) and employees (volunteer and career personnel) to establish a cooperative effort to recognize hazards, implement plans and provide and use safety equipment, incorporate safety in training, fireground operations and enforce existing regulations.

The next issue will feature Part II-Firefighters Safety (IOSHA), NFPA, and YOU . . . Personal Protective Equipment.

REFERENCES: 29 CFR Parts 1900 to 1910 (revised 1990) 1910.120, 1910.134, 1910.156 NFPA standards 1001, 1404, 1500 (If you have any questions, please contact me at Warren Twp. Fire Dept., 501 N. Post Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46219 - Phone 317-899-3303)

MEDICAL EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FITNESS TO USE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

EXAMINEE'S NAME _____ SSN# _____ DATE _____

EMPLOYER _____ EXAMINEE'S SUPERVISOR _____

PERSONAL PHYSICIAN _____ AGE _____ D.O.B. _____

HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____ (stated)

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW FULLY AND GIVE DETAILS ABOUT "YES" RESPONSES IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

1. HAVE YOU EVER WORN A RESPIRATOR BEFORE? YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE ANY APPARENT DIFFICULTIES YOU NOTED WITH RESPIRATOR USE _____

2. HAVE YOU HAD OR DO YOU NOW HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? YES NO

A. LUNG DISEASE OR PULMONARY PROBLEMS (e.g. ASTHMA, EMPHYSEMA, CHRONIC BRONCHITIS, ABNORMAL CHEST X-RAY)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. PERSISTENT COUGH?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. CHRONIC SPUTUM (PHLEGM) PRODUCTION?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR BREATHING PROBLEMS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. HEART PROBLEMS OR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (e.g. HEART ATTACK, ANGINA, ENLARGED HEART, MURMUR)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYERTENSION)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. DIABETES?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. HISTORY OF FAINTING SPELLS, SEIZURES, EPILEPSY?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. FEAR OF TIGHT OR ENCLOSED PLACES (CLAUSTROPHOBIA)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. SENSATION OF SMOTHERING?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. RUPTURED EAR DRUM OR CHRONIC EAR DISEASE?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. IMPAIRED HEARING?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N. IMPAIRED VISION?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O. WEAR CONTACT LENSES OR GLASSES?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P. ANY OTHER CONDITION WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH RESPIRATOR USE OR RESULT IN LIMITED WORK CAPABILITIES?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q. ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL CONDITIONS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
R. ARE YOU TAKING ANY MEDICATIONS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PLEASE EXPLAIN "YES" ANSWERS _____

SMOKING HISTORY: DO YOU SMOKE? YES NO HOW MUCH? _____ HOW LONG? _____

HAVE YOU EVER SMOKED? YES NO # OF YEARS NOT SMOKING _____

HAVE YOU HAD ANY CHANGES IN YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY SINCE YOUR LAST PHYSICAL EXAM FOR RESPIRATOR USE? _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN "YES" ANSWER _____

EXAMINEE'S SIGNATURE _____

FIGURE 1

MedCheck
Occupational Health Services
Community Hospital Indianapolis

REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EVALUATION FOR RESPIRATOR USE

WORKER'S NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ D.O.B. _____
SUPERVISOR _____ DEPT _____ DATE OF REQUEST _____

- I. Check the type or types of respirator to be used:
- Atmosphere-Supplying Respirator Continuous Flow Respirator
 - Open-Circuit SCBA Closed-Circuit SCBA
 - Supplied Air Respirator Combination Air Line and SCBA
 - Air Purifying (non-powered) Air Purifying (powered)
- II. Check the reason(s) respiratory protection will be required:
- Oxygen deficient work atmosphere
 - Simple asphyxiants—specify (ex. solvents) _____
 - Chemical asphyxiants—specify (ex. carbon monoxide) _____
 - Respiratory Irritant Gases (ex. chlorine, ammonia) _____
 - Fibrogenic dusts (eg. asbestos, silica) _____
 - Nuisance dusts—specify _____
 - Systemic toxins (eg. lead) _____
- III. Check the level of work effort required by examinee during respiratory use.
- light moderate heavy strenuous
- V. Anticipated length of time of respirator use in hours or minutes.
Hours: _____ Minutes: _____
- VI. Special work place conditions (eg. high places, temperature extremes, protective clothing, etc.): _____

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

WORKER'S NAME _____ DATE OF EVALUATION _____
CLASSIFICATION FOR RESPIRATOR USE:
 NO RESTRICTIONS ON RESPIRATOR USE.
 SOME SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON RESPIRATOR USE: _____
 NO RESPIRATOR USE PERMITTED.

Physician's Signature _____

Physician's Name _____

APC 10 131255 549 A service of MedCheck and Community Hospital Indianapolis

FIGURE 1A

WARREN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EXPOSURE REPORT FORM

(1) NAME _____ (2) SOCIAL SEC. NO. _____
(3) DATE _____ (4) INCIDENT NO. _____
(5) INCIDENT DATE _____

I. INCIDENT TYPE (Mark one only) (Mark with "X")

(6) <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE FIRE	(7) <input type="checkbox"/> DESERT/BRUSH FIRE	(8) <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE FIRE
(9) <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSION	(10) <input type="checkbox"/> EMS/RESCUE	(11) <input type="checkbox"/> TRASH/DUMPSTER
(12) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Describe in one or two words)	(13) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Describe in one or two words)	(14) <input type="checkbox"/> SPILL/LEAK

II. LENGTH OF EXPOSURE BY FIRE STAGE/ACTIVITY (Mark appropriate box with "X")

FIRE STAGE:	ACTIVITY:			
	(a) 1 HR	(b) 1-2 HRS	(c) 2-3 HRS	(d) 3 HRS
(7) INCIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(8) FREE BURNING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(9) SMOLDERING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(10) NON-FIRE INCIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(11) EXTINGUISHMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(12) VENTILATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(13) SEARCH/RESCUE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(14) OVERHAUL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(15) EMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(16) INVESTIGATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III. SMOKE/CHEMICAL/OTHER EXPOSURE (at fire, spill, or rescue scene) (Mark appropriate box with "X")

(17) SMOKE CONDITIONS	(18) LIGHT	(19) HEAVY	(20) NONE	(21) SMOKE COLOR(S)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D.O.T. ID#	CHEMICAL(S) PRESENT	HAZARD	DOT	LOOK	PL	COMP. PROP.	BOB	POISON	EXP.	FLUOROC. LIQUID	SEVERITY
(22)											PRECAUTIONARY
(23)											LIGHT
(24)											MODERATE
(25)											SEVERE

(23) TYPE OF CHEMICAL EXPOSURE: (a) Inhaled (b) Ingested (c) Skin Contact (d) Eye Contact (e) Injection
(f) Other _____

IV. SYMPTOMS (Mark appropriate box with "X")

AT INCIDENT	SYMPTOM	AFTER INCIDENT	AT INCIDENT	SYMPTOM	AFTER INCIDENT
(a) Date	(b) Date	(c) Date	(d) Date	(e) Date	(f) Date
(24)	Eye Burn	<input type="checkbox"/>	(30)	EARS RINGING	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(28)	NAUSEA/QUEASINESS	<input type="checkbox"/>	(34)	OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
(29)	DIZZY	<input type="checkbox"/>			

V. MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS

(35) Did you receive medical evaluation or treatment? YES NO

(36) Diagnosis: (a) Smoke inhalation (b) Contact dermatitis (c) Respiratory tract irritation
(d) Other _____

(37) Doctor/treatment facility: _____

(38) Date of follow up exam: _____

VI. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT/DECONTAMINATION

(39) Did you use full turnouts and SCBA? YES NO

(40) Did you use special protective clothing/equipment? YES NO Type _____

(41) Were decontamination procedures followed? YES NO Describe _____

VII. List names of others working with you at time of exposures: _____

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

(43) _____

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Bill Kinsey

Winter has arrived in North-east Indiana. Just when it appeared that we wouldn't see snow nor subfreezing temperatures, Mother Nature changed her mind and reminded us that we have four seasons in Indiana.

Winter firefighting brings additional hazards to the field of firefighting. More injuries occur as a result of cold, slippery conditions than from burns and falling walls. Be prepared. Take time to dress right and clear the windows of your vehicle before responding. BE CAREFUL!

The District Chairmen in Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7 are to be congratulated for their continued efforts in pipelining important information from the State & Federal level to the local fire departments via district meetings. They are also continuing recruiting new members in our association. Thank guys!

As of January 15, 1992, the Governor has not communicated with outgoing members of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education as to their status. Member Commissions expired December 31, 1991 but state that members serve at the pleasure and discretion of the Governor until a successor is appointed. The January meeting of the Board is postponed at the request of Marshal Goddard until January 29. I ask you to urge the Governor to make the appointments. The Board is still the most important Board representing all facets of the firefighting community and controls training standards and certification in Indiana. We can't afford to have the Board diminished in its responsibility and authority. An effective, responsive Fire Marshal and staff are certainly the head of the firefighting in Indiana but the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education is the Heart and the most representative voice of all the firefighters in Indiana.

My wife Jean and I were guests, along with Marshal Goddard and his wife Betty at North Liberty Fire Department recognizing members of that department and presenting Certification of Training under the B of FFPS&E. Congratulations! What a great meal and evening of fellowship. Chief John, if you need help devouring your wife's pies, please call on me. What a baker that lady is. Thanks for the invitation.

I'd like to add another chapter on my trip to Eastern Europe. One of the most interesting parts of the Fire Technology People to People Citizen Ambassador trip was the visit to Switzerland. We saw none of the adverse effects of East Europe on the fire service that we saw in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Berlin. Visiting the fire service in Switzerland was much like visiting a state in the USA.

The country of Switzerland is comprised of 26 counties and 3,000 Fire Districts with a population of 6,671,500 of which 1,094,100 are foreigners. We

were greeted and hosted by the Head of the Swiss Fire Brigade Association which was found in 1870.

The purpose of the association sounds familiar. It promotes all fire brigade systems. Unifies, supports and provides insurance to all firefighters against accident & sickness. It provides centralized representation of all fire brigades and publishes the Swiss Fire Brigade magazine. Membership of the association is comprised of local fire departments, industrial fire brigades, County fire brigade associations,

Swiss union of fire brigade instructors, and the union of professional fire brigade chiefs. The membership is 202,000 volunteers and 300 paid firefighters. Switzerland is a small country so far as area is concerned but because of its shape and geography with the mountains has three distinct ethnic cultures, German, French, and Italian. This article is getting long and I don't want to short change our visit to the Thun Fire Brigade with its live fire demonstration so I'll wait until next time to tell about that part of the trip.

One important point that I've tried to emphasize on my trip to Eastern Europe articles is regardless of how tough things appear to be in Indiana, and we do recognize many of our problems, we still live in the greatest country in the world. No where else in the world do people have the freedom and ability to make constructive changes in our own destiny, without fear of prison or death, that we have in the good old USA.

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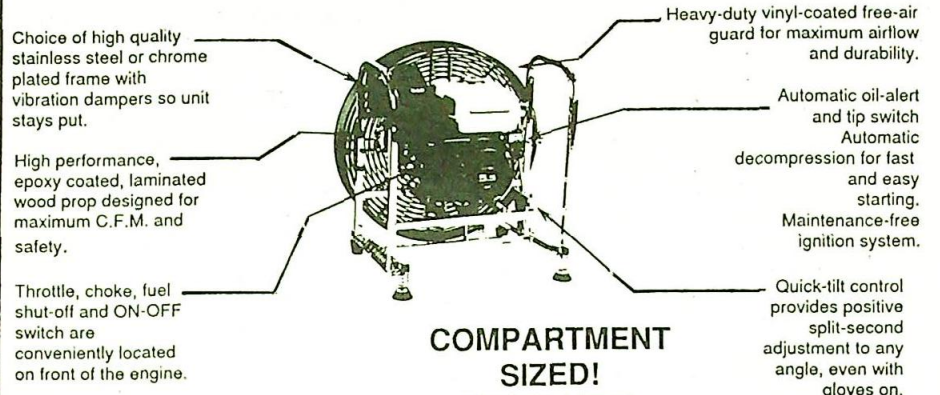


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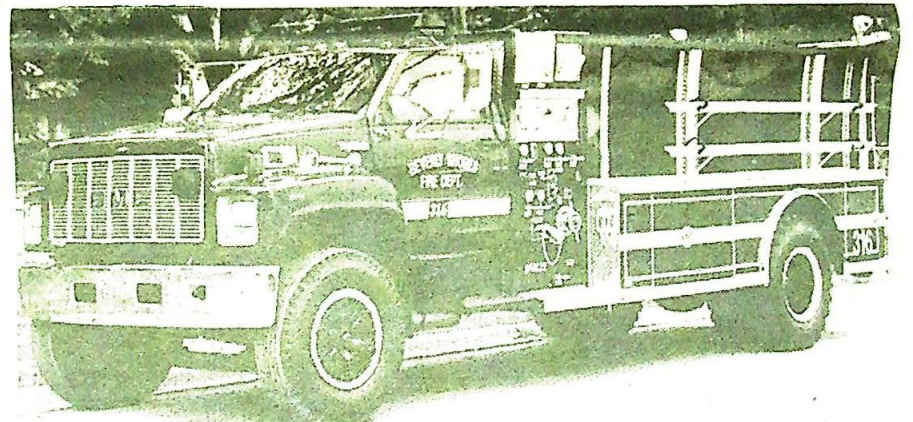
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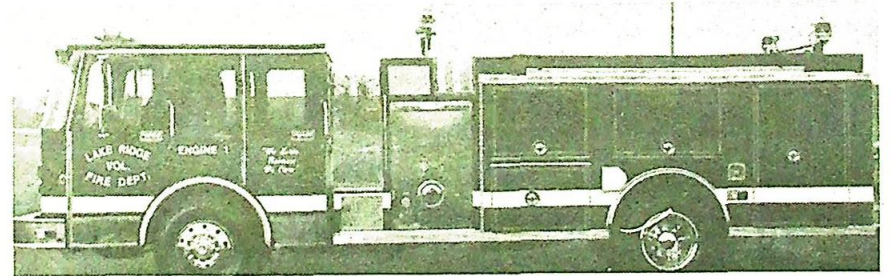
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Allen County Fire Chiefs Association

Nov. 8, 1991

Location: Grabill Fire Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Hamrick at 1936 hours. The minutes of the September 16, 1991 meeting were read and approved. In a correction the radio tower for the new New Haven-Adams Township fire station will be 180 feet high. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Capt. Hadley of Allen County Communications attended the meeting to discuss the new radio codes to be used by both the city and the county. This has been a joint project to standardize the codes due to both using the same Computerized Aided Dispatch system. Code sheets were distributed and the date for the county to convert has not yet been finalized, possibly Dec. 1, 1991. The codes 7 and 8 are reversed from the current city procedures and it was not known if this is a mistake or not. No assignment cards will be available any more but a monthly computer printout report will be available. The term "signal" will be used rather than "code". There have been some problems with the enhanced 911 files due to software changes made by GTE. County fire is now operating off a 100 watt transmitter located at the City-County Building. This will hopefully eliminate phone line problems. More skip problems are being experienced. Please document any problems so coverage can be determined. Routing of party line phones and cellular phones is a problem for the enhanced 911 system. GTE cellular calls go to ISP. Possibly local cellular companies could issue cards to their local users with a 7 digit number to call in an emergency. Scanner permits can be obtained by the chief submitting a list of names, addresses, dates of birth, and social security numbers to the Sheriff. A discussion of the use of "code" verses "signal" has held with the use of "code" supported by a motion.

Karl Stomberg of Backstage Promotions was in attendance to discuss putting on a promotion to benefit this Assoc. The City of

Fort Wayne has not gotten involved, but their union has. Backstage stated they do not use high pressure and phone people with follow ups by mail. They are proposing a basketball game with NFL players verses firefighters. The promotion would run four months they would expect to raise \$1200-\$2000 per night. No up front money is required. Funds would go into our account. The guarantee would be \$5000. A program would be sold at the game with advertising sold for \$50-\$1500. Minimal manpower the night of the game is required. The Jaycees are now running a promotion until 12-14-91. After their representative left a discussion followed. The reputation of the dept's is at stake. Hunterton stopped using a firm soliciting with photos given to those who donate. People may not donate later to department function. A big percentage seems to be going to the promoter in the case of this game. A good cause is needed and one is not seen now. A motion was made and approved to table the topic until Jan. meeting.

Any departments that have not turned in their radio inventories should get them to Don Patoude. The haz-mat consolidation is on hold. A meeting will be held this week. The burn ordinance was prepared by Tony Burrus, the County Safety Director. Copies were passed out. The container for burning will be added to a future revision. This ordinance does not cover incorporated areas of the county. A letter will be sent requesting input to future changes.

The sale of commemorative coins to benefit fire funds has apparently been authorized but details are not available. Flyers for Human Resources Information Systems, Inc. were distributed. They conduct seminars on a variety of topics including: performance appraisals, benefits, hiring, and drug testing. The purchase of a copier for the Secretary was discussed, no purchase was approved at this time. A motion was carried to send a letter of recommendation to the State Fire Marshal supporting the work of Bill Kinsey on the Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. The Fire Service Caucus was held recently. The meeting was attended by Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania. A specialized services inventory was distributed and some additional innuts made.

The goal was to list resources that are available and are unique to a few departments. The 911 printers are now working at the New Haven-Adams Township Fire Dept. A modem would be required to county dispatch for them to do this. The Enhanced 911 rate on the phone bills may go up. This might be a way to put printers in the other fire stations if this could be budgeted. Staging sheets were requested to be sent out again. The meeting was adjourned at 2118 hours.

Meeting Schedule:

March 16, 1992, Huntertown
May 18, 1992, Washington
Treasurer's Report was read.

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Farmland Receives New Tanker



On May 1991, the Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. took delivery of their new 2000 gal tanker, built by SEMO Tank Co. out of St. Louis, Missouri. The new truck was purchased by funds raised by the the fire dept. from wrestling matches put on by W.W.F. and W.C.W. professional wrestling organizations. Also the town of Farmland had accumulated about \$30,000 which the city puts in the trucking budget for the fire dept. The total cost for the truck was about \$76,000. With help from G.M.C. trucking in Muncie the chassie was purchased and sent to SEMO Tanking Co. Gary Hickman, who represents Premier Fire, hooked us up with SEMO which is a very professional company that builds fire dept. tankers and pumpers and they treat you like a king.

The Farmland Fire Chief Troy Williams was presented with a plaque for the hard work that he did getting the ball rolling for the new truck. Everyone on the fire dept. and aux. worked hard for this new truck. The plaque was put on the tanker so everyone could see it.



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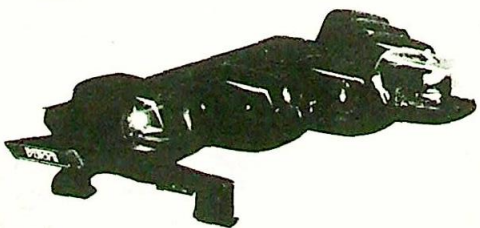
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One Dead, 3 injured in plane crash

First plane wreck since 1977 being investigated

By MARY KAYE KOCH
Republican Staff Writer

RENSSELAER - A plane, owned by Rose Arce Farms, enroute to Seymour, Ind., with four passengers aboard crashed this morning in a field north of the Jasper County Airport, leaving one passenger dead and three others injured.

Killed in the wreck was Jeffery Wilson, 36, of Brook, manager of Wilson Design Builders. Injured was Charles Widner, 44, of DeMotte, the pilot of the craft, Robert Garland, 38, of Brook, who was affiliated with Wilson, and Marcus Rust, 35, of Brook, manager of the Brook branch of Rose Acres.

The plane went down in a field owned by W.L. Strain, of Rural Route 1, Rensselaer, which is located near the corner of 700W and 400S. The field is about 1/4 mile north and approximately 650 feet east.

The exact time of the wreck is not known, but the aircraft was scheduled for take-off at 5 a.m. from Jasper County Airport, according to Jim Steinkamp who is the airport manager. Conditions at the time were foggy. Emergency personnel were made aware of the wreck at about 6:30 a.m.

Garland and Rust were able to walk 1/4 mile from the wreck to tell Strain about the crash. Strain estimated that the two reached his house at about 6:30 a.m. The two walked to the back door of Strain's home to seek help.

Strain described the men as being very bloody and incoherent.

"They were very bloody and they claimed that they didn't know they had even walked here until they got here," Strain said. "I saw those bloody faces and I saw the war all over again."

Strain said that he called an ambulance immediately and that Steinke's picked up the two at Strain's house for transport.

Both Garland and Rust are listed as stable at Jasper County Hospital.

According to Bill Hollerman, assistant director at JCH, Wilson was dead upon arrival after being brought to the hospital by Steinke's Ambulance, but an emergency team attempted to revive him.

Widner was taken from the wreckage by Steinke personnel and Rensselaer Volunteer Firemen. To save time, Widner was transported to the hospital by the fire department's Suburban on backboard, since the all-terrain vehicle was able to travel more easily over the bumpy and muddy terrain.

Widner was then transported by Steinke's to the emergency room at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette.

According to Tony Wesner, vice president of Rose Acres Farms headquarters in Seymour, Rose Acres used the airport several times a week for travel to and from the Seymour headquarters. Wesner said that this morning the plane, a Bonanza A-36 Beechcraft, was enroute to

Seymour carrying its four passengers to a meeting to discuss the construction of a building at the Seymour headquarters.

Steinke Ambulance received a call about the crash at about 6:30 a.m. and its three emergency vehicles were the first people on the scene.

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the call a little after 7 a.m.

Work and transport was impeded because of the location of the wreck. The wreck occurred in the middle of the field, about 80 yards from a set of railroad tracks which goes through the field. The only direct access to the field was Strain's lane, which later dissipated half-way into the rocky and muddy field. It appeared that the plane clipped trees which were located next to the railroad tracks.

The cause of the accident and other details have not yet been released by the Indiana State Police, which is investigating the crash. The Jasper County Sheriff's department was also on the scene.

According to Robert Kinsell, a Jasper County Aviation Board member, the last plane wreck in Jasper County was in 1977, when the late Ray Carter's plane crashed. Carter lost a leg in the incident.

Hammond Firefighter Dies in Blaze

By Mark Taylor
Staff Writer

HAMMOND - A veteran firefighter, whose father died 23 years ago battling a blaze died in a raging warehouse fire that began late Monday night and still is smoldering.

Freddie Beirdron, 34 an 11-year member of the Hammond Fire Department, never emerged from the fire at the George Meyer Co. warehouse, 420 Hoffman St., Hammond.

Tuesday morning fire department officials said there is no way anyone could have survived the smoke and intense heat. By late Tuesday night, Beirdron had not been found inside the charred ruins of the collapsed warehouse.

Beirdron would be the seventh Hammond firefighter to die in the line of duty. His father, Fred Beirdron, died at the age of 35 in a 1968 brush fire.

"He was a hell of a firefighter, a gutsy, aggressive guy who got the job done," Hammond Fire Chief Wayne Duncanson said of the younger Beirdron.

Beirdron was one of five firefighters who answered a call at 11:06 p.m. Monday at the warehouse. They accompanied a Meyer Co. guard into the center of the 5.3-acre storgae facility to determine how to fight the fire.

"I thought if we acted quickly, we might still contain it," Capt. Joe Soltis of Station 2 recalled. "But it was one of the most rapidly escalating fires I've ever seen."

Soltis returned to a three-man crew from Station 3, Beirdron's fire house, while Beirdron and the guard turned down the corridor to find another entrance.

"The last time the guard saw Freddie, he was sitting on top of a forklift, getting ready to move some pallets full of materials out of the way of the fire," Soltis said. "It's a tragic loss. He was a good guy, a good firefighter."

Duncanson said the department got the fire under control around 5 a.m. Tuesday. He said it could take days to find Beirdron beneath the tons of rubble and fallen ruins.

"Our main concern now is finding our fallen comrade," he said. "There will be hot pockets that could take days - even weeks - to extinguish."

The cause of the fire has not been determined yet. It brought departments and civil defense vehicles from Calumet City, Ill., East Chicago, Munster, Highland and Whiting.

"It was spooky," Claudia Krzyzyk of Hammond said of the warehouse blaze. "Like it was raining fire."

She was on the front porch of her Johnson Street home more than one block from the fire watching the blaze when neighbors screamed for her to call the fire department. Some of the debris had fallen and ignited her back porch. Neighbors began to extinguish it with garden hoses.

"I called 911, grabbed my dog, Duke, my purse and a pack of cigarettes and by the time I got on my front porch, the firemen were there," Krzyzyk said. "They were spectacular. They hosed it down in no time."

Neighbors on the small streets north of Hoffman applauded the speed and professionalism of the firefighters.

Trees in the neighborhood caught fire and area lawns were pockmarked by charred patches where debris fell. Some residents evacuated their homes.

"We have the best fire department around," Wanda Gardner, of Cameron Street, said. "They kept at it."

Noel Heinrich, who lives across the street from the Meyer warehouse, stayed up most of the night watching his home. He said the fire department sprayed the neighboring homes to prevent the fire from spreading.

"They did a hell of a job protecting our homes," Heinrich said. "The smoke was so thick you couldn't see. But in the morning, our house was still here."

Meyer Plant Manager Cliff Moore of Munster said the 225,000-square-foot warehouse stored pallets of paper products, corn starch and other packaged goods.

Duncanson said some of the packages of cornstarch ignited, flaked off and spread the fire, causing small explosions, collapsing the roof and sending flames mushrooming over the facility.

The wind changed direction several times throughout the night, frustrating firefighters' efforts to control the spread, Duncanson said.

Firefighters battled the flames from three fronts, trying several times to push it back and retrieve Beirdron, he said.

Tuesday morning the weary-looking firemen were still on the job. During breaks they sat warming themselves in Hammond Transit buses and sipping hot coffee from Salvation Army vans, their faces caked with soot.

Billowing gray clouds of smoke and steam gushed from the warehouse, cloaking the sun in an eerie haze. High above, a firefighter sprayed hot pockets from an extension ladder. Strips of corrugated steel siding flapped like curtains off the side of the building. Steel foundation beams were twisted like pipecleaners, testifying to the power and intensity of the flames.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is sending a national response team to the scene to investigate the cause of the fire, according to bureau Spe-

cial Agent Jerry Singer.

Singer said the bureau has become involved at the request of the Hammond Fire Department because of the magnitude of the fire and the apparent loss of the fireman's life.

About 40 people are employed in the Meyer facility, which was constructed in 1909.

"We don't know what we're going to do," said Dorothy Kovach, a plant secretary. "This could put a lot of people out of work, and it's so close to Christmas."

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Gasaway hugged a tearful Virginia Schelfo, Beirdron's mother, as she crossed the fire lines.

"She said she can't believe it," Gasaway said. "And we can't either."

Post-Tribune

Training Notes Cooney Tucker

Chief Bob Beckley of the Albion Fire Department in Noble County together with the safety men of the Elkhart County CO-OP Propane Gas Co. organized a L P gas school for the Noble County firefighters. A large number of these men attended the school on Oct. 26, 1991. A class room lecture was presented followed by a tour of the local L P gas plant. This was a preliminary class for a hands on school planned for spring of 1992. Ranger people will be involved in the spring training. Cooney Tucker held three rope & knot classes for firefighters of the fire department of the Air National Guard at the Ft. Wayne International Airport during January.

Smoke Signals Heating Systems Spark Fires

Heating equipment failures are one of the leading causes of all home fires, yet heating systems are necessary. The NWSCC Fire Division suggest you learn how to live safely with these potential fire hazards. Caution should be used

with all furnaces, heaters and wood burning devices. Residents should keep things that burn away from them and keep systems themselves in good working condition. Follow the following safety hints:

*Have a professional clean and check your system yearly, before it gets cold. Yearly maintenance may prevent a fire.

*Before installing any heating system or wood burning device, obtain a permit by calling your fire dept. Have a reputable professional do the installation. When complete, have it inspected by the proper authority.

*Have your chimney cleaned every fall. Creosote residue in the chimney can start fires which can spread rapidly.

*Have older chimneys inspected by the fire department to check for cracks.

*Never use gasoline or flammable liquids to start a fire or rekindle a small one.

*Install spark screens and caps on chimneys.

*Keep paper, clothing, trash and other combustibles at least 3 ft. away from the furnace, hot water heater or wood burning device.

*Keep portable heaters away from curtains, beds and clothes. Purchase those that shut off automatically if tipped over.

Furthering their Education

On May 24, 1990 there were 8 firemen from the Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. that took the Second Class Instructor's course. The class was given by Scott Garrett who is a state instructor and a firefighter for the Union City Indiana Fire Dept.

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Each Participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

4th District Miss Flame



4th District Miss Flame was held at Penn North. We said good-bye to Julie Shanholt who has represented the 4th District for 4 yrs.

The honor of Miss Flame was bestowed upon Erica Overhulser. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Fourth District appointed her after being nominated by the Concord Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Her father is a fireman and her mother is involved with the auxiliary.

Erica is a junior at Concord High School. She is a High Honor Roll Student and involved with Students Against Drunk Driving and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Erica sings in the Concert Choir and is a member of the Concord Singers. Frequently she solos for her school and church as well as play the flute. The Overhulser family attends River Oaks Community Church.

Erica will be traveling to the state competition this summer to compete at the state level for the Miss Flame title. The judging will take place in Clarksville during the IVFA state convention in June.

Farm combine is destroyed in fire

Damage was estimated at from \$3,500 to \$4,000 is a fire which demolished a farm combine yesterday at 1:12 p.m. on the Graham Road, about one-half mile north of County Rd. 400 N.

The combine was owned by Paul Adams, who had been using it to combine corn, according to Fire Chief Robert Black of the Madison Twp. Fire Dept. "He had unloaded the combine, and then took the truck in to unload it," Black said. "A resident of the area noticed that the combine was on fire, and went to Bernard 'Boo' Schafer's residence to call the fire department.

Black said Schafer attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher, but it had gone beyond the stage when it could be doused that way.

He said the Madison Twp. and Ryker's Ridge Volunteer Fire Departments were summoned to the scene, as was the Jefferson Proving Ground Fire Department. He said a JPG pumper-tanker made the initial attack on the blaze.

"JPG's fire department has been very cooperative in responding whenever we notify them we need help with working a fire," Black added.

Referring to the damage, he said the motor, cab and drive belt of the combine were destroyed, but that it probably can be repaired.

"The cause hasn't been determined yet, but it may have been an overheated belt, or a clogged air filter," Black added. "The filters on that particular make of combine tend to clog anyway."

MAKE WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS WARM BUT FIRESAFE, SAYS NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

December, January and February most dangerous months, according to the NFPA

More than a third of U.S. home fires and fire deaths occur in the winter months of December, January and February. Heating equipment fires top the list of home fires throughout the year and account for two of every five home fires during these months. Also, one of every four winter home fire deaths involves heating equipment. Yet most of the more than 100,000 heating equipment fires that occur each year could be prevented, says the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The private, nonprofit firesafety advocate is issuing a warning to consumers to use heating equipment safely this winter and use caution with holiday lighting and decorations, which are an added fire risk during December and January. The increased use of auxiliary heating equipment in the 1980s underscored the need for new users to acquire the special knowledge needed to use the equipment safely. Each year, more than 600 Americans die from home heating equipment fires.

"You can heat your home safely, of course," says Meri-K Appy, assistant vice president for Public Affairs and Education at the NFPA. "The key things to remember are proper installation, maintenance and supervision of any heating devices."

"Special care is required when using portable and space heaters, chimneys, and fixed-area heaters (such as wood stoves), since these are the leading devices in the home heating fire problem," Ms Appy continues. "In fact, portable electric heaters cause the largest number of home heating fire deaths, primarily because there are so many of them. Consumers need to be aware that auxiliary heating devices require constant attention to safety and careful use." The NFPA points out that space heaters need space. Keep all heating devices at least three feet away from anything that can burn - including people.

While the winter holidays are a time to be especially concerned with firesafety, it is due mostly to the use of heating equipment, not holiday decorations. "However," says Ms. Appy, "holiday celebrations invite the extra use of lighting and the potential for flammable decorations. Increased cooking and entertaining add to dangers, so Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Eve are important times to firmly re-establish your home firesafety plan."

The NFPA recommends that every household install and maintain a smoke detector on each level of the home, particularly outside each sleeping area, and rehearse at least twice a year a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room.

HOME HEATING SAFETY

Heating equipment is the number one cause of home fires in the United States. Most of these fires could be prevented with proper understanding and use of heating equipment. When purchasing new equipment, be sure to select products which have been tested and approved by an independent testing laboratory. Install and maintain heating equipment correctly and be sure it complies with local fire and building codes. Remember: Safety should be your first consideration when heating your home. Here are some firesafety tips to remember:

- **SPACE HEATERS** - Space heaters can be either electric or liquid fuel-powered. Both types must be placed at least 36 inches away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other combustibles over space heaters is a fire danger. If you have an electric space heater check each season for fraying or splitting wires and overheating. Have these problems repaired by a professional before operating it. If you have a liquid fuel-powered space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never use gasoline or any other substitute fuel. When re-fueling, always turn off the heater and wait until it cools down before adding fuel. If you are considering a kerosene heater, be sure to check with your local fire department before purchasing to find out if it is legal in your community. Store the kerosene away from heat or open flame in a container approved by the local fire department and be sure it is clearly marked with the fuel name.

- **FIREPLACES** - Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect your home and your family by using a sturdy screen when burning fires. Remember to burn only wood - never burn paper or pine boughs which can float out the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes.

- **WOOD STOVES** - Be sure your wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned periodically. Follow the same safety rules for wood stoves as you would for space heaters. Burn only wood and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with the local fire department and check local codes before having your wood stove installed.

- **Portable LP (Propane) Gas Heaters with self-contained fuel supplies (cabinet heaters) are prohibited for home use by NFPA firesafety standards.**

HOLIDAY FIRESAFETY

The winter holidays are a time for celebration and that means more cooking, lots of parties and a risk of fire! In recent years, over 600 (644) fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees (539 in homes), causing an average of 14 deaths, 70 injuries and \$12.1 million in direct property damage. Follow these firesafety tips to help keep your family safe during the holidays:

- **HOLIDAY LIGHTING** - Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept well away from decorations or other combustible materials. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, up high, out of the reach of children. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees! When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory. For outside decorations, use only those lights labeled for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put lights on a metal Christmas tree.

- **HOLIDAY PARTIES** - Decorate only with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. Provide guests with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After a party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

- **OTHER HOLIDAY FIRESAFETY** - Choose a fresh Christmas tree, and put it in a stand designed not to tip over. Place the tree well away from heat sources and exits, and water it constantly. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, don't burn fires in it! Choose holiday gifts wisely, passing up those that could be highly flammable.

- **KITCHEN FIRESAFETY** - Wear tight-fitting clothes when cooking; loose clothes can be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot handles in and never leave the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove. Don't store items on the stove top, they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition and turn them off after use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

1991 National Fire Protection Association

Farmland Vol. Fire Department Second Class Certification



The three newest members of the Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. recently completed their state required 100 hours training for Second Class certification. Seen here with their certificates are: James Lee, Larry Savage, and John Foudray.

IVFA Secretary Lee Kissell

Hello everyone. I hope you are all having a mild winter season as we are here at Lawrenceburg in Dearborn County. I don't like snow or cold weather, so this has been my kind of winter.

Another year for the IVFA is about over and that means work for me. Before long, I will be preparing your 1992 dues billing. This billing will go out in late April so you should have it for your May business meeting. Send it back early if possible.

Please be aware that I am still accepting 1991 dues payments but that will cease by March 15. After that date I will send the forms back to you with a letter explaining that our end of the year is May 31. If you still wish to

pay for 1991, you can return the membership forms with the check.

Scholarship Applications are due in my office by March 1, 1992. I have received only a few, so those in need get busy! I have the applications on hand so call if you need one.

I believe the IVFA has now exceeded it's previous membership record. Several years ago the IVFA had just exceeded 17,000 members, but it declined for the next few years.

The membership has again been growing steadily since 1987. I am happy to announce that as of February, 1, 1992 the membership has reached 17,348. These members represent a total of 722 member departments. These numbers are a sign that the IVFA is recognized as the leader in the fire service in the State of Indiana. We are also recognized nationwide as one of the largest state associations in the country. I hope we can continue to grow in the future.

Hazelwood's Annual Christmas Dinner & Election of Officers



Pictured in the front row from left to right: Ron Myers, Karen Cooper, Donnie Salsman, Barney Russell, and Sandy Myers. Back row left to right: Larry Wineman, Ed Nelson, Mike Farmer and Brian Russell.

The Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas dinner and election of officers on December 15, 1991. Guest speaker, James Bruner, presented awards to Dale Armour for 25 yrs of fire service, Larry Bruner for 15 yrs, Ed Emmert for 10 yrs, and Mike Faulk for 5 yrs of active fire service. Also, Jim Bruner and S.J. Salsman were recognized for 38 years of active fire service. James then conducted a memorial service honoring those firefighters that have passed away during the departments 38 years of fire protection. Those remembered were Adrian Scott, Marvin Kinney, Frank Rayburn, Ray Scotten, Harold Cornwell, Jim Kenworthy, Bob Faulk, and Scott Cooper. Fire officers for 1992 were elected as follows: Chief Don Salsman, Assistant Chief Mike Farmer, Captain Ed Nelson, Lieutenant Brian Russell, President Ron Myers, Vice president Larry Wineman, Secretary Karen Cooper, Treasurer Barney Russell, and Assistant Treasurer Sandy Myers.

Sincerely, Karen L. Cooper, Sec

HAPPY LAND ARSON FIRE RESPONSIBLE FOR RISE IN 1990 ARSON DEATHS

National Fire Protection Association's Annual Report shows no increase in 1990 arson structure fires.

While the number of U.S. incendiary and suspicious* structure fires remained unchanged from last year, the death toll rose 16.3%, due mostly to the New York City Happy Land social club arson fire, according to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) just-released "U.S. Arson Trends and Patterns - 1990" report. Arson and suspected arson still constitute the single largest cause of property damage due to fire in the U.S.

Arson is very much a crime of juveniles, who accounted for 44% of all arson arrests in 1990. Nearly three-tenths of all persons arrested for arson were under 15, and more than one of every 15 persons arrested was under age 10. This level of pre-teen involvement is unheard of for any other crime tracked by the FBI. The annual report analyzes information from several organizations, including the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the NFPA. (Note to editor: For a copy of the complete report, please call NFPA's Public Affairs office at 617-984-7270.)

SUMMARY OF NFPA'S 1990 ARSON REPORT STRUCTURE FIRES

In 1990, 97,000 incendiary or suspicious structure fire were reported, accounting for \$1.394 billion in property damage, or more than one of every five dollars lost to fire in structure fires. The largest share of incendiary and suspicious structure fires and losses occurred in residential properties (54% and 47%, respectively), reflecting the large number of these properties in the country.

CIVILIAN DEATHS

There was a large increase in arson and suspected arson structure fire deaths in 1990, with a total of 715 civilians (non-fire firefighters) killed, or one of every six lives lost in structure fires. Nearly all of this 100-death increase was due to the Happy Land social club fire in which 87 lives were lost.

VEHICLE FIRES

There were 51,000 vehicle fires of incendiary or suspicious nature reported last year, up 11% from 1989. The total loss in incendiary or suspicious vehicle fires was \$167 million in 1990.

CONCLUSION

"While progress has been made with the arson problem, that which remains is still far too large," says Dr. John R. Hall, Jr., author of the report and NFPA assistant vice president for Fire Analysis and Research. "Progress will not continue without a sustained, concentrated effort. We should be encouraged but we should remain concerned about the continued high losses of life and property that arson causes."

Established in 1896, the NFPA is an international, nonprofit, voluntary membership association with more than 61,000 members worldwide. The NFPA, publisher of the National Fire Codes® and the Learn Not to Burn® public firesafety education program, also prepares many statistical reports on fire prevention and protection. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts.

* Incendiary fire are fires for which hard evidence indicates the fire was deliberately set. Suspicious fires have less conclusive evidence. Arson is the crime of setting fire.

On Target Certified Fitness Coordinator Workshop

March 9-13, 1992, Prince Georges County Fire Dept., Washington, D.C. Five day workshop to train and certify fire department fitness coordinators. Covers all aspects of firefighter fitness; meets OSHA and NFPA requirements. Provided by ARA/Human Factors. To register or receive information contact: Randy Jewell, 1-800-878-3466.

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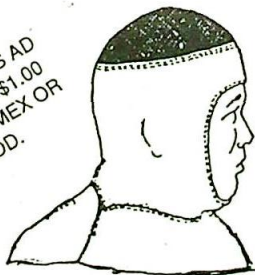
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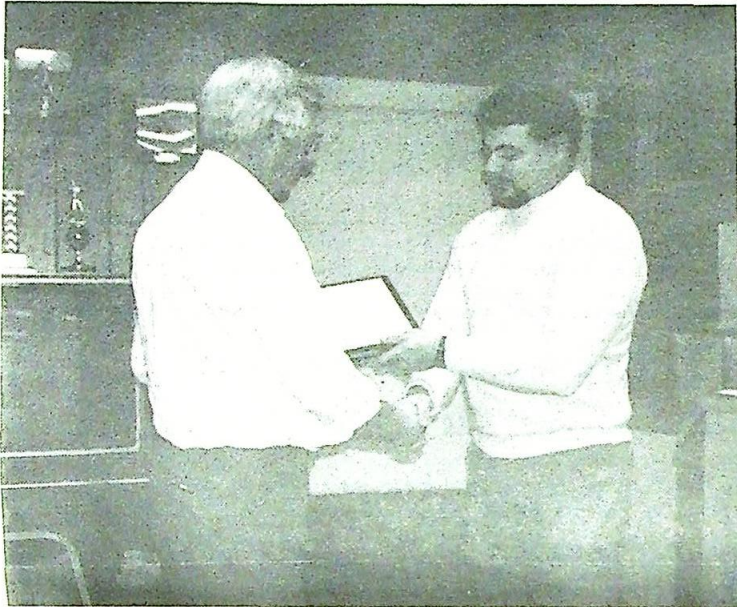
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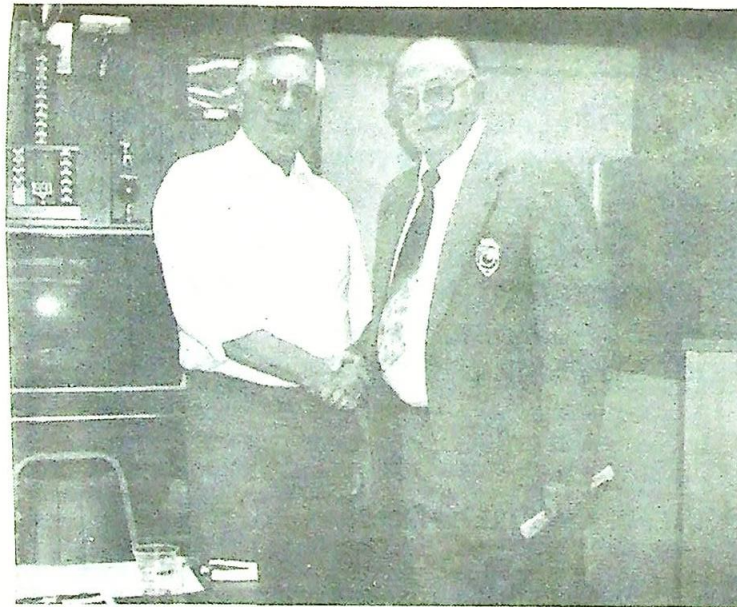
Rensselaer Fire Chief Honored



Mayor Robert Wilcox (Right), Chief Swartz (Left)



Mark Sinclair (Right), Chief Swartz (Left)



Former Mayor Emmett Eger (Right), Chief Swartz (Left)

December 14, 1991 was not only a day of sharing and celebration, but it also gave an opportunity to honor a man who has served as Chief for twenty (20) years. Mr Lawrence Swartz will be retiring from his duties with the department on December 31, 1991. Chief Swartz has served as Chief since January 1, 1972.

The evening started with a wonderful Christmas meal, which was prepared by the firemen's wives. This was followed by many speeches by community leaders and members of the department.

In attendance were Mayor Robert D. Wilcox; I.V.F.A. Chaplain Duane Lantz; former Mayor Emmett Egar; District 9-B Chairman Buz Koehler; members of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department and their wives.

Former Mayor Emmett Eger praised Chief Swartz for his dedication to the community and the department. Mr. Eger went on to praise Chief Swartz's appointment to the Chief's position twenty (20) years ago. Mr. Eger also stated that his choice for Chief, during his tenure, was an excellent decision made for the city of Rensselaer.

Mayor Robert Wilcox presented Chief Swartz with a plaque, in recognition and appreciation for his twenty-five (25) years of service with the department. He also thanked Chief Swartz for a job well done during Mayor Wilcox's tenure.

Firefighter Mark Sinclair presented Chief Swartz with a poem he had written personally for Chief Swartz. The poem was entitled "The Chosen One", which was handsomely mounted on a plaque.

District 9-B Chairman Buz Koehler presented Chief Swartz with a 16" x 20" photo poster of Chief Swartz and his granddaughter Rachel Peck. This was done to make the humorous statement that "tough guys often have a soft heart."

I.V.F.A. Chaplain Duane Lantz thanked Chief Swartz for his dedication to the fire prevention service. He also spoke about many memorable travels together over the years.

Deputy Chief and City Councilman Harold Lakin thanked Chief Swartz for his excellent leadership, and wished him well in his retirement.

Chief Swartz was then presented with a Chief's ring by the members of the department.

That evening everyone enjoyed the Spirit of the Holiday Season. Everyone have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE

Since 1989, CFSI has worked closely with the Congressional Fire Services Caucus (CFSC) to address public apathy to the fire problem. By focusing on Congress, CFSI has brought greater awareness to the vital needs and concerns of the fire and life safety community.

*Expansion of CFSC to over 415 members has helped pass fire and emergency service legislation. Since the formation of CFSC and CFSI, the fire service has witnessed congressional action to reduce the loss of life and damage to property: H.R. 94, the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act and the reunification of the National Fire Academy under the United States Fire Administration are two proud examples of cooperative fire service achievements since CFSI's inception.

*CFSI's annual fundraising event has increased public appreciation for the fire and emergency services. Both the public and private sectors have been fully involved, drawing the attention and support of national and international personalities at our last three events. Past speakers at CFSI dinners include: President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, Mrs. Marilyn Quayle, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, Red Adair, Ambassador Al-Sabah of Kuwait, Senator Biden and numerous other members of Congress.

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*CFSI conducted a National Firefighter Health and Safety Forum on October 14 and 15, 1991 made possible by a grant from the Foundation for the Health and Safety of American Firefighters. A white paper is currently being written to summarize the Forum for Congress.

*The CFSI Congressional Awards Program placed over 200 members of Congress in close touch with their fire service constituents. CFSI issued over 500 awards through this worthwhile program - recognizing the extraordinary achievements and sacrifices of fire service personnel across America.

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*CFSI has become a credible

source of non-biased information for Congress. As a source for objective information on federal fire and life safety issues, CFSI has built a reputation for delivering useful information to our nation's lawmakers on a variety of issues.

In the coming year, there is much to be done. CFSI needs your continued support to respond to the increased demand for information services. The expanding network and the growing concern within Congress to your issues has created a welcome challenge to the CFSI staff.

CFSI is proud to answer the call and meet that challenge, but we need your help. After reviewing some of CFSI's accomplishments, we hope you will agree that CFSI is worthy of your generous support.

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The Washington Hilton is this year's dinner site. When calling to make hotel reservations at the Hilton, be sure to identify yourself with the CFSI group to take advantage of the special discount rate. The number to call at the Hilton is 202-483-3000.

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45th Annual Convention Meeting Friday, June 21, 1991 Vincennes, Indiana

President Lockhart: "We will now call to order and reconvene our 45th annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by our Vice President Ivan Nevil followed by the invocation given by Father Lantz."

Vice President Nevil: Pledge to the flag.

Father Lantz offered prayer.

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to call for the reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting."

Bill Howe: "Mr. President, Bill Howe, PR Director, Northwest, I make a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as published in the paper."

President Lockhart: "A motion has been made and seconded that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as published. Motion passed." At this time, I would like to call for the Treasurer's report and the Audit Committee's report."

Treasurer Gene Stofer: "I have a letter from Robert L. Stewart, Certified Public Accountant, to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. We have audited the financial statements (modified cash basis) of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. as of and for the year ended May 31, 1991 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. I am not going to go through the whole audit, we did have receipts for the year 1990-1991 in the amount of \$195,047.69 in our general fund, unrestricted fund. We have receipts \$9,881.40 in our Bridgeport fund which is restricted to two items only. We had expenditures \$196,514.81 in the general fund and expenditures \$6,006.32 in the Bridgeport fund. The fund balances as of May 31, 1991 in the general fund is \$222,307.41, in the restricted fund is \$85,042.52. Note (1) books of record are maintained on a modified cash treatment of items contained in the records. I would like to call on Mitch Parish who is chairman of the Auditing Committee to make his report."

Mitch Parish: "The Auditing Committee met yesterday and went over the books. We did not find any discrepancies and as Chairman of the Board, we at this time would like to have a motion that you accept the Treasurer's report as given."

Tug Sutton: "I make a motion that we accept the Treasurer's report as given."

Fred Esserman: "Fred Esserman, Liberty Twp, Dist. 1, second the motion."

Mitch Parish: "We have a motion on the floor, duly seconded, that we accept the Treasurer's financial report. All in favor raise your hand. *Opposed. Motion carried.*"

President Lockhart: "Jim Parker will be acting as Parliamentarian for this convention."

Father Lantz: "We have had 72 deaths. Yesterday in our meeting I mentioned the number of years. There is much sadness within our organization. But I am very proud as your Chaplain, to be able to fulfill those duties. I would also like to thank each and everyone of you for the many kindnesses that you have extended to me over this past year. When you think about it, I can remember when I sat out there as a district chairman, if I make it until this noon, I will have 28 years in as your Chaplain. I do not know just exactly how to express myself, when I stop and think about that I owe everything to you gentlemen sitting out there. You have been my support throughout the entire 28 years. May God bless and thank you fellows."

President Lockhart: "I am happy that during the past two years, when I was President that I did not stand in the way to keep things from happening. Some of the accomplishments during the past few years is that the officers have been able to acquire the license plates for the members of the IVFA. It advertises our association. It is the largest and most powerful organization which I have ever been a member of. It is you guys out there that makes this happen. At this time, I would like to call on the Vice President for his report."

Ivan Nevil: "Thanks, Pete. First, I want to thank everybody for the opportunity to have served you as your Vice President for the last two years. I have enjoyed the travels, met a lot of friends. I will cherish these for a long time. I do have a couple things later on for EMS. I do want to make a couple of comments on some changes that have been made there. Thank you, and if there is anything that this association can do for you, do not hesitate to ask. We are here willing to help. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "Mr. Secretary, Lee Kissell."

Secretary Lee Kissell: "Good Morning everybody, firefighters and guests. Comments on membership, they mentioned the license plates this year. I think that has done a lot to bring some new members into the association. Just backing up with a few statistics. In 1987 when I became Secretary, we had a membership of 15,300 with 639 departments paid. That has gone up every year until now and we are hoping it is going to climb some more and I think it will. In 1990 we had a total membership of 16,932 with 693 departments paid. This spring, I added probably 15 to 20 new departments that had never paid dues as far back as I have records showing. The count was 5,892 members with 248 departments in, so that is about twice as many paid for this time of the year as we have had in the past. I want to thank the Board of Directors. They approved a new computer for my office at the last meeting which I expect to be in next week, which will improve the speed of things considerably. The equipment that is available today is much faster, much different than it was four or five years ago. Once again, we need to have your dues in by July 31st. We can accept it if it is a certified mail postmarked on the 31st. We did not get that message out too well last year. It has to be certified mail or registered mail, certified is good enough with a postmark of July 31st. We have had a number of people paying on time. It is up to around 90 percent, we are doing very well. Almost everyone is eligible for Bridgeport. That is the end of my report. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Secretary as this is the end of my fourth year. Hope everyone is getting their news-

paper. We have a few problems with that yet, I still get about 250 addresses back after every newspaper mailing. Get me the addresses and we will get it corrected. Another problem that I have there are 2 or 3 or maybe 4 names that will not appear on the memorial listing today because we do not get funeral notices in and no one calls the chairman or myself or Father Lantz when they have a death in the department. When you get back home tell your guys when you have a death in the department or a neighboring department, remind them that the services of Father Lantz and the Bible and grave marker are available. We need to know the names of these people so we can process that and get it put on the memorial service. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "Recording Secretary."

Recording Secretary John Davies: "I just want to say for the past two years I have enjoyed and appreciated being your Recording Secretary. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush."

Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush: "Guys, I would like to thank you. I don't know what for but thank you very, very much."

President Lockhart: "Lawrence Swartz, Past President."

Past President Lawrence Swartz: "I am just glad to be here and thank you for, all of the opportunities."

President Lockhart: "Thank you, Lawrence. Other past presidents, Jim Parker."

Jim Parker: "Pass on account."

President Lockhart: "Jack Ford."

Jack Ford: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "Gene Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "Bill Engle."

Bill Engle: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "Charlie Jones."

Charlie Jones: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "Carl Bruns."

Carl Bruns: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "Jack Ford."

Jack Ford: "I think everybody can hear me. Bill Goodwin sends his greetings. Sorry he could not make it."

President Lockhart: "I talked to Mr. Goodwin on Tuesday. He wanted me to tell you that he was sorry that he had not made it. This will be the first convention in a long time that he and Janet had not made. Janet had surgery, she is home now. She had two vertebrae in her back fused together and it is going to take a little while for her to recover from that surgery. Apparently she is getting along all right. She is home. Public Relations Directors Northwest, Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "Northeast, Bill Kinsey."

Bill Kinsey: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "At this time, we will interrupt this process because the girls are coming in. Eula Bush, Miss Flame and her court."

Eula Bush: Presentation of Miss Flame and her court.

President Lockhart: Thank you, let's give them another big round of applause. West Central, Toddy Michl."

Toddy Michl: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "East Central, Larry Jackson."

Larry Jackson: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "By the way, that was his daughter that was up here. PR Southwest, Carl Davis, you have been saving up for a year or two. You must have something to say."

Carl Davis: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "PR Southeast, Paul Hildebrand."

Paul Hildebrand: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "District Chairman reports. District 1."

Bob Esserman: "No report."

President Lockhart: "2."

Larry Stott: "Pass, Mr. President."

President Lockhart: "3."

Bob Bentley: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "4."

John Ferro: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "5."

Richard Glant: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "6."

Richard Mackin: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "7."

Mort Sorg: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "8A."

Bob Fleener: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "8B."

Larry Petro: "One thing, if any of you would like to have the Miss Flame at any of your functions, you may contact her through me and we will put her name and telephone number for contacts in the paper."

President Lockhart: "Thank you, Larry. 9A."

Charles Sutton: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "9B."

Mitch Parish: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "10."

Bruce Neal: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "11A."

Robert Meyers: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "11B."

Dwayne Osborne: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "12."

Don Johnson: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "13A."

Jerry Nulliner: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "13B."

Jack Cox: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "14."

Robert Woodfill: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "15."

Mike Seitz: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "16."

Carl Adkins: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "17A."

Bill Engle: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "17B."

Jack Zeeks: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "18."

Virgil Heneisen: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "19."

Paul Covington: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "20."

Tony Palmiero: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "21."

Perry Martin: "Pass."

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to call on Gene Stofer for a report on the National Volunteer Fire Council and the National Fire Caucus."

Gene Stofer: "Good Morning again. Let us start off with the National Volunteer Fire Council. They are really starting to move, especially on legislature. Mandates, no funding, mandates, mandates, mandates and still no funding. Whether we like it or not, it is a law, that we will have physicals. You will be offered Hepatitis B shots. You do not have to take them. But they have to be offered. It is mandated. This is the year that you will have your physical and you will be offered your Hepatitis B shot. These are mandated through OSHA. Some of us are familiar with OSHA. Some of us are not. We do not even have a representative from the volunteer fire service. I think before long, we are going to be writing NFPA's president asking why he is overlooking us. I would like to respond saying we are not second class citizens as volunteer firefighters. I feel that I have a right to vote, and that I have a right to speak to the fire service just like each and everyone of you sitting out there. Blue Lights. Lights displayed on privately owned emergency vehicles. The bill allows two lights on top of your vehicle, and may be no more than 2 lights, that must be seen 360 degrees; two lights bumper level outside of your grill. You can now have 4 lights: two on top and two bumper level. It does not call for any lights inside your vehicle."

Gentlemen, I have enjoyed working for the IVFA. I think the license plate is the prettiest one in the state and the next issue of the newspaper will have information on this for next year. Thank you, gentlemen and have a good time."

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to call on our State Fire Marshal, Mr. Gene Goddard, for a few remarks."

Fire Marshal Goddard: "Thank you very much, Pete. I was kind of hoping that John Shanks was going to be here because he was one of the people that really helped us get all the fire service groups together. Something I have been doing at various meetings is asking how many have smoke detectors and I was seeing around 80%. I then asked how many had an in-house fire drill and found out it dropped to about 30%. That is a little scary because having a detector is one thing but practicing getting out of your house can be totally different thing. Usually that thing is not going to go off during the day; it is going to go off in the middle of the night. That is a tough time to find out that the bedroom window won't open because it is maybe the third time we have painted it and it is now stuck. I think this is another area where we have educate our people. We get them to get the smoke detectors put in; if we can get to the youngsters at the school level to go home and practice fire drills, we can drop the fire fatalities in the state of Indiana, which would be a big feather in the caps of firefighters across the state. I think we need to do some things and make some attitude adjustments; concentrate more on fire prevention and fire safety. I think we have to get working together better. I agree with what Gene said. I think it is

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ridiculous that if we are going to have a 75,000 death benefit it ought to be for everybody and I think if we get together we can do those things. Career people naturally try to do some things that are important to them but in many cases they are just as important to you. Educational wise, a lot of times I know it becomes difficult, but the educational system started out to protect the firefighter. That's what the 24-hour mandatory was set up for to begin with. If they are going to mandate us to do this, let's stick together and see that they mandate the money to do it with. Some of us have better luck than others; some of us have people with responsible positions that handle the money and they help us out. If we don't get some type of state funding process a lot of those not getting any money probably in the next 3 to 5 years aren't going to have a department. It is impossible to keep up with the cost of the equipment that you need out there today. If you don't have the equipment someone is going to get killed. I get calls, how many fatalities were in Indiana last year?, and I have to say I think approximately so many. I say how many fires in the state of Indiana and I have to say I don't know. I am not going to guess because we have to be honest. We will try to do this job if you will give us the information; if you don't send in the information, and I have been told that out of 962 departments we are getting about 600 + on a regular basis. That is not good enough; that is a little over 60% and if we are going to give out information I would have to say these statistics are about 60% accurate. We have to do this together; we want to be sure when we give out a statistic we have the right ones. I want to know what happens in Indiana. These are the things that I would like to see us do and I would like to see us do it together. It is going to take effort on everybody's part; if you have a chief that says he is not going to do it, it is up to the department members to push him to do it. We can all be a big influence if we will try to stick together. I think you will see more respect for the fire service. I think you will see more unity in the fire service. The caucus that is being set up will either make or break the fire service in the State of Indiana. Without funding or without us being together, I am afraid in years to come in the 21st century as we are coming to these conventions we are not going to have 942 fire departments, we are going to have 900, then 800 and the citizens of Indiana are going to be sorry. Let's stick together. Thank you.

President Lockhart: "Thank you, Gene. As of today, Mr. Charles Coffey will no longer be the Executive Director of the Department of Fire and Building Safety. The Department of Fire and Building Safety will come under the offices of Jerry Hauer, Director of SEMA and the Department of Fire and Building Safety.

At this time we will recess for the Memorial Service and lunch."

AFTERNOON

President Lockhart: "This meeting will reconvene immediately. At this time I would like to call on Tim Downey of Downey Insurance."

Tim Downey: "Good afternoon, I would like to discuss with you the junior programs. Those who are active with the junior's program know just how valuable it is to the people of the fire companies. I have some brochures that I would like to leave with you. Those of you with an interest please help yourself. We have a driver training manual that we have been distributing now for about five years. There are a lot of departments for some reason or another that continue not to get one. There is no charge. We intend for you to have it for your benefit. We sincerely hope that you will use it. The purpose of driver training is to keep from killing someone else. We are now issuing a supplement to this, so those of you who have one will receive a supplement in the mail. Those of you who have never had one, please either stop by and pick one up or call us or write us or whatever. We will be happy to send it to you. The last item that I would like to talk about is pensions.

For some reason or other we have been very successful in organizing the pension programs for volunteer fire departments in southern Indiana. The farthest north we have gotten so far is Rensselaer, Indiana. Cannot figure out why, other than the fact than maybe the people in the northern part of the state just don't need the money. Currently there are six, I believe, volunteer firefighters who are drawing pensions for their service in the fire service. They are all from central part of the state or southern Indiana. Those of you who have expressed no interest what-so-ever in it, I sincerely hope you personally have all of the money you will need in your retirement years. Those of you who don't, you pay attention and find out how your organization and community can reward you in a substantial way for your years of service. It is very simple and it is not all that expensive. It is amazing, across the United States it is becoming a very important item in the recruitment and the retaining of members. Those of you who are having problems and I think just about everybody is, the only way that you are going able sustain the continuing membership in your organization is to offer a package of benefits. The last item is the upcoming caucus dinner. We sincerely hope that you and your department will support the Indiana Fire Caucus. Those of you who have been around for a period of time will remember the days when the State of Indiana legislature was barely aware of your existence. Things have gotten considerably better. The IVFA is spending an enormous amount of time and money lobbying and looking after the things on the state level. That is the only way your organization is going to prosper. If you have any particular problems you know how to find us, give a hollar we will assist you any way we can. Thank you. This is our eighteenth year at your convention."

President Lockhart: "At this time, I would like to call on Larry Curl for his report."

Larry Curl: "The President has ask me to give you an update on the Indiana Fire Caucus and the Indiana Fire Service's Institute and I will do that real briefly. In February of this year we had a informational luncheon to which we invited representation from all Indiana State Fire Emergency Associations. At the luncheon we had some fifty seven people in attendance. Three from our association, the IVFA. We had attendance from all different legislators, either senators or representatives. During this meeting, we discussed the forming of the Fire Caucus and the fire institute. Shortly thereafter, the Fire Caucus itself was formed. Today, I am real proud to say that we have at least ten members that I am aware of from our legislative body that belongs to that group. Some of you are asking what is the Fire Caucus? In our case it is a group involving elected officials who are joined together for the purpose of discussing and acting upon a specific, in this case, life and life safety issues. So we do in fact have a fire caucus established and has been formed. We do have some members that belong to it and participate. The sole purpose is to be able to bring up the awareness level for our legislative body. To bring those people up to our needs and our demands. To be able to provide a service to the communities that we live in. Shortly thereafter, we formed the Indiana Fire Services Institute. This institute is going to be the group of people who try to keep our legislative body informed and educated to our needs. Pete, what you said, that might be tough to do. We will attempt to do that. The institute is brought together by a group of people representing every fire and every emergency service organization in the state of Indiana. I would just like to read to you the Board of Directors of this group. Representing the IVFA is Marvin "Pete" Lockhart, and he had delegated his authority to Ivan Nevil for that purpose. Indiana Fire Chief's Association is Chief Wayne Smith and he has in his place Kevin Manning, Chief of the Plainfield Fire Department, the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association, Maynard Masters and he has delegated his authority to Charley Baker, Indiana Firefighter's Association Ralph Luke, International Association of Arson Investigators Peter Bearing,

Professional Firefighter's Union of Indiana, Inc. Thomas Miller, Indiana Fire Inspectors Association Robert Allen, Indiana Fire Safety Association Ralph Gerdes who has delegated his authority to Ralph Norton, Indiana Arson and Crime Association Dan Churchward, the other directors or the forming committee was Harold "Gene" Stofer, Mr. John N. Shanks, Roger Johnson from Elkhart Brass, myself and James Curseaden. We all serve on the institute's Board of Director's. Without going into a lot of detail as to the purpose, background and function of both because of the literature that you have received, I would just like to simply say we feel like we have tried to put together two organizations that will both be educational and informational to support our legislative needs. From the national level if any of you are aware of the National Fire Caucus, and the activities going on in that level. Once you are able to bring the awareness level up to people that can do something about problems, some of our problems can and do get solved. On the national level they implemented the sprinkler system in hotels and motels. Once we were able to bring up the awareness level to the people who can make those changes, then we can get something done. Once we found that there was some action taken on national level we decided it was time we did it on a state level. We have done that. We implemented the program. We have got the caucus formed and organized. We have the institute in place. We are having regular monthly meetings. I have made a personal commitment myself to a three year commitment the first year being a organizational or informational year so that we can get the people aware what was going on. The second year is trying to organize the group. The third year is trying to be productive with it. We are now in the middle of our second year and I think we are right on target. Without taking up any more of your time there were several people that read as directors who are with us today. They are going to be there for the entire convention. They will be happy to answer any questions and to respond any way that we can. We need your help and your support. We certainly intend to give you our support. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "Lawrence Swartz, would you make a report on the Bridgeport Fund?"

Lawrence Swartz: "Well I hope that most of you know that we do have the Bridgeport Fund. I am concerned about the fact that I have received phone calls over the past couple of years about the scholarship availability. I don't think we are getting the message out. I know that I have talked about this at different officer's meetings and today I would like to make the comment that we have other people in our audience beside state officers or district chairman. This is part of going to district meetings. Finding out what goes on, what is available and carrying that message back to your own department, your neighboring departments and make it available to the membership. I think that it was terrible this year to find out the mother of one of the Miss Flame candidates wrote me a letter, sent me the application and that was not even aware of this prior to her daughter becoming involved in the Miss Flame contest. Gentlemen, it is there, get it out. We have only twenty-eight applications. Very, very poor percentage when we have eighteen thousand members. We

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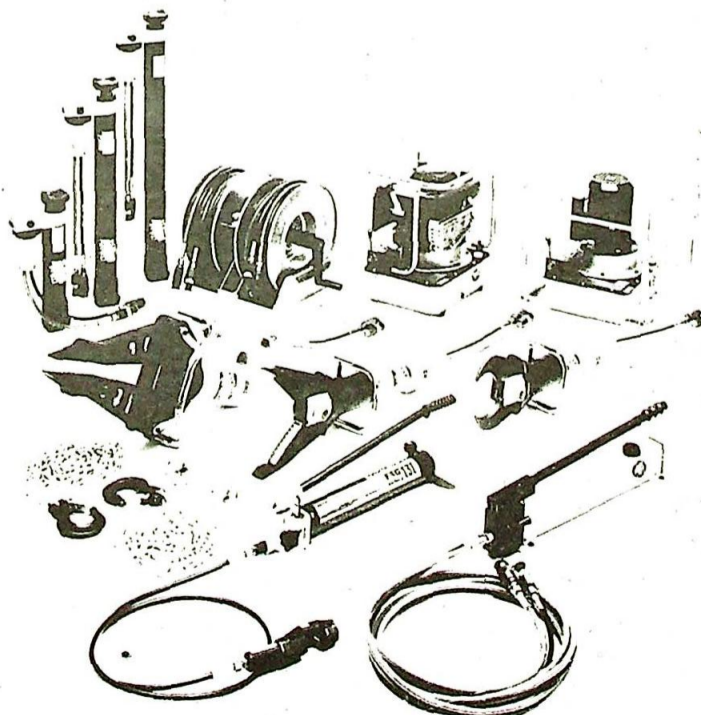
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did have twenty-eight applications this year, twenty-one were qualified to be considered. We did make a selection and hopefully those recipients will be here this evening at the banquet. Again, I urge you to spread the word on what is available to the association. It is an asset to us, and I am sure that those who have received the awards in the past have been very, very grateful for it. In regards to the death benefits, there has not been too much of a change. I believe Gene tells me that he has paid out two death benefits this year. We currently have one pending, and there will be a committee decision whether we pay for it. That is all I have on the Bridgeport report. If there are any comments or questions, I will be glad to entertain them. Thank you, Pete."

President Lockhart: "At this time, I call on Vice President Nevil for his report on EMS, Fire Schools and Training, Awards Program."

Vice President Nevil: "First of all, on the Midwest awards there were two districts that did not participate in the program. As I have traveled around and I have mentioned the Ollie Sandberg Award, I think it is really a disgrace to the award that we have no more nominees for the award then we do. I think the committee had 5 or 6 letters sent in this year for judging. With the deletion of the officers we are talking 17,000 so you take fifty off of that who would be not eligible and we are talking about 16,950 firefighters in the state that are eligible. That is a very low percentage. I would like to challenge each and every one of you out there to write a letter for the Ollie Sandberg Award. It is worthwhile and I think we should promote the program more than we do."

Fire Schools and Training: They went rather well this year. We have had one already in June. If you are going to have a fire school next year let us know in plenty of time so we can get you a certificate of insurance. It doesn't cost anything, but it could sure save a lot in the long run.

On July 1, 1991 non visualized airways and automatic defibulation will be approved for use by basic Emergency Medical Technicians in Indiana. House Act 1521 which adds non-visualized airways as a basic EMT skill has been signed by the Governor and becomes effective on July 1. Prior to utilizing the airways there are certain things that must be done. If you are going to do it, notify the Commission office and they will send you the proper paperwork. The use of the automatic or semi-automatic defibulation must conform to the standards established by the Commission. The use of the defibulation may be only utilized under the direction of a physician's medical directive. It must be signed by the medical director prior to submission. I think there is going to be a lot come out of it. There is also included in this an IV maintenance for the basic EMT. They are not going to be able to start IVs but they will be able to maintain an IV once it is started. We'll save a lot of money; if you have to pick up a patient from a nursing home and they have an IV running they are going to be able under certain conditions to take this patient without having to call an ALS unit in to make the run. There are some things that are positive that are coming out and I think that is one of them that is going to have the greatest impact. The First Responder - will be defined and spelled out and there will be a First Responder's course outlined for the state. At the present time there is one but nothing is stated by law what is a First Responder in the state of Indiana. Everybody that makes a first response is "a First Responder" so there will be some change there.

EMS Conference this year will be held about a month earlier than normal. We are trying to get with - and since this deal has taken place - now we can have a new director. For the SEMA director is also the Fire and Civil Service Director I assume that there is also going to be a crossover on the educators. The PI from the EMS side and they are working to come up with some type of agreement that the instructors on the fire side will be able to cross over and do some cross training. So we are trying to throw everything together. 1992 which is going to be a start for what may be to add on what Larry has talked about on the caucus and institute but the 1992 EMS Expo will be held in Indianapolis. They are bringing in - it's a first. It has not been held here before, but it is just like everything else, we are going to try to get it so they meet here every year if we can. We think we have got a lot to offer in Indianapolis and probably in 1992 the EMS Conference will be held in conjunction with the National EMS Expo which will be held in the month of April. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "Is there anybody here from Convention 1992?"

Roy Richardson: "The Convention for 1992 is very much underway. We have had several meetings. We have the Chairman of the 1992 Convention here, the Chief of Sellersburg, and there is a lady going to be here this afternoon from the hotel. There will be a boat ride, tours, and a little bit of everything will go on in 1992 in Clarksville."

President Lockhart: "The Standards and Education representative. Bill, do you have a report on Standards and Education?"

Bill Kinsey: "Thanks, Pete. The Firefighters Standards and Education Committee Board has made some progress. We are in the process of another re-organization of the re-organization created by the new organization. I think this last re-organization or the next reorganization with Mr. Hauer as the head of SEMA and the Board of Standards will fall under the SEMA umbrella along with the Fire Marshal's office and the Building office and the Academy. As Chairman of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards I also by reason of the position of being Chairman of the Standards Board am a member of the Board of Fire Services Institute which is brick and mortar of the fire academy. There are a couple of different things. Mr. Hauer met with our Board and reviewed the procedures and the backlog and indicated that this is totally unacceptable and will be changed. Hopefully there will be some progress. I am encouraged by the fact that they are releasing the freeze so we may be able to replace some of the secretarial people that will help relieve the backlog as well as changing the methodology of the process of certification. The Board is currently working to determine which or both of the national certification programs to participate in. The National profile applications is back in operation after being suspended temporarily. In the process we are examining to see which of these programs or both of these programs that our certification program would be most suitable. The end result hopefully will be a recognition of the certification that you receive should you decide to go to another state and want to apply for a job that your certification in Indiana would serve as a standard for employment in another state. Many of the things in the area of HazMat and some of the other areas of training is extremely difficult for an individual department or even a regional location to have the money to be able to provide the hands-on training and the proper equipment that is necessary to provide this type of certification. After the Safety Services Institute is in progress there still will be methods for them obtaining Master Certification categories other than at that one location. Certified instructors and the methods that we are currently using will continue to be utilized. Probably one of the things that will be changed is the method of testing because one of the criticisms of our system by the national profile qualification board and the Oklahoma State College Accreditation Congress was that our testing was done entirely by the instructor who provided the instruction and he gave the test, graded it, and submitted the paperwork. These national organizations feel that there needs to be an independent proctor to administer the test and submit the paperwork to the certification office for grading. Thank you."

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President Lockhart: "Thank you, Bill. There being no further committee reports, we will go into new business. The first item of new business, is there any bid for the site selection for 1993? There being no bid for the site selection for 1993, the Board of Directors will make the site selection and the arrangements, if necessary, for that convention. The next item of new business is the historical update book. I will call on Mitch Parish."

Mitch Parish: "Ladies and gentlemen, We have thirty-five years of history and we are trying to compile this into a book like we had twenty-five years ago. We are getting convention books, we are getting history from newspapers to get this information out of them. What we need today, from you people, is a committee that we can have for roughly six years until we get the history book completed. We do not think that we want to pass this information that we picked from different people in this organization. We do not want to pass it from post to post and loose it. We will not be able to get it from them if we do not have a permanent committee that will be in charge of this. When it is done they want their books and their papers back. That is why we are talking to you today about the permanent committee for the six years. We have talked about this in the board meetings, and John Davies, myself, Duane Lantz, Jim Parker, Charlie Sutton, Lawrence Swartz and Carl Bruns have concented to work on this. We need a motion from you people to let us have a six year historical committee to get this done. Please go to the mic."

Joe Komochock: "Joe Komochock, District 1, I make a recommendation and motion."

Mitch Parish: "We have a motion on the floor to go ahead with this
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Investigations continue in Newton Co. arson cases

By JOHN SCHEIBEL
Morocco Courier editor

NEWTON COUNTY - Two arsons in Newton County remain unsolved although the investigations are ongoing, according to investigators.

An arson at the Ten Oaks Mobile Home Park in Lincoln Township claimed the life of seven-year-old Lesley W. Flynn on Monday, Sept. 30.

Two days later, the North Newton Jr. - Sr. High School was the scene of another arson. Damage at the school was limited to a small area of burned carpeting in an entrance area, a broken window, burned ceiling tile and smoke damage in the hallways.

Although no arrests have been made in connection with either fire, Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Capp Wann said Nov. 27 the investigation into both fires is ongoing.

Wann also said his department, the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms continue to make progress on the Ten Oaks investigation.

The U.S. Treasury Department is offering a \$5,000 reward for information regarding the Ten Oaks fire. Persons with information regarding the Ten Oaks fire can contact the Treasury Department at 1-800-RUN-GUNS.

Rewards up to \$1,000 are still offered by the Indiana Arson and Crime Association for information about either fire. People wishing to contact the Indiana Arson and Crime Association can call 1-800-382-4628.

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six year committee. Is there a second to the motion?"

Max Harrah: "Max Harrah, District 11A, I second the motion."

Mitch Parish: "The motion has been seconded, is there any more discussion on this motion? All in favor of the said motion raise your right hand, opposed, motion carries. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "At this time, there is one thing that I have been remissive in doing today, I failed to recognize the dean of the district chairman. A man who has put in many years serving this organization who last night, was awarded the Mr. IVFA award, Tug Sutton. Tug, do you want to say a few words?"

Tug Sutton: "Gene, I never thought when you were elected that you would shoot me down much worse than these other fellows have. But you have done an awful good job. I can see that. I am the oldest, don't know if I am worthy, but I am proud to be one of them. Thank you."

President Lockhart: "At this time, I will call on the Resolutions committee Chairman Bill Howe. The Resolutions Committee set by by-laws are the six PR Directors, Bill Howe is the chairman of that committee, Bill."

Bill Howe: As per the Secretary, there was one resolution presented this year. That resolution met the requirements of the by-laws and I understand that I have to read that complete, so I will start.

On January 24, 1991, at the 19th District regular meeting held at Patriot Volunteer Fire Department, with 50 firefighters representing 16 departments present, the following resolution was discussed and proposed by a unanimous vote to be presented for your consideration. This resolution pertains to Article VIII, Section 1.

Where as: The Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service work very closely together and the Emergency Medical Service does not have a statewide organization.

Where as: The IVFA stands to gain a good number of additional members, increasing our numbers and our revenue.

Therefore, be it resolved that the 1991 Annual Meeting approve this resolution for the betterment of our association.

Article VIII

Section 1.

In towns or communities where fire departments, task units and ambulance services are composed of both volunteer and paid members, any or all members of such departments may become active members of this association and thereafter continue as retired members, provided that not more than fifty percent (50%) are paid at the time of their enrollment.

Section 2.

All members of regular volunteer fire departments, task units, or ambulance providers organized in county, township, city, town communities, or industrial plants in the state of Indiana, may become active members and thereafter continue as retired active members of this association. Members of the State Fire Marshal's office can be issued cards and emblem decals as honorary members.

Section 3.

Any person who becomes a member of this Association by reason of active membership in a regular organized fire department, task unit or ambulance service and subsequently retires or resigns from said organization while in good standing in this association, may continue to pay annual dues as specified in Article VI, Section 4. Members of the Armed Forces, provided that they were members in good standing in this association at the time of entry into service, will be exempt from paying dues and/or receiving benefits until they return to active status in their department. They may be issued an honorary military card, if requested of the secretary by their organization.

Members of volunteer ambulance services and task units shall have the same rights and privileges as granted to regular active members in other articles of these by-laws.

Signed, Paul E. Covington, Jr. District 19 Chairman. Mark Wirth, District 19 Secretary."

President Lockhart: "You have heard the resolution. Is there a motion on the floor?"

Mike Cole: "Mike Cole, District 10, I make a motion that we accept this resolution."

President Lockhart: "A motion has been made, is there a second?"

Paul Covington: "Paul Covington, District 19, I second the motion."

President Lockhart: "Motion has been made and seconded that we accept this. We will have a ballot vote. Will the nominating committee for the nomination of officers come forward. We have the vote tally. We have a corrected vote count. The corrected vote count is now 239 eligible voters. We have a vote count of 232, there was 169 voted yes, 63 voted no. The resolution does pass and will become part of our by-laws. I now call on Carl Bruns, President of the Nomination Committee."

Carl Bruns: "The committee has met, and has selected a slate of candidates for your consideration. We will start with president. Lawrence Swartz will take care of the President and Vice President."

Lawrence Swartz: "The committee recommendation for president to lead the organization for '91 and '92. At this time committee would like to give the honors to place in nomination the name of Ivan Nevil for President of this association for the year '91 and '92. Do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations? Nominations are closed. I will recommend that the Secretary of the association declare one unanimous vote for President of our association, Ivan Nevil."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA, I do declare one unanimous for Ivan Nevil for President for the upcoming year for the IVFA."

Ivan Nevil: "A lot of conversation has been held and there was some mention of holding a joint conference with all the fire service organizations. It will be held in conjunction with the fire expo in Indiana. It will be a yearly fire expo. How it is going to run, nobody really knows. There are a lot of things that have to be done yet. A lot of ideas have been thrown across the table. We will try to keep you informed what is going on. Try to support the Fire Marshal's office the best way that we can. Right now we have a fantastic relationship with them. Thank you."

Lawrence Swartz: "For Vice President of the Association for '91-'92 the committee recommendation at this time is that we would like to place the name of Willie "Mitch" Parish, the current Chairman of the Board, in nomination for vice president '91-'92. Do we have any other nominations for vice president?"

Fred Esserman, District 1: "Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "I decline."

Lawrence Swartz: "Do we have any other nominations for Vice President? Do we have any other nominations for Vice President? Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, I ask you to declare one unanimous vote for vice president, Willie "Mitch" Parish."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I do declare one unanimous vote for Mitch Parish as Vice President of the IVFA for 1991-92."

Mitch Parish: "Ladies and gentlemen, we have a lot to look forward to. We do need work with the State Fire Marshal. We have a new one in there and I think we need to get behind him 100%. I know that I am going to support Ivan 100% and try to visit all the departments if they let me know where they are at and how to get there. Thank you a lot."

Lawrence Swartz: "As we all know we have a gentlemen that has served us faithfully for many, many years and has become a very close friend of mine. During my trials and tribulations as Vice President and President made many miles with me. The nominating committee at this time would like to nominate for the 29th consecutive year hopefully, since he made it past noon today, for Chaplain of our association, Duane Lantz. Do we have any other nomination? Do we have any other nominations: Any other nominations for chaplain? Nominations are closed. Mr. Secretary, I ask you to declare one unanimous vote for chaplain for father Duane Lantz as he starts his tour for his 50th year and gold card as being chaplain."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I declare one unanimous vote for Father Duane Lantz for Chaplain for the IVFA 1991-1992. Congratulations."

Duane Lantz: "Thank you, fellows and gals. As I stand here before you, I wonder where all the time has gone. But we, as I said in my message this morning, are making so many strides forward, and I don't think that we have seen anything yet. I am just real proud to be your Chaplain. God bless you all and just hope the good Lord gives me all the stuff I need to keep going. Thank you."

Bill Engle: "Thank you, Duane. Thank you for what you took over and did this morning. At this time the committee would like to put, for office of Secretary, the name of Lee Kissell. Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? Is there any other nominations for the office of Secretary? I declare nominations closed and I would like Mr. Lockhart to cast one unanimous ballot."

President Lockhart: "It gives me great pleasure to cast one unanimous ballot for Lee Kissell, Secretary of the IVFA. Lee does a wonderful job and I don't know whether any of the rest of us knows how to use a computer or not."

Lee Kissell: "All I can say is thank God you allowed that new computer. We have got to put more members in that thing; the old one was about ready to explode. I am well prepared to add some new ones now from the EMS. Thanks a lot."

Bill Engle: "Next office is Treasurer. The committee would like to put the name of Gene Stofer as Treasurer of the IVFA. Are there any nominations from the floor for Treasurer of IVFA? Are there any nominations from the floor for Treasurer of IVFA? Are there any nominations from the floor for Treasurer of IVFA? Not being any further nominations, I ask Mr. Kissell to cast one unanimous ballot for Gene Stofer as treasurer."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous ballot for Harold Gene Stofer as Treasurer of the IVFA for 1991-92."

Gene Stofer: "I thank you again for the honor of serving you as your Treasurer. Thank you very much folks."

Bill Engle: "The next office - Recording Secretary. This is the office that gets the minutes out to the officers, etc. The committee would like to put the name of John Davies up for consideration. Are there any other nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? Are there any other nominations for Recording Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? Mr. Kissell, your pleasure."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for John Davies for Recording Secretary of the IVFA, 1991-92."

Bill Engle: "John is also taking the official minutes for the convention."

John Davies: "Thank you. As long as we have a post office where I can get stamps, they will be mailed. Thank you once again."

Bill Engle: "The next office is for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of IVFA. The committee would like to put the name of Bill Bush in nomination. Are there any other nominations for the office of Sgt.-at-Arms? Are there any other nominations for the office of Sgt.-at-Arms? Any more nominations for Sgt.-at-Arms? Mr. Kissell, please, one unanimous vote."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA, I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms for 1991-92. Congratulations, Bill."

Bill Bush: "I carry more weight than all these guys put together. I had to buy a new truck to haul it in."

Carl Bruns: "The committee has elected for the Public Relations

men, six of them, for the Southeast area, Paul Hildebrand and we would like to put his name in nomination for that office. Is there any other nominations for the office of PR Southeast? Is there any other nominations for PR Southeast? Is there any other nominations for PR Southeast?"

President Lockhart: "Nominations are closed for PR Southeast. I would ask the Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous ballot for Paul Hildebrand for PR Southeast of the IVFA for '91-'92."

Carl Bruns: "For the office of PR Southwest we have placed in nomination the name of Carl Davis. Are there any other nominations for PR Southwest? Are there any other nominations for PR Southwest? Are there any other nominations for PR Southwest?"

President Lockhart: "I hereby declare the nominations for PR Southwest closed and call upon the Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Carl O. Davis for PR Southwest director of the IVFA 1991-92. We're glad to have you back, too."

Bill Engle: "PR East Central. The committee would like to put the name of Larry Jackson on the nomination. Are there any other nominations for PR East Central? Any other nominations for PR East Central? Are there any other nominations for PR East Central? Mr. President."

President Lockhart: "I hereby declare the nominations for East Central PR director closed and call upon the Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I am very happy to cast one unanimous vote for Larry Jackson for PR director of the IVFA for 1991-92. Congratulations."

Bill Engle: "The next one is Public Relations Director West Central. The committee would like to put the name of Toddy Michl into nomination for PR West Central. Are there any other nominations for PR West Central? Any other nominations for PR West Central? Are there any other nominations for PR West Central? Mr. President."

President Lockhart: "There being no further nominations from West Central I declare the nominations closed and call upon the secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast another unanimous vote for Toddy Michl for PR Director West Central for 1991-92. Congratulations."

Toddy Michl: "May I say something, please. When Bill (Bush) is talking about hauling stuff, he has hauled that cross for twelve years. That thing is heavy."

Lawrence Swartz: "To continue with our nominations for Public Relations directors, for North East the committee would like to place in nomination the name of Bill Kinsey. Do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations for PR Northeast? For the last time, do we have any other nominations for Public Relations Director Northeast? Mr. President, you have done an excellent job so far."

President Lockhart: "I hereby declare the nominations for PR Northeast closed and call upon the secretary."

Lee Kissell: "As Secretary of the IVFA I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Kinsey, PR Director Northeast, for 1991-92. Congratulations, Bill."

Lawrence Swartz: "We have one public relations director left.

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For Public Relations Director Northwest, the committee places the name of Bill Howe. Do we have any other nominations for Public Relations Northwest? Any other nominations for Public Relations Director Northwest: Public Relations Director Northwest, any other candidates for the office?"

President Lockhart: "I hereby declare the nominations closed for PR Northwest and call upon the Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "Once again, as Secretary of the IVFA I declare one unanimous vote for Bill Howe for PR Director Northwest for 1991-92. Congratulations, Bill."

President Lockhart: "At this time I will release the Nominating Committee and all Committees except the Parade Committee, the Games Committee, and those necessary to continue with this convention. Is there anything else under new business? There being no further new business, is there any under Good of the Order?, Carl Bruns."

Carl Bruns: "Pete, I served on a committee of getting individuals into this organization and we didn't make a report and that's fine. But I have got to mention - I don't know what the record is but something like over 17,300 about seven or eight years ago; we reached 16,900 + this past year and I just think that is outstanding. I think we have a Secretary who knows the computer and does a tremendous job."

President Lockhart: "I agree with you."

Father Lantz: "I want to make a comment. To Toddy Michl and all the guys who put up the cross for me, would you guys stand, please? I thank you and I am sure that organization thanks you."

President Lockhart: "Anything else for the good of the order? Gene Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "We need to have a drawing of those tickets."

President Lockhart: "Each district will now have a drawing. You should put the name of each person in your district into a hat. The district chairman or acting district chairman will be responsible to turn the winner's name, address and phone number into Mr. Stofer. Also, if you would, please give the name and address to our Recording Secretary so that he can make a note of that in case we need a backup of information. Remember to make two copies of the name of winners in the drawing."

Gene Stofer: "If each district chairman will turn in the names to me, we will get them a letter that they can present to Mr. Downey via mail to receive their tickets."

President Lockhart: "While we are doing this, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure being your President for the past two years. I hope that you guys will continue to support the officers of the IVFA like you have me. I have had a good time. I am going to have a good time in the future. I will try to be back as often as I can. I will like to call on Bill Howe to make a motion."

Bill Howe: "Mr. President, on behalf of the second president of this association who has not missed very many meetings, I would like to make a motion that we adjourn after the benediction on behalf of Vern Konopasek."

President Lockhart: "Do we have a second?"

Jim Parker: "I second the motion."

Father Lantz closed with the benediction.

Transcribed by: John Davies

ADDENDUM:

AWARD WINNERS

MR. IVFA - Charles Sutton

LOUIS BOAZ - Barbara Parker

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Harold "Gene" Stofer

OLLIE SANDBERG - George K. Haring

Vice President Report

Willie "Mitch" Parish

Fellow Firefighters and Friends:

The old year is about to come to a close. As we start a new year off and look to the future of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association we see better things to come.

In 1991 The First Annual Indiana Fire and Emergency Service Dinner was held with between 500 and 600 people in attendance. The dinner was to bring the people in the state who do emergency services and our legislators together so they can see how they can help service. This being held on Sunday several people thought there would not be a good turn out. Several people got fooled, we had a good turn out for the first dinner.

Thanks to Larry Curl for a job well done. I heard that he is working on one for 1992.

Convention time is just around the corner and those who are going to attend this year's convention in June 17 through June 29, 1992 need to get their reservations in for hotel by May 17, 1992. After this date the rooms will be released.

Public Relations Area Fire School has been up in each Public Relations Area. The subject will be on Stress Management, and will be for husband and wife.

There is no cost for these schools. Lunch will be on your own. Complete list for Dates, Place, and Time of each school should appear in this issue of the paper.

Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company will be sponsoring the Midwest Award for 1992. The Vice President need the names of the people from each District by the Officers meeting in February. Each District is entitled to one award.

Letters for the Ollie Sandberg Award need to be in by May 1, 1992 to the Vice President. Every department in the State of Indiana has someone that could be mentioned and letter written on his behalf.

Scholarship time is getting closer and I hope a lot of students who meet the qualifications will fill these forms out and send them in. They need to be in the hands of Lee Kissell by March 1, 1992. Their are two (2) \$1,500.00 Scholarships to be awarded each year.

In my travels around Indiana it has come to my attention that many fire departments let their older firemen of 25 years or more leave the department with no future in the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. It would be nice if the departments would put these people on a inactive list at a cost of \$6.50 per year. They would continue to receive the paper and the rest of the benefits as a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

New Equipment Displayed at District 11-A November Meeting



(Left to right) Fairbanks Chief Pat Taylor, Shelburn Chief Kirk Shroyer and Curry Township, Marty Hatfield, Chief.

Randolph County Fire School

On August 18, 1991 the Farmland Fire Dept. hosted a fire school for Randolph County Fire Assoc. The school was on Urban Search and Rescue. The instructor for this class was James E. Sipes. The main structure of the class was to see what you would do in an earthquake situation, and how you go about rescue. There was a four story house used in the afternoon practice. Everything they learned in the morning class they used in the afternoon class. After the rescue part was over the Farmland and White River Depts. burned the house for training. There were some firemen who had never been in a burning building. There were about 35 men in attendance.

Farmland Vol. Fire Dept.

Harrison Twp. Report

The Harrison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. held their first Halloween party in Oct. Fifty-one area children attended. Prizes, games, and food were provided.

December was the annual Christmas and Awards Dinner. Receiving the award for firefighter of the year was Brian Brown.

Officers for the year 1992 are - Chief, Phil Pugsley; Asst. Day Chief, Ronnie McIntyre; Asst. Night Chief, Carl Kestler; Training Capt., Jim Klamo; Equipment Capt., Amos Lucas; Building and Grounds, Wally Dietz; and Secretary, Pat Smith.

Christmas Party Held at Farmland Vol. Fire Dept.

On December 7, 1991 at 6:00 p.m. the Farmland Fire Dept. and Auxillary held their annual Christmas Party. At this party the firemen reflect on the year's events that have happened in the firemen's lives. All the retired firefighters and city council members are invited to enjoy in some fantastic food.

Service awards are also presented to the firemen for the year of service they put in. Pins are given away for every five years of service. This year receiving five year pins were Rick Brown; ten years. Steve Clevenger, Monte Wright, Dan Redman and Mike Osgood. Receiving twenty year pins were Jack Bunner and Troy Williamson.

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Union V.F.D. Has New Grass Firefighting Unit



The membership of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler recently placed into service a second grass firefighting unit.

The chassis of the vehicle is a 1953 G.M.C. military 2 1/2 ton six-wheel-drive vehicle acquired from the Ainsworth-Deep River Fire Dept. of Lake County. The unit features a 400 gallon booster tank and a Wisconsin motor to drive the 500 g.p.m. pump mounter on the rear of the vehicle. Total purchase price from the Ainsworth Dept. was \$500.00.

Capt. John Kepshire, along with firefighters Michael Mantz and Karl Naggatz spent many hours working on the vehicle preparing it for painting. The vehicle was painted in our own service shop and all lettering was done by Capt. Kepshire. Addition of flashing red warning lights, siren, radio, saw the vehicle roadworthy. A second booster line was added as well as provisions for one 1 1/2" attack line. White work lights were also added to assist operations at night.

This unit will run second out to our current brush truck, and it is felt that it will be especially beneficial working around unplowed fields and uneven terrain that hindered our unit in the past. This vehicle makes the eighth unit in out fleet, and the second that we have built in our own shop. Total cost of the rebuilt project including purchase of the vehicle to date is under \$800.00. Good job fellows!

State Fire Marshal

Dear Chief or Training Officer:
I hope this memorandum finds you refreshed from a very joyous holiday season. As we start the new year, the office of the State Fire Marshal will be undergoing many new changes.

One very important change is the updating of personnel files for active duty firefighters and emergency medical personnel in your dept. In order to serve you with the best system of access in 1992, I am asking that you please

send our office the following information: 1. A list containing the full names of all active firefighters in your department, regardless of certification level, with their certification levels and numbers.

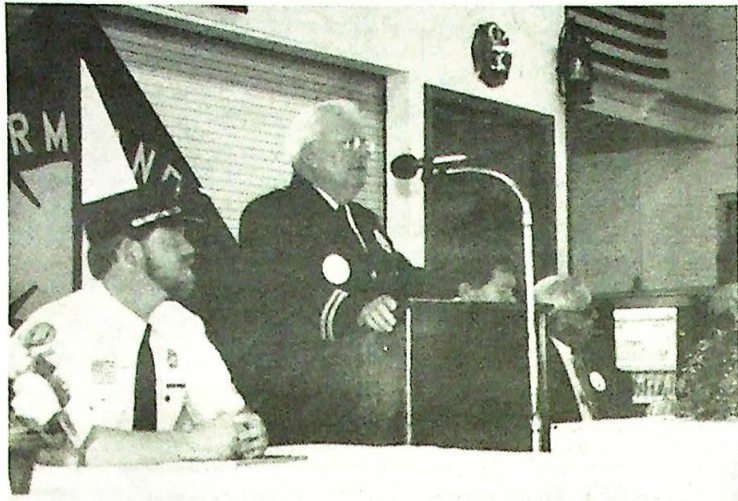
2. EMS certification numbers for all personnel in your department.

This information will allow us to provide the most efficient records system and in turn, the best service to you concerning certification information. I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to serving you in '92.

Sincerely, Gene Goddard

Farmland 100th Anniversary

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Here is Father Lantz I.V.F.A. Chaplin recalling some of the experiences and offering a prayer for the Farmland Fire Dept. Also pictured is Fire Chief Troy Williamson.



Here is retiring past Fire Chief Bill Sunday, Ex. Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin, State Representative Dave Hoover, Ivan Nevil I.V.F.A. President.



Jack sits in his memorial built at Farmland Fire Station. Also pictured is father Lantz, Bill Redman Chaplin for Farmland Fire, Bill Savage and Bill Sunday with their Governor's awards.



Pictured are members of the Farmland Vol. Fire dept. minutes before they received a fire alarm.



Here the Farmland Fire Dept. and Aux. are in front of the hand pulled pumper and Model T.



Pictured are the Farmland Vol. Firemen with their 1898 hand pulled pumper.

Fire destroys shed

Mon. Dec. 9, 1991

The Madison Courier
Madison firefighters battled a blaze that destroyed a storage shed and damaged several other structures Sat. afternoon. They also extinguished a trailer fire near the Joyce Shoe plant at the north end of Walnut Street this morning.

The Sat. blaze, was reported at 1:52 p.m., leveled a storage shed at the rear of 1111 W. Main St., and damaged a storage shed next door at 1109 W. Main St. In addition, a wooden fence and a large tree also were damaged heavily, according to Fire Chief Steve Horton.

There was also heat damage to a garage at 1107 W. Main St., and some fire damage and radiant heat damage to a garage in the rear of 1212 W. Second St., Horton added. Overhead utility lines owned by GTE Telephone and Simmons Cable TV also were damaged.

Horton said the cause of the shed fires is under investigation. Juveniles were reportedly seen playing in the shed at 1111 W. Main St. earlier, he said.

Horton said the names of the owners of the various properties were still being verified at presstime.

All four downtown fire companies, the chief, one assistant chief, Madison Police, and a standby ambulance squad from the King's Daughter's Hospital responded to the alarm.

A trailer fire at 9:07 a.m. today was apparently caused by a burner on an electric range in the kitchen being left on, Horton said.

The fire, which erupted at 940 Walnut St., lot four, was in a vacant trailer owned by Mrs. Morris Purvis, Milton, he said. He added that Rosalie Moredock was scheduled to move into the trailer soon.

He said some objects had been stored on top of the electric range, and when electricity to the trailer was turned back on this morning, a burner which had apparently been left turned on ignited them.

Fire damage was confined to the range and some cabinets above it, with some smoke damage to the entire trailer also likely, Horton said. Firemen were on the scene for about 40 minutes.

All four downtown fire companies, the fire chief, the safety officer, and Madison Police responded, the chief said.

HEAT RAVES

The North Jersey Herald & News, June 26, '91
By PEGGY McGLONE

As vividly portrayed in "Backdraft," one of this summer's hottest movies, the American fire service is steeped in tradition and yet hovering on the threshold of technological advances.

It's appropriate, then, that the helmets and protective clothing seen in the action film were supplied by the 150-year-old family-run business, Cairns & Brother of Clifton. Like the industry it serves, Cairns & Brother combines a love of traditional values with the desire to be on the cutting edge of fire-safety advances.

William McCutcheon, vice president and co-owner of Cairns & Brother, Inc. said his company was delighted to be involved in director Ron Howard's movie about Chicago firefighters, one of the few feature films McCutcheon said presents a fair and accurate portrayal of this risk-ridden profession.

The Clifton-based company was contacted through its Chicago distributor, who had been approached by the production company seeking apparel and helmets to recreate the exact look of that city's fire department.

"Mr. (Ron) Howard wanted this to be absolutely on the mark," said McCutcheon, whose company has been supplying Chicago firefighters with equipment for almost 50 years.

The production co. purchased 150 Chicago-issue coats and helmets for the filming. Although the equipment is the real thing, McCutcheon noted that the firefighters in the movie are pictured in the department's winter coat -

even in the warm weather scenes. "They (the movie costumers) use the winter coat, it looks a little saltier," he said.

Originally located in New York City, Cairns & Brother was founded in 1836, when two brothers bought a leather business from a fellow Scotsman named Gracap, who rigidized using a special - and still secret - process. The Cairns adapted this process to manufacture the first leather fire helmet made in America.

"They are hardened the same way today as they were in 1836," McCutcheon added.

Chris Coombs and McCutcheon (who are cousins and whose mothers are Cairns) represent the fifth generation at the helm of the family business.

In its plant, employees crafting made-by-hand leather helmets work side by side with others using high-tech fabrics and designs. Eager to meet the varied demands of its clients, Cairns makes everything from the traditional long coats worn in Chicago and the leather helmets worn in New York, Houston and Boston, to newer, shorter coats with bibbed trousers and lighter helmets made of the newest and most effective man-made materials.

Of the 100,000 helmets made annually, McCutcheon said only about 10,000 are hand-made leather. Although they are more expensive and take about six to eight weeks to make, the leather helmet's look and feel and its deep-rooted tradition of use keep the manufacturer providing it in its extensive line.

Another throwback to years past is the Cairns tradition of making hand-guided and painted fire chief front pieces (the badge-like piece worn on the front of the helmet). His aunt heads this arm of the business, and her list of requests is always long, McCutcheon said.

In addition to manufacturing, Cairns & Brother is one of the leaders in the design aspect of the industry. In 1978, they patented a protective headpiece that is inserted into every helmet, and most recently they designed Pioneer, a state-of-the-art breathing apparatus produced after four years of research.

Besides the coats and helmets depicted in "Backdraft," Cairns & Brother supplied the movie set with yards of flame resistant fabric used during the spectacular fire sequences. Employees at the company also designed and produced a miniature coat used on a mannequin in one of the movie's special effects scenes, McCutcheon said.

McCutcheon said "Backdraft" was realistic to the fire service in more ways than just accuracy to equipment, and he predicted that "it will do for the fire service what 'Top Gun' did for the Navy."

"There are things (in it) that you just can't do," in the case of a real fire, he noted. "But there are good lessons taught in the movie. The team approach was one example. And the tradition, commitment to excellence, and dedication.

"There's a family connection," he said about the fire service. "Little kids still want to be firemen. It's the type of thing where their fathers or grandfathers were firemen."

"It's a fraternity which doesn't have boundaries, a fraternity that is very tight. They take care of each other, and each other's families.

"They are dedicated, well-trained concerned, and we're proud to be part of it," he continued. "After five generations we still have maintained the same thrust. We can't do enough to make the equipment better."

Parke County man ranks with the best

By Patricia Pastore
Tribune-Star
Parke/Vermillion Bureau

Twenty-eight years ago, Larry D. Ketchem joined the Indiana Army National Guard to serve his country. Now he's the highest ranking enlisted soldier in the Guard's 38th Infantry Division.

Larry who is also the Montezuma Fire Chief, recently was promoted to the rank of command sergeant major of the 38th Infantry. He is responsible for 14,000 soldiers from Indiana and Michigan. Division headquarters is in Indianapolis.

Last week his town honored him at a banquet after the local firefighters he commands picked him as Firefighter of the Year.

One Dec. 3 at the Montezuma Fire House, 60 local citizens - including town officials and firefighters - gathered to honor their chief, a man who repeatedly puts his life on the line with his crew at every fire.

None knew Larry had just achieved the rank of Indiana's No. 1 enlisted guardsman. He's a modest man who doesn't blow his own horn, so he didn't bother to tell them.

Larry appeared surprised when Marion Miller and Anthony, Rohr, co-winners of last year's Firefighter of the Year award, named him this year's winner. Indiana State Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Fowler stepped forward to present the plaque.

Miller praised the fire chief. He said Larry implemented programs that made Montezuma's Fire Department one of the best firefighting units in the state. He said the people of Montezuma owe the fire chief a debt of gratitude.

He worked hard to get a No. 5 rating on insurance for this community, Miller said. "That's about a \$95 savings on each individual fire protection insurance policy for everyone in town. This rating is based on the amount of water you can pump per minute."

Larry isn't a novice firefighter. He's been in the fire service since his 16th birthday, when he joined the Madison Township Fire Department in Odon, where his father, Bert Ketchem, served as fire chief for 40 years.

As a youth, he accompanied his father on fire runs. His dad put him in the hose bed of the truck then. He was 13 before he was allowed to leave that spot and watch his dad fight fires from outside the truck.

Larry has been a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association for 35 years. He was the Assistant Fire Chief at Odon from 1961 to 1967. In 1966 he was employed by the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office Department of Inspection and Investigation.

He joined the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department Oct. 7, 1969. Since then he has worked through the ranks, and the volunteers elected him their chief in 1976. After completing more than 800 hours of specialized training, he earned Master Firefighter status in tactics, arson and instruction.

"Larry's accomplishments as our chief so lengthy they'd fill a book," Miller said, adding that the chief was instrumental in starting the Parke Vermillion County Firefighters Association.

"Special Firefighting programs provided by this organization have turned out more first- and second-class firemen than any other firefighter's group in the state."

One of Larry's first duties after he became Chief was to appoint a Chaplain for the fire department, Miller said.

Miller credited Larry with the creation of the Parke County Arson Task Force, establishing a Ladies Auxiliary and assisting in the development of a central dispatch unit at the Rockville Fire Station for all Parke County Fire Departments.

Electronic equipment in place there permits firefighters to respond to alarms very quickly, he said. "The dispatcher can call out one department or the whole county in seconds. All he has to do is push a button to alert any or all of us."

Miller said the auxiliary members sponsor several fundraisers each year, and proceeds are used to buy firefighting equipment. "They own almost all the equipment on two of our three fire trucks and spent \$28,000 for protective outer wear for every

fireman. The women also own all the equipment and cabinets in the firehouse kitchen."

Miller said Larry won the IVFA Midwest District 11-B Award in 1983 for promoting fire service. "He also was presented the Ollie Sandberg Award in 1987 by the IVFA for mental attitude. That's the second highest firefighter's award in the state."

No man has done more for the safety of his community than Larry, Miller said. "On the fire scene Larry determines what has to be done and directs the action. Then he lets the officers do their job. I think the world of the man. I would go through hell and high water for him. He is an excellent fireman and a good friend."

At the firefighter's banquet, Larry graciously accepted the award. The State Fire Marshal's Fowler praised the fire chief for his years of dedicated service. He said he enjoyed working with him.

"It's always fun, but it's always business. I'm looking forward to working with Larry for years to come. He is one dandy fire chief."

Larry's acceptance speech took about two minutes. He de-

livered it with words that rang with sincerity. "I'm sure there are people who deserve this more than I do," he said. "If it wasn't for a group of fine warriors, I wouldn't be standing here. I accept this for the entire fire department."

Broward County Firematics Association Announcement

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Fire Department Uses CAMEO to Control Haz- Mats Derailment



Photo courtesy of Evansville Fire Department.

Evansville mobile CAMEO system is used on computers mounted in the interior of the department's heavy-duty hazardous materials rescue squad.

By Inspector Cliff A. Weaver and Colin A. Campbell

On July 31, 1991, at 1:35 in the morning, several cars of a CSX freight train were involved in a derailment in the Howell Rail Yards just southwest of Evansville, Indiana. Three tank cars rolled off the track and two of them began leaking. One of the leaking tank cars contained 29,000 gallons of acetone, a toxic flammable liquid with the potential to flashback and explode. The other leaking car held 27,000 gallons of carbolic acid, a poisonous liquid that, when heated, produces equally poisonous gases.

The Response: The derailment was in the response area of the Perry Township Fire Dept. At 1:42 a.m., the department began an immediate evacuation of the surrounding area and requested mutual aid from the Evansville Fire Dept. Evansville dispatched a level 2 response, sending all the units from its two hazardous materials stations - two engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad, one decontamination unit, an on-duty chief and a small number of off-duty personnel. Normally 14 to 20 firefighters are involved in this level of response.

Shortly after 4:30 a.m., the decision was made to send two Evansville hazardous materials team members into the hot zone to survey the situation and, if possible, to stop or minimize the leaks. Wearing Level A Chemfab/Teflon hazardous materials suits, with 60 minute self-contained breathing apparatus, the firefighters discovered that the acetone tank car was leaking from the dome that protects the valving, while the carbolic acid car was leaking from the dome cover protective valving itself. They also found out that the carbolic acid was leaking at a slower rate than the acetone. The team placed a five-gallon container with lime under the carbolic acid and a 20-gallon trash can under the acetone.

Because the leaks were being contained, the decision was made to postpone another entry into the hot zone until daybreak. Accordingly, at 6:17 a.m., two other

members of the Evansville hazardous materials unit entered the contaminated area. Their objectives were to open the dome covers, see what was leaking and try to stop the leaks. Then they were to go around to the other side of the derailment, assess damage to the tank cars and check for additional leaks. No other leaks were found. The firefighters opened the dome cover of the acetone tank car and pinpointed the leak to the relief device. They could not open the dome cover of the carbolic acid car.

A third entry was postponed pending the arrival of the CSX hazardous materials manager. When he arrived, he and a fifth member of the Evansville hazardous materials team entered the hot zone at 8:16 a.m. and used wooden wedges to stop the acetone leak. A short time later, at 9:33 a.m., the fourth entry was

made and the carbolic acid leak was plugged, again using wooden wedges.

Units from both Perry Twp and Evansville stood by at the request of CSX while the acetone tank car was being rerailed.

CAMEO's Role in the Incident
Before the incident was over, and it took less than 15 hours, 20 local, state and federal agencies were involved. During the operation, Evansville hazardous materials team members used CAMEO to supply vital information to those agencies and, particularly, to the personnel involved in the hands-on control of the derailment scene. For example, the software was used to design customized maps of the derailment area, with the wrecked tank cars, using the pre-planned rail yard maps already on the computer.

In addition, CAMEO researched the compatibility of the

hazardous materials protective suits with the acetone and carbolic acid, and determined the appropriate and safe decontamination procedures.

ALOHA, CAMEO's air plume model, was used to track and project the toxic gases released by the spill and determine the level of concentration of the toxic gases. The capability allowed emergency responders to decide on the extent of the hot zone, whether additional evacuations were needed, and the safest location for the staging area. ALOHA also was used in conjunction with a mobile weather station to monitor weather conditions at the scene and predict what impact weather changes would have on the gas cloud released by a chemical spill. Fire officials at the incident considered this last function the most valuable. Several wind shifts occurred during the course of the incident and, without the needed weather data, officials felt emergency personnel would have been put in unnecessarily hazardous situations.

CAMEO's response information database told firefighters that acetone is flammable, flashback along a vapor trail might occur and the vapor might explode if ignited in an enclosed area. The database also warned emergency personnel that, if acetone penetrated protective clothing, they should remove the clothing, wash the skin with soap and water, and get medical attention promptly.

In general, the information provided by the CAMEO database to emergency response personnel at the incident fell into the following categories: • the physical properties of the chemicals involved; • the fire and health hazards; • proper and safe fire fighting procedures; • the non-fire response, including diking and diversion procedures; • the compatibility of protective clothing; and • emergency medical treatment.

According to Evansville fire officials, the mobile CAMEO system, mounted in the city's hazardous materials squad, surprised and impressed almost all the responders who came into contact with the equipment. The CAMEO system ran for approximately 15 hours without any difficulty and was invaluable in mitigating the derailment, those same officials said.

The mayor of a neighboring jurisdiction, Mayor Jackson L. Hig-

gins of Mount Vernon, IN, congratulated Evansville "for having the foresight to fund this 'special' team, equipment and training."

Farmland First Responder Course Successful

In the spring of 1991 the Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. brought forth a problem that effects many small dept's. The Dept. found that it only had one person certified to perform emergency medical aid to victims of illness or accidents. While we did have people who had worked with the local EMS and some who were certified First Responders, their certification period had lapsed and were no longer legally certified.

During the months to come, Tony Clark our Officer in Charge of Training, began to shuffle through the paperwork to get a class together. At the end of July Tony, in conjunction with Ted Snyder, sent in our proposal to the State EMS Board. With the State's approval we would receive teaching materials and class-books.

On Sept. 12, 1991 under the instruction of Ted Snyder, who is an advanced EMT/Instructor, we had our first class. We would meet two to three nights a week, 6 to 10, which turned to 6 to 11 many nights. The state required 40 hours class time broke down into approximately 15 class meetings and practices. The classes ended on Oct. 15 & 16 with written and practical exams.

As we ended the course 13 people were now state certified Fire Responders. We now have 8 firefighters from the class that are certified. Their names are: Brian Clark, Tony Clark, John Foudray, Bill Klisavage, James Lee, Kirk Morris, Larry Savage, Jeff Willen. The other five are members of the fire department's Women's Aux. and their names are: Tammy Bertram, Julie Clark, Debbie Frazier, Debbie Marquis, and Kim Morris.

The group wishes to thank Tony Clark and Ted Snyder, for without their time and effort this class would have never been. This class will not only benefit our local community in the care we can now offer, but it also effects each of us in our workplace everyday. If the training we received can help only one accident victim in our lifetime it would be worth the time and effort many times over.

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Early-morning blaze damages hilltop business

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer
November, 4, 1991

Firefighters from the area volunteer fire departments, plus Jefferson Proving Ground firemen, had to battle sub-freezing temperatures as well as a raging fire

early today at Carpet Connection, on U.S. 421, a few hundred feet north of the Madison city limits.

The blaze, whose origin was still being investigated at press-time, destroyed the showroom and office portion of the business, along with all its contents, according to Assistant Fire Chief Tom Woodburn of the Ryker's Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

"We were paged out at 1:30 a.m.," Woodburn said. "When we arrived, we found the part of the business which housed the showroom and office totally involved (enveloped in flames)."

Firemen from the Madison

Township Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the alarm, and JPG firemen and firefighters from Madison's Clifty Volunteer Fire Co. No. 6 also were summoned to the scene.

"It was a particularly difficult type of construction - it hindered our ability to progress against the fire," Woodburn noted. "We started out with an internal attack, but that wasn't working well so we came back out and started over again with an external attack."

Ryker's Ridge Fire Chief Rick Clapp, Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black; Madison Township Assistant Chief Tom McClelland, Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton, and Madison Assistant Fire Chief Bob Wilson all were at the scene helping to direct operations, Woodburn said.

The fire was out by 6 a.m., Woodburn said, but some firemen remained on the scene to await the arrival of an inspector from the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office. Deputy Fire Marshal Tom Hinkle arrived later in the morning according to Clapp.

"We poured almost 75,000 gallons of water on that fire," he added.

Clapp said there was minor smoke damage to the warehouse portion of the business, but that firemen were able to save the warehouse and the carpets which were stored there.

Almost 50 firefighters responded to the alarm, Clapp said, including 12 from Ryker's Ridge; 20 from Madison Township; two from JPG; and 10 from the Sixes.

"The Ridge and Township each had a pumper and two tankers there; JPG sent a pumper and tanker; and the Sixes furnished us air bottles and manpower for our attack on the fire and for the mopup," Woodburn said. "We had an excellent shuttle system working, using a dump tank (a container similar to a small swimming pool, with a metal frame and a vinyl liner, into which a tanker can dump all its water, which is then pumped directly from the dump tank onto the fire.) The shuttle was between the dump tank and the nearest city

fire hydrant, where the tankers refilled."

Woodburn said no one was injured fighting the blaze, but "we had some chilly firefighters. Everybody was coated with ice."

He said Ryker's Ridge and Madison Township "really appreciate the help we got from JPG and the Sixes."

In addition to the pumpers and tankers, Madison Township sent its light truck to the scene to furnish illumination for fighting the fire.

Woodburn said no dollar estimate on the loss has been made. He said the business is owned by Ron Lee, who leases the building.

Extension cord blamed in blaze

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer
November 7, 1991

The Mon. morning fire which destroyed much of Carpet Connection on Michigan Road was electrical in origin, investigators for the Indiana Fire Marshal's office and local volunteer fire departments have concluded.

"It was caused by an extension cord," explained Assistant Fire Chief Tom Woodburn of the Ryker's Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. That department, the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, the Jefferson Proving Ground Fire Department, and Clifty Volunteer Fire Co. No. 6 from Madison all took part in the battle against the blaze.

Yesterday's preliminary findings of Deputy Fire Marshal Tom Hinkle were that the extension cord was too small for the load it was carrying, Woodburn said. "Things had been stacked on top of it during the period it was in use," Woodburn explained, "and when it short-circuited, the things piled on it caught fire."

The showroom and office portion of the business was destroyed, fire dept. officials had related in a news report published in *The Madison Courier* Monday.

They also said that the carpet warehouse was saved, although it and its contents sustained some smoke damage.

"We've estimated the damage at roughly \$50,000 to the building and contents," said Fire Chief Rick Clapp of Ryker's Ridge.

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Surviving the Hazardous Materials Incident

On Sept. 14, 1991 the Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. hosted a Hazardous Material class which is required by the state that each Fire Dept. must have. The class was taught by Jay King from the Portland Fire Dept. The class was open to anyone who needed the hours. There were 32 firemen present from Jay and Randolph County's Fire Depts.

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Waterloo Fire Station Picnic

Oh it was a beautiful day for a picnic and 87 people did just that. On August 18 at the new Waterloo Fire Station in Dekalb County they enjoyed a bountiful carry-in dinner. Eight men's teams and three women's teams played waterball on their regulation court behind the station. Those who did not play enjoyed the games from lounge chairs under the trees where the court is located. A number of the ladies played cards in the engine house. It was good to see so many young firefighters and their families at the picnic.

Trophy winners:
Men: Butler #1 team - First..
Butler #2 team - Second.
Women: Ashley - First.
Butler - Second.

WATERBALL:
Ashley's 1991 Night Shootout held the night of August 16 had 19 teams battling till 3 AM in the morning with 5 women's teams joining the fray.

Trophy winners:
Men: First Penn South of St. Joe County.
Second - Perrysberg of Ohio.
Women: First - Perrysberg.
Second - Indy Rebels of Indianapolis.

At the International Tournament held Sept. 7 & 8 at Perrysberg, Ohio. The Ashley women took second in waterball and first place in the cart race. The bucket brigade is another event but the winners were not reported.

NOTE: The International Waterball Tournament will come back to Indiana in 1992 being scheduled for September 12 & 13 in Breman in Marshall County in the Fifth District of the IVFA.

Twenty-nine men's teams, seven from Ohio and 22 from Indiana, along with 6 women's teams, 3 from Ohio and 3 from Indiana dedicated the new waterball court at the Allen County Fair Grounds just South of Hometown on August 28, 1991.

This 30 ft. by 120 ft. constructed by Allen County firefighters under the direction of Steve McCombs of McComb Construction Corp. Steve is a retired firefighter from the Hometown Department. Malcolm Farms of Hometown also contributed manpower and equipment. The concrete was donated by Irving Ready Mix Inc., Erie - Haven Inc. both of Roanoke in Huntington County, the water supply is on a six inch main from the Allen County Institutional Water System. Mike Messman, Assistant Chief at Hometown ramrodded the operation.

Men's trophy: First Place - Penn South.

Second Place - Perrysberg.

Women's Trophy: First Place - Perrysberg.

Second Place - Ashley.

SOFTBALL:

Seven Allen County teams bat-

ted for the Softball Championship at Hometown this fall. The Hometown firefighters again won the trophy, the fourth time in a row. The tournament is always played on the home diamond of the winners.

Cooney Tucker: Dist. 6, IVFA
Public Information Officer

Ladder Truck Arrives in Scottsburg

The Giveaway, Scottsburg
The Scottsburg Vol. Fire Dept's firefighting abilities have been greatly enhanced with the arrival of its new pumper/ladder truck last week.

The truck, valued in excess of \$230,000, was first considered by the department and by the Scottsburg City Council about two years ago, according to Fire Chief Raymond Jones. The first advertisement for bids published in late April, 1990.

Jones said the truck was built in three stages.

The basic chassis was furnished by Spartan Motors Inc. of Charlotte, Mich. It includes a four door, six-man enclosed cab, a 350 horsepower Cummins diesel engine and an automatic transmission.

Cummins Engine Company of Columbus donated the engine.

Body components were fabricated by Towers Fire Apparatus Company of Freeburg, Ill., and Fire Apparatus Division, S.D.C. Inc., of Louisville. The equipment includes a 1500 gallon per minute pump, a 500-gallon water tank, and two 500-watt quartz floodlights.

The truck is also equipped with a 55-foot extension ladder and "Tele-Squirt" snorkel.

This unit, previously mounted of the department's 1948 Mack pumper, has been completely rebuilt by Snorkel Economy Inc., of St. Joseph, Mo. It has been equipped with boom lights, remote controls, and an intercom system for communication between the snorkel operator and the ground crew.

The new truck, assembled by Fire Apparatus Division, S.D.C., was delivered Friday, Oct. 18.

Jones said the new unit will serve the city for years to come.

"This is not our truck," Jones said, "not the department's truck. It belongs to the people of Scottsburg, and we're going to do our best to be good custodians of it."

Because of the value of the truck and the complexity of some of its equipment, Jones said nobody will be allowed to operate it without extensive training and certification.

It will not be placed into service until its crew is completely trained, he added.

An open house and public demonstration will be held after the unit is put into service.

Woman killed in icy skid

Elwood man dies from injuries in Wednesday crash

By BILL LEAHY
H-B staff writer
Icy roads claimed the life of a 19-year-old Elwood woman Thurs. morning in a car and truck accident south of Elwood. Meanwhile, an Elwood man injured in a traffic accident Wed. died Thurs. morning.

Myra A. Edgell, 19, 420 N. 16th St., Elwood, was pronounced dead at the scene from blunt force injuries to the head and chest, Madison County Coroner Ned Dunnichay said.

Edgell was driving S. on Ind. 37 S. of Ind. 13 around 10:30 a.m. when she apparently lost control of her 1983 Pontiac Firebird on an icy curve and skidded into the path of a tractor-semi-trailer.

The truck, driven by Bruce M. Holden, 44, Solvay, Minn., struck her car broadside at the driver's door, an Indiana State Police spokesman said.

He added that Edgell was not wearing a seat belt but that it appeared it would not have made any difference.

Edgell becomes the 19th traffic victim on Madison County roads for 1991. The 18th victim is Marvin Smith, 69, 2109 S. Sheridan St., also of Elwood.

Smith died at 8:26 a.m. Thursday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, of head injuries suffered in a four vehicle accident.

He had been transported there by LifeLine Helicopter from Elwood's Mercy Hospital following the 6:41 p.m. Wed. accident on County Rd. 1100N between County Rds. 450W and 500W. Smith's van hit the rear of a farmer's combine, and two other cars then became involved in the accident.

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