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Aerial truck key to saving downtown

By JOHN SCHEIBEL
Republican Managing Editor

RENSELAER - "The whole block's going to go."

That's what many people said early Thursday evening as flames shot up 100 feet into the air, strong winds gusted out of the west carrying burning bits of debris for blocks.

But when smoke cleared only two buildings were destroyed and another damaged.

Reflections wallpaper and paint store and R&S Sports Center did not survive the fire.

But TJ's Unfurnished Furniture sustained damage, but was not destroyed in a fire that burned late into Thursday night and kept firefighters at the scene until Friday evening.

Firefighters could not have asked for the worse conditions.

The temperatures were below freezing and the wind blew out of west toward the rest of the downtown shopping district.

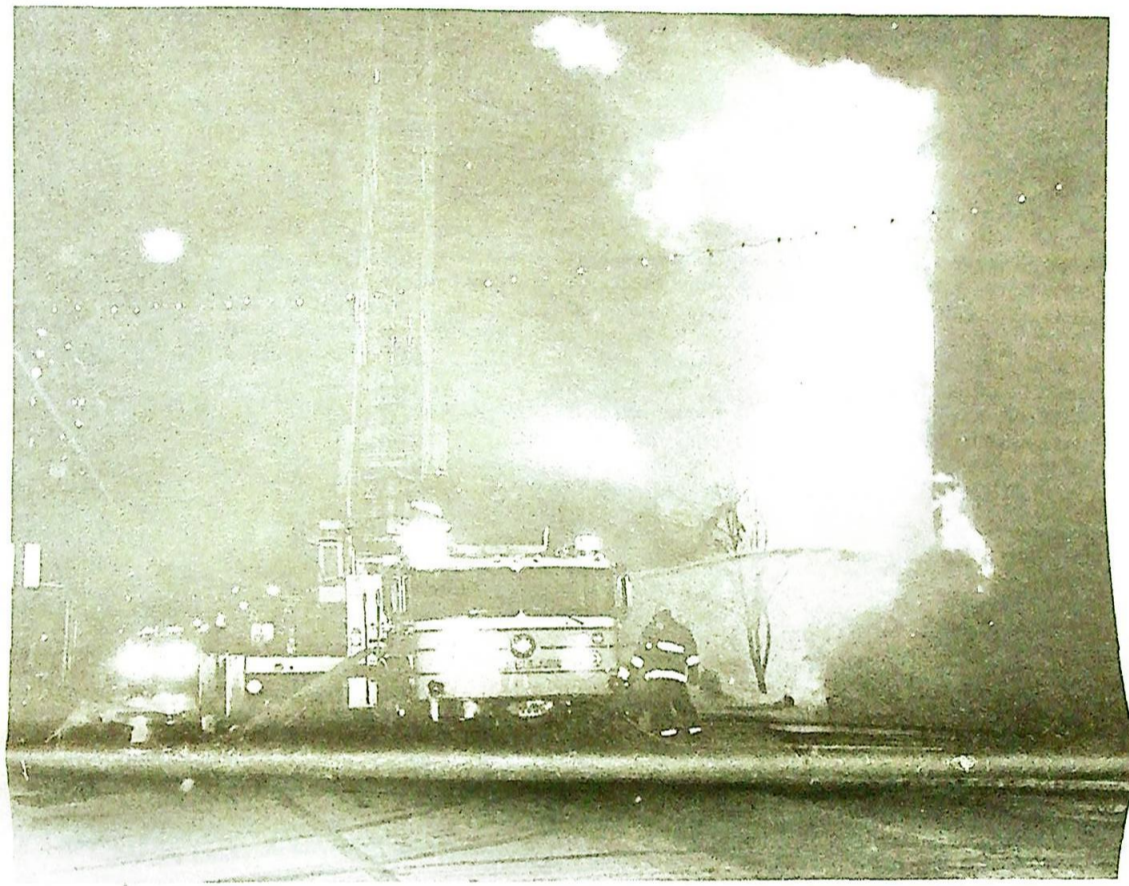
What kept the fire from spreading to the rest of downtown Rensselaer?

Two fire experts say the key to saving downtown Rensselaer was the department's aerial truck.

The \$259,000 truck was at the center of controversy when members of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department and city officials wanted to purchase the truck 11 years ago.

Many in the city objected to the purchase of the truck because of the cost involved.

But RVFD and city officials



Fire officials credit the use of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Departments's aerial truck with saving the downtown business district from total destruction. Only two buildings were destroyed and another partially damaged in a spectacular fire that broke out shortly after 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 1993. The truck purchased 11 years ago was considered by many too expensive at a cost of \$259,000. (Photos by William F. Kaye & John Scheibel)

business district.

Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Chief Steve Hoyes echoed Sandburg's statements. "That aerial really saved us." Hoyes said. "We would have lost the whole block if we didn't have it."

"There's no doubt it was an expensive purchase. It cost \$259,000 11 years ago. But it proved its worth right here," Hoyes said at the scene of the fire Friday morning.

"We've been to some other downtown fires and helped out, but we always knew, sooner or later, there would be one here (in Rensselaer) and that's why we wanted it."

"Unfortunately, downtown fires are inevitable. We knew we would have one here some day. I'm just glad we had this piece of equipment."

The Rensselaer Republican

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Cause of old Heinz factory blaze being investigated

By Betsy Whitehead
Courier staff writer

PRINCETON, Ind. - The Indiana Fire Marshal's Office has been called to investigate a blaze that destroyed the 1920s Heinz factory on Princeton's south side Tuesday night.

Some 40 firefighters fought the fire that broke out about 10 p.m. and spent three hours bringing it under control, said Princeton Fire Chief Bob Embree.

The cause of the fire had not yet been determined Wednesday.

The flames scorched a GTE cable and cut off telephone service to numerous residents. GTE repair crews were on the scene Wednesday.

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persisted and raised enough money for the truck over many protests.

Now Rensselaer firefighters

are glad they persisted.

The truck has been used at fires in other nearby towns at downtown fires. The towns of

Morocco, Wolcott and Monon were saved in the last 11 years with the help of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department's aerial truck.

Now Rensselaer's downtown was saved, as well.

"The firemen did a super job and had that piece of equipment and knew how to use it" said Rensselaer Mayor Steve Wood.

"That aerial has saved a lot of little towns around the area and now it saved ours," he said.

Brad Sandburg, an investigator with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office said Thursday night that the aerial truck was the key to keeping the fire from spreading to other buildings in the downtown



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\$230,000 Truck Goes For A Swim



On Thursday, November 11th firefighters from Paradise Volunteer Fire Department were called to assist the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department on a multi-story structure fire on the river front of downtown Newburgh, Indiana. The fire went to a 4th alarm within minutes of the arrival of the first units.

The building on fire The Landing, a popular restaurant, was fully involved in fire. The Landing was connected to a whole block of buildings whose construction dated back to the 1800s.

The Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department had a preplan in place in the event of just such a fire and paradise units played a crucial roll in this preplan. Paradise Fire Department responded 2 pumpers and 2 rescue squads directly to the scene. One of the pumpers a brand new E-I custom 6 man cab

which had only been in service for 2 months was to lay all their 5 inch hose between the fire and the Ohio River boat landing. Engine 61 layed their 5 inch hose and positioned their truck nose first on the concrete boat launch. The truck was placed nose first due to the narrow ramp and the length of the hard suction hose. Engine 61 with the emergency brakes set and the wheels chauked was ready to pump. When the idle speed was increased and the truck ready to draft something went wrong. The truck jump back into road gear and plunged into the Ohio River. The pump operator swam safely ashore and luckily no one was injured the truck was recovered by Knight Township dive rescue team.

After Engine 61 took its plunge into the river a engine from Yankee Town Fire was put in its place and the water supply for the

fire was not hampered. The fire was brought under control and the downtown block saved by the effort of firefighters in Warrick County and good preplan.

Engine 61 was sent back to the factory to be placed in new condition and besides being a little wet and embarrassed no one but the departments pride was injured.

Mark R. Frederick
Public Relations Officer
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Robert Laney, Editor



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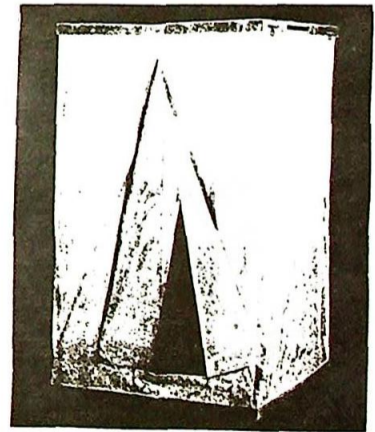
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From the President



Willie "Mitch" Parish

Better late than never, but I hope everyone had Happy Holidays and will start off the 1994 season with one thing in mind. THINK SAFETY. As the fire service is a very dangerous service.

Bridgeport Scholarship need to be filled out and sent to Lee Kissell by March 1, 1994. The forms are available through Lawrence Swartz at (219) 866-7769 or Lee Kissell at (812) 537-5500. Call now and get them returned to Lee.

Several have called me about their license plates forms. Guess What?? U.P.S. has lost the forms the latter part of December. Lee is working very hard to get things straightened out. So PLEASE BE PATIENT. The forms will be sent direct to the Fire Department as soon as possible. Keep checking with your department.

Convention is June 8-9-10-11, 1994 at Elkhart Weston Plaza. Convention registration and hotel reservations should be sent in as soon as possible. The business meeting will be Friday.

We discussed the possibility of changing the editor of the paper. We have several people interested in printing the IVFA Paper. So I have decided to stay with Robert Laney the rest of the year, so we can have time to look at all the information from the people. We have moved the news item dead line to the 15th of the month preceding the month of issue.

The Indiana Fire Service Dinner held on November 14, '93 was a success even though we were down in numbers. Plans are underway for an early '95 dinner. We are changing dates in hopes more legislators will attend. This will be in January '95.

I hope that the District Chairmen are working hard to get their Miss Flame contestants. It would nice to see a contestant from each district.

At district meetings the number in attendance is down. I think that each department should send one or more to the meeting and they should return and let fellow members know what is going on at state level.

Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker



Today's Prayer

Dear God,
We recall the words of your servant, Paul who gave us these precious thoughts;
Love is patient, love is kind,
love knows no jealousy, love is never boastful.
Love puts on no airs, never acts dishonorably,
never places her own interests first and never loses her temper.
Love never imputes evil motives,
never feels glad when others go wrong,
but rejoices in everything that is right and true.
Lord, we thank you for the Love you have given us,
especially that revealed in the birth of your Son,
our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

The Promise of Spring

February 14th is Valentine's Day, a day when custom dictates the exchange of cards, flowers and candy with those we love. The day is named after two different saints called Valentine, both of whom lived several centuries ago in Rome, Italy. They were honored and celebrated on February 14th, although the precise reasons are clouded in the mists of time. St. Valentine's Day also now marks the time of year when conditions begin to improve; the days start to grow longer, the winter blows don't seem to have the same ferocity and the first hints of spring begin to emerge. Among these are notices on the following:

Indiana Fire Conference, February 19-20
Lawrence North High School - Indianapolis

Dunelands Fire School, March 19-20 - Chesterton

Indianapolis Fire School, April 23, 24, 30 and May 1
Ben Davis High School

As Valentine's Day approaches, take a few minutes from your busy schedule to present an expression of deep affection to those you love. Happy Valentine's Day!

Minute Message

In his last few days as an earthly resident, Jesus came under strong questioning from the religious establishment, especially the Pharisees (who believed in resurrection) and the Sadducees (who did not). In the twenty-second chapter of Matthew, a challenging question is followed by a divine response. Vs 34: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with the question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Jesus was providing a strong message about how to deal with others, a message that oftentimes we have a tendency to overlook or ignore (See Luke 10:29 et al for the definition of neighbor). Folks actively participating in the fire and emergency services will connect with these passages.

Love one another!

Your Chaplain,
Charles J. Baker

1994 IVFA Convention Pre-Registration Form

June 8, 9, 10, 11, 1994

Elkhart, IN

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(Deadline is May 7, 1994)

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BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS ...

The deadline is near for applying for the Bridgeport Scholarships. Due date is March 1, 1994. It must be in the Association Secretary's Office by this date or a certified mailing stamp of March 1 or before.

Applications are available from your district chairperson or from any elected official of the Association. As always, I will be happy to send you an application if requested to do so.

Scholarships are available to any son or daughter of a volunteer firefighter who meets the membership requirements of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. The Scholarship is also available to any Volunteer Firefighter who meets the membership requirements of the association. If you have applied before and were unsuccessful, we urge you to try again.

AFTER MARCH 1ST IT IS TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR.

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Bridgeport Scholarship Program
2665 W. Bunkum Rd., Rensselaer, IN 47978
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District Meetings

DISTRICT 5

November 11, 1993
 Tippecanoe Volunteer Fire Department - Tippecanoe, IN
 Attendance: 24 members from 10 departments.
 Guests: William (Bill) Kinsey, PR Northeast; Bill Ruppel, State Legislator; Willie "Mitch" Parrish, IVFA President

Old Business: None
 New Business: Mitch discussed firefighter physicals in length. He made several remarks on the 1994 IVFA convention. He discussed the tax breaks available to firefighters.

Bill Ruppel discussed the training on SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME that is in legislation. This training will be mandatory in 1995. He stated that the license fees for IVFA plates is being discussed. If passed \$5.00 will go to the IVFA and \$5.00 will go to the state.

Good Of The Order: 1994 IVFA license plates will become 3 year plates.

Nominees are needed for the February Officer's meeting for the Midwest and Ollie Sanburg awards. 1 nominee from each department in the district.

It was stated that if there is any harassment by your employer for leaving for a call or reporting late for work because of a fire call send a letter to that effect to Gene Stofer.

ANY BLUE LIGHT legislation this year will NOT be supported by the IVFA.

Bill Kinsey discussed the Indiana Fire Service Caucus & Dinner. He said he has a few tickets left. He stated that he has IVFA plates.

Tippecanoe reports that they recently got 4 new firefighters.

Next meeting at Polk Township, Tyner on Jan. 13, '94.

January 13, 1994
 Polk Township Volunteer Fire Department - Tyner, IN
 Attendance: 21 members from 7 departments.

Guests: William (Bill) Kinsey, PR Northeast; IVFA Vice-

President, Dick Glant; Miss Kay Capron; Miss Cindi Gay.

Old Business: None
 New Business: Bridgeport Scholarship applications should be submitted by March 1st. Mr IVFA nominations should be in by April 1st. In February the Indiana State Fire Marshal is sponsoring the Fire Chiefs Orientation Conference.

Good of the Order: Lee Kissell reports a delay in IVFA license plate forms.

Bill Kinsey stated that any firefighter that transfers from one department to another must make sure that the records are changed. The records down state might end up in the archives if you don't follow through.

Lapaz Fire Dept. thanked Polk Twp. Fire Dept. for hosting this meeting for them.

A Tippecanoe firefighter read a letter from his insurance company canceling his auto insurance. The Farm Bureau Ins. company stated that his vehicle was a fire emergency vehicle.

Maxine Davies stated that a foster child is not eligible to participate for Miss Flame. A legally adopted child may enter the contest. Kay Capron and Cindi Gay thanked the fire departments for their support.

Bill Kinsey discussed the pros and cons of cellulose insulation.

Dick Glant announced that District 5 Miss Flame for 1994 is Kay Capron. Congratulations Kay!!

Next District 5 meeting is March 10 at Monterey.

Paul W. Martin, Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

District 8A held the last meeting on 9-8-93 at Pipecreek Township fire station. (9) Nine departments were represented by (15) fifteen members.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was presented by secretary Bill Pape.

State Senator Luke Kenley was a guest speaker. Senator Kenley gave a short history of his military

and retail sales experience. Senator Kenley has one (1) year of legislative experience during the one legislative period the senator sponsored or helped on several bills to help the Fire Service. One bill was to change the death benefit from \$60,000 to \$150,000. Senator Kenley can be contacted at P. O. Box 809, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Thanks senator.

It was announced that Greentown Volunteer Fire Department would have an Open House at their station on Sept. 19 in honor of their 50th Anniversary. 50 years of service on the way to 50 more in their new station. Go Greentown.

District 8A next meeting will be over when this report comes out. Pleasant Township at Sweetzer on State Road #18 West of Marion, Nov. 10, 1993. The next meeting after that will be at Richland Township on Jan. 12, 1994. Location is East of State Road #9 on County Road 500 North in Madison County. See you there.

Robert Fleener

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 8:00 P.M. at the Buffalo Fire Station.

There were 9 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 32 with 106 alarms among the 12 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy March 18-20; Haz./ Mat. Conference April 18-20 at Indy; Indiana Arson and Crime Association Inc.; Midwest Award; Bridgeport Scholarship Fund; Lafayette Fire School; I.V.F.A. license plate; 3rd Annual Fire & Emergency Dinner; Service charge by volunteer fire dept.; membership of the I.V.F.A.; financial status of the I.V.F.A.; I.V.F.A. license plate forms; need input on raising the service

charge to Ivan Nevil, make sure your insurance covers what the state requires; list being made up on grants available; I.V.F.A. Convention for '94; news due in by Jan. 20; State Fire Marshal's Office is forming a list of duties of a fire chief and they would like your input.

Good of the Order: Rensselaer is having Harvest Dance Nov. 27. Program on NFPA 1903 Tanker standard was presented by Charlie Baker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M. Next meeting is Jan. 13 at the Burnettsville Fire Dept. at 6:30 P.M. slow time/ 7:30 P.M. fast time.

Dennis J. Risner, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 11B

The holiday season is over and the rest of the winter months are ahead of us. This is the time of year to be especially careful getting to the fire or emergency incident as road conditions often change within a few hundred feet. Also be alert for weather related problems of your personnel as frost bite and falls can happen very quickly when you are wet and cold. Especially when the temp is 0° and the wind chill - 26° as I write this.

We held our first District 11-B meeting of the new year Jan. 9, 1994 at the Dane Community Volunteer Fire House. We had 25 men from 7 departments present.

Announced that license plate forms will be mailed to each department as soon as they are printed. We also need names for the Midwest Awards. I still have applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship and that they need to be filled out and mailed before Mar. 1, 1994.

Our District Miss Flame Dance will be the Feb. 12, 1994 at the Half Century Club in Clenton, IN. We are hoping for a large number of participants again this year.

The next district meeting will be March 13, 1994 at Fillmore, IN.

Our attendance is increasing slowly and this meeting is in the southeast part of the district. I would like to see more departments be represented at these meetings. It is your organization and we need your input to make the IVFA do more for you. If we don't know of your problems and concerns we cannot do much to help you. Support the organization that works for you the "Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association".

Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The 12th District Meeting of I.V.F.A. was called to order by Chairman Don Johnson at 7:05 Nov. 15, 1993 at Madison Twp. Fire Dept.

The Pledge to the Flag was followed by prayer by Russ in the absence of our Chaplain.

Roll was answered by 24 members and 10 guests.

Don introduced our guests which were Joan & Bob Hays, Toddy & Helen Michl and John & Maxine Davies. He also welcomed several of the members wives.

Motion was made by Jim Bruner to have everyone sign in at the meetings and donate a \$1.00 and a door prize will be given away at the end of the night. Seconded by Charles Harper. Motion carried.

Don announced several seminars and schools for the remainder of 1993 and for 1994. License Plates will be good for 3 years starting in 1994, but you will still have to renew them every

year like regular plates.

He also announced that Gene Stofer had not received any new law proposals for the coming legislative session. If there is something you feel strongly about contact Gene Stofer.

You can get the Sprinkler Trailer from the Fire Marshal's Office for fire dept. functions. please get your request in early. You can get all different kinds of literature to pass out to your community on fire safety. These are free for the asking.

Letters for nomination of Mr. I.V.F.A. must be in by March 1, 1994, Ollie Sanberg Award to Vice President by May 1, 1994, Midwest Award by Feb. 1, 1994 And Lois Boaz April 1, 1994.

We all want to thank Charles Harper for the floor show. Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Respectively submitted Rosie Johnson, Sec.

DISTRICT 17B

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:50 p.m. at Perry Clearcreek Fire Protection District, Bloomington, IN. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Luke Kluender. Twenty-five members from seven departments were present. Host Milan Pece introduced several guests.

Old Business: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

New Business: Ivan Nevil reported on several items of interest. The Public Safety Training Institute may not be relocated to Grissom Field. Instead, a new structure may be built at Plainfield. Indiana will adopt the NFPA standards for officer training, although this may take some time. There will be an Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy. Applications will be taken through February 1994. The Fire Chief's Orientation meetings may be held at remote locations if hosts can be arranged.

Dick Glant reminded everyone of the Fire Caucus Dinner on November 14, 1993.

Stan Gibson also spoke of the Fire Caucus Dinner. He also gave an interesting presentation on firefighting injuries and safety.

Jack Zeeks reminded everyone to consider entries for the various awards and contests that are part of each convention.

Mike Corman was chosen as our representative for the Fire Caucus Dinner. The district paid for his ticket.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15, 1993 at Ellettsville.

December 15, 1993

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:45 at Ellettsville Fire Department, Ellettsville, IN. Twelve members from six departments answered roll call.

Old Business: The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve by Roger Daniels. Second by Don Tresler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. New Business: Jack Zeeks reminded everyone of the Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy, and that a new dress code is in effect.

He also discussed Bridgeport Scholarship, Miss Flame, and Midwest Award nominees.

The group discussed the Fire Caucus dinner, and the new officers in IVFA (Charlie Baker), and the Fire Marshal's Office (Tracy Boatwright).

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District 17B

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Milan Pece brought up the subject of excessive paperwork required by IDEM for live burns. Motion by Don Tresler to have Milan write a resolution regarding variances to the IDEM live burn regulations. Motion carried.

The next IVFA convention will be in Elkhart on June 8-11, 1994. It will be at the Weston Plaza Hotel.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 16, 1994 at Oolitic.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICT 19

November 18, 1993

Location: Drewsburg

Guests were introduced by Paul Covington. They were as follows: Jim Gilmore, Koorsen Fire Protection; Mark Baumhardt, Mobil Comm.; and Mike Wolfe, M + W Fire Protection Services.

Minutes read and approved. First roll taken with 48 men from 10 departments reporting 36 runs.

State Officers meeting discussions were on the dues notice 93-94. You were to mark the number of people wanting IVFA license plates. If this was not done, it is now too late for this year. You must give the number of plates needed each year.

Questions were asked about money from IVFA that is put into training. This money goes toward off-setting the cost of the fire school training.

In California there was controversy over paid firefighters acting as volunteers on off time. It was found that they were able to do this. Mr. Shanks is looking into the law to see if an amendment or change is needed.

A committee was formed to change the by-laws in the area of voting rights of the IVFA.

Indianapolis Fire School will have a 1 day session to cover the duties of State and District offices.

The 1st of February is deadline for letter with facts about fire members in department for Midwest Award. There is one of these awards per district.

State Fire Chiefs orientation this year will be a 1 day session on OSHA standards and education. Seating will be 100 people and a meal will be provided.

Convention reservations are due by May 1st.

2nd roll call was taken.

Announcement of Dist. 19 Miss Flame - Rachel Zins, Sunman.

We will invite legislators to our next meeting to discuss our concerns and feelings of what is happening to the fire service. The next meeting will be held at Friendship Vol. Fire Dept. at 7:30 p.m. January 27, 1994.

Judy Hildebrand led in Prayer. Bill Covington adjourned meeting.

DISTRICTS 1,2

October 20, 1993.

Location: Lincoln Twp.-Thayer

The meeting was called to order by District #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:55 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests Introduced: Included Dale Smith of Hoosier Fire Equipment, Bob Mauch of Fire, Inc. and P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Department History: Given by Chief Kapp Wan.

Roll Call: District #1-17 members from 6 departments & District #2-68 members from 14 departments.

Program: Given by Van D. Tuley from A.T.F. out of Merrillville.

Minutes of September Meeting: Motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the September minutes.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: PRNW Howe reported on the new Labor Laws, the Midwest Award, the 1994 Convention, the 1994 License Plate Forms, the upcoming issue of the newspaper and the Fire Institute Dinner to be held on November 14th.

Old Business: 1996 Convention Steering Committee report given by B. A. Howe.

New Business: Held a moment of silence for departed District #2 member Fred Armeath from Lake of the Four Seasons.

Good of the Order: Announced that Union Township has a smoke house that can be made available to the other departments.

50/50 Drawing Winner: District #1-New Chicago, District #2-Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn made, Seconded and passed at 10:15 P.M.

November 17, 1993

Location: Dyer

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 8:05 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests Introduced: Included Dale Smith of Hoosier Fire Equipment, State Fire Investigator Brad Sanders, Senator Sue Landske, Vice President Richard Glandt and P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Department History: Given by Chief John Ozahonics.

Roll Call: District #1-51 members from 8 departments & District #2-38 members from 9 depts.

Program: Given by Dr. Cooper, Medical Director of St. Margaret Mercy South Hospital on Hypothermia.

Minutes of the October Meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy scheduled for March 18th-20th, the 1994 Convention, the 1994 License Plate Forms, the Fire Chief's orientation in March and the IVFA's Volunteer Firefighters. He also announced that current IVFA membership stands at 17,684.

Vice President Glandt reported on the proposed Public Safety Training Institute and the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

District #2 Chairman Stott reported on attending the Fire Institute Dinner.

Senator Sue Landske reported on upcoming legislation that would require retro-sprinkling in older structures.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase new attendance trophies for 1994.

Good of the Order: Announced that the next meeting will be held on January 19, 1994 in Merrillville.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Paul Watland - \$68.50.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1-New Chicago, District #2-Lake Eliza - these two departments were also attendance Trophy Winners for 1993.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed at 9:15 P.M.

Jerome P. Schmitt
District #1 Secretary

Public Relations Northeast



Bill Kinsey

Where it's colder than a well diggers A__ in January !!

Cold weather challenges us to prove we've prepared thru training and experience for the increased fire runs due to cold weather putting heating systems to the test and bringing any weaknesses in the system. Hopefully we've preached the gospel of prevention. Heating systems that have not been checked and serviced along with auxiliary systems, ie: wood-burners, electric heaters, overloaded electric circuits, livestock heaters all add to the risk of fire.

Another aspect of increased fire hazard is improper installation of insulation in attic areas. The State Fire Marshal's Office recently sent a questionnaire from Barker Herbert Labs regarding cellulose insulation. Government studies have proven what most firefighters already know about cellulose insulation blown in covering recessed lighting fixtures causing overheating and consequent fires. I hope every fire department in Indiana has completed the questionnaire and returned it. Any fire department that has extinguished an attic fire where cellulose insulation was present has seen the tunneling effects of that type insulation and the many re-kindles as a result. The breakdown of fire retardancy after a period of time is a major consideration. Fire investigators have a major responsibility in proper investigation determining whether the fire was electrical initially or a result of overheating and subsequent ignition of cellulose insulation. Combat fire officers have a responsibility in removal of cellulose insulation after a fire to prevent re-ignite up to two days after the initial fire was extinguished. Proper fire investigation and reporting is the only way proper action can be taken thru fire codes. Do your part. A rekindle reflects on your departments ability not only to extinguish fires but to do a proper overhaul which ultimately raises a question regarding the departments liability.

The Indiana Trustee's Association recently distributed a paper regarding the State Board of Accounts position that a separately organized fire department is a separate entity from a municipality and requires special treatment regarding insurance. Make sure your department is properly insured. A copy of that paper follows this article.

Common sense based on training and experience is an invaluable asset to any fire department. Make sure your department uses all of its assets, particularly the experience of your older firefighters. New equipment, methods, training and youth cannot replace practical experience. Make sure your department's younger personnel don't take the attitude that

training takes the place of experience and your older experienced members don't sit back and say "I told you so". Work together for a more efficient fire department.

I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays and can look forward to a happy new year.

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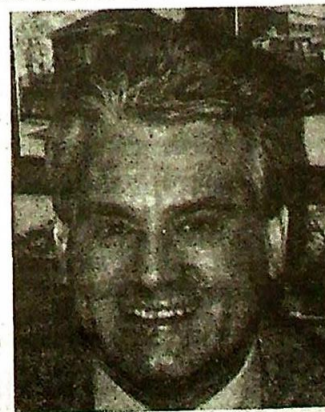
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AH-06	Fire Pumps - Care, Operation, Maintenance	6			4/30	5/1
AH-07	Fireground Hydraulics	6			4/30	
	NFPA 1901 - Apparatus Specifications	6		4/24		
AM-01	Administration and Management	6				
AM-02	Assessment Center Process for Officer Selection	6		4/24		
AM-03	Computers in the Fire Service	6	4/23		4/30	
AM-04	Disaster Management Planning	6			4/30	
AM-05	Firefighter Safety & Survival (FSCO)	12	4/23	4/24		
AM-06	Fire Chief's Responsibilities	12			4/30	5/1
AM-07	IOSHA Standards for Fire Officers	6		4/24		
AM-08	ISO Grading Schedule	6		4/24		
AM-09	Strategies for Company Success	12	4/23	4/24		
AM-10	Strategies for Personal Success	12			4/30	5/1
AM-11	Strategies for Supervisory Success	12			4/30	5/1
AM-12	Media Relations	6	4/23			
AM-13	Small Fire Department Administration	6				5/1
AM-15	IVFA District Officer's Class	6			4/30	
	E.M.S. and Rescue					
EMS-01	A Team Approach to Trench Rescue	12			4/30	5/1
EMS-02	Advanced Auto Extrication & Heavy Lifting	12	4/23	4/24		
EMS-03	Confined Space Rescue	6	4/23	4/24		
EMS-05	E.M.T. Workshop I - Trauma Management	6			4/30	
EMS-06	E.M.T. Workshop II	6				5/1
EMS-07	EMT-D Update	6	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
EMS-08	Farm Accident Response	16			4/30	5/1
EMS-09	Lifeline: On the Scene Training/Pediatric Trauma	6	4/23		4/30	
EMS-10	Automobile Extrication Technician	16	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
EMS-12	Fast Water Rescue	6			4/30	
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	First Class Firefighter					
FC-02	Building Construction - Ordinary	12	4/23	4/24		
FC-03	Emergency Medical Care	12	4/23	4/24		
FC-04	Fighting Fires in Sprinklered Buildings	6			4/30	5/1
FC-05	Fire Apparatus	6	4/23			
FC-06	Fire Service Law & Records	12			4/30	5/1
FC-07	First Class Firefighter Test Out	6			4/30	
FC-08	Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections	12			4/30	5/1
FC-09	Sprinklers & Standpipes	12			4/30	5/1
FC-10	Water Supply	6			4/30	5/1
	Firefighting Fundamentals					
FF-01	Advanced Search & Rescue	12	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
FF-02	Search & Rescue	6		4/24		5/1
FF-03	Wildland Fire Suppression	12	4/23	4/24		
FF-04	Rural Firefighting	6			4/30	5/1
FF-05	Mandatory 24 Hr Training for Indiana Firefighters	24	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
FF-06	Firefighter Health and Safety	12			4/30	5/1
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HM-01	Anhydrous Ammonia	6	4/23	4/24		
HM-02	Emergency Response to Clandestine Drug Labs	6	4/23			
HM-03	Chemistry of Hazardous Materials Review	12	4/23	4/24		
HM-04	Hazardous Materials Technician Level Review	6	4/23	4/24		
HM-05	Haz-Mat: Decontamination	6			4/30	5/1
HM-06	Haz-Mat: Farm Chemicals	12			4/30	5/1
HM-07	Tactical Operations of Hazardous Materials	12	4/23	4/24		
HMTO	Hazardous Materials Challenge Exam	3		4/24		5/1
	Inspection and Prevention					
IP-02	Fire Department Plan Review	6	4/23			
IP-03	Engine Company Inspections/Plan Review	12			4/30	5/1
IP-04	Sprinkler System Plan Review	6	4/23	4/24		
IP-05	Juvenile Fire Prevention - Level I	8	4/23		4/30	
IP-06	Juvenile Fire Prevention - Level II	8	4/23		4/30	
IP-07	Adult Fire Prevention	6				5/1
	Instruction					
IST-01	Instructor First Class	32	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
IST-02	Instructor Second Class	16	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
IST-03	Instructor Workshop	6			4/30	5/1
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IV-02	Advanced Fire/Arson Detection	24	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
IV-03	Investigation of Structural Fires	12			4/30	5/1
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IV-05	Who, What, When, Where, & Why - Fire	6			4/30	5/1
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NFA-01	Train the Trainer - Leadership I (Strategies for Company Success)	12	4/23	4/24		
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SC-01	Orientation, Alarms, & Communications	6			4/30	
SC-02	Fire Extinguishers	6	4/23			
SC-03	Fire Behavior & Personal Safety	12	4/23	4/24		
SC-04	Fire Streams	6				5/1
SC-05	Forcible Entry	6	4/23	4/24		
SC-06	Ground Ladders	6		4/24		
SC-07	Fire Hose, Nozzles, & Appliances	6			4/30	
SC-09	Ropes & Knots	6	4/23			
SC-10	Salvage & Overhaul	6			4/30	5/1
SC-11	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	6	4/23		4/30	
SC-12	Second Class Firefighter Test Out	12	4/23	4/24		
SC-13	Ventilation	12	4/23	4/24		
	Special Topics					
ST-01	Videos in the Fire Service	6	4/23			5/1
ST-02	Advanced Photography	12			4/30	5/1
ST-03	Fitness and Physical Performance in the Fire Service	6				5/1
ST-04	I-CHIEFS	6	4/23	4/24		
ST-05	Incident Command & Suppression in Rural America	6			4/30	5/1
ST-06	Electrical Hazards of Emergency Services	6	4/23	4/24		
ST-07	For the Other Half	6		4/24		
ST-08	Do We Have A Vision ... A Voice in Serving Indiana's Obligations & Needs for Fire Service "2000"? (Indiana Fire Service Institute)	6	4/23			
ST-09	Juvenile Firesetter	6	4/23			
ST-10	Photography	12	4/23	4/24		
ST-11	Field Maintenance of MSA-S.C.B.A.	6		4/24		
ST-12	Field Maintenance of SCOTT-S.C.B.A.	6				
ST-13	Stress - It Goes with the Job	6	4/23			
ST-14	Underground Storage Tanks	6	4/23	4/24		
ST-15	Women & Minorities in the Fire Service (Managing Change Effectively)	6	4/23		4/30	
ST-17	Fire Service Writing	6				5/1
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TS-01	A Tactical Approach to Residential Firefighting	12	4/23	4/24	4/30	5/1
TS-02	Air Crash & Rescue Procedures	6	4/23	4/24		
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TS-13	Managing Company Tactical Operations - Decision Making	12			4/30	5/1
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IVFAA President



Maxine Davies

Winter Greetings to All!

As I sit here writing this we have just had two days of below zero weather and tonight we are to get 4 to 6 inches of snow. By the time you read this let's hope the sun is shining on bare ground - no promises though!

Smile. Spring is just around the corner and Convention is only 5 months away. Let's all get ready for it early. Start by writing your letters for all of the awards - Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA, and the Ollie Sandburg Award. Then get your reservations and registrations in. District IV is working very hard and you are sure to have a good time in Elkhart! Let's all get on the ball - the more people the more fun and the more voices to run your organizations.

At our last State Officers' Meeting we had a very interesting cake baking demonstration by Vi Bruns and Marilyn Smith. Thanks very much, ladies! It brightened up our meeting.

By the middle of February I will be mailing a letter to each auxiliary and individual member bringing you up to date on auxiliary news. I will let you know how our membership and financial status compares to this time last year after our small dues increase.

Did some traveling recently and overheard an Immigration Officer talking to a man of Chinese nationality. "What is your name, Sir?" "Sneeze," replied the man. "Is that Chinese?" the Officer asked. "No, that's my American name. My Chinese name is 'Ah Choo'."

DISTRICTS 1,2

The meeting of Districts 1 & 2 was held at the Merrillville Fire Department on November 4, 1993 with 64 members and 8 guests representing 12 auxiliary.

Our Miss Flame contest was held. The winner from District 1 is Kristy Putnam from Merrillville, District 2, Andrea Armenth from Lake of the Four Seasons.

A silent auction was held to help defray the cost of the Miss Flame expenses.

A nice meal was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be held at the Independence Hill Fire Station on March 3, 1994.

Doe Doll tickets will be given out then.

Hope everyone had Happy Holidays.

Dollie Komoscar, Dist. 1
Ann Moss, Distr. 2

DISTRICT 4

Nov. 18, 1993
Nappanee Fire Station
The meeting was called to order by our Chairman Jane Ferro (Baugo). We said the Pledge

to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 8. Our guests were our District 4 Miss Flame, Brooke Freed and her mother, Debbie.

Chaplin Gladys Peterson (Baugo) read a poem titled Prelude to Autumn.

Secretary's minutes were read by Mary Hahn (Walkerton). Treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Loucks (Concord). Jane reported on the State Officers Meeting she and her husband had attended in Indianapolis recently.

We welcomed Debbie Freed as a new member.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 24th at the Portage Fire Station at 8:00 p.m.

The committee planning the 1994 State Convention will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Western Plaza Motel at 2:00 p.m.

The women joined the men's meeting where Miss Flame was crowned for District 4. She is Brooke Freed daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Freed of the Nappanee Fire Department.

A cute skit was acted out by Jane Ferro and Sue Vandegrift (Wakarusa) using cooking outfits of aprons and fireman hats. They demonstrated how to make a miracle marble nut cake baking it on an oven box with a heating pad. After it was all done it was presented to Gladys Peterson who would celebrate her birthday on Thanksgiving Day. She opened up the pretty package which she was afraid was the gooey cake, but found a happy birthday balloon. It sure brought some jolly good laughs from all.

LOIS BOAZ AWARD DEADLINE APRIL 10, 1994

ATTENTION MEN AND LADIES OF THE IVFA - IVFAA:

Now is the time to write those letters to nominate a lady to receive this year's award. 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 Fireman's Association Auxiliary.

Letters of nomination should include name, address, local auxiliary, district, information on her involvement in local, district, or state auxiliary. She does not have to hold an office in these organizations. Include if she has been involved in her church, community, or service organizations other than the fire department. The more information the better. Jacket size would also be helpful.

All letters must be submitted to the committee by APRIL 10,

1994, Letters received after this date will not be considered.

This year's committee members: Barbara Parker, 9006 Shelbyville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46259; Joan Hays, 4430 South 8th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802; Marilyn Smith, P.O. Box 373, Sunman, IN 47041.

Heinz factory

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Falling bricks turned on the gas in the building, causing a "very small" leak and the brief evacuation of several homes, Embree said.

The first firefighters to arrive at the building found the south side in flames that spread through the entire building in 20 to 24 minutes, Embree said.

The cold and the wind made fighting the fire more difficult.

Shifting winds moved the flames so close to a pumper truck that the windshield cracked before it could be moved, Embree said. In the cold, the spray turned to ice on the blacktop street and city crews came in to put down sand.

Helping Princeton were firefighters from Patoka Twp., the Patoka-White River dept. and Owensville-Montgomery Twp.

Also helping were "our friends across the river," said Embree - The Mount Carmel, IL, Fire Department, which brought aerial equipment.

Firefighters stayed at the site most of Wednesday, tapping out hot spots.

The property is barricaded and sightseers are also asked to keep off the property, said Embree, who said there is still some danger from falling walls.

By old construction standards, it was a three story building, said Embree. By today's standards, its high ceilings made it possibly five stories.

"It was a magnificent structure in it's day, a lot of good craftsmanship," said Embree.

Construction on the Heinz factory, which once produced ketchup and tomato paste, started in 1920, said Betty Ahlemann of the Princeton Public Library.

Before it opened, local farmers were shown how to raise tomatoes on a large scale, she said. At one time the factory employed 500 workers, most of them seasonal employees.

The factory was rebuilt after the 1925 tornado.

In 1942, the building became the home of the Devoe and Reynolds paint brush factory. It later was occupied by Princeton Industries and Creative Custom Products.

One group tried to run a flea market in the building in the late 1980s but was unsuccessful, Ms. Ahlemann said.

Most recently, the building housed a small merchandise salvage business, said Embree.

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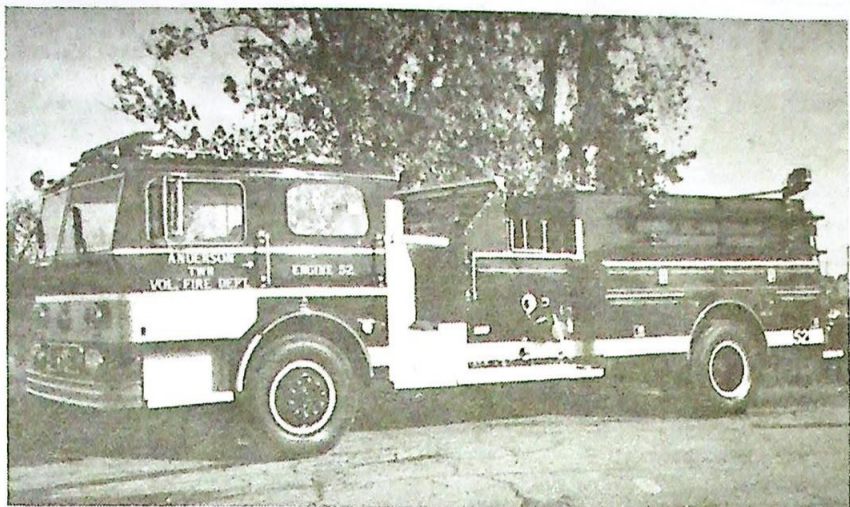
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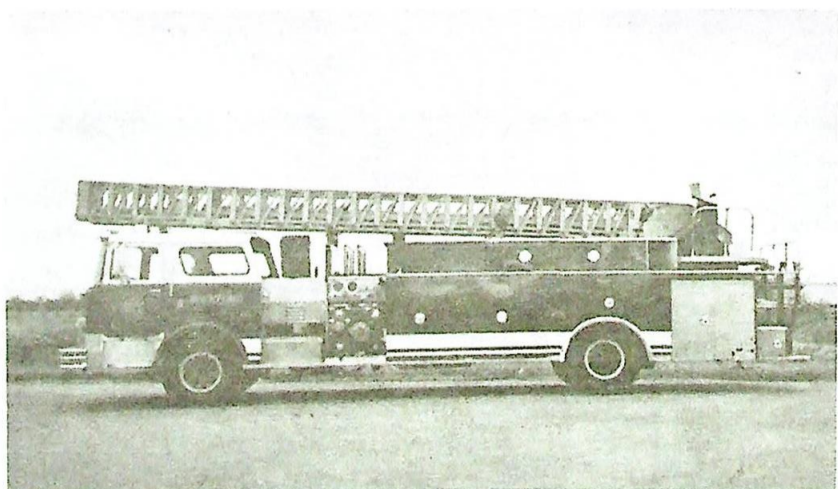
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AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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President, Maxine Davies called the meeting to order by asking Joann Hayes to lead the group in prayer. She read a poem entitled "Shop in Heaven's Grocery Store", then followed with prayer.

Joann took the place of Chaplain, Judy Hildebrand, who was not present because of a problem that took place while they were on vacation in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It seems while there, someone had taken nearly \$4000.00 worth of items from their van, so they had to stay and get things taken care of. Some way to have a vacation!!

Pledge to the flag followed prayer.

Recording Secretary, Lou Bartlow gave the roll call. We had 24 Officers and Committee Members with 8 guests present. Jean Parish, wife of IVFA President Mitch Parish is now a member of the Auxiliary. Welcome Jean!!

Lou read the minutes of the last meeting. Mary Mackin made the motion to refrain from reading the District reports and Barbara Parker seconded it. After two minor corrections to the minutes they were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report and stands for audit.

Membership, Lou Bartlow said we have a total membership of 1144. We have the same amount of auxiliaries but less members.

Maxine read a letter from Thelma Lester that Mr. Davies had received in the mail, in regards to an article he had placed in the IVFA newspaper concerning any information on Past Presidents awards given years ago. She is 85 years old and had kept records from the time she had been active in the aux. The letter was very interesting and a joy to hear from her.

Maxine also read a letter that was printed in a local newspaper concerning the laws in conjunction with fund raisers and charity events. We need to write letters and do some complaining.

Auditing, Nancy Neal said all the books are fine.

Lois Boaz, Barbara Parker said to get your letters in. Marilyn Smith, our past recipient is here with us today.

By-Laws, Wanda Johnson said we have 2 new by-law changes submitted for this coming year. Make sure you get your changes in at least 60 days before convention.

We had a slight delay in our meeting, when Mitch Parish, IVFA President, came to tell us about our room reservations. He had a lot of complaints again this time and they were all supposed to be taken care of from the time before. So unless he can straighten things out, we may be meeting in another place, possibly the Days Inn near the airport. But we will let you know in plenty of time to make your reservations.

Maxine said we have two new auxiliaries. Scipio Twp. and New Middletown. Congratulations!!

We had started getting birthdates at our prior meeting and some of them were not present, so Maxine went over the list and we added the ones who were missed. This is just in case you wish to send them a card.

Doe Doll, Phyllis Vargo said we had the go ahead so be ready at the Feb. meeting because we have the doll and the sponsor for the tickets. She will pass them out then. So get out there and SELL, SELL, SELL!!!

Financial Study--No report.

Miss Flame, Barbara Parker said she needs the dates of the Miss Flame Contests. She would like to have the names and pictures of the girls just as soon as possible. She would also like a meeting of her committee following this meeting today.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin has \$60.00 to turn in today. Have tie tacks and charms from Clarksville left. She will also have the charms for convention '94 with her at the Feb. Meeting.

Districts 1-2-3 will join together to host the Sat. night party in February. This should be a nice party, so if you get in early and want to join in the fun, look up the room they are in and come join us.

BREAK TIME:

We were entertained by Vi Bruns and Marilyn Smith. They presented the "Dinah Shine Show" They provided Fantastic Cooking and World Recipes. They baked a "Miracle Marble Nut Cake". UN-M-M Good!! If you weren't at the meeting, you missed a very delicious cake and a great LAUGH!! Thanks Girls, the recipe will be long cherished.

Toni Sorg said the Poe Volunteer Fire Department has made 3800 lbs. of peanut brittle this year so far. They make it every Tues. and Friday evenings at the station. It is a very good money making project.

Barbara Parker said she had some complaints about articles being sent to the newspaper and not being published. She just wanted to know why??? A couple of others said they had sent things in and were not printed also. If they want items for the paper, she just wondered why they were not getting printed.

Report from Jane Ferro on the Convention was given. She said we WOULD have the beer tent, but the drinking will have to be contained inside the fenced in area. If anyone is caught outside the designated area they can be arrested.

A campground will be available for \$15.00 per night. She is trying to get a weekly rate, but so far that is all the info she has. She said it was a very nice campground.

The Memorial service transportation is still pending. She said we may have to use vans. But she is still checking on that.

Maxine said they were going to write to the Governor's Office and see if they can get a Proclamation for the week of June 7-13 to be IVFA Week. Joann Hayes closed the meeting with prayer.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!! HOPE SANTA IS GOOD TO ALL OF YOU!!!

See you at the meeting Feb. 5th and 6th. Place????????

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICTS 1-2:

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A nice meal was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be held at the Independence Hill Fire Station on March 3, 1994.

DISTRICT 3:

The President opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Carolyn McCarty offered prayer. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$240.82. Carolyn McCarty made a motion, seconded by Toni Gramels to pay Sporting Goods \$25.00 for plaques, Lions \$14.50 for postage for letters sent and pay for an additional plaque for Michiana Shores for tying with Scipio Twp. yearly attendance plaque.

Each Auxiliary was asked to subscribe to the Indiana Volunteer Fireman. A proclamation is to be made for Volunteer's Fireman Week.

Convention was discussed. The ladies were also asked to consider someone for the Lois Boaz Award.

DISTRICT 4:

Our meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. hosted by Osceola Fire Department with 7 members present, and our 4th District Miss Flame Brooke Reed.

We talked about the convention at French Lick and the fun we had at the campground, where we all camped.

We discussed Convention '94 that our own District will host and went over some of the things we would be doing.

Our next meeting will be on November 18th at Nappanee Fire Department and this will be our Miss Flame contest.

DISTRICT 6:

We met at Stueben Township, Pleasant Lake on September 16th with 9 members, 1 guest from 5 Departments present.

Minutes were read from convention, Officers meeting and District. IRS forms were discussed and new money making project will be decided later.

Miss flame contest will be on January 20th at Churubusco, Whitley County.

DISTRICT 7:

The 7th District meeting was held at Berne. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag. Roll call was answered by 15 members from 7 Depts.

Minutes were approved as read. Next meeting will be at Bluffton Fire Dept. with a Christmas exchange to be held. We will also hold our Miss Flame contest that evening.

DISTRICT 10:

The meeting was held at New Point on August 18th. There was 7 members and 2 guests present from 4 Depts.

We discussed a money making project. We will be making up the ditty bags for the Miss Flames again this year as a donation.

DISTRICT 11-B:

Our regular meeting was held at Roachdale in September. We discussed the Miss Flame dance to be held in February. It was discussed whether we can have a raffle this year because of the new

laws passed in legislature.

DISTRICT 12:

The meeting was held on August 9th at Washington Twp. Fire Headquarters. Meeting was called to order by Wanda Johnson. Roll call was taken with 11 members and 1 guest present. Officer reports were read and approved. Officer elections were held with the same Officers staying. Next meeting will be on Nov. 8th and there will be a Christmas exchange.

DISTRICT 13:

Meeting was held at Fortville Fire Dept. with a carry in supper with the men.

Our usual form of business was carried out with 7 in attendance.

We held election of Officers and a motion was made to keep all the Officers the same. Motion was seconded with all in favor.

A discussion for a money making project was brought up and carried for next meeting.

We will have a Christmas exchange at the Nov. 18th meeting.

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The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced the theme for this year's national commemoration of Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15. It is "Test Your Detector For Life."

Fire Prevention Week is recognized every October during the full week - Sunday through Saturday - that includes October 9, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The NFPA has been the official sponsor of this national event for some 70 years, utilizing the commemoration as a means to increase public awareness of the dangers of fire and the ways we can protect ourselves from it.

"Smoke detectors are powerful tools for saving lives," says NFPA President George D. Miller, "but they have to be operating to protect us." To make sure your smoke detectors will effectively warn you of smoke and fire in your home, the NFPA recommends testing the devices at least once a month. In battery-operated units, install fresh batteries at least once a year as well. Also keep in mind the devices' life spans. If you think your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, consider replacing them with new ones.

Because ever home needs the protection of working smoke detectors, the NFPA chose "Test Your Detector For Life" as this year's Fire Prevention Week theme to reinforce the need to keep smoke detectors operating and emphasize the life-saving potential working smoke detectors offer.

"Just having a smoke detector cuts your risk of dying nearly in half if you have a home fire," says Mr. Miller. "And you can reduce your risk even more by being more pro-active." In addition to having working smoke detectors, the NFPA recommends planning and

regularly practicing a home escape plan; installing automatic residential fire sprinklers in your home; and using caution with smoking materials - the leading cause of fire deaths, cooking equipment, and heating devices.

"A smoke detector with a dead battery is more dangerous than no smoke detector at all," Mr. Miller points out. "Because it gives you a false sense of security. We want families to be well protected from fire, and smoke detectors are our first line of defense. I hope this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign will help remind people to test their

smoke detectors every month to keep them working so they'll provide early warning if a fire breaks out."

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services. The National Fire Codes® are 280 fire safety codes and standards published by NFPA, developed by technical committees staffed by 5,000 volunteers, and adopted and enforced throughout the world. The Association also publishes fire safety educational materials including the Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts, USA.

40-year veteran recalls old days of firefighting

By Sherri A. Lively
Tribune Staff Writer

MISHAWAKA - After watching the Penn Township church he'd grown up with burn to the ground in 1953, Harvey Ludwig joined frustrated neighboring farmers, businessmen and laborers who met at the former Kennedy School to establish the North Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department.

At 23, Ludwig was the youngest of the 60 charter members determined to boost the growing township's fire protection. The new department fried fish, threw card parties and sponsored dances to collect firefighting funds, and squeezed the used fire trucks they bought into an old school bus building behind the old Kennedy School.

The soft-spoken Ludwig proved to be one of the most dedicated founders. Forty years later, Ludwig is the only charter firefighter left with the department.

In his four decades with North Penn, Ludwig served as a fire chief from 1961 to 1964 and was fourth District Chairman of the IVFA from 1963-1968.

In December 1955, using residents' donations, North Penn outfitted all the men with fire coats, boots, helmets at a cost of \$60 a person. Today, outfitting a firefighter cost \$1,000.

With a pair of jeans, "helmet and coat for about \$40 and a pair of boots for \$12 we were ready to fight fires," Ludwig said. Now, firefighters are required to wear fire resistant bunker pants, gloves and fire hoods under their helmets, with their coats and boots.

In its first year, the department answered 46 fire calls, notifying each other by telephone. Times have changed. Using portable radios, the department answers an average 500 calls a year now, and responded to 72 calls in August alone.

In the early years, Ludwig farmed and worked as an apprentice at the former Lovett Tool & Die Manufacturing shop while he fought fires.

He burned his boots off running through a muck fire off Imus Road, burned his hands battling a stubborn woods blaze and fought the fire that claimed his father's old barn, which stood on Day Road where Walt Disney School is now. (Winding Brook subdivision is built on the old Ludwig dairy farm.)

In 1965, Ludwig founded Superior Piece Parts, Inc., 1717 E. Seventh St., and threw himself into business. After three years of directing IVFA fourth district affairs while running the business, Ludwig decided it was too difficult to do both and dropped his chairmanship. Harris Township Fire Chief Norm Crocker replaced him as fourth District Chairman in 1968.

Today, the 63-years-old Ludwig serves as fire department treasurer and a loyal worker at smokers and other fund-raisers. He listens to the scanner tucked in a massive wardrobe in his office, waiting for major fires.

His office is a sight to behold - it's crammed with Christmas decorations, souvenirs of his travels around the United States and trophies of his hunting and fishing trips to Wyoming and Canada. The walls are covered with mounted deer heads, ducks, wild cats, antelope, raccoons, muskies, trout and two jackelopes - jack rabbits fitted with antlers.

Ludwig will leave work for house fires but not medical runs, which come almost daily, because advanced emergency medicine is something he never learned.

"I would've loved to become a paramedic, but I had too much to do," Ludwig said.

He's a product of the old school days, when firefighters simply tackled fires, North Penn Fire Chief Orville Anderson said of Ludwig.

"He's a real good firefighter. He's not scared to get right in and get involved," said Anderson, who has served the department with Ludwig for 10 years.

"I remember seeing him at a fire, standing in the doorway with the door open, fighting the fire with no air mask," Anderson said. "You can't do that now."

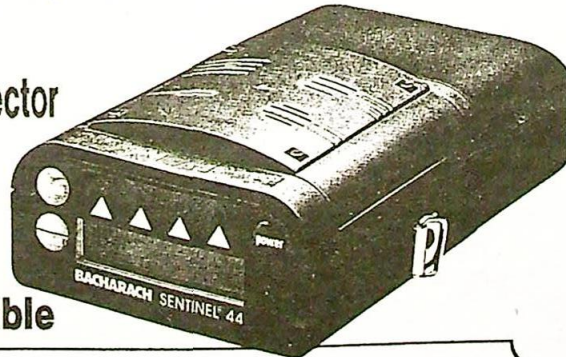
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Members of the Union Township Advisory Board present keys to the new tanker/pumper to UVFD Chief Derrell Lawless. From left to right: Advisory Board Member Chuck White, Township Trustee Rich Herzog, Chief Lawless, UVFD Board Chairman Jack Runion, and Advisory Board Member Bob Cory.

On July 7, 1993, the members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler placed into service a new pumper-tanker unit.

In mid-1992, the department began plans to replace one of its current 1800 gallon tankers with a unit able to both carry more water and to substitute as an engine company if one of the Class A pumpers on the apparatus roster had to be taken out of service for repairs. Neither of the current tankers afforded this second function.

At about the same time that the specifications for the new unit were completed, the Union Township Advisory Board was made aware that the department was planning to acquire a new tanker. (The Union Department is contracted to the Township for fire/rescue services, but is completely independent.) The three members of the Advisory Board, along with then Trustee Richard Herzog decided to make the purchase of the tanker for the department. This in turn would allow the department to use the money saved for the tanker as a down payment on a new engine in mid-1994.

KME Apparatus was awarded the contract to construct the new tanker. The apparatus is built on a Navistar chassis with dual rear axles for better weight distribution. A 3000 gallon booster tank is combined with a 3000 gallon port-a-tank to almost double the water carrying capacity of the unit replaced. A 500 gpm pump with two preconnected hand lines moves water from the unit as does the 10" jet dump valve on the rear of the truck. The unit is powered by a diesel engine and automatic transmission. Two SCBA are mounted in the small high sides compartment on the driver's side, while plenty of additional space has been provided for engine company equipment in the lower compartments on either side of the vehicle. Cost of the completed

unit was just under \$130,000.00.

Over the years, the department has enjoyed the support of our Advisory Board in trying to provide the best possible fire/rescue services for the township. Board Members Charles White, Robert Cory, and past member Michael Boller are to be commended for the support shown in the past, and especially in this purchase. Sadly, on July 15th Township Trustee Richard Herzog was taken from us.

Many on the department felt that Rich made sure that he completed this one last project for the department before he rested. On December 18, 1993, a plaque was presented to the Herzog family. It will be mounted on the new apparatus in memory of Rich, to serve as a lasting tribute to the support he has given to the department over the years.

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All fire departments will need to determine their number of needed books by allotting one (1) book for each piece of apparatus in the station. You must then contact your local LEPC chairman or director on the number needed and that person will handle the distribution in each county.

If we may be of any assistance please call me at 317-232-2169.

Ivan Nevil

Atlanta Volunteer Fire Dept. to Sponsor Competition in May

The Atlanta Volunteer Fire Dept. will be sponsoring a fire dept. competition on May 14, 1994 for the area's fire depts.

Competition will include hose lays, hose streams, search and rescue and general tactics used in firefighting. This competition was brought about to help our firefighters develop their skills in firefighting and search and rescue.

Since our dept. relies heavily on mutual aid (received and given) with our neighboring fire depts,

this also gives us a chance to have all our fire depts. working together in competing against each other. So better working relationships are achieved for the future.

We are looking forward to making this an annual event in Atlanta, IN.

W. Roger Fuehring, AVFD

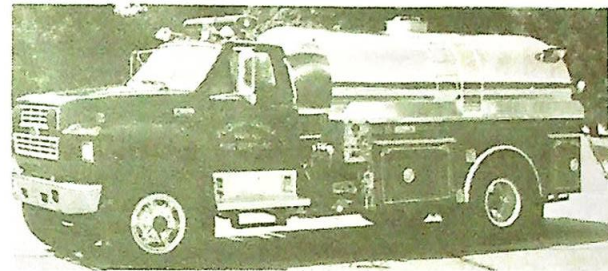
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DISTRICT 14

Hello. As newly elected Chairman, I look forward to

meeting was slim, but dramatically increased at the second meeting. I hope the attendance continues to grow! The meeting was brought to order at the Vienna Vol. Fire

Department and old business was discussed. I informed District members that nothing had been heard in reference to the 50/50 drawings, and that the IVFA would not be supporting any blue light legislation this session.

The District lost three members, David Brown and Charlie Wilkerson from New Washington, and Jim Bridgewater from Lexington VFD.

highest risk to fires. The Foundation is particularly interested in reaching young children, older adults, and low income populations in urban and rural areas.

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services. The Association publishes the *National Fire Codes®* and the *Learn Not to Burn® Curriculum*. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, Massachusetts, USA.
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Ben Franklin Medal Proceeds To Be Presented To Learn Not To Burn Foundation

The Learn Not to Burn Foundation of the National Fire Protection Association will receive the first installment of proceeds from sales of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial Commemorative Medal in an event January 17, 1994, at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sharon Gamache, executive director of the Foundation, and NFPA President George D. Miller, will attend the ceremony.

"The proceeds of the Benjamin Franklin Medal will be used to deliver public education programs and resources to low income residents in rural and urban communities which have high fire death and injury rates," says Ms. Gamache.

The Learn Not to Burn Foundation was established in 1986 to secure funding for targeted educational programs that address special problems and audiences. Its mission is to reduce deaths, injuries, and loss of property from fires and burns among people shown to be at

The National Fire Protection Research Foundation announces that the technical report of the National Container Fire Risk Analysis project will be issued next month. The report documents all obtainable real fire incidence and fire test data on flammable and combustible liquid storage fire protection involving containers of all materials, five gallons or less in size.

The report clarifies what the important areas of risk are, where test data is thorough, and what significant risk areas remain undocumented. Comments on the interim progress reports generated during the year-long project have included the words "groundbreaking" and "definitive," as codewriters seek to organize and interpret recent incidence and test data.

The project's technical advisory committee, comprised of some thirty fire service, code, and industry representatives, is currently evaluating the feasibility of extending the project to include additional fire testing to fill in gaps in the existing data.

Established in 1896, the National Fire Protection Association is an international, non-profit, voluntary membership association with more than 63,000 members worldwide. As the NFPA's microscope and telescope on the future, the Research Foundation is an independent public nonprofit foundation, providing practical, usable data on fire risk and state-of-the-art fire safety methods. Since 1982, the Research Foundation has served standard-writers, fire safety professionals, corporate and public agency for management, and the international regulatory community.

For further information about this or any Foundation research project, contact the Research Foundation at 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269, or call (617) 984-7283.

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Liberty Twp. Celebrated 40 Yrs and Hosted County Meeting



Members who prepared things for the Open House and County Meeting. Left to Right: Sec., Lisa Sweigart; Asst. Chief, John Shafer; Paramedic, Chris Woods; Firefighters: Rod Jester, Karla Jester, Darryl Dudley, Steve Coffman, Ronny Young, EMT Tony Young, Asst. Chief Terry Coffman.

Liberty Twp. Fire Department celebrated 40 years in service, and hosted a County Meeting at their department on July 25 & 26 1993. In the early days when there weren't any improved roads or telephones, each residence had their own fire to fight with only the help of their families and close neighbors. Then came the telephones and the word of a fire in progress traveled fast. As the roads were improved many more neighbors arrived at the fire to help. Many times bucket brigades were formed, if water was readily available, and many buildings were saved in this manner.

In early 1940's the Trustee had a contract signed with New Lisbon and Mooreland Fire Departments for protection of the township north and south and New Castle and Hagerstown Fire Departments took care of the east and west. This was helpful in reducing fire losses, but it was still a great problem as the firefighters sometimes had to travel several miles.

About 1950 a group of town people decided that they needed their own equipment. Donations were received and a used oil truck was purchased and a fire truck was made. A few years later profits from the Millville Centennial paid for most of the cost of the fire house and in 1963 a new fire truck was ordered and Liberty became as well equipped

as surrounding fire departments, and a couple years a water wagon was added, to protect 42 1/2 square miles of Liberty Township. Now by 1993 Liberty Fire Department has added to the front of the fire house to make room for equipment and apparatus. We have a community meeting room in the back and a two bay areas in the middle which was the original housing, then we added on to the front of the building to make a three bay area. We have one Ford Lafrance 500 gpm pumper and one American Lafrance 750 gpm pumper and one F-800 Ford 300 gpm tanker and a Jeep J-20 4x4 300 gpm grass truck.

We have 20 active firefighters on the department that are versatile in HazMat, Rope Rescue and Medical training. We met new and old neighbors at our Open House. We had refreshments and doors prizes of a smoke detector and a fire extinguisher. We enjoyed visiting with people from our community and surrounding area.

Our speakers for our county meeting was James Corwell and Roy Warren from Fort Harrison Fire Department. They talked to us and Henry and Wayne county firefighters about Hazardous Material. They also brought with them a transit bus which is now equipped as a hazardous material response unit and emergency

headquarters. R. Warren and J. Cordwell explained about the SERT (Specialized Emergency Response Team). Their job is to contain spills and keep it from spreading. The bus also contains 40 reference books and a computer which has ready reference to a list of several thousands chemicals. The bus can also be used for a Command Post for serious incidents such as tornados and earthquakes. They also set up a decontaminate unit with some things they made themselves and the rest was paid for by other means and support. HazMat Technicians are required 160 hours of training. Liberty Twp. Fire Chief Richard Moore supports the idea of a regional response unit serving Henry, Wayne, Fayette, Franklin, Union and Rush Counties. Chief Richard Moore and Asst. Chief Terry Coffman our HazMat technicians and Ronnie Young of Liberty Twp. are being trained as a HazMat responders. Everyone walked away with a little more knowledge of HazMat and what goes on with it.

Liberty Twp. Fire Department would like to thank those who attended, and the Liberty members that took time to help get things ready.

Lisa Sweigart,
District 13B, Secretary

Amboy Volunteer Fire Company

The Amboy Vol. Fire Co. met on Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994 for our monthly business meeting. During the meeting there was discussion about advertising for sale our 1960 Dodge fire truck. This truck was taken out of service upon delivery of our new firetruck. Fundraising plans for the year were also discussed.

It was announced that we have two more firemen taking first responder class, and four firemen taking first class training. Both

classes have started. There are plans for more training throughout the year.

The new officers for '94 are as follows: Chief, Erhardt Ball-schmidt; 1st Assistant Chief, Harry Detamore; 2nd Assistant Chief, Kevin Warren; Captain,

Brad Walker: President, Bruce Horner; Vice President, Jack Hunt; Secretary, Mark Horner; Board Member, Emory Herschberger; Board Member, Brad Walker; and Treasurer, Noel Hunt.
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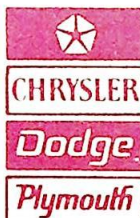
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DuBois Vol. Fire Dept. gets Defibrillator



Front Row: Brian Terwiske; Jim Humbert; Ray Brinkman, Asst. Chief; Myron J. Dekemper, Chief; Susan Schnaus, EMS Coordinator; Krista Schroering, EMT; Mark Humbert.

Back Row: Pat Zehr; Keith Humbert; Glenn Lueken; John Dodd; Paul Danhafer; Tim Friedman; Ed Freyberger.

Not Pictured: Gary Heeke; Marv Kluesner.

The First Responders of in DuBois County to implement a DuBois Vol. Fire Dept. recently First Responders Defibrillation became the first fire department Program. As of May 1, 1993 this

department received certification from the State of Indiana Emergency Management Agency as a Basic Life Support non-transport unit.

This certification followed months of specialized training in cardiac defibrillation, airway and ventilation adjuncts and a comprehensive review of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). A lengthy application process was also involved to obtain this certification.

The use of automated defibrillation devices is relatively new to the emergency medical community. In most places in the United States, first responders are the first emergency personnel to reach a person who has collapsed in cardiac arrest. Until now they would initiate two-rescuer CPR and provide basic life support measures but had to wait for the ambulance to arrive with an automated defibrillator. Approximately sixty percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients could benefit from the use of a defibrillator.

DuBois County Emergency Medical Services recently replaced one of their defibrillator units, thus making the initial defibrillator available to Dubois Volunteer Fire Department for the

pilot project. Intentions are to set up each fire department in the county with similar devices within the next several years pending the outcome of the pilot program. Dubois was selected as the site for this project due to its distance from the nearest ambulance station and the large run volume that their department has.

DuBois County will also be placing an ambulance in the Dubois Community later this year to better serve the needs of the community.

Attention All Dists. This is a FREE school. The instructor is Ron Hoffman of the New Castle Fire Dept. The school will be Saturday March 12, 1994 at 8:00 am at Fortville, IN. Fortville is located on State Road 67 between Anderson and Indianapolis.

Thanks to Hoosier Fire coffee and donuts are free. Lunch is on you. I hope everyone will come to the Fire School. So make plans NOW. Well I've got to go for now. See you at Dist. meetings. Be careful out there.

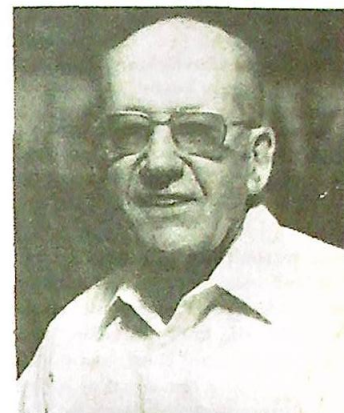
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Larry Jackson

The winter season is upon us, and as we all know it is a time when fireman get busy fighting house fires. As well EMS runs increase. As the winter temperature falls to below freezing we all need to be really carefully not to get frostbite or slip and fall when doing the job we were trained to do.

Speaking of training, Fortville Fire Dept. is hosting a fire school for District 12A. The school will be "Fighting LP Gas Fires".

Public Relations West Central



L.J. "Toddy" Michl

Hi Everyone!

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. Our Aux., Prairieton, had a Christmas party for all our firemen and their families. Santa came to the delight of the children. It's nice to be together when not fighting fires.

Our children were all with us sometime during the day. Having a 4 year old grandson, our youngest, makes Christmas fun.

New Years Eve we spent with our firemen friends at Bob and Janet Meyers home. Bob, Otter Creek No. 1 fireman, retired last year from work and built a new house. There are about 8 firemen and their wives, from different departments, that stick together. We are family. One of our couples was missing. The Gottches from New Harmony. Eva hurry and get well so you can be with us again. Eva is District 11A's Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer.

New Years Day we were invited to Honey Creek's 20th year celebration. A lot of firemen came. It was a nice seeing some of the older bunch that started out with the department. Bob Hays, our District Chairman, got an award for being on the department for 20 years. Congratulations Bob! As usual we had plenty of good food. Honey Creek can be really proud of what they have accomplished in 20 years.

We went to Dana for District 11B's meeting. They had a good turnout. They are planning a Miss Flame dance in February. Always nice being with our friends in the district.

The weather has really turned cold this past week. Our thermometer read 18 degrees below and windchill 38 degrees below. Sure hope it kills all these flu germs people have been getting. I only hope no one has to fight fires in this kind of weather. More people have become aware of fire safety and are more cautious.

Went to our District 11A meeting at Honey Creek. We had our Miss Flame contest. Amber Wells from Hymera was selected and Amy Wade from Seelyville was runner-up. Good luck in June Amber.

As I'm writing this the snow is really coming down. I hope to see you at your next meeting, weather permitting.



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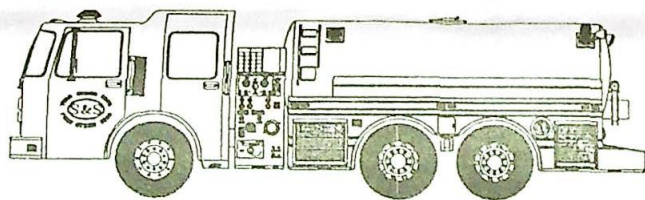
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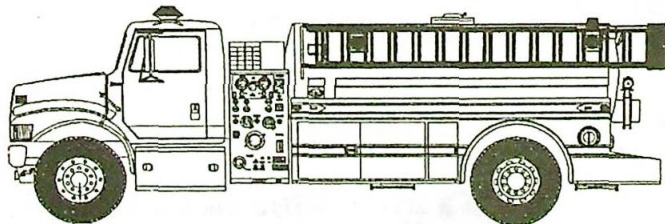
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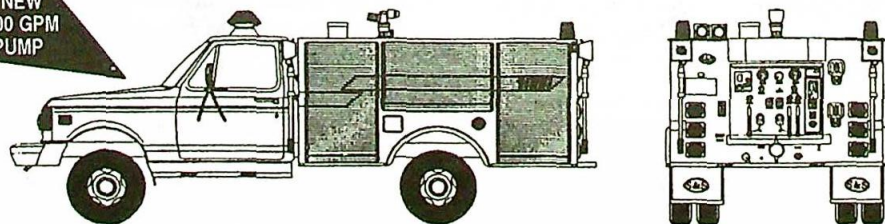
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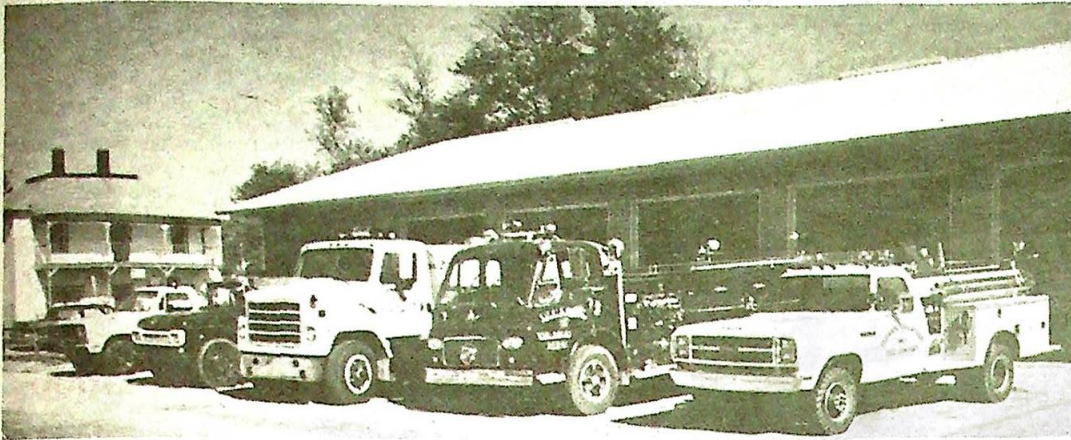
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Paragon Dedicates New Fire Station



Equipment of Paragon Fire Dept. in front of new station.



Ribbon cutting at dedication of Paragon Fire Station.



Don Johnson presenting clock to chief Dan Dotson at dedication of Paragon Fire Station.

The 12th District of the IVFA, wishes to congratulate the

Paragon Volunteer Fire Department and the community on the dedication of their new fire station.

This is a much needed improvement and it took many long hours of planning and hard work.

Chief Danny Dotson was presented with an IVFA clock by Don Johnson 12th District Chairman.

The presentation was a complete surprise to the station and was much appreciated.

The dedication was attended by several dignitaries of the town and state.

We wish them continued success with all future endeavors.

Dry Hydrant Seminar

by: Judy Werling

Dry hydrant use in Adams County was recently tested during an actual barn fire. Firefighters at the site commented on the effectiveness of the hydrant as there was an adequate supply of water during suppression in this rural area. This was the first time the older firemen could remember not running out of water during a barn fire.

Since January of 1993, the Preble Volunteer Fire Department has been raising money to install eight dry fire hydrants beside farm ponds in its coverage area. Seed money for the project came from the German Fire Insurance of Decatur, Indiana.

Dry Hydrants provide quick and easy hookups so fire department tankers can be refilled to fight fires in areas not serviced by water lines. The chief criterion for choosing locations for dry hydrants is all-weather access for fire trucks.

In an effort to share more information on dry hydrant applications, design parameters, delivery rates and installation, the Preble Volunteer Fire Fighting Association is holding a seminar. The Dry Hydrant seminar will feature Stan Merrett, Engineering Manager for Schlumberger

Industries, a manufacturer of dry hydrant water delivery systems. The seminar will be held on April 9, 1994, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Preble Firemen's Park. Contact Leonard Rekeweg, 219-547-4186 for information.

Harrison Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Inc.

The Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. held their Annual Christmas Party and Awards Dinner. Special recognition for service was given to Frank Randall, Jr. as Firefighter of The Year.

New Officers for 1994 were elected:

Chief, Walter Dietz; 1st Asst. Chief, Bryan Brown; 2nd Asst. Chief, Phil Pugsley; Training Capt., Jim Klamo; Equipment Capt., Carl Kestler; Building and Grounds Capt., Frank Randall Jr.; Secretary, Pat Smith.

For the year of 1993 Fund Raisers were the Auxiliary's three day garage sale, and in Sept. the Annual Omelete Brunch.

The station also hosted a Halloween Party for the Twp. children. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The Dept. organized a food drive and the collected food was given to the Love Chapel, a local philanthropic organization.

Pat Smith, Secretary

Trash fires spark dispute over burning

By Dan Armstrong
Staff reporter

West Side trash fires that prompted responses from two volunteer fire departments have led to a heated disagreement about the legality of open burning.

The Scott Township Volunteer

Fire Department was called out just after 5 yesterday evening to put out burning debris at Commercial Landscaping Service Inc., 12100 N. St. Joseph Ave.

Jess Roberts, Scott Fire Chief, said his firefighters were at the scene for about two hours. The Scott volunteers were assisted by German Township firefighters who helped get water to the fires.

Roberts said the firefighters "knocked the fire down" and he pulled his troops out because of darkness and the danger of "walking around in that stuff." He said his department would return this morning and check whether it was still burning.

Roberts said firefighters found piles of rubbish burning in two ravines on Commercial Landscaping's property.

He claimed that the company's Frank Duncan was burning tree limbs, railroad ties, leaves and other trash in violation of Indiana's law banning burning on the ground.

But Duncan, a partner in Commercial Landscaping, said a change in the state law that took effect on July 1 allows nurserymen to burn their debris.

"Evidently our local fire chief ain't up to the latest laws," Duncan said.

David Rice, a state Environmental Protection Agency specialist on the open burning law, said nurserymen are allowed some exceptions from the law but burning railroad ties is specifically prohibited. He said

nurserymen can burn only "vegetation" — such as leaves, limbs, shrubs—from plants growing on their own land. Materials carted from another job site cannot be burned, he said.

Rice said burning is allowed only when weather conditions are good and an employee must remain at the burn site until the fire is out.

"I didn't have any fire to speak of," Duncan said. "Just a little brush fire. Didn't amount to nothing."

It was "uncontrolled open burning," Roberts said.

"The wind kicked up and it was getting up into the air pretty good there and they could see the flames from the fire station, which is over on Darmstadt Road," Roberts said. "So it was a pretty good-sized fire."

Duncan said his company burns its trimmings as the law sets forth.

"The wind came up a little bit and kicked it up a little bit and the fire department come and put it out and that's all there is to it," Duncan said. "We run the fires according to the fire laws set out by the state of Indiana. No violations that I know of."

Roberts said there was a lot of smoke and odor. He expected the Evansville Environmental Protection Agency to inspect the site and said the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department also made a report.

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MISS FLAME INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION '94

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the IVFA The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated Rev 1/93.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). District winner's applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10, 1994. The girls selected will be representing the state, district, and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and department.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must however, make their own reservations and advise that they are a candidate. Each girl will have a chaperone (parents or a designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperone may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, she will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday night, and the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The final judging and crowning will be held on Thursday evening. ALL GIRLS will be expected to attend the Men's and Women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM "MISS FLAME" CONTEST

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____
(Print in full)

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
Month/Day/Year

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ MEASUREMENTS _____

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Entry form, two black and white photos must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10, 1994. Also, please include the consent form. (The paper is published in April so must have everything mailed to me in order to get in the paper).
THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.
PLEASE ATTACH TWO RECENT BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS WITH YOUR APPLICATION.
THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MAELS THE FORM TO THE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN.
 Barbara Parker
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 District Chairman Signature and District Number

They will sell doe doll tickets on Saturday morning at the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday afternoon.

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER THE IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST

1. Father, brother, mother, or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single and non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each department in

the District Contest.

5. Winner of a department will be entered in District-wide contest.

6. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two black and white photos should be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10th.

7. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.

8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.

9. Department winner will be decided at the discretion of the Department

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11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to

fulfill the title.

12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at State Convention.

13. Host department will pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Friday evening.

14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Friday evening.

15. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Friday at convention.

16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and \$100 savings bond.

17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers and \$50 savings bond.

18. Formal attire should be worn at District and State

judging.

19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas.

20. It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expense.

Barbara Parker

Centre Twp. Christmas Party

The Centre Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in South Bend, IN closed out the 1993 Incident year with a traditional fabulous Xmas party at the Avalon Grotto Club in Centre Twp. Firefighters and guests including the Centre Twp. Ladies Aux. and guests were in attendance. After the dinner prayer given by Jeff Newton, we sat down to a delicious meal of roast beef and chicken along with noodles and other delicious treats.

We started what we know will carry on for years: Our Service Awards, which are given in 5-year increments. Recognition was given to:

New Members: Tom Hines and Ty Dominiak; **Members Less Than Five Years:** Dave Ritsema, Dean Maxey, Don Jerue, Tom Wilkeson, Dave Waltman, Dennis Moran, Todd Galloway, Brian Woodcox, Kevin Neese, Jeff Newton; **Members Receiving Five Year Pins:** Greg Fishburn, Jim Hare, Mike Johnston, Maury Battles, Jr., Nick Tekler; **Members Receiving Ten Year Pins:** Al Menting, Greg Plank, Rick Balint, John Zwickl, Don Nemeth; **Members Receiving Fifteen Year Pins:** Mike Battles, Tom Hertel, Russ Barber; **Members Receiving Twenty Year Pins:** Lew Kimble; **Members Receiving Thrity Year Pins:** Maury Battles, Sr.

Two members who had retired in '92 received **Life Member Pins:** Dave Mikel who was a member since 1949 and a past Chief for 15 yrs and Andy Nemes who was a Charter member since 1948.

The evening ended with the yearly gift exchange that everyone enjoyed.

After a few words from Chief Mike Battles thanking everyone for a good past year and an even better one in 1994 we left with a feeling of togetherness and dedication to each other.

Thanks Don for a great Xmas party.

Jonesville Annual Firemans Dinner

The Jonesville Vol. Fire Dept. held it's Annual Firemans Dinner on Dec. 18 in the basement of the St. Pauls Lutheran School. Attending were the firefighters plus the Wayne Twp. Trustee, Mr. Morris Hanner and Fire Advisory Board.

Mrs. Betty Freeman from the Red Cross spoke about the respectabilities of the Vol. Depts when called upon by the Red Cross, and in turn the responsibility of the Red Cross to the fire depts.

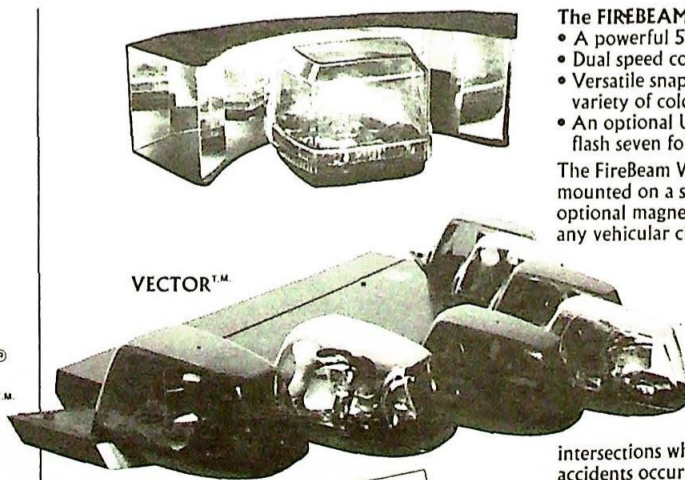
Chief Trimpe introduced the fire dept members and gave each a blue light. He then gave the awards for the Rookie of the Year to Anthony Walker and Fireman of the Year to Earl Chasteen.

The delicious meal was prepared and served by the Lades Lutheran Guild.

Earl Chasteen,
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Bloomington		Feb. 26/27	
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Evansville		Apr. 4/5	
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Public Relations Southwest

Jack Kerney

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I dispensed with making New Year Resolutions this year as they usually don't materialize anyway.

I was saddened by the death of a friend and a fellow volunteer on January 3rd. The volunteer fire service truly lost a friend with the death of Mike Soellner of the Jasper Dept. The Memorial Service conducted by District 18 and Chaplain, Charlie Baker was truly a tribute to Mike and his family. I was glad to see so many volunteers from the district and their families as well as other volunteers come together to pay tribute. Mike gave many hours of service as a volunteer and was one who always was willing to do for others whenever possible. He will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Vincennes will be hosting their annual Sausage Supper on Saturday, January 15th. I always look forward to this event; good food and tons of fellowship.

The 1995 Convention Committee has begun working on Convention 95. We will be giving you details as plans are made. We are pleased to be able to host the convention again down in the southern area of the state.

*Please note that any correspondence to me should be sent to my home address:

Jack Kerney 2412 S. E. Browning Rd. Evansville, IN, 47711

There are a number of changes being made in the fire service on the state level. Ivan Neville is working hard to up-grade our education and standards in our departments. We all don't have to agree on changes being made, but it is important to express our concerns and feelings on changes. Try to attend meetings, classes or seminars where these changes are being discussed. We all must be willing to realize that in order for our volunteer service to be successful in our communities we are going to have to keep abreast on paper work, new training skills, new laws that are being passed that will demand that we comply to keep our fire service one that is top notched.

I will try to make as many district meetings as possible. Please put me on your mailing list so I can plan to attend.

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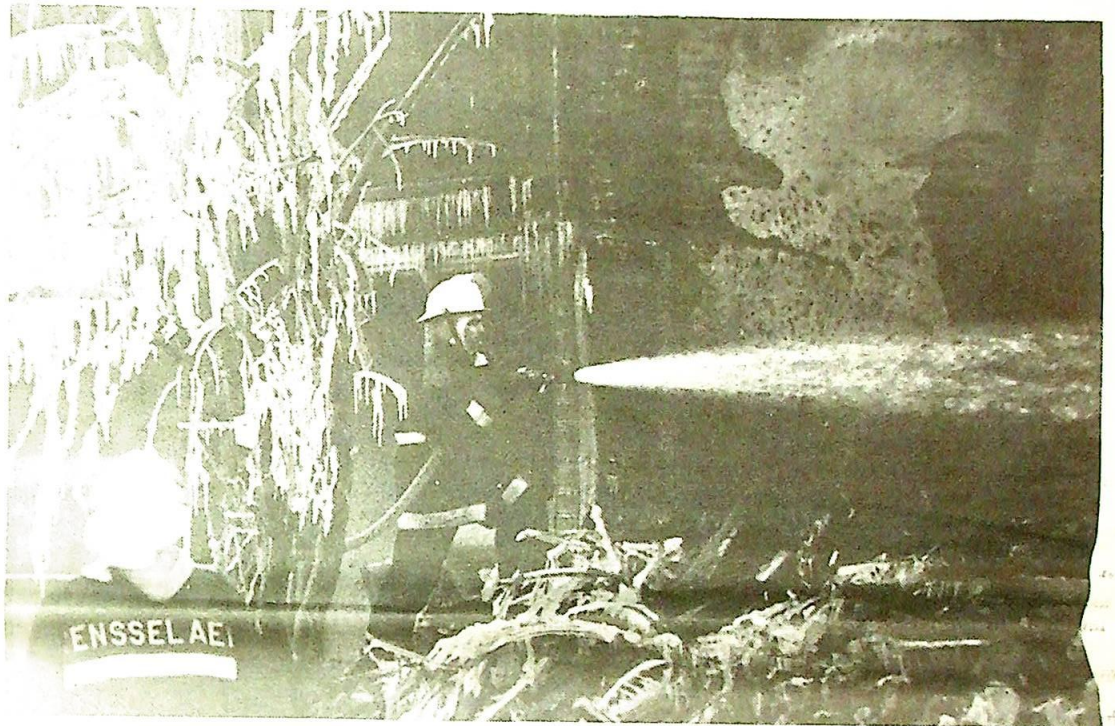
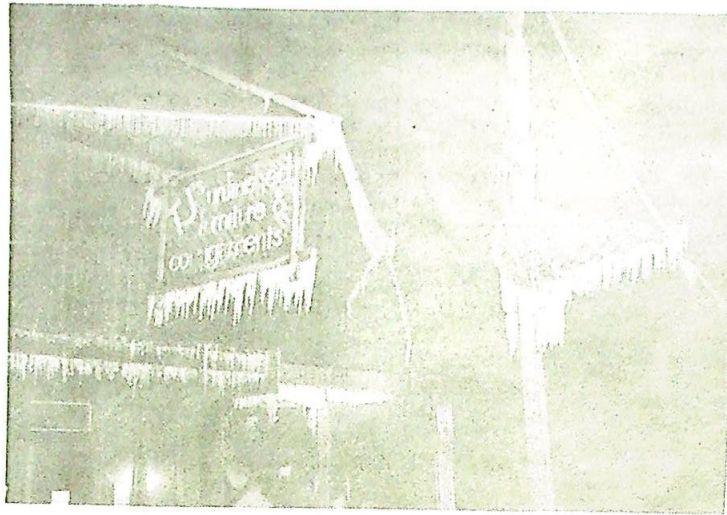
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It's 3:42 on a wintery Sunday morning, ten degrees outside and four inches of snow being blown around by a ten MPH wind when the alarm sounds for a two-story working house fire with entrapment. As you jump from your warm bed, saying your good-byes, to respond to the needs of others, you shouldn't have to worry about whether your equipment is going to work or not. The public counts on you, now there's a company you can count on.



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Cause of fire investigated

State, federal officials were on the scene Monday morning hoping to unravel mystery of fire's origin

By KEVIN MURPHY
Assistant Editor
RENSELAER—A team of 11 ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms) agents began to sift through the rubble late Monday morning of a fire which nearly leveled downtown Rensselaer Thursday night.

The AFT agents, led by investigator Brad Sandberg of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office, initiated a survey at the heart of the location where the fire is suspected to have started.

West Washington Street from the corner of Van Rensselaer to South Front was once again

blocked off in order for investigators to begin searching for clues to the origin of the fire.

Sandberg said the fire is believed to have started at R&S Sports Center located at 225 W. Washington St. The fire gutted R&S, as well as Reflections, a paint and wallpaper store to the west of R&S at 223 W. Washington. The apartment of Ed Hudson located on the second

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fire investigated

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floor of Reflections was also a total loss.

TJ's Unfinished Furniture located just east of R&S at 221 W. Washington sustained severe fire and smoke damage, as well as having the roof of the structure come down.

No one was injured in the fire which was reported at 6:28 p.m. Sandberg, ATF agents, Rensselaer firefighters, Rensselaer police and Jasper County Sheriff Steve Reames held a briefing at the fire department at 9:30 a.m. Monday. The on location investigation began just before 10 a.m.

"We have 11 ATF agents including one expert of fire causes and origin from Chicago," Sandberg said outside the fire department. "At this point in time we have no idea what could of caused it."

Sandberg said determining the cause of the fire could take anywhere from all of Monday through the rest of the week.

"We might not be able to determine what caused it today," Sandberg said. "It may take until tomorrow or even the next day because the damage is so extensive."

Ron Borsits, co-owner of R&S with his brother, Scott Borsits, said he closed the sporting goods store just after 6 p.m. Thursday, and noted all was fine. Within minutes after he arrived home, Borsits received a telephone call from the Rensselaer Police Department informing him that the store's fire alarm had sounded.

The Borsits brothers were at the scene of the investigation assisting ATF officials with the layout of the former store.

Scott Borsits said there is nothing left of their sports center.

"It's gone," Borsits said. "By the way those steel beams were twisted (from the heat of the fire) I doubt if there is anything left."

Rensselaer firefighters under the direction of Fire Chief Steve Hoyes have been credited with preventing additional damage to the downtown.

The quick response of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department saved several businesses which line the south side of West Washington Street from Van Rensselaer to South Front Street.

The Rensselaer Republican

City workers help in effort to extinguish downtown fire

By JOHN SCHEIBEL

Republican managing editor

RENSELAER — It takes more than firefighters to fight a fire. It takes the cooperation of dozens of city and county workers to keep things running smoothly in the case of an emergency.

Police

In the case of Thursday evening's fire in downtown Rensselaer the volunteer firefighters from Rensselaer, with the help of those from Carpenter, Keener and Lincoln townships received the help of dozens of individuals from other agencies.

The most obvious were the

officers of the Rensselaer and Jasper County Sheriff's police departments.

Their responsibility was to keep the area around the fire secure. They blocked off traffic helped direct assisting fire departments to the scene and kept curious and sometimes overzealous onlookers from getting too close to the fire or getting in the way of firefighters.

But city workers in other parts of town were either at work or on call helping with the emergency.

Gas

Mayor Stephen Wood said workers with the Rensselaer gas utility were standing by monitoring the fire because gas was flowing into the two buildings consumed by fire.

Flames shot out of a three-quarter inch gas line behind R&S Sports Center while Carpenter Township firefighters kept a close eye on the situation.

The shut-off valve was located inside the building and burning debris surrounded the area of the shut-off valve. To shut off the supply of gas would have meant shutting off gas for the west half of the city, Wood said.

"That would have been a last resort," Wood said. "They would have had to shut off a major part of the city late at night."

But firefighters determined that as long as the gas was burning it was not hurting anything. Had the flame been extinguished and the gas allowed to build up in the building there could have been an explosion.

Wood said members of the city's gas department were standing by in the event that the natural gas would have to be shut off.

Water

Millions of gallons of water were pumped onto the buildings that were on fire Thursday night.

Although the city's water tower holds 220,000 gallons of water, that amount alone is not nearly enough to extinguish a major, downtown fire.

But Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Chief Steve Hoyes said Friday morning that water supply and pressure was not a problem, thanks to the efforts of the city's water department.

Rensselaer water department workers kept three of the city's four well pumps running constantly to keep the water tower supplied with water.

Wood said many people do not realize what must happen to increase the volume of water quickly.

Even though most of the water produced by the city was used to fight the fire Thursday night the water still had to be filtered and treated. The water also has to be pumped from a storage tank at the water filtration facility to the water tower and then out to the hydrants.

"The wells were going at full blast to keep from running out of water," Wood said.

But the city was never in danger of running out of water, Wood said.

Electricity

Workers from the city's electric department were also on standby Thursday night, but their assistance was not needed.

Many times firefighters need the electric power turned off in the case of the fire. But in this case, it did not matter. The electric lines that provide power to those buildings were underground.

Wood said the power could have been turned off if the fire department had asked for it.

The Rensselaer Republican

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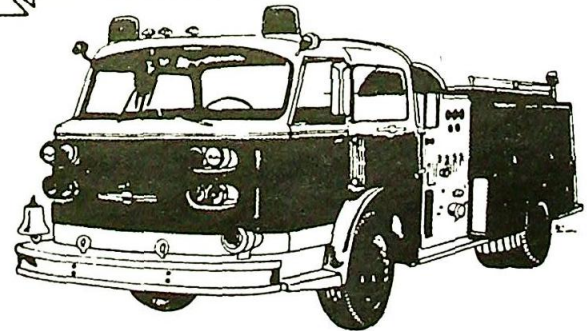
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FROM YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

We choose to start this year with some general comments about firefighters safety and share with you some almost unbelievable actions we have witnessed in the past few months.

We have, for many years now, realized the hazards of not wearing the proper level of personal protective equipment. We know that if we are to provide the service that is expected of us and remain committed to our families and community we must protect ourselves. We stress this in our training and common sense should tell us that to survive in the fire and rescue business we need to use the best level of protective equipment that we have available to us that matches the task. Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Standards define what is required in 29CFR1910.156 and makes it a legal requirement for fire departments to provide this equipment and requires fire chiefs

and other commanding officers to insure that all personnel involved in structural firefighting are properly protected. In most cases we have, rightfully so, carried this on to other scenarios where potential hazards exist.

We have successfully reduced the number of line of duty deaths over the last few years, but we must continue to improve our efforts. We must protect the health and safety of our emergency responders if we ever hope to provide the communities we serve and the families we love, with the protection they so much deserve. I guess that is why it is so hard for this committee to understand why we continue to see and hear about the following true examples of acts beyond comprehension. The names of the departments and the geographical locations we will not disclose.

We would like to take you on a drive down an Interstate Highway on a warm sunny afternoon. You

see smoke ahead on the highway and as you get closer you see a midsize car in the emergency lane with dense smoke coming from under the hood and filling the interior. As you pull to a stop a safe distance away, flames erupt inside the car and the local fire department arrives at the scene with two firefighters. The first firefighter out of the apparatus, a minipumper, is wearing cut-off blue jeans and tennis shoes, no shirt. This firefighter pulled a 1 1/2" hand line and the driver started the pump and charged the line. The first firefighter, oblivious to traffic, started attacking the now fully involved car by positioning directly in line with the fuel fill spout. A curious driver of a U-haul truck, from the same direction of travel as the burning car, approaches the scene and stops directly across from the fully involved car. Maybe this person knows God looks out for firefighters. This fire was successfully extinguished without further incident -- well almost. We suppose this firefighter determined to insure that no one was in this car, and under extremely heavy smoke conditions with no apparent

flame showing, place his head inside the burned out window with absolutely no protection. Fortunately no one was in the car and the firefighter was able to withdraw from his position.

Briefly let's revisit this incident by looking at the obvious.

1. Fire department approach to a dangerous scene without protection from on coming traffic.

2. Firefighters exposed to toxic gases and fire with a potential for a fuel tank explosion and NO protective equipment except the charged line.

3. Scene unsecured allowing non-emergency personnel to enter the area and generate an additional exposure problem.

4. Personnel performing actions that had the potential for immediate and long term health problems.

At the next scene we place you on a clear cold winter day. A fire department is dispatched to a mobile home fire and is told by dispatch that live ammunition is involved. The department pulls up to the trailer, about fifty percent involved, with a engine brush truck and tanker. One firefighter is partially dressed in proper turnout gear, but he

operates the engine. Fire attack was started and very successfully executed, without noticeable ill effects, by unprotected firefighters. During the course of the attack an elderly couple pulled a car next to the burning trailer and got out of the car to observe the activity.

At the next scene we take you to a cold snowing winter night with slick roads and a call for EMS and Rescue; the location and car accident with people trapped was all the information given by dispatch. EMS personnel immediately entered the car to access the patient while the fire department started the rescue procedures. It became apparent that the top needed to be removed, so the powerful hydraulic tools came to life; and with no warning to the patient or EMT's, the window and doorpost are cut, spraying glass all over everyone. No turnout gear was worn by the firefighters and no protection was provided for the patient or EMS personnel. This resulted in further injury to the patient, as well as minor injury to the attending EMT's.

The whole point of these stories is intended to stress the importance of constant awareness of our actions. Keep in mind the basics of personal protective equipment and protect ourselves first, so we can do our best for those we have pledged to protect. This is NOT the way the majority of departments operate, but as long as some still operate that way, we all will pay in insurance cost, more stringent legislation, and bad reputations. Let's all work together to help correct this condition. Let's point these errors out to brother and sister firefighters when we observe them.

Let's take a look at the worn out turnout gear before we throw it away and determine if it may be used by the department that is struggling for funds and not able to purchase the proper gear. We can make a difference if we all work together. We can, and we must, reduce the death and injury rate of all our emergency responders.

Paul E. Covington

Attention... All Indiana Volunteer Emergency Personnel

Do you have that one particular rescue, fire, or any other occurrence that you will always remember? If so, I would like to hear from you. I am currently in the process of collecting data from area personnel to be included in my upcoming book "Through A Volunteer's Eyes" that I hope will be ready to go to the printers by late fall 1994.

This will include recollections of the past and present firefighters and other emergency personnel. If you have that one special day or night that you will never forget, please send it in. Every article will be considered.

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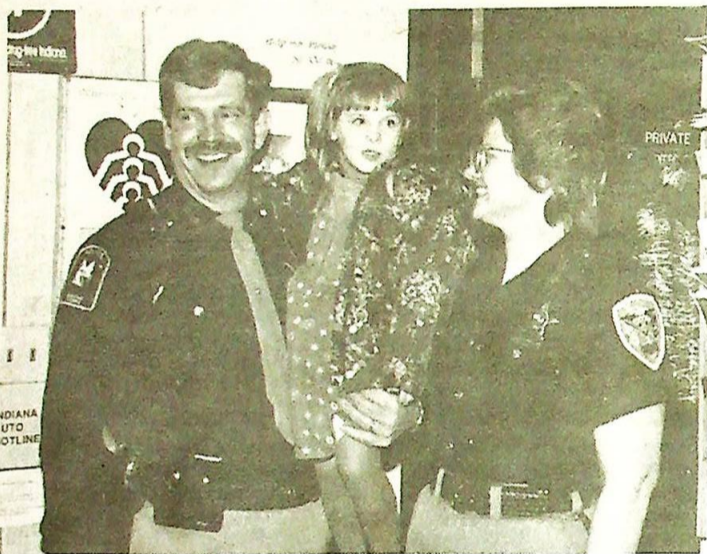
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Mother Saved By Four Year Old



Fire Chief John Geary presents a plaque to Dispatcher Edith Robinson and Officer Steve Rudzinski.



From Left to Right: Officer Steve Rudzinski, Jenna Angelini, Dispatcher Edith Robinson.

The St. John Fire Department recently honored a four year old girl, Jenna Angelini as a true hero for saving the life of her mother Kim Angelini. The incident occurred on October 16th around 1 AM when Jenna noticed her mother lying unconscious on the floor suffering from insulin shock. Incredibly, Jenna had the presence to dial the operator, and the call was forwarded to the St. John Police Department Dispatcher Edith Robinson, " who began a process that would save the life of the mother," explained Fire Chief John Geary. Robinson then dispatched Officer Steve Rudzinski to the Angelini residence by running a cross reference check of addresses which could be found if a phone

number was given. As Officer Rudzinski drove to the address, Dispatcher Robinson kept Jenna on the telephone getting information on how to get into the house. When it was learned that Jenna was too little to reach the dead bolt lock on the front door, Rudzinski and Robinson helped her find an alternate entrance. Dispatcher Robinson and Officer Rudzinski were also honored with plaques for their professional and sensitive manner in which they handled this situation. Most importantly, the intelligent, efficient and heroic communication skills involved, helped to save the life of Kim Angelini.

History of Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

La Porte County Indiana 1994

In October 1957 a public meeting was called by a group of concerned citizens for the purpose of forming a volunteer fire department. From that meeting, the Center Township Volunteer Fire Department was formed and has grown to be one of the finest in the area. At that meeting, a financial drive began to purchase equipment and land for a building to house the department. Equipment was ordered in the form of a new Dodge 500 GPM American Fire Apparatus pumper and it arrived in May of 1958. A used Studebaker flatbed truck was purchased at the same time and a trough was added as a water tank. The Dodge pumper was retired in 1980 after 22 years of service.

Today, the department operates nine pieces of apparatus: 1988 Pierce 1250 GPM pumper; 1978 Ford/Pirsch 1000 GPM pumper; 1964 FWD/Pierce/Pitman 1250 GPM, 65 foot Snorkel; 1994 Ford/US Tank 2000 gallon tanker; 1984 Ford/S&S 2000 gallon tanker; 1968 Chevy 2000 gallon tanker; 1993 Ford/Mobile Medical Walk-in Rescue; 1973 Jeep 4WD Brush Truck; 1961 Willys 4WD Brush Truck. All of the apparatus is painted white, as was the original Dodge pumper.

In the summer of 1958, construction began on the station located at 305 West Johnson Road. The original station was three single bays and a small meeting room with kitchen facilities. Since then, several additions have been made and today it is a four, dual-bay and one single-bay station, housing nine pieces of apparatus. A large meeting room, new kitchen, restrooms, office and work shop were also added. The original flat roof was transformed into much needed storage space by the addition of a peaked roof and stairway. A hose tower with forced air drying, doubles as a training tower. A four-bottle cascade system and compressor are used for filling SCBA bottles.

The first fire call was received on October 28, 1958 at 6:15 AM when the department responded to a house fire. A telephone system was used to notify the members of a fire call. The emergency telephone was answered at some of the firemen's homes by the firemen or their wives and then each would call five to six firefighters to tell them the location of the fire.

Eventually, large alert radios and a paging system were purchased and dispatched by the La Porte County Police Department. Today, the current, smaller pagers are dispatched from the county's E-911 system. Currently, the department averages 300 calls annually.

The department was originally financed by donations from the residents. Today, the department receives a tax levy from the township. However, residents continue to contribute much needed financial support.

Center Township was one of the first departments in the area to purchase extrication equipment. Today, the rescue truck carries a Lukas rescue system, air bags and first responder medical supplies. Nearly half of the calls each year are medical emergencies, many of them automobile accidents. Several major highways and roads, including the Indiana Toll Road, lie within the response area.

Recently, several of the surrounding departments have initiated an automatic mutual aid system for improved response to the residents and businesses of the area.

Currently the department has approximately 20 active members, including nearly a dozen of the members who are First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians or Paramedics.

Center Township consists of approximately 25 square miles, just north and west of the City of La Porte. In 1958, the area was made up of mostly farmland and a few residential areas. The Indiana Department of Corrections Prison Farm is located near the center of the township. Pine Lake is located between the city and rural Center Township and over the years has seen increased activity for recreation, including boating, water skiing, jet skiing and fishing. Many new businesses and small industries have been built over the years and much of the farmland has been transformed into many exclusive subdivisions.

The members of Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. are extremely proud of our department and the accomplishments made through the years. We welcome any and all firefighters to visit our station, see our equipment and discuss the past, present and the future.

Doug Miller, Center Twp. Vol. Dept.

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April 23, 1994

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A team can be made up of a single department or fire organization and consist of 5 to 10 members. Each event requires 5 persons. The competition consists of 8 basic events and the only equipment you will need to bring is your bunker gear. In addition to the competition we also have an antique fire apparatus show in which we

encourage owners of antiques to bring them out to compete for trophies. We also have a vendor area for fire related products. The hotel for this years competition is the Howard Johnson Resort Hotel and Conference Center, located directly on the Beach, in the city of Deerfield Beach. Special rates of \$69.00 for ocean view and \$59.00 for city view have been arranged for the event.

April brings beautiful weather here in Southern Florida and an excellent time to come on down for the competition and vacation in the warmth of the Florida sun.

For more information on the event or a set of rules contact us at the following:

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NFPA Seeks Input on Standards

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is currently accepting proposals to revise some of its fire safety standards. NFPA fire safety standards, known as the National Fire Codes, are used by many federal agencies and other government organizations to write regulations.

Interested parties may also wish to comment on the technical reports which will be presented at NFPA's 1994 Fall Meeting. Drafts of the reports to be presented at the 1994 Fall Meeting will be available on January 28, 1994.

To receive a list of standards to be revised or technical reports, or for more information on the standards being revised, contact Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101, (617) 770-3000. All those who submit comments or proposals will receive a response on the standard in question from the appropriate technical committee. (The standards and technical reports described above can also be found in the Federal Register, vol. 58, no. 231., pgs. 63925-63928.)

Washington Watchdog,
Sept./Oct. 1993

Remembering Our Fallen Colleagues

"We must always remember those we have lost, the kind of people they were and how they found their place in the universe by serving as firefighters."

by Hal Bruno

Director of Political Coverage for ABC News

On October 10, 1993, the 12th annual National Firefighters Memorial Service was held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. More than 2,000 family members, fire service personnel, friends, and government officials joined to remember the 80 fire fighters who were killed in the line of duty in 1992. Hal Bruno, vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony. Following are his remarks:

I speak to you today on behalf of the board of directors of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Many years ago, Chief Edward F. Croker, of the New York City Fire Department, made a simple statement that goes like this: "A man performs his first act of bravery the day he takes the oath to become a fireman."

Those immortal words are as true today as they were more than 80 years ago. I first heard them from my father, when I was a small boy, for my dad actually knew Chief Croker. My father grew up on the Bowery and the firefighters of Engine 33, which was the chief's headquarters, took him into their firehouse when he was 10 years old and thereby saved him from being sent to an orphanage.

That tells you something about firefighters as they were then and as they are today. My father respected them for the rest of his life and he would be pleased to see me here on this sacred occasion.

But I also have another personal reason for being here. Over a period of 40 years, I served as an active firefighter on five different fire departments. In that time, too many of my friends gave their lives in the line of duty and each of them is in my heart, just as a special person is in your heart today.

Those we honor were brave men and women, but you - their families, friends, and fellow firefighters - now must become the bravest of all. But take comfort in knowing that you are not alone. The fire service family reaches out to embrace you, because your loved ones were our brothers and sisters. We share

your pain and we know it too well because we have been here before.

Experience has taught us that, in time, hope will begin to replace the pain you feel today, though the memory of those you have lost will never fade from your mind. But time and faith bring strength and we learn to live with your grief and to carry on as they would want us to.

How do we learn? We start by remembering the kind of people they were and that being a firefighter was an essential part of their existence. Though I never met them, I feel as if I knew each of the men and women we honor today and I can describe them to you. First, they were action-oriented people and totally confident that they could handle anything. They didn't sit around debating whether or not a job should be done; they simple went ahead and did it because it had to be done and it was their duty.

All were intensely loyal to their fire companies and tightly bonded to the firefighters with whom they served. If you needed their help for any reason, you didn't have to ask. They were always ready to respond. They had a sense of humor and relished the laughter, the horseplay, and the comradeship of firehouse life. And they eagerly waited for that jolt of adrenalin a firefighter experiences every time that alarm bells ring.

They took great personal pride in being firefighters and in doing a tough, dirty, and dangerous job that other people would not be able or willing to do. Most were motivated to become firefighters because they loved the action, the excitement, and the challenge of fighting fires and responding to every type of emergency call. But at some point, every firefighter crosses a line where coming to the aid of their fellow human beings has developed into a reflex action, as natural as breathing. Some people may be unsure of what they stand for, but not firefighters, for they are totally committed to a noble cause - protecting the lives and property of other people.

For those dedicated men and women, nothing can equal the exhilaration and satisfaction of being part of the firefighting team and using their strength and skill

to knock down a raging fire...or to relieve the suffering of a person who is sick or injured in an accident...or to help rescue a person trapped in a burning building. Those we honor today deliberately sought that satisfaction; the performance of their duty as firefighters became a main purpose and an enrichment of their lives.

A religious philosopher once wrote: "The voice of duty must be, for every individual, the voice of God. Duty may be humble but it is never trivial. Our duty signifies our place in the universe, for the laws of the universe are service, justice, and love. Duty is the foundation of all that is excellent in human existence. It is the basis of service toward others and of benefit for one's self. It can never be ignored."

The lesson is clear. We must always remember those we have lost, the kind of people they were and how they found their place in the universe by serving as firefighters. We will learn to live with our grief - not by dwelling on their deaths - but by exalting in the beauty and purpose of their

lives and their devotion to duty. Just as they performed their first act of bravery in taking the oath to be firefighters, you will accomplish a great act of bravery by going on with your lives as they would expect and want you to do.

In this way, we will forever honor and cherish their memory.

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International Assoc. of Fire Chief's Foundation 1994 Board of Directors

The International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation held their annual Board of Directors meeting in Cincinnati on November 12, 1993. Three new members were added to the

Board at that time. Mr. Arthur Glatfelter, who serves as pres., Chief George Danz, who serves as treasurer, Mr. David Sheehy and Mr. William Darley were joined by new Board members Chief William Askenstedt, Chief Jim Estep and Chief William Killen.

Chief Hunter Heltzel and Mr. Harry Wallick were reelected to the Board of Trustees for the Foundation's Charitable Trust with a third member to be appointed in the near future.

The Foundation will celebrate its twentieth year in 1994. With the election of this Board those parties who have supported the Foundation work through these last twenty years can be assured that the effort will continue. Through the publication of fire service related material, workshops and seminars and the administration of a scholarship program the Foundation has had the health and well-being of those who serve their communities through the fire service foremost on its agenda. For information write International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation, 1257 Wiltshire Drive, York, PA 17403.

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Rensselaer firefighters rescue tenant from burning apartment

By JOHN SCHEIBEL

Republican Managing Editor RENSSELAER—Thick clouds of smoke didn't keep Rensselaer volunteer firefighters from rescuing a man from a burning apartment building Friday night.

Firefighters Kenny Haun Jr. and Mark Sinclair relied on extensive training and little bit of instinct when they entered the second unit in the apartment located at the corner of Washington and Front Streets.

"He's a lucky gentleman," said Rensselaer VFD Deputy Chief Martin Shuey. "They did a good job getting in there and getting him out."

Haun and Sinclair strapped on face masks and air packs and entered the smoke-filled apartment on their hands and knees.

Just minutes later they emerged and called out for ambulance crews that were standing by. They re-entered the apartment and carried tenant James Campbell to a stretcher waiting at the door.

Campbell survived the ordeal thanks to the efforts of Haun and Sinclair. He was listed in stable condition Friday night at Jasper County Hospital.

"There was heavy thick smoke in there and we just had to feel our way through," Sinclair said. "We just had to go in on our hands and knees and search for anything we could find. We thought someone was in there but we didn't know for sure."

Firefighters were called at 8:01 p.m. Friday and the first truck arrived on the scene at 8:07 p.m., according to Shuey. Dave Skinner, Randy Denton Lenny Larson, in addition to Haun and Sinclair were the first firefighters to arrive at the apartment and assess the situation.

Shuey said their jobs were made easier, however, thanks to the work of Rensselaer Police who arrived shortly before firefighters, assessed the situation blocked off traffic and secured the scene.

Shuey said the fire was contained to the bedroom of Campbell's apartment and apparently started in the bed. An official cause of the fire was not available Friday night. Campbell's apartment sustained extensive smoke and water damage. The other three apartments sustained very little smoke damage, according to tenants.

The Rensselaer Republican

Union Volunteer Fire Department Has Christmas Party

On December 18, 1993, the members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler gathered to celebrate the passing of another year with their annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

As in years past, the evening began with a social hour where current members, their spouses or dates, retired members, and invited guests could mingle and exchange stories while enjoying the many "finger food" type snacks present.

At the appointed hour of 7:30 (or as in past years, when the potatoes were done), everyone was treated to a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings, compliments of Chefs Ron DeRoos (Safety Officer), John Minor (Firefighter/EMT), Joe Stowers (Safety Officer), and Bill Stowers (Captain). Also as in years past, no one left the table hungry, and the dinner was excellent.

Tradition in the department requires all "probie" firefighters to wash dinner dishes. What we don't tell them is that they will continue to wash the same dishes over and over and over... until they finally figure it out. This year we actually ran out of hot water! We finally had to bring them in and tell them what was going on. Next year Eric Biller, Bob Lee, Greg Mills, and Jason Deckard will be allowed to re-dirty the dishes for our new "probies".

It was now time to present the department awards. Fire Chief Derrell Lawless presented Captain Charles Stowers with a gold wrist watch for 25 years of service to the department. Safety Officer Ron DeRoos was presented an athletic jacket with the department logo for 15 years of service. Assistant Chief Dan Lamb was presented with a windbreaker jacket with the department logo for his 10 years of service.

Probationary Firefighter/EMT Bob Lee was next presented with this year's Incentive Award. This is given to the member acquiring the most points by participation in department functions such as training sessions, business meetings, and other department functions. In the six years this award has been given the last five years have seen a different winner each year.

The next award presented was the Duane Betz Firefighter of the Year Award. This award honors

the achievements of Firefighter Duane Betz, who retired in December of 1992 after 40 years of service to the department. This award is given to the member that contributes the most to the department as voted on by our members in a secret ballot. Duane was present to present this year's award to Lieutenant/EMT John Kepshire. This is the fifth year this award has been given, and John has received the award outright three times, and tied for the honor once. Both Bob and John received small plaques for their home, and their names have been engraved on the station plaques.

A final serious award was then presented by Lieutenant Kepshire (who is Public Relations Officer) and Chief Lawless to Assistant Chief Michael Herzog and his family. Mike's father had been our Township Trustee for the past 10 years until he was taken from us in July of this year. A retired member of another area fire department, Rich knew the troubles a fire department had raising funds to operate, and through the years as Trustee, he worked very hard to support our department. The culmination of this work was a new tanker presented by the township one week before Rich's passing. A plaque was presented to Mike, his wife Pam, and his mother Judy, dedicating the new tanker in Rich's memory.

Then it was time for the not so serious gifts from "Santa". Each member of the department has a present under the Christmas tree. And while there are some semi-serious presents, most are not. The key to the silly presents is that each member must explain to the entire gathering what he or she did (or in some cases, didn't do) to receive their present. Awards ranged from an empty box to our newest member (1 week) since he hadn't had time to screw up anything yet, to a plaque for Duane Betz honoring him as our 1993 Retiree of the Year (because after 40 years, he deserves it). One of our single

members received a "little black book" to keep his phone numbers in due to the fact that to find a date to this party, he called every "Alexander" in the Crown Point/Gary phone book looking for a young lady he attends college with. You see how embarrassing thing can get.

When everyone had opened their presents, we all settled in to music and more socializing with others present.

All in all, the 1993 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet was a success and a good time was had by all.

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