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## The Crash of American Eagle Flight 4184 A True Test of Training, Experience, and Resources

Written by:

Captain Robert A. Mauck,  
Hazardous Materials Officer  
Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.

On Oct. 31, 1994, Halloween night, the children and adults alike were anxiously awaiting the time for trick or treating to begin, an annual event that this country has known for generations. The children were insisting to their parents that it was time to go out into the neighborhoods and find that ever allusive best treat. My own children had just arrived home from high school and we were in the process of discussing the evening's plans when at 4:00 P.M. the fire phone rang. The caller announced "A plane just crashed behind my house!" A cruel Halloween joke or a true emergency? The Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Inc., (LTVFD), was immediately dispatched to the site.

The LTVFD was formed in 1962 and currently is comprised of 38 volunteers. The volunteers are not compensated for their services and all are required to participate in and achieve certification in the Fire Service Education and Certification Program of Indiana. The LTVFD provides fire protection, rescue, EMS assists, along with the occasional squirrel in the fire place calls for approximately 4500 residents in an eighty-four square mile rural and agricultural area in northeastern Newton County, Indiana. The LTVFD responds to an average of 300 runs per year of which 68% of these are medical assist runs. Our department raises in excess of two-thirds of its budget from weekly and annual fund raisers sponsored by the department. Our equipment consists of two pumper/engines, one tanker, two brush trucks, and one 1 ton van which contains EMS equipment and also serves as the command post. Before the evening of October 31, 1994 was over - all of these personnel with their training and experiences along with all local resources would be activated and responded to the worst disaster this department has ever responded to and only the second worst disaster in Indiana in this century.

The following is a brief time line of events as they happened (all times are approximated):

October 31, 1994

1600 - LTVFD is notified of a plane crash and responds.

1610 - After locating the entry into the soybean field LTVFD arrives on the actual site, confirms that a plane has crashed and establishes a Unified



Command System.

1612 - Additional responding units arrive on scene and are informed that it has been confirmed that a plane has crashed and that it appears to be a commercial airliner. Staging is established 3/4 mile northeast of the crash site. The staging officer is appointed and informed that no additional personnel are to be allowed on the site until additional information is gathered.

1612 - Newton County Sheriff's Department is notified that a commercial airliner has crashed and requests are made for additional ambulances, rescue units, communications and personnel to be dispatched to the site.

1612 - A search and rescue team comprised of two firefighters and three firefighter/EMT personnel is formed. Site entry is made and an initial S&R is initiated.

1620 - Additional response agencies arrive on scene and are placed in staging and a resource log is begun.

1620 - The Command Post was informed that primary search and rescue was completed and no survivors were found at this time and that a secondary search would be established.

1630 - Command Post is contacted and informed that no survivors are found and that due to the nature of the devastation and lack of survivors the S&R is terminated. Additional information, tail numbers, were transmitted to the Command Post.

1700 - The two Incident Commanders confer on the need to request a restricted ceiling in and around the crash site. Additional law enforcement

personnel arrive on the scene and establish additional and reinforce existing secure perimeters.

Because of the inclement weather being experienced in the area, the field was a quagmire of mud and water. The conditions were such that our command vehicle became mired in the mud to the point that we were forced to wait for a vehicle with the ability to pull our unit out of the field - attempts were made first with four wheel drive vehicles which became stuck also, and then with the assistance of a farmer who had a four wheel drive tractor.

1930 - LTVFD command vehicle and personnel are pulled from the field by a local farmer and a brief strategy meeting is held with the LTVFD Commanders, ISP, Newton County Sheriff, and the Newton County Commissioners. Three immediate issues were recognized and addressed: 1. Refocus the attention of the response effort from the actual crash site to the next two issues because there was no emergency in the crash site. 2. Establish an extremely secure

perimeter. 3. Establish an effective Public Information System within the ICS in preparation for the onslaught of news media that would soon converge on the scene, and to establish and announce a news media briefing area.

1930 - Command was relinquished to District 13 ISP Sargent on duty.

2030 - The Search and Rescue team and commanders are interviewed by the FBI at the LTVFD station in Thayer.

2100 - The initial Critical Incident Stress Defusing is started.

2200 - An announcement is made by ISP that the Command Post will now be at the North Newton High School. Most news media converge on that location.

2330 - The fire station is closed for the day as all fire personnel have gone home for the evening.

Although the LTVFD personnel went home for much needed rest, additional personnel were brought into the scene to continue the operations throughout the night. These additional operations



included:

The Newton County Highway Department equipment and personnel were requested. Their function was to build a road into the crash site.

Having additional ISP personnel from Northern Indiana rescheduled so that a sufficient amount of law enforcement personnel would be on the scene around the clock.

ISP's Mobile Command Post was delivered to the crash site along with their mobile electric generator.

Northern Indiana Telephone Co. installed phone lines to the Command Post.

800 megahertz radio communications were established at the site.

The response of the Red Cross to the LTVFD and the establishment of a mobile feeding area.

The response of the Salvation Army to the crash site and the establishment of a mobile canteen.

The response of many resources to Newton County, IN from across the United States.

A local supplier delivered port-a-johns to the site.

November 1, 1994

0600 - Newton County EMA Director requests all available emergency response personnel to the crash site for the formation of recovery crews.

0700 - National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) convenes in Merrillville, IN, establishes a Command Post at a local lodging facility, establishes investigative groups and assigns personnel, including local hazmat coordinator and ISP personnel, to these investigative groups. Reviews all rules and regulations with assigned personnel and schedules progress meeting nightly at 1800 hrs.

0800 - All local emergency response personnel that was requested for recovery work are relieved from the scene until NTSB authorities and proper equipment arrives on site.

1000 - Additional NTSB investigative teams respond to the crash site.

Strategy and planning sessions occurred during the first day. Various equipment and personnel was requested to be sent to the site to assist in the recovery process. A logistics section was established and staffed by the SEMA personnel on site.

A controlled access point for entry to and exit from the crash site was established. On day two an effective decontamination sector and medical monitoring

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Evansville, "Come Alive In '95"

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From the President



Richard (Dick) Glant

Happy New Year!

Along with that it seems that old man winter has finally found us, which brings to my mind the infamous words of my Chief along with every chief in the State: It's Slick People. So for your safety and the safety of others. Slow Down. I'm probably, no not probably, I am as guilty as the next person when that old fire alarm goes off. Your heart races the adrenalin flows, you want to go 200 miles per hour. Stop and Think. If you don't get to the scene you are not going to help anybody, and think of the number of lives that could be touched by an accident. Be Carefull!

The Indiana Fire Services Institute held their Annual Dinner at Indianapolis and I hope you were able to attend. You know this is one of the ways we can show our legislators our unity in the Emergency Services. And unity will get us much more than separate groups trying to accomplish the same thing.

I just received a questionnaire from a senator in my area. I'm sure many, if not all of you, will. Well, take 2 minutes of your time, fill it out and drop it in the mail. They are asking for your opinion, give it to them. As we are in the legislative session, you may be called upon to make a phone call. If you are please, please do it.

A couple of legislation proposals we are pushing for this year: to stiffen Smoke Detector Law, License Plate Fees, Tax Deduction, Gaming Laws, and Revolving Loan Fund for volunteer depts.

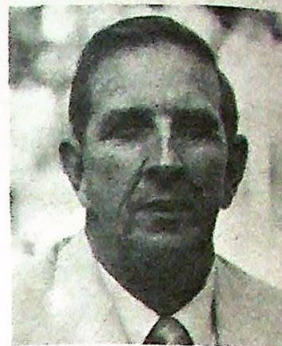
Just a Reminder

The Deadline for the May Newspaper is April 10th, 1995.

Get those articles and ads in NOW!

Robert Laney, Editor

Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker

Prayer for Today

Father God,

Grant unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, and hope for my despair. Grant unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins and love for my hate. Grant unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow and strength for my weakness. Open my heart, Lord, that I may receive all Thy beneficent gifts Thou has purposed for me in this new year.

Amen

The New Year

As the old saying goes, Time Marches On. With each new year comes new challenges, new blessings, new friends. Elsewhere in this issue of The Indiana Volunteer Fireman will be found a partial listing of events scheduled for this new year.

Of particular note is the Fire Leadership Conference slated for Lawrence North High School on February 18-19. Theme for the two-day event is "Reach Out and Teach Someone".

Time and Things

As each new year develops in our lives, we are given additional opportunities to serve, ostensibly by fulfilling our mission in the first service or other worthwhile activity and by acknowledging our Lord through worship.

To a young person, time is often irrelevant; an adult may feel there is not enough time to do all those things which demand attention; an elder may believe that much of his or her time was wasted by chasing after foolish things.

In the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes, we see many references to these thoughts. Chapter 12 begins: *Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them—"*

Two New Testament passages draw some interesting parallels. In the fourth chapter of James we read:

*"Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."*

And one of Jesus' 50 plus parables is found in the twelfth chapter of Luke:

*And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'*

*"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'*

*"But, God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."*

Interesting, isn't it, that so many folks spend so much time and energy trying to acquire so many things, as if things were all that mattered in this life?

Your Chaplain  
Charles J. Baker

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP . . .

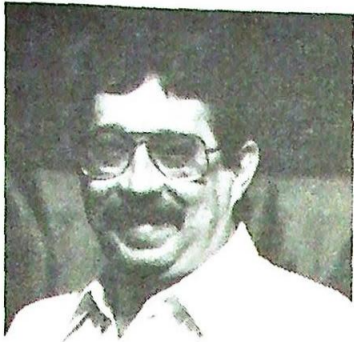
Available for Volunteer Firefighters and children of Volunteer Firefighters.

Forms are available from your District Chairperson or any elected officer of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Deadline for the receipt of the application in to the Association's Secretary's Office is March 1, 1995. Start yours now and avoid the rush in the latter part of February.

For information and additional forms contact:  
Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Bridgeport Scholarship Committee  
2665 W. Bunkum Rd., Rensselaer, IN 47978  
219-866-7769

## Vice President



Jack Zeeks, Jr.

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a prosperous New year.

As many of you know my father passed away December

23rd. Carolyn and I would like to personally thank everyone for their beautiful flowers, cards and prayers during our time of sorrow. I especially want to thank: Richard and Sue Grant, Jack and Linda Cox, Larry and Cindy Jackson, Bob and JoAnn Hayes, Jack and Barbara Kerney and all our special friends at home, for the phone calls, taking time away from their holidays to come to Mitchell to be with me and my family. Thank you very much...

The Indiana Fire Institute Dinner is January 22. I hope to see a lot more people get involved and attend to show our support.

I would like to see a Miss Flame from every District this year -- guys and gals let's get to work on this and make it happen.

Midwest Awards - get with your District Chairman and let's get one from every district.

Ollie Sandberg Award - I know there are a lot of people

throughout the state that deserve this award. Get the letters coming to me.

Mr. IVFA, - again there are a lot of people deserving of this award. We need to get the letters to the PR people.

The convention at Evansville is getting closer, everyone needs to get their reservations sent in. Our elected officials are meeting. We will be watching the legislatures close and will be getting the information out to everyone ASAP. I am looking forward to making a lot of new friends this year.

See you soon.

## Public Relations Northeast



Bill Kinsey

The good news is that there is no bad news. The bad news is that there is no good news.

The recent election changed many faces in the Indiana legislature and the Congress. Politicians received a message that we want change. Are we telling the new elected officials what we expect from them? Change unless there is a positive direction is worthless. Unless we support the Indiana Fire & Safety Caucus and give the politicians direction, we haven't accomplished anything.

The Board of Firefighting Standards & Education and the Indiana Fire Instructors are moving toward utopia. It would be wonderful to believe that the ultimate in manning, training and funding is possible. While no one should argue against the best training, safety of emergency personnel, and professionalism, doesn't realism have to be part of the picture? The National Volunteer Fire council published a book regarding volunteer firefighter recruiting and retention. Do you have a copy?

We are all limited in the time we can contribute to the safety of the general public. Where does our responsibility start and end? Unselfish volunteerism is the heart of America. Sometime the volunteers are going to have to make a statement. Sometime the volunteers will have to say there is a limit as to how much the volunteers can ask of their families and themselves. There is no free lunch. Sometime someone has to pay.

We all take pride in being volunteer firefighters. We need to be vocal and tell the public we serve that there are limits to what we can continue to provide free. We will continue to do our best but there is a limit.

You have paid the price for electing me. by reading this article. I hope you will now take the effort and tell those who look to us for emergency services that it is time to pay the piper.

See you at the big one.

### 1995 IVFA TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE EVANSVILLE, INDIANA JUNE 14TH THRU 17TH 1995

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH:**

NOON TO 5:30 PM

TBA

TBA

6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

TBA

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH:**

8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

10:00 AM TO 10:45 AM

10:45 AM TO 11:30 AM

NOON TO 8:00 PM

8:00 AM TO NOON

TBA

NOON TO 1:00 PM

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

TBA

1:30 PM TO 4:00 PM

4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

9:30 PM TO 1:00 AM

10:00 PM TO 1:00 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH:

7:15 AM TO 8:00 AM

7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM

8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

8:30 AM TO 4:40 PM

8:30 AM TO 10:45 AM

8:30 AM TO 10:45 AM

11:00 AM TO NOON

NOON TO 1:15 PM

NOON TO 6:00 PM

1:15 PM TO CLOSE

1:15 PM TO CLOSE

6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM

9:30 PM TO 1:00 AM

10:00 PM TO 1:00 AM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH:**

8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

8:00 AM TO CLOSE

8:00 AM TO CLOSE

2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

9:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

-REGISTRATION - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - LOBBY  
-GOLF TOURNAMENT - (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)  
-TOUR - (TO BE ANNOUNCED) - TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED  
-DISTRICT 15 BAR-B-Q AND DANCE - SCALES LAKE  
-REGISTRATION - SWIMMING - FISHING - DANCING - FOOD  
-FISHING TOURNAMENT - SCALES LAKE

-REGISTRATION - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - LOBBY  
-CHOICE OF SEMINARS - (LOCATIONS TBA)  
"FIRE CHIEFING" SHOULD BE FUN! THE VITAL FEW OR THE TRIVIAL MANY? WHERE DO YOU BEGIN?  
FIRE DEPARTMENT LIABILITY! KEEPING YOUR NECK OUT OF THE NOOSE!  
DEFINING YOUR DEPARTMENT'S MISSION  
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAMS  
-CHOICE OF SEMINARS - (LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED)  
-DISPLAYS - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER  
-MISS FLAME JUDGING - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)  
-TOUR - (TO BE ANNOUNCED) - TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED  
-LUNCH ON YOUR OWN  
-STATE OFFICERS MEETING (MEN) GREEN CONVENTION CENTER "WHITCOMB" ROOM  
-STATE OFFICERS MEETING (AUX) GREEN CONVENTION CENTER "BRANAGAN" ROOM  
-TOUR (TO BE ANNOUNCED) - TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED  
-MIDWEST BEER BUST - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER "C" ROOM  
-JOINT MEETINGS - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER "A" ROOM  
-DANCE - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER "B" ROOM  
-OHIO RIVER CRUISE - EXECUTIVE QUEEN - DRESS PLAZA - TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

- CHOICE OF SEMINARS (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)  
-COFFEE CLUTCH - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER 2ND FLOOR HALL  
-REGISTRATION - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - LOBBY  
-REGISTER FOR GAMES - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - LOBBY  
-MEN'S MEETING - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "WHITCOMB ROOM"  
-LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "BOWEN" ROOM  
-MEMORIAL SERVICE - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "B" ROOM  
-LUNCH ON YOUR OWN  
-DISPLAYS - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER  
-MEN'S MEETING - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "A" ROOM  
-LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "BOWEN" ROOM  
-TEEN PARTY - EXECUTIVE INN POOL AREA "FLORIDA" ROOM  
-CHILDREN'S PARTY - EXECUTIVE INN - (ROOM TO BE ANNOUNCED)  
-BANQUET - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "B" & "C" ROOMS  
-DANCE - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "B" & "C" ROOMS  
-OHIO RIVER CRUISE - EXECUTIVE QUEEN - DRESS PLAZA - TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

-DISPLAYS - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
-GAMES - CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT  
-COMBAT CHALLENGE - CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT  
-PARADE - START AND END AT CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT  
-DANCE - GREEN CONVENTION CENTER - "B" ROOM

## Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Fireman

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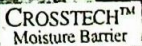
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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 12

Sept. 21, 1994.  
 The Meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.  
 Guests Introduced: Included Past President Lawrence Swartz, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe, District #9B Chairman Buz Koehler, Ladies Auxiliary District #2 Chairman Ann Moss and State Senator Candidate Mike Higgins.  
 Department History: Given by Chief Skip Highwood, Chesterton.  
 Roll Call: District #1-64 members from 10 departments and District #2-17 members from 6 departments.  
 Program: given by members of task force tips concerning the proper applications of water and foam on various fires.  
 Minutes of July Meeting: Were accepted as corrected.  
 Treasurer's Report: \$555.09 as of 9/21/94  
 Communications: Past President Swartz reported that the deadline to submit articles for the next edition of the newspaper is October 10th.  
 -P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the Fort Wayne Fire School, the deadlines for the convention awards and the Bridgeport Scholarships, the Fire Caucus Dinner on 1/22/95 and the naming of Major Karaway as the new S.E.M.A. Director.  
 9B Chairman Buz Koehler discussed his petition to require funding with any mandates that are passed, and the need for all districts to make their opinions known on this issue and any other issue that concerns the volunteer fire service.  
 Old Business: 1996 convention report given by B.A. Howe, who announced that an organizational meeting will be held on October 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Crown Point Fire Station.  
 New Business: -Held a moment of silence for departed District #1 firefighters Bud Koppinger of Lake Station and Archie Herman of Dyer.

Good of the Order: - Announced that St. John is holding their annual dance on September 24th, and that Lake of Four Seasons is holding a pancake breakfast and dedication on October 16th.  
 Announced that the deadline for Miss Flame applications is October 20th.  
 Announced that the State Fire School in Chesterton will be held in March of 1995.  
 Announced that the next meeting will be held at Porter Township on October 19th.  
 50/50 Drawing Winner: Larry Stott of Crown Point - \$48.00.  
 Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 - Beverly Shores, District #2 - Lake Eliza.  
 Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 8:20 p.m. with the program by task force tips to follow.  
 Jerome P. Schmitt  
 District #1 Secretary

Oct. 19, 1994.  
 Meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. by Larry Stott District 2 Chairman.  
 Pledge was led by PRNW Howe.  
 Guests included: Ann Moss, District 2 Auxiliary Chairwoman; Phil Griffin, Valpo Fire Chief; Bill Howe, PRNW; Joe Komascar, Fireman's Store; B.A. Howe, Dist. 1 Chairman; Jerry Schmitt, Dist. 1 Sect.; George Pence, Porter Township Trustee; Mark Toby, Asst. Chief Porter Township Fire Dept.; Stuart Beckert, MSA; Bob Frye, Hoosier Fire Equip.; Don Freeman, Hoosier Fire Equip.; Julius Demick, IVFA Gold Card Member.  
 Dept. History: given by Mark Toby, Asst. Chief Porter Township Fire Dept.  
 Program: given by Stuart Beckert with MSA.  
 Roll Call: District 1, 30 members 10 depts, District 2, 33 members 7 depts.  
 Minutes: read and accepted.  
 Treasurer's report: was given.  
 Communications: PRNW Howe stated mandatory legislation passed regarding SIDS training by July of 1995. There will be a SIDS training in Merrillville on

December 19th. Fire Caucus Dinner will be in January 1995.  
 Convention 1995 will be held in Evansville, June 14th thru June 18th.  
 Midwest Award letters must be in by May 1st.  
 Mr. IVFA Award letters must be in by April 1st.  
 Things to go in next issue of IVFA paper must be turned in by January 10th.  
 1996 Convention Officers are: PRNW Howe, Chairman; Larry Stott, Co-chairman; Lu Anne Reibly, Sect.; Jerry Schmitt, Treasurer.  
 January 11th will be next meeting for the 1996 Convention.  
 Legislation involving by-laws was brought up with the following issues voted on: motion was made and seconded to amend by-laws for inactive members to read as follows: for \$7.50 inactive members shall receive grave marker, Bible, chaplain services, and IVFA newspaper. This motion does not apply to any other IVFA benefits.  
 Motion carried, a motion was made and seconded to amend by-laws to read the following: reject new proposal to delete the requirement that president lead Pledge at convention meetings. Motion carried.  
 Old business: Larry Stott asked for volunteers to head up committees for 1996 Convention.  
 New business: new firefighter 1,2,3 was brought up and discussed.  
 Good of the order: A moment of silence was held for the following members of the IVFA: Gilbert Hoffman of Dyer and Andrew Doctor of Schererville.  
 PRNW Howe brought up purchasing 2 tickets per district for the January Fire Caucus Dinner to be raffled off from the 50/50 fund, motion made seconded and carried. The tickets will be raffled off at the November meeting.  
 Merrillville Fire Dept. will be hosting a chili supper Oct. 22nd.  
 Lake Dale will be hosting a Las Vegas Night Nov. 12th.  
 Liberty Township will be hosting a chili supper Nov. 5th.

Next meeting will be held at Washington Township Nov. 16th.  
 50/50 drawing: \$51 was won by Don Roeske of Porter Township Fire Dept.  
 Attendance trophy winners: District 1 - Beverly Shores, District 2 - Lake Eliza.  
 Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.  
 Dist. 2 Sect., Lu Anne Reibly

## DISTRICT 4

Nov. 17, 1994  
 John Ferro called the meeting to order with 11 members present. Two guests John Peters from Boone Fire Equipment and Bill Kinsey P.R.N.E.  
 Pledge to the flag was lead by John Ferro and prayer was offered by Russel Peterson.  
 Treasure report: was given.  
 Boone Fire Equipment donated a duffle bag as a door prize and was won by John Ferro.  
 Motion was made and seconded to suspend the minutes of the last meeting due to the length.  
 The State approved all By-Laws amendments as proposed. Article 3 Section 2: Active members: Any person who is a member in good standing of a volunteer fire company or volunteer EMS or volunteer rescue service organized under the laws of the State of Indiana. The proposed change is to add to that paragraph the words Volunteer Hazmat Team. A motion was made and seconded the accept the change in wording.  
 John Ferro commented briefly on the Blue lights, display correctly and don't break the laws.  
 Bill Kinsey reported the Fire Service Dinner will be Jan. 22, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency. There will be two good seminars, one on the legislative session and what's been done and one on the Fair Labor Standards Act. These people have some influence on IOSHA. This one of the few ways to have your voice heard!  
 Bill also reported on proposed legislation for next year. There are eight items. If you need more information, contact John Ferro or Bill Kinsey.  
 John Ferro advised all members to check their beneficiary with the I.V.F.A.  
 Brooke Freed will be representing the 4th District again this year as Miss Flame. Congratulations, and good luck in Evansville.  
 Next meeting will be Feb. 23, 1995 at the Lakeville Fire Dept.  
 Meeting adjourned.  
 Secretary, Greg Freed

## DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 8:05 P.M. at the Goodland Fire Station in Goodland, IN.  
 There were 11 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 37 with 99 alarms among the 9 departments answering roll call.  
 Program on Electrical Safety was presented by Gayvin Strantz and Gordan Miller of R.E.M.C.  
 Items discussed were: Petition against the raising of Manatory Training hours, sending copies of petition to representatives of the State and Federal Government, also find out who the representatives are of the different organizations that make up the Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. The purposed changes to the I.V.F.A. By-Laws were discussed and voted on as to how District 9-B wants Chairman Koehler to vote

at the State Officers meeting.  
 The Annual Fire Emergency Services Dinner is Jan. 22 and District 9-B will be sending 2 representatives.  
 Other items discussed were: Morocco Fire Dept. is having a raffle, Rensselaer's Harvest Dance Nov. 26, Firefighters killed in the line of duty, Bridgeport death benefit and beneficiary, 1995 I.V.F.A. Convention in Evansville, Awards - Ollie Sandburg, Mr. I.V.F.A., and the Midwest Award, News for the paper due in by Jan. 10.  
 Meeting adjourned at 10:03 P.M. Next meeting is Jan. 12, at the Idaville Fire Station at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time.  
 Sec./Treas., Dennis J. Risner

## DISTRICT 11A

Dec. 31, 1994.  
 The last District 11 A meeting was held at Linton Twp. Pimento. Would like to thank them for a lovely meal and also hosting the meeting.  
 There were 7 depts present.  
 We had some special guests. They were Mitch Parish, President of the IVFA and his wife Jean. Also Bill Bush, State Sgt. of Arms and his wife who is District Chairman for 11-B.  
 We had a discussion on the dues and some of the by-law changes.  
 We have had one death in our district. He was Francis "Frank" M. Lloyd. Frank was from the Hymera Vol. Fire Dept. and also their Town Marshall for a number of years. A memorial service was given by our Dist. Chaplain Estele Shidler.  
 We would like to extend our sympathy to our new vice president, Jack Zeeks, Jr. and his family. Jack lost his father at Christmas time.  
 It's that time again, to start getting those letters in for all of the awards: Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Lois Boaz and Midwest.  
 Our next meeting will be held at the Prairieton Fire Dept. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. This will be our Miss Flame contest.  
 Hope you all had a good holiday and a safe one.  
 Don't forget to get your reservations in for convention, which will be held in June at Evansville. Sounds like they are going to have a lot of things to do.  
 Bob Hays, Chairman

## DISTRICT 17A

District 17A held the district Meeting at the Odon-Madison Township Volunteer Fire Station on Saturday, Nov. 19th 1994 at 6:30 p.m. at the new fire station. The station was dedicated Oct. 1st, 1994. A wonderful turkey supper was had by 72 firemen and their families. (14 departments were present).  
 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Harker at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the flag. Minutes of the last meeting were given by Jack Kerney. Guests at the meeting were: President - "Mitch" Parish; I.V.F.A. Chairman of the Board, Jack Zeeks Jr.; I.V.F.A. P.R. Southwest, Jack Kerney; District Chairman 11-B, Bob Hays; P.R. West Central, Toddy Michl; Past President, Bill Engle; Past P.R. Southwest, Carl Davis; Midwest Fire and Safety, John Mullins plus many more.  
 Chairman Harker explained the various awards that are available thru the I.V. F. A.

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## District 17A

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Jack Kerney gave an update on the 1995 convention to be held in Evansville.

A discussion was held by "Mitch" Parish about the 4th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminar to be held Jan. 22, 1995. Also "Mitch" tried to explain the new by-laws on Inactive and Active Members and ways to change the by-laws.

A discussion was held about the two new license plate forms (long and short). All departments should have had a form that they returned to Lee Kissell.

The Odon-Madison township Fire Dept. passed out several door prizes. The 50/50 drawing was won by Ron Bell - \$26.50.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next district meeting will be held in Vincennes - Jan. 28th, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge on Willow St.

Jack Harker

## DISTRICT 15

October 6, 1994.

On Aug. 21, 1994, German Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. hosted its Third Annual Waterball for MDA Tournament in the parking lot of the St. Joseph Ave. K-Mart Store. This annual event is used to raise money for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and is coordinated with the Labor Day Telethon.

This year's tournament featured 15 men and women's teams from the surrounding volunteer fire departments and was more successful than previous years. Over \$500.00 dollars was raised through entry fees and concessions. This dollar amount combined with the money raised from the "Fill The Boot" road block brought German's total contribution to the MDA for 1994 to \$2,123.00.

In other news from District 15, Timothy Wargel was elected District 15 chairman. Tim is a 6 year member of German Twp. Fire Department and in addition to being a master certified firefighter is also a first responder. Tim's dedication to the fire department and the community has been outstanding and he is ready to bring his dedication to the position of district chairman.

As we look to the last quarter of 1994, we hope for the continued success of all the volunteer fire departments for the rest of the year and hope for even more success and safety in 1995. (Waterball competition pictured below.)

Deavron Farmer  
Public Information Officer  
German Township Fire Dept.

District 15 meeting was held November 15, 1994. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Wargel at 19:30 hours at Knight Township Fire Department.

Chaplain Barb Kerney gave a prayer followed by the Pledge to the flag by Wargel.

Chairman Wargel introduced guest Harold Crooks with the Ohio Valley Dog Search and Rescue.

Roll Call was answered by 16 members and 6 departments.

A motion was made by John Buckman and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the last meeting minutes as distributed by secretary Jack Kerney.

A motion was made by Barb Kerney and seconded by John Buckman to accept the Treasurer's report as distributed by treasurer Jack Kerney.

Chairman Wargel distributed copies of proposed legislation that will be presented by the I.V.F.A. The bills will include; service charges for fire departments, stiffer penalties for not having smoke detectors, waiving of the IVFA license plate fee, death benefit cost allocation, definition of volunteer fire department, changes in the gaming laws, and establishing a revolving loan fund for purchase of equipment.

1995 Convention Chairman Jack Kerney reported that the committee has been meeting for about 14 months and the convention is on schedule. Letters have been mailed out to exhibitors and Harmon Feathers feels he can fill the floor like 1989. Kerney stated that he had received the \$4,000. from Gene Stofer to start the convention. The District 15 Miss Flame judging will be held at the Jan. 17th, 1995 meeting at Ft. Branch Fire Department. The next convention meeting will be Nov. 20, 7 1994 the Executive Inn Board Room.

Secretary Kerney handed out meeting notices that will take us through 1997.

Treasurer Kerney stated that past District Chairman Seitz still owes the District \$58.00. in postage.

Barb Kerney stated that at the IVFAA meeting a letter was received asking about insurance coverage for Auxiliary members. John Buckman stated that if you have VFIS insurance they should be covered under the fire department policy.

John Buckman gave information on national issues concerning separate career and volunteer training standards, firefighter deaths being investigated by a third party, and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Barb Kerney, editor of the District 15 newsletter, thanked John for the information he provided her for the last edition.

Chairman Wargel stated that there are 16,940 paid IVFA members and 712 departments.

He also stated that the license plate forms will change in 1995. A short form will be used for persons having the IVFA plate last year, and a long form for those that did not have a plate last year.

A discussion was held concerning the fire engine accident involving an Evansville Fire Department engine that killed a young lady. Wargel stated that it was time to put the career and volunteer egos aside and give this firefighter our prayers and support. John Buckman stated that of the 55 volunteer firefighter deaths last year, 22 were vehicle related. He stated we should stress safe driving practices to all of our department members.

Jack Kerney stated we should check our beneficiaries listed on our IVFA application for the death benefits. If you have had a marital change, you may want to change your beneficiary. The IVFA will pay the death benefit to the person listed as the beneficiary. He stated you may want to check all of your policies. If you need to change your IVFA beneficiary, see your District Chairman or PR Director for the forms. There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned, followed by Bar-B-Q deer provided by Harmon Feathers.

Secretary, Jack Kerney

## DISTRICT 11B

Happy New Year from District 11B.

As I am writing this, it appears that winter has finally gotten here. I hope everyone is prepared for the hazards of wintertime and careful of the changing conditions.

We held our regular meeting Jan. 8, 1995 at the Cayuga Fire Dept. We had 17 men representing 6 departments present. We held much discussion on the upcoming legislative session and that as a group we need to keep in touch with our local representatives and express our thoughts on service Bills. Several people had questions about changes in training requirements and what had to be done to comply. The By-Law change was read, discussed, voted on and approved.

Upcoming events include our Miss Flame Dance on Feb. 4, 1995 at the One Half Century Club in Clinton, IN. Hope to have several contestants for Miss Flame.

The next meeting is March 12, 1995 at Roachdale Fire Dept. Lunch will be at 1:00 and the meeting immediately following.

Larry Bartlow, Chairman

## DISTRICT 8A

The last District 8A meeting was held at the Washington Twp. station on Jan. 11, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. Last Wed., the night of the meeting, was warm and fog was pretty thick. Twenty members from nine departments were at the meeting.

Several of the benefits of membership in IVFA were discussed. The Swayzee Volunteer Department received a refund on an insurance overcharge. Lawrence Swartz was largely responsible for gaining this refund and the department says, "thanks."

The Swayzee Fire Department would also like to thank all who helped fight the fire in the Harper Implement building. Fire departments are Amboy, Boone Twp., Center Twp., Chesterfield, Cicero, Converse, Duck Creek,

Fairmount, Fairmount Twp., Fowlerton, Gas City, Greentown, Green Twp., Liberty Twp., Madison Twp., Marion, Matthews, Mill Twp., Noble Twp., North Manchester, Pipe Creek, Pleasant Twp., Richland Twp., Summitville, Upland, Van Buren, Veteran's Hospital, Washington Twp., and Wildcat Twp.

Other support is Grant Co. Ambulance Service, Grant Co. E.M.A., Oak Hill Student Body, Salvation Army, Shane's Marathon, Southwest Medic, Speed King Convenience Center, Swayzee Fire Department wives, Swayzee Market, Sweetser Womans Aux.

Those supplying water were Pipe Creek Jr., Town of Converse, and Town of Swayzee.

Anyone helping, who we failed to mention, Swayzee would like to say again, "Thanks a million."

Madison County had a hazardous material presentation by the Conrail Railroad and we discussed at the meeting that we could have another presentation by Norfolk and Southern. Members will find out if there is enough interest and another discussion will be held at the next 8A district meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Amboy Volunteer Department on March 8th at 7:30 p.m.

The second roll call revealed that two departments have had accidents with ladders. One department had two men on a ladder when the top man fell off over the lower man and fell on top of a fireman on the ground. Two firemen, both in full gear have serious injuries.

Another department was training with a ladder off a new truck. They raised a three-section 35-foot extension ladder and a fireman in full gear climbed to the top. While on the top section, the lanyard came loose where it was attached. The ladder folded or dropped and the fireman fell approximately 28 feet to the ground. Again there was serious injuries and the full gear may have prevented a death.

Pleasant Twp. reported their department may be seen on "Highway Patrol" on television later this year. They were filmed re-enacting a river rescue of two people in a canoe. The filming was real interesting and paid one hundred dollars. When the pay was mentioned, Washington Twp. wanted to know why they were not called for mutual aid.

Don't forget the next meeting will be at Amboy and, in the meantime, maybe a little ladder inspection and training would be in order.

Robert E. Fleener, Chairman

## DISTRICT 19

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at Metamora Volunteer Fire Department on November 17, 1994.

The meeting was opened with

the Pledge to the flag led by Paul Covington.

First roll call reported 26 men from 10 depts. recording 31 runs.

Guests present were Jack Cox, District Chairman of 13B; Joe Caudill, Southeast Public Relation Director; Ed Stone, BFE Fire Equipment; Jim Gilmore, Midwest Fire Equipment; Mark Brumhart, Mobil Com; Rachel Zins, District 19 Miss Flame.

Rachel thanked everyone for their support and the opportunity to represent District 19.

Old Business: The By-laws which were voted on at the last state officers meeting were discussed as well as the voting results.

Discussion on workmans' compensation insurance policies made members aware that it was possible that some policies for life squads are not being figured correctly. Life squads should be paying the same set amount as volunteer fire departments and life squads need to make sure they are classified as a non-career service. These policies should also be written for medical only, not death and dismemberment.

ETEC training was discussed; we only had 28 people register for the training and needed 55; therefore the training was cancelled. Paul requested if the departments wanted the fire school or not. Members discussed that it is our priority to protect our people. A problem was information was not received enough in advance. February was proposed as a month to try to have the training again. The same topics will be offered and the same site will be used. Watch for more information in your district mailing.

Two complaints were given to Paul on credit cards. If the company dealing with the IVFA credit card becomes too demanding, ask and record their name, time and date of call, and your complaint. Respond to Paul.

Make sure your beneficiary is correct on our IVFA policy. The IVFA must pay the person listed.

March is the deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship. Paul will give you an application if you are interested. Two of the scholarships are given yearly.

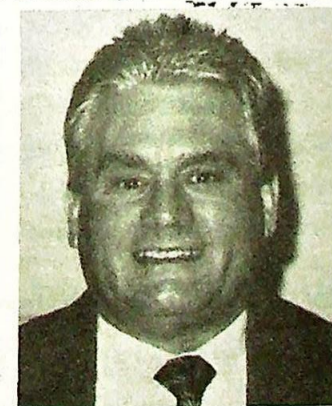
A proposal to change the By-laws to include volunteer haz-mat teams was made for Article 2, Section 2. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

State Fire Caucus Dinner. We agreed to put \$10 toward sending two people from our district to the dinner. If you want to participate, send \$10 and the name of someone to go. A letter will be sent regarding this.

Gina Huff from Morris Fire Department was crowned by Rachel as the next District 19 Miss Flame.

Joe Caudill discussed details of the National Fire Academy. If you are interested, fill out an application. It is first come, first

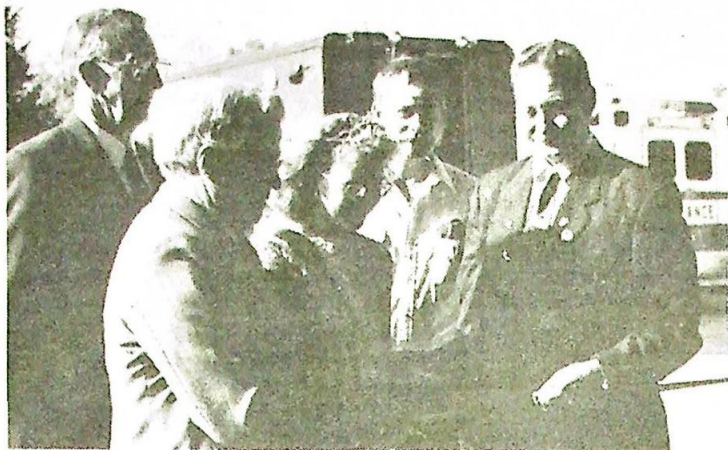
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IVFA Members Charlie Baker, Mitch Parish, Kay Capron, Don Kessinger and Dick Glant help cut the ribbon of the new LaPaz-North VFD Station.

## LaPaz-North Township VFD Dedicates New Station

On Sunday, October 23, 1994, a dedication and open house were held at the new LaPaz-North Township Volunteer Fire Station. This station is much needed and has been long awaited. It is possible only through lots of hard work from the members, the township, and the town. They entered into an agreement to make it happen. It is everyone's hope that the taxpayers are very proud of this building.

The department wishes to thank all of the speakers: Elma Konya, Township Trustee; Edgar Clifton, Town Council President; Mitch Parish, IVFA President; Richard Glant, IVFA Vice President; Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplain; Don Kessinger, 5th

District Chairman; 5th District Miss Flame, Kay Capron; Tracy Boatwright, State Fire Marshal; and State Representative, William Ruppel. The community also turned out to be part of this moment.

This was a very exciting time for the department. The department received a clock from the IVFA, a new American flag from North Township, a new state flag from Representative Ruppel, floor runners from the town, and a nice bench with a plaque in memory of Elmer Dowell was presented by Bremen Fire Department.

A ribbon cutting ceremony followed all the speakers and presentations. The firefighters received many compliments on

the dedication ceremony, which finished with a flag raising.

Then everyone decided to get to something more serious. The festivities moved right into the open house and FOOD!!! Davenport Farms donated a hog, which Rex Hummel prepared for the occasion. LaPaz McDonalds supplied the condiments, tableware, drinks, and mints. Roberta Robertson made several beautiful cakes. Several other people and organizations donated work, materials, and funding to this project. All of the landscaping was done by Spaid Farms Landscaping.

One final group has yet to be recognized - the Ladies' Auxiliary. They are always there, right down to cooking for all of the fundraisers. They served the food at the open house, and gave several monetary contributions. Thank you very much ladies!!

The new station is right on US 31, just north of US 6. Please feel free to stop by and see it. The phone number is: (219) 784-3878.

## District 19

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served. Joe also discussed the VIP Class held in January.

2nd roll call was taken.

Metamora held a chili supper and bingo on Nov. 22.

Patriot has bingo on the second Sunday of the month.

The approved budget was available for anyone interested to look at. If you have any questions, let Paul know.

Legislation has made a lot of changes. Make sure you let your representative know where you stand on issues. Issues to be brought up at this session are as follows:

1. Service charge for fire departments.
2. License plate fees.
3. Death benefits SB367.
4. The definition of volunteer fire department.
5. State tax deduction of \$1,000 for firefighters.
6. Gaming laws.
7. Revolving loan fund.

Anyone wanting copies of the bills to be introduced, give Paul your name and he will mail you a copy.

Motion was made to adjourn; motion seconded and passed.

## 1995 Duneland School of Fire & Emergency Services

March 25 & 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Chesterton High School, Chesterton Indiana

COURSE TITLE	COURSE
Fire Extinguishers	B-101
Basic Fire Apparatus	B-103
Field Maintenance & Care of SCBA -Scott	B-105
SCBA/Instrument Maintenance - MSA	B-106
Wildland Fire Suppression	B-107
Basic Foam Operations	B-201
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Youth Fire Prevention & Safety - Ages 10-12	PUB-ED-201
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Automobile Extrication (AMKUS)	PUB-ED-204
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Automobile Extrication (LUKUS)	R-303
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	S-302

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## IVFAA President



Phyllis Vargo

Dear Member and Friends,  
Hope everyone had a great holiday.

Since the last publication of the paper we have heard from a few of our friends, but would like to hear from even more of you. Keep those phone calls and letters coming.

In the last month, I have been very busy being a grandparent for the second time. I now have two grandsons, both born on Dec. 28th just two years and twenty minutes apart. Won't be hard to remember those birthdays.

In closing, remember to get your reservations and registration in early for this year's convention. June will be here before you know it.

Until next time, God Bless.

### DISTRICT 4

We gathered at the Concord Fire Station where they served us a nice supper meal.

Our business meeting was called to order by Jane Ferro (Baugo), our Dist. Chrm. We gave the Pledge to our flag. Roll Call was given by our Secretary Mary Hahn (Walkerton). There were 5 members present and one guest, our Miss Flame, Brooke Freed, from Nappanee. We thank her for faithfully attending all our Dist. 4 meetings through the year.

Gladys Peterson (Baugo), Chaplain read the poem, Say it Now.

Treasurer Marilyn Loucks (Concord) gave the treasurer's report.

Jane announced that Barb Parker has retired from the chairman of the Miss Flame contest and Eula Bush has taken her place. Also she said the state chaplain will call all district chairman when there is a death or serious illness of the state and district officers. So many times a visit or card could have been sent but was not, as no one knew. This extra time to call by the chaplain will be greatly appreciated.

The picture of the Doe Doll was shown and tickets were given out to sell.

Our meeting was then adjourned and we joined the men for the crowning of our '95 Miss Flame. Jane introduced our present Miss Flame Brooke Freed. She was uncontested so will reign as our '95 Miss Flame. She was presented with a new crown and bouquet of flowers. We all wish her luck at the state convention in June. Her goal for '95 is to visit all the departments in Dist. 4.

Mary Hahn, Secretary

### DISTRICT 11A

The holidays are almost over, decorations taken down and put away for another year, and we are getting back into our old routine again. My wish is that all

of you had a safe and happy time with your loved ones. After all that's what all of us want, being with our families at this special time of year.

District 11A met a Pimento firehouse in November. We were disappointed with the turnout, but it was nice seeing some of our old friends and a few new ones who came. After a delicious lunch, we conducted our meeting. Since they don't have any Auxiliary anymore, they said they may be interested in joining again. I hope they do. I wish we had some way of getting women interested. I guess things have really changed since I became a member. Everyone is taking someone someplace. I understand family comes first.

After our regular business meeting, I gave a short program on making garnishes. It was fun and I think those present enjoyed seeing what could be made from fruits and vegetables.

Our fire department's auxiliary Prairieton, hosted a Christmas party for the firemen and their families. It was a carry in with auxiliary furnishing turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. After dinner Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus (me) passed out gifts and goodies. The day was beautiful, just like spring.

Our next district meeting will be a Prairieton Firehouse Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. This will be our "Miss Flame" contest. We are hoping to see many of you then. Thoughtful words and loving deeds help to fill empty lives.

### DISTRICT 11B

Wow, where did '94 go? We must have been on a really fast roller coaster to make it go that fast! I hope your holidays were happy and that you are looking forward to a safe and prosperous 1995.

I trust that all auxiliaries have paid their 1994-95 dues and are making plans to go to Evansville in June for convention. Right now is a good time to send in your registration and reservations. Also, send in your letters for the Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA and Sandburg Awards. I believe the due date for these is March 1.

This district is having our Miss Flame dance on February 4 at the Half Century Club in Clinton. The Road Rambler Band will be providing the music from 9:00 to 12:00. The money earned will help defray the convention expenses of the Miss Flame candidate chosen that night.

If there is anyone reading this that belongs to a firemen's auxiliary that doesn't belong to the IVFAA or anyone who doesn't belong to a firemen's auxiliary but would like to, give me a call. I would like to tell you how to form a firemen's auxiliary and belong to the IVFAA. Even though you think you are doing fine without it, let's talk about it. My address and phone number are on another

part of this page, but so you will know right now, call 317-665-3213. If you get that "darned answering machine", please don't hang up, leave me a message and I will call you back "on my dime".

District 11B is trying to locate all District Miss Flames and Miss Flame Runner-ups since our beginning. Our first Miss Flame contest was in 1978. We would like some help on this. If you know one, have her or you get in touch with me or Larry Bartlow.

Please try to attend your district meetings. The next District 11B meeting will be at Roachdale on March 12 at 1:00 p.m. The May meeting will be held in the evening at Fairview on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. This is the first evening meeting for our district. Let us know what you think about it.

Well, I am tired of thinking and writing and you are tired of reading. That's all until the next paper.

Eula Bush, Aux. Chairman

## Lois Boaz Award

**NOTE: a change in the deadline for this award: April 1, 1995.**

Ladies and gentlemen of the IVFA-IVFAA, it is time once again to start writing those letters for a nominee of your choice for the Lois Boaz Award.

There is surely a lady from your department who is so worthy of this award.

The nominee must be in good standing with the Indiana Vol. Fireman's Assoc. Aux.

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 fire department. The more information, the better.

Jacket size would also be very helpful.

NOTICE: All letters must be submitted to the Lois Boaz committee by April 1, 1995. Letters received after April 1, 1995 will NOT be considered.

This year's Lois Boaz committee members are: Joann Hays - Chairman: 4430 S. 8th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802; Marilyn Smith: P.O. Box 373, Sunman, IN 47041; Miriam Schaeckel: 5489 W. 300 N., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Please try your best to help us nominate a winner and it will only be with your help in getting busy and writing those letters. Fire Dept and Auxiliary members get behind your ladies and write about one of them. I know she deserves this award.

Joann Hays

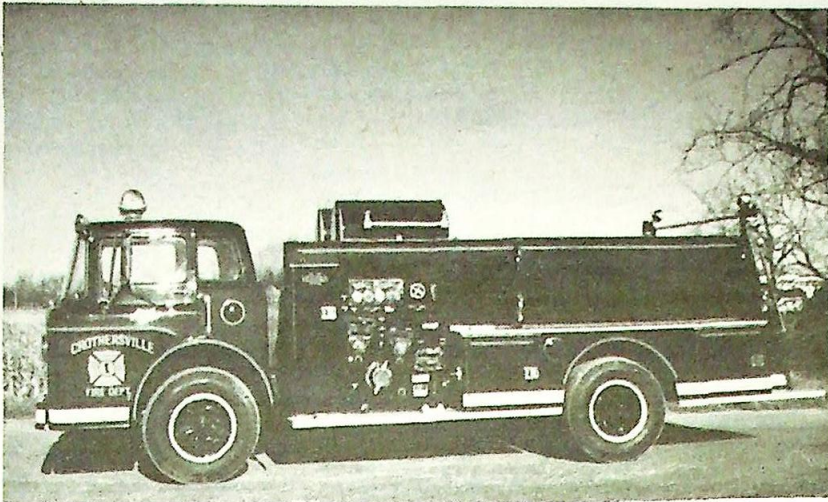
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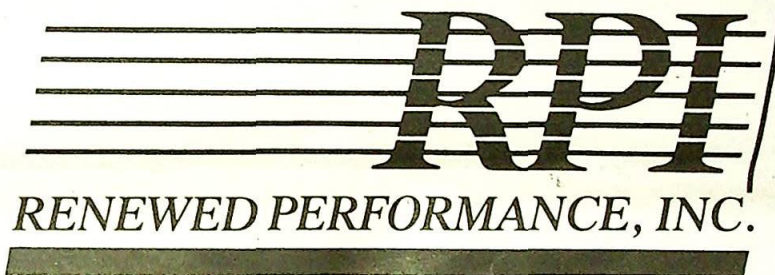
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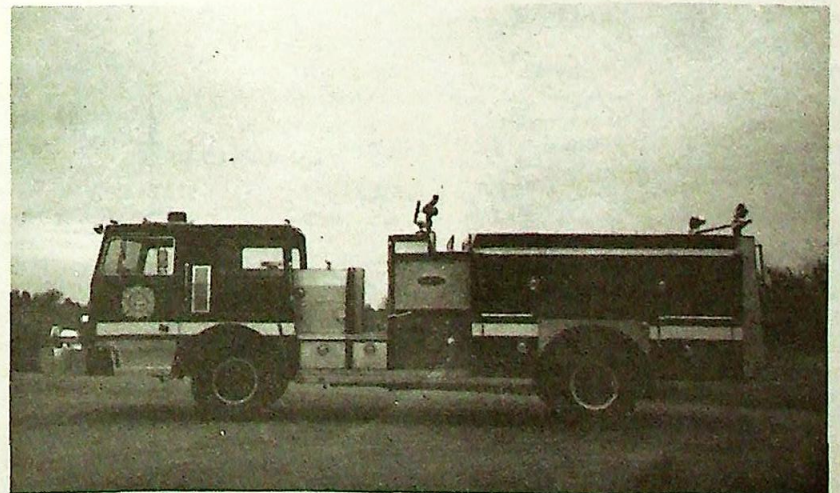
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# MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

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The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one of each district). District winners' applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10, 1995. The girls selected will be representing the 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 departments.

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 chaperones 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, they will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday evening, 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. They will sell doe doll tickets on Saturday morning at the waterball games, and ride in the parade on Saturday afternoon (if there is one).

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 IVFA or the IVFA 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 IVFA State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each dept. in the Dist. 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 Dept.
10. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. IVFA 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 Thurs. evening.
14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thurs. morning.
15. IVFAA will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thurs. at Convention.
16. IVFAA will furnish winner IVFA "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and \$100 savings bond.
17. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "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 expenses.

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - "MISS FLAME" CONTEST**

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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, 1995. 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 IVFA reserves the right to cancel the contest upon notification to all participants.

This form goes to the District Chairman for the District Contest and the District Chairman mails the form to the "Miss Flame" Chairman.

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## IVFAA Chaplain



JoAnn Hays

### In Memoriam

Thelma E. (Coffman) Delay  
5/15/13 -- 12/5/94

Member of Raleigh VFD Auxiliary

"Scripture" Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

### "Faith is a Candle"

In this sick world of hatred  
And violence and sin  
Where men renounce morals  
And reject discipline,  
We stumble in "darkness"  
Groping vainly for "light"  
To distinguish the difference  
Between wrong and right,  
But dawn cannot follow  
This night of despair  
Unless faith lights a candle  
In all hearts everywhere  
And warmed by the glow  
Our hate melts away  
And love lights the path  
To a peaceful new day.  
by Helen Steiner Rice

On December 8th, Bob and I went to Wilkinson Ind. where I gave a memorial service for Thelma E. Delay, member of the Raleigh V.F.D. Auxiliary.

Thanks to Nancy Cushman - Dist. 13 Chairman and past dist. chrm. Virginia Wilson for helping me with the service.

On December 26th, we traveled to Mitchell Ind. to pay our respects to Mr. Jack Zeeks, Sr. (father) of Jack Zeeks, Jr. IVFA Vice Pres.

We the members of the IVFAA extend our sympathy to the Delay and Zeeks families.

With the New Year already a month gone by the time you read this, I pray heavenly Father for all of the IVFA and IVFAA officers,

members, their fire departments, families and friends that 1995 might be a better year.

Guide them Father, strengthen them and care for them as I know You do. We love You father as You love us.

Let us all be prepared for the "Last Call" from above.  
Love and prayers.

## Erin Byam

### Miss Flame '94

Congratulations to Sara Steckler of the St. Henry VFD. On Oct. 9th Sara became the new 18th District Queen. Sara is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Steckler and a senior at Heritage Hills High School in Lincoln City, IN. To the Celestine VFD, thank you for a wonderful day. The car you provided was fantastic!

Congratulations to Dave Dungan of the Chrisney, Indiana Vol. Fire Dept. for being Fireman of the Year in Spencer County.

Christmas parades are fun! Dec. 3rd I was in the Rockport parade. Being right behind all the fire trucks from this area and the first unit in the parade, I was quite honored. Even I am not too old for Santa!! On Dec. 4th at the family Christmas party, the Rockport, Ohio Twp. Fire Dept. presented me with a plaque of appreciation for representing their department this last year. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I was very surprised. To the special person I invited to the party, thank you for the bear and red rose.

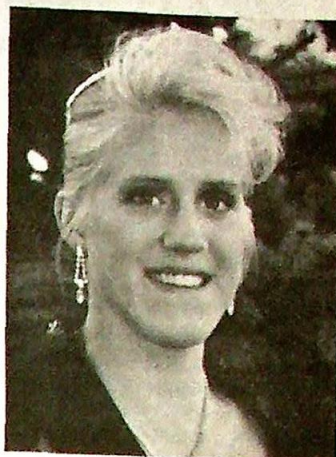
I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a wonderful time of year, I wish all my new friends that I have met this year a safe and happy new year. I hope all of you practiced fire safety with the Christmas lights.

Also, this is the time of year that all you firemen and women must remember your loved ones.

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the convention June 14th through 18th. I will be glad to say I will not be traveling far since Evansville is only 35 minutes from my home. Especially since this summer I plan to work and take summer classes from the University of Evansville.

I hope to see some of the girls I have met this year in Evansville and I wish all of you good luck in June.

## District 18 Miss Flame



Heritage Hills High School senior, Sara Steckler, 17, was crowned Dist. 18 Miss Flame during Fire Prevention week festivities hosted by the Celestine VFD.

Sara was sponsored by the St. Henry VFD and is a resident of rural Ferdinand. She is the daughter of Allen and Margaret Steckler.

Activities in which Sara participates include: Lady Pats basketball, Pep Club, St. Henry Youth Group, Teens Encounter Christ, St. Henry 4-H Club, and Dubois County Junior Leaders. She was '93 State Fair alternate delegate coordinator, '94 I Dare You Award, Western Kentucky Basketball Camp All-Star team and the recipient of a '93 Western Kentucky Basketball Camp Coach's Award.

## Doe Doll Tickets

Hi Everyone,  
I hope you all are busy selling Doe Doll tickets. She is beautiful and I'm sure anyone would be pleased to win her. This is the only money making project for the State Auxiliary, so we need to work really hard on getting the tickets sold. I had every intention of getting to each district meeting, but as you can see, I've been unable to do that because of my job. I do have pictures of her if any one would like one to show so that people can see what they are purchasing a ticket for.

Do hope everyone had a happy holiday season and that everyone has a healthy and prosperous new year.

Lou Bartlow, Vice-President IVFAA

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# AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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The meeting of the IVFAA was called to order by President, Phyllis Vargo, by asking Chaplain, Joann Hays to lead the group with prayer. Joann read a poem entitled, "Grin 'n' Bear it." She also made each lady a handmade magnet with the same title on it. Thanks Joann, they are real cute!!! Joann also was wearing her handmade hat that they had done at the Sat. night social. They were very decorative!

Miriam Schaeckel led the group with the Pledge to the flag.

President, Phyllis Vargo called Maxine Davies to the podium and presented her with her gold IVFAA Past Presidents pin.

Faye Saltee, Recording Secretary, gave the roll call. We had 20 officers and committee members present along with 2 guests.

She followed by reading the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read. Maxine Davies made a motion to refrain from reading the District reports and it was seconded.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report.

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray, read 2 notes that were received. While on the topic of news-- we are having some problems in getting our messages out to the Chairmen and the other Officers when we have a death or illness within our Aux. Joann said, since she was the Chaplain, she would take the task of calling all the Officers and Chairmen, whenever there was news that needs forwarded. A discussion followed, and then a motion was made by Dollie Komoscar to allow Joann to try it for the next quarter period and see how well it does. This way, she will have the notes on who she contacted and what was passed on. It was seconded by Toni Sorg.

IVFA President, Mitch Parish joined us to bid us farewell, as this is his last meeting as President. He told all of us that it was a pleasure to have worked with us. It was sad to see him go, but he reassured us, that he will still be around to aggravate us!!! Good Luck, Mitch!!!

Faye Saltee, gave us the membership report. We have 73 Auxiliaries, 926 Members, and 36 Individuals, giving us a total membership of 966.

Chaplain, Joann Hays, gave us her report. She has no Protestant Bibles left and she has 17 Catholic Bibles. So we need to place an order. She took a roll call of the Chairmen to see how many were out in the field. There are 9 Protestant and 8 Catholic.

President, Phyllis Vargo presented a certificate to a new Auxiliary-- Owensville Fire Aux. District 15. Congratulations!!!

Auditing, Maxine Davies, said that the books for Doe Doll and Jewelry needed to be audited yet.

Miss Flame, Eula Bush, said she has 2 applications so far. They are District 1 & 2. She also ask each Chairman to tell her the date of their Miss Flame Contest in their District. She has new forms with her, so the chairmen are to take them with they leave.

Doe Doll, Lou Bartlow, said she had the baby with her today. She is very Beautiful!!! Maydene Paine donated the doll, and Cloth World donated the \$60.00 worth of material for her dress and bonnet and Larry Bartlow made the cradle for her as well as the carrying case. Helen Michl made the pillow and mattress. A SPECIAL Thanks to all of you. The tickets donated by Joe and Dollie Komoscar are here and ready to sell. So pick yours up today and start selling. We have a quota this year of 3000, so let's get out there and reach our goal!!!

By-laws, Dollie Komoscar, said she has all the changes ready to hand out. Also, Faye has the extra by-law books in case anyone needs an extra. Please make sure you put these new pages in your books!!!

Jewelry, Mary Mackin, said she had ordered 100 tie tacks for the National Fire Conference, but she had to pay 3.40 for each of them. We also need to get our new charm ready for Convention '95. Barbara Kerney said that Jack had a picture but not with him. She said it was a Dalmatian with a fire hat on a round disk. It is 3 color. After a discussion, Maxine made the motion to order 168 tie tacks and 108 charms, and Ann Moss seconded it.

We had ask Mitch to return to our meeting, and Phyllis Presented him with a Bible from the IVFAA, in memory of his mother, since we

did not get the word out in time.

Lois Boaz, Joann Hays, said they have 2 trophies left, so that will last for 2 years. Get your letters in and make sure they are postmarked by April 1st. There will be no exceptions. Tell your men to also write letters. Get as many as possible, so it makes their job real difficult. Please include in your letters, the size of jacket your lady would wear.

Diane will continue sending postcards to the women who do not have men in the offices of the IVFA.

We took up for the flower fund, as it is getting low!!

Jane Ferro forgot the '94 Convention picture book at home, and Leona needs it for Wednesday. So, they will try to make some connection.

Joann Hays said she had visited with Thelma Lester. She is doing fine, very sharp. She said they sat and reminisced. If you would like, send her a card for the holidays, she would really enjoy it.

Barbara Kerney was telling us some of the things on the agenda for Convention '95. There will be a barbecue on Wednesday at Scales Lake and camping will be available at both Scales Lake and Burdett. The information should be in the paper. Baby-sitting will be provided during the Banquet. Buses will also be provided for all events away from the Hotel. A boat ride will be both Friday and Saturday night.

Entertainment for the next Officers meeting in Feb., will be hosted by Districts 1 & 2.

Toni Sorg asked that we remember her nephew, who is in Kuwait, in our prayers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Ferro and seconded by Dollie Komoscar. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Joann Hays, and had cake for dessert.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Gray, IVFAA Corresponding Secretary

## DISTRICT REPORTS:

### DISTRICT 3:

Their meeting was held on Sept. 21st at Lincoln Twp. In the absence of our Chaplain, a poem by Helen Steiner Rice was read. The Secretary's and Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The third reading on the District by-law change was read and approved.

Announcement: Lois Boaz award letters have to be in by April 1st. Craft show at Coolspring Twp. Fire Dept. on Dec. 3rd. The next meeting will be Nov. 16th at Noble Twp. It is also the Miss Flame Contest.

### DISTRICT 4:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jane Ferro. Pledge to the flag and devotions were read by the Chaplain, Gladys Peterson. Roll Call was answered by 6 members and 1 guest. Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Treasurers report was read and approved.

We discussed the convention and our 4th District Miss Flame Brooke Freed, talked about convention.

Money making project will be to sell Chocolate covered peanuts and cashews. They will arrive at our next meeting, which will be at Concord Fire Dept. Nov. 17th. This will be our Miss Flame Contest. We met with the men and had a very nice meal prepared by the Penn So. Aux.

### DISTRICT 6:

Met at Columbia City Sept. 15th with 5 members and 2 guests present. Discussions held on several topics brought up at State Officers Meeting.

Next meeting will be Nov. 17th, at Johnson Twp. Wolcottville with a \$5.00 gift exchange.

The January meeting will be at Spencerville on the 19th with Miss Flame Contest.

### DISTRICT 7:

The meeting was held at Markle Fire Dept. on Sept. 19th. Pledge to the flag and Roll call was answered by 5 members from 4 Departments. Miss Flame Contest will be at Monroe Nov. 21st. There will also be a \$5.00 Xmas gift exchange.

### DISTRICT 11-B:

The annual picnic was held at Fairview in Sept. with lots of good

food being enjoyed by all. The traveling attendance trophy was awarded to Perrysville Auxiliary and several people won nice door prizes.

The November meeting was held at Peelsville where they served a delicious turkey and ham dinner. It was decided to have a Miss Flame dance on Sat. Feb. 11th at the Half Century Club in Clinton. The "Road Ramblers" will provide the music.

The next meeting will be at Cayuga on Jan. 8th.

### DISTRICT 13:

At our August meeting, we experienced a "changing of the guard". After many years of service, Virginia Wilson chose to step down as District Chairman. Nancy Cushman was elected to the new position. Judy Wilson remained Secretary-Treasurer and Amy Martin accepted Chaplain.

There are two prospective new auxiliaries in my district, I recently was informed of. I'll be contacting them soon.

In Oct., Green Township Firefighter, Roy Stephanson, passed away of natural causes while on the scene of a house fire.

Our next meeting is a pitch-in dinner with the men of district 13A on Thursday, Nov. 17th at Fountaintown Fire Dept. We will have installation of officers and \$3.00 gift exchange.

### DISTRICT 19:

The meeting was held at Morris Fire Dept. on Nov. 8th. There were 19 present, and District 19 Miss Flame was announced, Regina Hoff of Morris Fire Dept.

A delicious meal was served and a Christmas demonstration in making wreaths, door and wall decorations, and also candle holders.

Next meeting will be Feb. 14th at Batesville Fire Dept.

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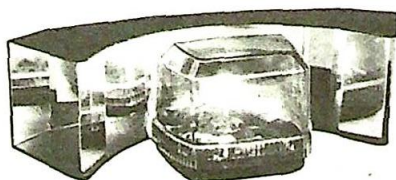
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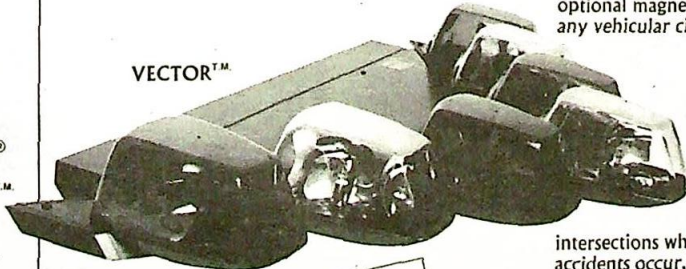
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### Miss Flame Contest Information

Miss Flame applications and pictures are due March 10, 1995. Districts have you selected your contestant to represent you at the convention at Evansville in June? If not, you had better hurry. Please send applications and 2 black and white photos to me at the following address:

Eula Bush  
RR 1, Box 33  
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Contestants and parents you will be receiving correspondence from me sometime in April and again in May. You will be receiving dress guidelines and a convention schedule. We must remember, however, that we need to be somewhat flexible since sometimes schedules have to be changed.

The one thing that Miss Flame contestants must do is to see that their parents/chaperones make hotel (or camping) reservations right away. The contestant will stay in the same room with the parents/chaperones. Get a reservation form from your District Chairman or call me and I will send one to you. Fill it out and across the top in big letters write "MISS FLAME CONTESTANT."

I would also like to remind the parents/chaperones that they are responsible for their own convention registration. The Miss Flames' registration is provided. Remember, you can preregister until June 1 for \$35.00 each but after that date the cost is \$50.00 each. You can use the form provided in this paper or get one from your District Chairman.

If anyone has any questions concerning the Miss Flame contest at convention, you may call me at 317-665-3213.

Eula Bush, Chairman  
Miss Flame Contest

### State Auxiliary Chaplain Judy Hildebrand

Dear Fire Family,  
Hello to everyone. I do hope everyone had a lovely convention and a safe and wonderful summer. I do wish for everyone a glorious fall to enjoy more of Our Creator's beautiful handiwork.

It has been such a wonderful pleasure to serve you as State Auxiliary Chaplain. Thank you for allowing me to do so. But it is time for Joann to take over and do a fantastic job.

Ladies, and even you gentlemen, Joann cannot perform her duties as State Chaplain unless you contact her in good quick time. She cannot do unless she is told. Her address and telephone number is listed here in the paper.

I may not be out and about as much as before, but I am still praying for each and every one of you regularly. Please stay in touch, I love hearing from you.

Always remember Genesis 31:49 - The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.



Joe McDermid, Pershing VFD's Firefighter of the Year.

### Joe McDermid Named Pershing Firefighter Of The Year

Joseph R. McDermid has been named Pershing Township's Firefighter of the Year for 1994. McDermid received a plaque during a special dinner on Dec. 30th at the Freetown firehouse. Selection of Firefighter of the Year is made by ballot among Pershing Township Firefighters and is made based upon individual contribution to the fireservice and to that department.

McDermid joined Pershing

Twp. VFD on April 9, 1990. He is a graduate of Brown County High School and Indiana Vocational Technical College in Columbus with an Associate Degree in Electronics Technology. McDermid is employed with Xerox as a customer service engineer.

Since joining the fire department he has participated in many training programs and is certified by the State of Indiana as a fire instructor second class. He is certified as a First Class Firefighter according to Indiana Board of Standards require-

ments. McDermid is Vice-President of the department and is certified as an Emergency First Responder assisting in medical rescue operations. He has been active as a member of the July 4th Auction Committee, Public Relations, Public Fire Education, and training.

"If I had to find one word to describe Joe, it would have to be industrious," said Fire Chief Richard Blaker. "He is a good worker, creative, and shows good leadership qualities. Joe is always cooperative and functions very well as a team player. He is exactly the type of firefighter that we depend upon to get the job done." McDermid is the son of Robert and Betty McDermid of Spraytown.



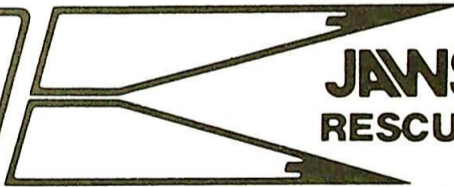
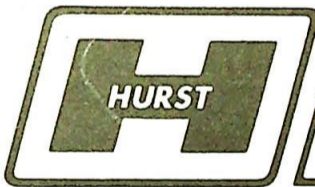
Pershing Chief Richard Blaker (left) congratulates firefighters Bobby Williams & Gilbert Carpenter upon completion of 24-hr requirements.



(L to R) Martha Ault, Chief Richard Blaker, Warner Burnside, Ron Cornett, accept the first tax fund check from the Pershing Twp. Fire Protection District.

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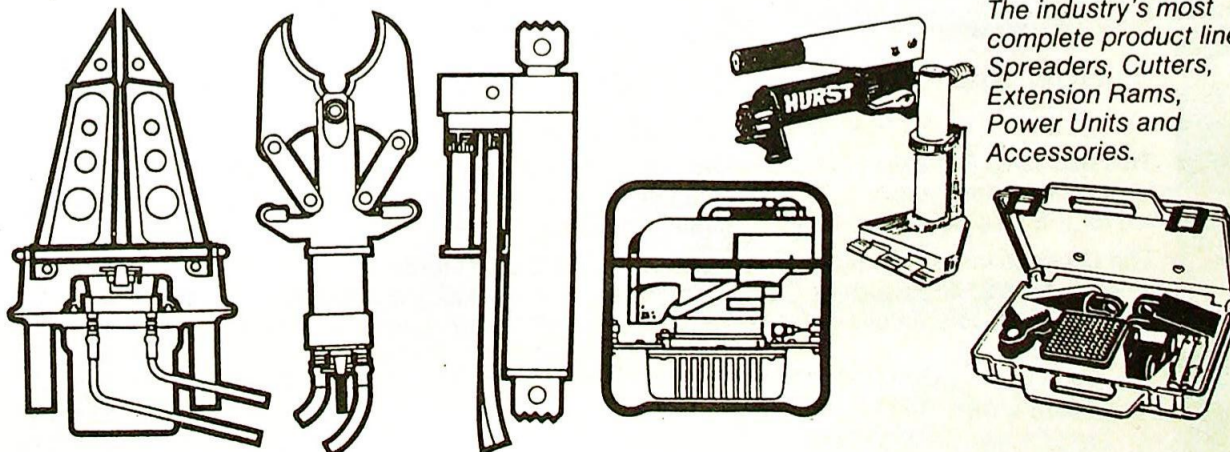
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## American Eagle

### Flight 4184...

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sector was established on site at the access control point. No one was allowed to enter the contaminated area without wearing the proper personal protective equipment which consisted of a poly coated Tyvek full body coverall, double, and in some cases triple, gloves, boots which would repel liquids such as firefighter or linemans boots, eye protection and respiratory protection. The main hazards that were of immediate concern, was, of course, the "biohazards" present. These consisted of, as a minimum, both bloodborne pathogens and fecal pathogens from the victims.

The Lincoln Twp. VFD, Inc. provided trained hazardous materials personnel to:

1. Assist the site workers in donning the personal protective equipment.

2. Assist in the performance of the decontamination of the site workers and equipment.

LTVFD also placed a brush truck on site and within the decontamination sector for twenty-one days. This unit was utilized for the mixing and providing of pressurized decontamination solutions. Additional LTVFD equipment also utilized on site for those twenty-one days was a water tanker to shuttle and supply water to the site for decontamination purposes. The LTVFD provided 1500 manhours throughout the entire operation at the site which was scheduled for completion on or about 1-6-95.

The Environmental Response Firm of PWI Environmental provided assistance on site in the form of heavy equipment, personal protective equipment, consulting, and was contracted as the clean-up contractor by the airline.

Due to the remoteness of the site and the unavailability of suitable facilities in Newton Co., the Newton Co. Coroner, Dr. David Dennis, established the morgue at the Ind. National Guard Armory in Remington, Ind.

To state that this was a true test of our training, experience and resources would be a very large misstatement:

**Training:** Could we, or any agency, have been trained prior to this incident to respond and perform in an effective efficient manner to this specific type of incident or an incident of similar magnitude or complexity? I do not believe that any agency or individual can be trained for specific response to "every" type of incident. But I do thoroughly

believe that every individual and agency can and must be trained in an effective comprehensive emergency management system.

**Experience:** How many other "big ones" have you been on like this one? The answer - not one. Does that mean that I or any other responder has no valuable experience to add to or to rely upon in this incident? The answer - no! How many incidents in your career have you responded to only to realize upon your arrival that you were faced with a much larger challenge than you had initially thought may be present? What experiences did you gain and what lessons learned did you walk away from that incident with? Are these not valuable resources in and of themselves? What, if any, type of comprehensive emergency management system/Incident Command System do you and your agency utilize currently? The old adage - if you do not use it on the smaller incidents, you will never be able to use it on "the big one" is so very very true. Had the LTVFD not been trained in the ICS a number of years prior and utilized this system on their responses, the minor problematic situations that did arise would have become moderate if not major problems instead of being easily addressed and solved as they were. No emergency response agency, no matter the size or service provided, could deal with an incident of this complexity or magnitude without an effective comprehensive emergency management system.

**Resources:** Do we ever know exactly what we will need in a disaster? No! However pre-planning is of the utmost importance to all response efforts. The most abused and overlooked resource is the mutual-aid agreement. Mutual-aid agreements will truly, and may literally, be a lifesaver in any incident where your resources are or may be depleted. Our mutual-aid agreements were utilized to their fullest extent during the initial response to this incident. We must never forget that no matter how bad the situation gets we cannot just go home. We must stay and face the situation. We must also remember that "life goes on" - a phrase I have utilized many times in the classroom when teaching resource allocation and deployment in ICS. Other incidents will continue to occur within your geographical response jurisdiction and your departments services will be needed by the remaining re-



sidents, businesses, visitors, and communities within that response area. Your agency/department must be prepared to respond to those calls for assistance either by having additional interagency resources assigned to that responsibility or through the use of mutual aid agencies. On November 1, 1994 we were not only the players in the recovery efforts, but also observers of a mutual-aid agreement on a much larger scale, specifically the State of Indiana and the Federal Government, both of which responded with the highest level of professionalism and respect not only for each other but also for the victims and their families as well as the local emergency response personnel.

This article does not encompass the entire incident's events that occurred nor does it attempt to do so. We, the Lincoln Twp. VFD, Inc. realize that many other incidents and newsworthy events have occurred since the last issue of this newspaper and do not wish to "overload" this edition with articles concerning this incident. Additional articles may appear in future editions of this publication which address selected issues of this incident. However, the LTVFD has created and is currently offering to interested departments and organizations a presentation program which provides a lecture and footage of the site and the

operations which occurred from Oct. 31, 1994 through Jan. 6, 1995. The length of the presentation will be adjusted to fit your needs and/or schedules. To obtain additional information or to schedule a presentation, please contact Fire Chief Charles F. "Cap" Wann at 219-345-3715 or Captain Bob Mauck at 800-933-4733.

#### THANK YOU MESSAGE...

The members, family, and friends of the Lincoln Twp. VFW, Inc. would like to thank each and every organization and person who assisted us during our response to the crash of American Eagle Flight 4184.

To all of the emergency response agencies and personnel who assisted - your presence was felt not only as a brother and sister emergency responder but as a true brother and sister - thank you for being there when we needed you the most! We could not have met the needs of this incident without you! You are the true meaning of the words professional and volunteer! Our hearts go out to each and every one of you for the tireless dedication, devotion and love shown to us through your support and assistance.

To the citizens and residents - whether you were at the scene assisting, prepared a food dish, provided a word of encouragement or a hug, our hearts go out

to you for the love shown to us through your support.

Our hearts also go out to the family and friends of the passengers and crew aboard American Eagle Flight 4184. Although we knew not one of these individuals, we have been deeply saddened by such an enormous loss to so many families, and therefore, we too, have shed many tears.

Through this tragedy old friendships have been renewed and strengthened and new friendships created. May each of these continue to grow and may each last forever and a day. May we all be better people, as individuals, neighbors, and as citizens of our community for having shared this tragic event together.

## Firefighters arrived to search, but 'there was nothing there'

BY SUSAN ERLER  
Times Staff Writer

LINCOLN TWP. - Passengers on downed Flight 4184 might have taken comfort knowing Charles "Cap" Wann and his men were on the job Monday night.

Wann and many of his 34 Lincoln Twp. volunteer firefighters were first on the scene and spent the night prepared to do whatever was asked of them, including search for survivors.

As it turned out, a search was not needed.

John Knapp, 65 and a charter member of the department, said he'd been one of the first to arrive when the call came in.

At first he'd hoped it was just a small cargo plane that had crashed.

But when he got to the site, "I said 'Oh my God, what've we got here?'" Knapp said.

It quickly became clear "there was nothing there," Knapp said. "We could see it was total destruction."

By noon Tuesday, many of the volunteers were back at the Lincoln Twp. fire station, where federal, state and local officials had begun their investigation into the crash the previous night.

A dozen or more men and women, one of them Cap Wann's wife, Kathy, broke off their conversation each time an aerial view of the crash site appeared on a nearby television screen.

One man asked whether a hollowed out circle on the ground was a lake. No, another answered, that's where the plane hit.

Besieged by reporters the night before, the volunteers were reluctant to talk about what they'd seen.

They'd been told to not discuss anything about the crash site itself while the investigation is ongoing.

But Kathy Wann had plenty to say about the volunteers, in whom she takes obvious pride.

"If they thought there was anybody out there they could've helped, they'd still be there," she said.

The volunteers are a close-knit group, many of them related. Some think of Cap Wann as a second father.

The men told how in the past, they had battled fires, a tornado, floods and had even taken in people stranded during a blizzard. But they'd never handled anything as tragic as the plane crash.

How will they deal with it? "My problem is when I get home, I get too emotional," Knapp said. "I think of the lives lost, even though they're not related to you."

"They're a very compassionate bunch of men," Kathy Wann said. "They'll deal with it in their own way. They'll deal with it quietly."

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# Firefighters raise funds for crash memorial

## Fire department wants monument in memory of victims

By Susan Erler  
Times Staff Writer

THAYER — Nobody alive now in this small town will ever forget the day American Eagle Flight 4184 crashed into a nearby soybean field.

So said Ralph Knapp Sr., spokesman for the 34-member Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department, the first emergency crew to respond when the call came in on the late afternoon of Oct. 31.

For several hours on that cold, rainy night, federal and state investigators commandeered the compact Lincoln Township Fire Station to begin an investigation into the cause of the crash.

With cleanup of the site now nearly complete, the firefighters are turning their attention to a memorial for the 68 passengers and crew members who died, Knapp said.

"We've established a memorial fund in an effort to raise sufficient funds for the purchase and placement of a monument in memory of them" he said.

The monument will be placed at the fire station, at Fourth and Garden streets, in Thayer. It will contain the names of the dead and a note of thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in the disaster.

The size and design of the monument have yet to be decided, Knapp said.

"It could range between \$1,500 and \$10,000," depending on how much money is donated.

Money left over will be donated to a charitable organization in memory of Flight 4184.

"The bottom line is this is certainly a historical thing that everybody who's alive today will remember as long as they live," Knapp said.



## Clarks Hill VFD Gets New Pumper

Clarks Hill Volunteer Fire Department of Lauramie Township took possession of a new E-ONE pumper on November 20, 1994, adding to the fleet of four.

## Public Relations South East Joe Caudill

I would like to thank everyone in Districts 14, 16 and 19 for your support in my new office.

It has been great to get out and travel in the different districts. The district meetings have been great, so has the attendance at all of the meetings.

I went to one open house at Friendship V.F.D. for their new fire house, a superb building. They should be very proud of their accomplishment.

I am going to make this short, see you all in Evansville, if not before.



Tom Hertel, Chief, Centre Township VFD, and Lew Limble receiving the "Bent Horn Award"

## Avalon Grotto Club '94 Christmas Party

Another year has come and gone and the Centre Township Volunteer Fire Department has had another joyous time at the Avalon Grotto Club 1994 Christmas Party.

Preparation was done by Don Nemeth, Sec/Treas. and his wonderful wife, Patti. The food was great: Our senior member Lew Kimble's mother provided a cake which was a great hit.

After dinner the "BENT HORN AWARD", was given to Captain Lew Kimble for his memorable follies. The Sec/Treas., Don Nemeth was presented with a decorative distinguished table clock from Chief Tom Hertel and the other members for his efforts throughout the year.

All members were recognized for their years of dedicated service on the fire department.

Chief Hertel introduced the new Trustee Gail Waltman, and the new advisory board members.

With new people in different job responsibilities, the Centre

Township Volunteer Fire Department looks for an exciting 1995.

Thank you,  
Donald F. Nemeth



Don Nemeth, sec./treas., reads the 1994 statistics to Centre Township VFD members at the Christmas party.



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## Message from Pat Babbs...

To all Indiana fire service personnel and families:

Years before I became Program Coordinator for the Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, my son, Tom, taught me to care about training and education. He quoted from Cooney Tucker, Dick Lamb, Jack Monaghan, Gene Carlson, and Firehouse magazines. We traveled each year to the Richmond Fire Conference and District fire schools at IUPUI (formerly at Fort Harrison), Terre Haute, Greencastle, and Bloomington. Tom insisted on knowing as much as he could about this devil called "fire".

Some of you instructors may still be encountering the frustration as Tom did from firefighters who said they didn't need to know all this "stuff". (Not their exact words.)

Therefore, I strongly believed in the work that State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin asked me to do for the Board in 1976 and that has made writing this letter so difficult. To say "goodbye" to something you love is like facing a death. But those years of caring, pushing, and struggling for the Board purposes finally wore this old heart down. I know Tom's heart broke also when he left the fire service.

Now you will have to keep me posted of my "child's" growth in the coming years. How really great it was to work "for" and "with" so many terrific Board members, staff members, and all of the fire service. It was interesting, nerve-wracking, funny, exhausting, educational. Certainly never dull or boring!

Please know how much I appreciated the firefighters and fire department representatives who attended my retirement party in September '94 or phoned, sent cards, letters, arm patches, flowers, potted plants, balloons, gifts and plaques. Thanks for the animated fire station from the Board (such a gem!); the scale-model Hope Fire Dept. first pumper; the Currier and Ives collector plate "Facing the Enemy"; the IVFA wall clock; the Lincoln Twp. (Newton Co.) clever basket for Bingo (as well as their later handling of the Eagle air crash scene); the reception planned by Pat Crayton and co-workers; the speeches. I wish I could remember what was said. That's the trouble with funerals and weddings. Who can remember anything!

If there is something "part time" I can do for the fire service, it will

be happily done. In the meantime, I volunteer twelve hours a week at a nearby hospital doing data entry, word processing, large mailings, assisting patients, and occasionally seeing a firefighter bring in a victim. I'm also the regular pipe organist and altar guild at my church.

After once again viewing the tragedy in Seattle of four firefighters losing their life, you are urged to keep stressing training, education and safety to your new recruits and encourage your seasoned fire fighters to be leading examples. Indianapolis-area fire fighters have had some very close calls during recent rescue efforts.

Let your communities know of your unselfish, hard work. As Board member, Mike Brooks, always says, "Illegimatei non carborundum" or something to that effect.

God bless you all and thank you.

Sincerely,  
Pat Babbs

P.S. See you in '96 at Merrillville. I will be attending a 50th high school class reunion (holy cow!) the third weekend in June of '95.

## Letters to the editor....

Sept. 14, 1994  
Mount Vernon Democrat  
To the editor:

This letter is being written after not just one or two incident concerning "the blue light boom" on personal vehicles, but at least five or six in the last few months and years. The latest incident being the "match that lit my fuse" for tolerance.

First, let me pen in words, for the public to know, that I truly appreciate and admire many of the fine volunteers of the various area departments. They put in many hours of training in various fields so they can be better equipped to serve their friends, neighbors and strangers in emergencies. In many cases, they must buy and equip themselves with the latest gear to complete their tasks. They often risk their lives and are called out in all situations. They incur expenses that they do not receive any pay for. They give up quality time with family and friends to carry out their volunteered jobs. Often these people are in life and death situations and are never thanked or expect it. This not

only includes the volunteer firemen but the Sheriff's reserves and the police reserves, ambulance and C. D. Departments. These are truly some of the "unsung heroes" of our modern times. I have the highest praise for many of you. Now I said all of this because after this letter I know some will say that I'm making a "big deal out of some little thing." And some will try to justify these incidents.

I didn't make a big deal about the "blue light" that was turned on an elderly couple, causing them to pull off the road and into a small ditch, by a volunteer from the Mount Vernon Civil Defense Department, in my presence as a reserve deputy during traffic control when the tornado went through Point Township a few years back. This was my first introduction to the "blue light" problem. I was ready to issue a traffic ticket then but was later told to forget it. I took this to mean "blue lights were hands off" and they were allowed to "do their thing."

I didn't make a big deal of it when a former fire chief of the Point Township Fire Department, passing a vehicle, with my wife coming toward him, forced her to pull off the road, for her safety (improper passing; vehicle endangerment; speeding; reckless driving, etc.). But no big deal, he had his "blue light" on.

I didn't make a big deal of it when on Fourth Street one afternoon as I was coming home, not one but two volunteers were passing cars heading east at a high rate of speed, going for blocks till I lost track of them in the rear-view mirror. But not to worry, they had their "blue lights" on. So forget the laws.

I didn't make a big deal about the "blue lights" I have observed on Hwy. 62, driving east to some bush or field fire or something of that nature. They were passing regular traffic as if some were sitting still. I was glad I was in the west-bound lane. But no problem, they had their "blue lights" on.

I have personally observed "blue lights" running stop signs, tail-gating other cars until they could pass or the other car should pull over, out of fear of getting hit.

I have seen them when coming off of a black top road onto a gravel road (in front of my house), almost turn 180 degrees around, on their way to some woods on fire. But hey, not to be concerned, they had on the blue lights. All these things I have personally experienced and observed. But now to the "crux" of my letter; and to the incident that has made me mad, and then ill thinking about what possibly could have happened on a recent Sunday.

On Aug. 7, about 6 p.m., three vehicles, responding to a call concerning an accident on Highway 69 South came on Bonebank Road, not stopping at the stop sign, turning up the blacktop at a very, very high rate of speed, almost bumper-to-bumper, caused great concern on some families with homes and children on this stretch of pavement. On any given Sunday, there is the potential of eight to ten small children playing about the black top, two of which happen to be my grandchildren; Thank God, all were home and in their yards at that time. But two vehicles had "blue lights" on them, so this made it OK? I don't think so. I know so. IT DOES NOT MAKE IT RIGHT OR LEGAL. I thought of the children; and my two had just gotten of their bikes at their mother's home. THANK GOD.

I thought of cars that could be

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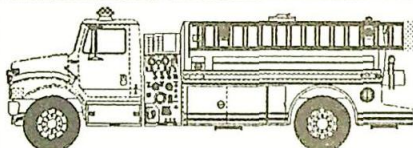
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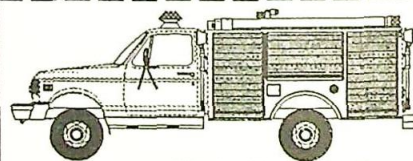


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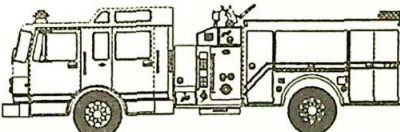


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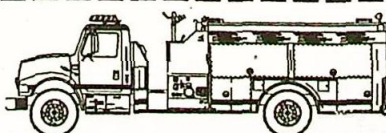
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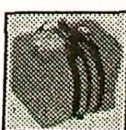
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Continued from Page 14 coming to church or sightseeing or just visiting someone, meeting this "blue light" convoy on our curves here in Point Township. If you have traveled this blacktop recently, you know it winds through corn fields on both sides of the road, with no possible way of telling what is around the corner, and traveling at a high rate of speed, the tendency to swing wide is inevitable. Thank God no one was there.

Now to end this letter, I want you "blue light" violators to know that I have contacted the State Police and talked with the post commander to complain and to find out exactly what the laws are concerning "blue lights". If you have these on your vehicle it does not allow you to break the traffic laws of Indiana or any special road clearance over and above your neighbor's or fellow citizens. All the incidents I listed are true and if you were involved, you are guilty of gross violations and you know who you are.

I have registered a verbal complaint with your Point Township Fire Chief and the State Police suggested I submit a written complaint to the Indiana Emergency Management Agency. I will. And any future incidents that should occur like Aug. 7, I will complain loud and long.

Just a few thoughts, who is liable for these people using their personal vehicles on "runs"? Does the township, county or state stand accountable? Do their insurance companies know or cover "runs"? I hope so. But I'm meddling. And I know I'm the only person in Posey county to see these problems, and after this letter, the most unpopular person in Posey County. And if you take this letter personally, fine. So would I, if you ran over my family members.

Please don't create a tragedy on the way to assist at a tragedy. God bless you volunteers that are doing your best to overcome a few, bad "blue lights".

Respectfully submitted,  
Ervin L. Robison

## Cylinder Concerns...

### Letter to the editor:

Our Fire Department had SCBA cylinders hydrostatic tested at Pane Enterprise, Marion, IN, DOT inspectors mark of C020. These are hoop-wrapped (composite) cylinders that were stamped greater than that of the original markings, condemning the cylinders.

I have concerns about composite cylinders of other fire departments that were tested at Pane's and returned to service.

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Sincerely,  
Jim Cheesman,  
Chief, Rochester Fire Dept.

## NENA Conference

To All Prospective Indiana NENA Conference Attendants:

We invite you to mark your calendars for April 12, 13 and 14th of 1995 for the second Indiana National Emergency Number Association Conference. This conference will be held in

Indianapolis at the Holiday Inn North. You will be able to register just to attend this one day seminar or the vendor exhibit area. This conference will draw public safety service providers and vendors from all parts of the state and surrounding states.

It is important to note that you do not have to be a member of NENA to attend the conference. This is provided so that everyone has a chance to exchange ideas, attend seminars, and view the latest vendor items.

Soon, you will receive material explaining details of the conference such as registration, motel pricing, tentative agendas, etc.

We hope this notice will peak your interest for what we hope to be an exceptional event. With your support, we can make this happen! Show YOUR state NENA organization that you care about the future of 911 and mark your calendars now.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Snyder  
Publicity Chairperson  
(219) 665-5521

## 23rd Annual Broward County Firematics

April 23, 1994

Dear Indiana Firefighters:

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to any fire department or fire association in the State of Indiana to enter a team in the 23rd Annual Broward County Firematics being held April 23, 1994 in Pompano Beach, Florida. An award is also presented to the team that travels the furthest to compete.

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 year's 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:

Broward County  
Firematics Association  
P.O. Box 636431  
Margate, Florida 33063

Or for phone information contact:

Dave or Olga (305) 426-1068  
Lou (407) 736-6836  
We are hoping to see the State of Indiana represented at our competition on April 23rd.  
Lou Doucet  
B.C.F.A.



Clarksburg Volunteer Firemen offer a salute to honor C.J. Granger, a deceased charter (1951) member.

## Carey Jefferson Granger, 90

Clarksburg VFD Charter Member (1951)

Carey Jefferson Granger, 90, Clarksburg, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1994 in Noblesville Healthcare Center, Noblesville, Ind.

Born June 30, 1904, in Fugit Township, Decatur County, he was the son of Charles O. and Mary (Davis) Granger. He married Opal Johnson in Carrollton, Ky., June 22, 1929, and she survives.

He was a graduate of Clarksburg High School, a member of the Clarksburg Christian Church, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Pioneer Engineer's Club, and a 50-year member of the Clarksburg Masonic Lodge 124, now affiliated with Greensburg Lodge 36. He retired in 1969 after working as a machinist for 26 years with Roots Division, Dresser Industries, Inc.,

Connerville, Ind.

In addition to his wife, Opal Granger, Greensburg, he is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Don W. (Roselyn) Corbin, Greensburg; three sisters, Jessie Deiwert and Mary Artmeier of Greensburg and Opal Carson, Lawrence, Ind.; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Rose Granger, and one sister, Dorothy Bruner.

The Rev. Jerran D. Jackson officiated the services at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home, Greensburg. Burial was at the Clarksburg Cemetery.

Memorials may go to the Clarksburg Christian Church.

## Upcoming Events

Indiana Fire  
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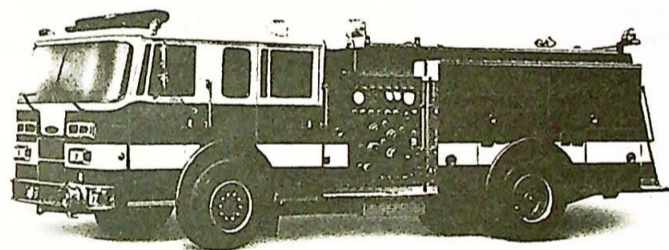
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# PAF teaches fire safety

Clients learn from Creative Living Options course



fire. This program was part of the Creative Living Options program implemented by PAF of LaPorte last year. Kathy Haas of PAF is proud of this program.

"There is no other program like this in Indiana," said Haas. "It's been a big success."

The Creative Living Options program is geared toward PAF clients who are semi-independent, living alone but still have some special needs. This program provides them the guidance needed to live productive and healthy lives, said Haas. However, the program is open to anyone who is interested.

Currently the program is sponsoring a series called Basic Aid Training, or BAT. The series lasts about four or five weeks with a program one night of each week.

This one was about fire safety.

Monroe, sporting the fire-safety gear used by firefighters when on the scene, showed the group some of the basic features of fire. After lighting a candle and putting a glass jar over the flame, the candle burned itself out.

"See? That's why you should never reopen a door after you've closed it if you're in a fire. Fire needs oxygen to burn," said Monroe, who explained that if you are in a bedroom when the house is on fire, you should close your door to keep the smoke out.

"Ninety percent of the people who die in fires die because of smoke inhalation," said Turner. The audience didn't know that.

After closing the door, take a towel or sheet and seal the doorway as best as possible, said Monroe. Then, staying close to the floor, the person should get near an escape route -- more than likely a window.

Turner explained to the audience what it would be like to be in a fire and have the firefighters come in to save the people in the house. He explained the big masks they wear may be frightening, but it helps them breathe.

Also, Turner said, if the power goes off while waiting for help to

arrive, it's probably a good sign.

"The first thing we do is disconnect the power to a home on fire."

Although it was fun to hear the siren and explore the fire truck, the firefighters were out there to make sure these residents stay safe. Monroe and Turner ticked off a list of things to remember.

- Have a prepared escape route from every room in the home.

- Check smoke detector batteries once a month and change the batteries twice a year.

- Call 911 in an emergency.

Each participant in the program knew ways to prevent fire but reminders never hurt.

"This is an especially dangerous time," said Turner.

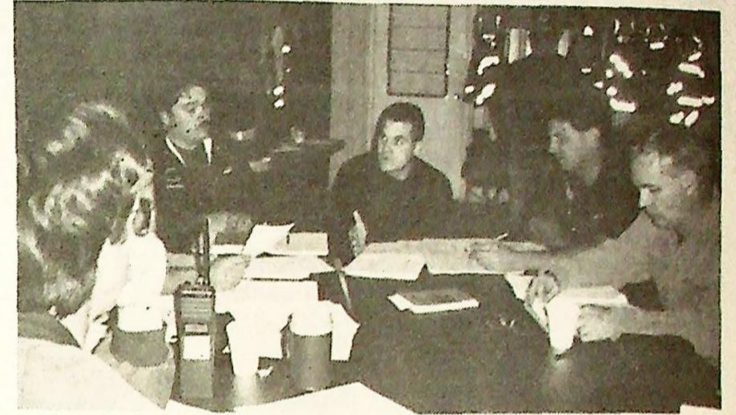
"People burn a lot of candles but aren't careful."

"I'm going to go home and practice my escape routes," one participant declared toward the end of the presentation, which included a tour of a fire truck.

Creative Living Options has assisted more than 40 people in LaPorte County. Each week PAF tries to have a program clients and others can participate in, but Haas said it would not be possible without the help of people in the community.

"It's equivalent to any of us taking a continuing education course," said Haas. "But here, people in the community donate their time and talents to help us."

PAF is 15 years old and is funded by a variety of sources, including the United Way.



Incident Commander, Brett Turner of Seymour City Police Dept. (Center) discusses operations with (L to R) Jim Renaker, Brad Lucas, Duwayne Davis, and Robert Stone during Brownstown's training program.

## Jackson County Personnel Complete Haz-Mat Training

Programs hosted by Brownstown Fire Department

Members of several Jackson County agencies and industrial operations have completed a series of training programs hosted by Brownstown Fire Department. Funding for the project was provided by SARA Title III giving emergency responders training at no charge.

The courses were designed to assist participants in achieving compliance with IOSHA STANDARD 29 CFE 1910.120. Continuing education inservice hours were granted to emergency medical technicians, paramedics, law enforcement officers, and firefighters.

The series contained a total of 42 classroom hours dedicated to hazardous materials awareness, operations, and incident command systems. Classes were divided into three 14 hour courses held on Sept. 10 and 11, Oct 22 and 23, and Dec 3 and 4, 1994.

All Classes were taught by Robert A. Mauck, President of F.I.R.E. Inc based in DeMotte, IN. Mauck is a 12 year veteran of Lincoln Township Fire Department currently holding the rank of Captain. He holds six Indiana Master Firefighter Certifications and is a certified Emergency Medical Technician. He is a graduate of Indiana University Northwest and Indiana Vocational Technical College. Mauck is a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association and is Chairman of the Newton County Local Emergency Planning Committee. He is Hazardous Materials Coordinator for Newton County. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mauck has had extensive experience in private industrial emergency planning.

"I was glad we could bring this instructor and these classes to Jackson County," said Brownstown firefighter Andy Lockman who scheduled the series. "We all will deal with Haz Mat in one form or another--it is an inescapable part of our jobs. Those incidents require that we have the best training and information possible."

"This was a great exercise in inter-agency cooperation and understanding," commented Richard Blaker, Sr, Fire Chief of Pershing Township. "The interaction and teamwork will translate into more efficient and intelligent emergency response." Jackson County participants included representatives from Brownstown Fire Department, Carr Township Fire Department, Seymour City Fire Department, Hamilton Township V.F.D., Pershing Township Fire Department, Jackson County Ambulance, Seymour City Police Department, Jackson County Emergency Management and Civil Defense, Jackson County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Reedy Electric, Aisin Emergency Response Team, Cummins Emergency Response Team, Columbus City Fire Department, and Seymour City Sanitation.



Haz-Mat training students pose with instructor Robert Mauck.

By Therese Nelson/Staff  
Center Township Volunteer Firefighters Mike Turner (Top) and Mike Monroe (Bottom) show parts of their truck and give fire safety tips to Parents and Friends' clients as part of the Creative Living Options program.

Therese Nelson  
The LaPorte Herald-Argus  
Some lessons are important enough to learn over and over again. These lessons save lives.  
About 12 adults gathered at

Parents and Friends Inc. (PAF) to listen to Mike Turner and Mike Monroe from Center Township Volunteer Fire Department explain how to prevent a fire and what to do in a home that is on

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Porter Township VFD recently honored three members with the longest years in service. Pictured left to right, Bill Casbon - 35 years in service, Arnold Nichols Sr. - 25 years in service and Phil Hahn with 15 years of service. Also to be congratulated are Don Roeske, Bob Casbon, Jay Pasa, Max Hood, Mark Tobey, Ed Nolan and John Hyatte all with 10 or more years in service.

### Porter Township VFD

At our monthly business meeting ( Dec. 5 1994 ) we held elections of officers and presented awards to the senior firefighters.

The 1995 officers are Mark Tobey, Chief; Bob Casbon, Assistant Chief; Nancy Hood, Captain; Dan Koepke, President; Paul Palleson, Vice President; Don Roeske, Treasurer; and Mark Stanley, Secretary.

Our department currently has 2 pumpers, 2 tankers, 1 rescue, 1 4x4 grass rig and personnel van.

Mark L. Stanley, Sec.  
Porter Twp. VFD



Cicero Township Volunteer Fire Department of Tipton, Indiana has taken delivery of a new Smeal 1250 gallons per minute pumper. This Smeal pumper sets on a Ford L8000 chassis and is powered by a 275 horsepower Cummins diesel engine.

Some of the features of this pumper are a 1000 gallon poly tank, 1250 waterous fire pump, top mounted pump panel, hydraulic ladder rack, and a 6kw Onan diesel generator.

The pumper was purchased from Boone Fire Equipment of Fairmont, Indiana.

### Assistant Chaplain



Duane D. Lantz

Scripture -- Genesis Chapter 1 Verses 1-5

When God began creating the heavens and the earth, the earth was at first a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.

Then God said, "Let there be light." and light appeared. And God was pleased with it, and divided the light from the darkness. So He let it shine for awhile, and then there was darkness again. He called the light "daytime," and the darkness "nighttime." together they formed the first day.

January should be a month of new beginnings. This is true with our calendar, it is true with many businesses. It should also be true with you, and your God as we begin a new year of worship and

witness.

The book of Genesis is a book that deals with beginnings. It sets forth the beginning of creation, the beginning of humanity, the beginning of family life, the beginning of sin and disobedience to God, the beginning of suffering and the beginning of God's efforts to redeem and restore man to a relationship of love and a fellowship of faith. It provides us with the basis for our Christian understanding of the world, man, the family, sin, suffering, death and the way of salvation and hope.

Day by day

Dear Lord,

Of thee three things I pray,

To see Thee more clearly,

Love Thee more dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly,

Day by day.

As long as we are beginning a

new year, let each of us do something that isn't done that much anymore. Let us start using two words that are very important, the words "thank you". The word thanks means the expression of grateful feelings or grateful acknowledgment of a benefit or favor a small example, to return a borrowed book with a word of thanks.

One thank you that I have is to Mitch Parish for his 2 1/2 years as President of our organization. And good luck to the new President, Richard Glant. A big thank you to the rest of the efficient district chairmen, and all of the officers that make up our organization. To Mr. Charles Baker for all of the prayers and comfort he has given to all of us. Keep up the good work.

I have been looking for a poem entitled Thank you, but I can't find one, so I have written one of my

own.

This is the beginning of a new year, I hope it is filled with a lot of cheer. And to a friend who did something nice, Be sure to say "thank you" once or twice. We say "thank you" to our Past-President, Mitch, Who always had time to listen to us bitch. I am sure each of our departments, too Have a member deserving a big "thank you". Now let each of us do our part, Get this year off to a good start. Don't think for a minute we won't have plenty to do, Then we can all get a big "thank you".

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# Fire under child's bed engulfs home



By Bob Wellinski, Separations by Jeff Place/Staff

Flames ripped through this home at 2657E CR-450S Monday afternoon as firefighters arrived. The 25-foot trailer with a wooden addition was destroyed by the fire, which apparently started at 2:10 p.m. under a sleeping 16-month-old child's bed because of faulty electrical wiring, Kingsbury Fire Chief Ed Ritter said. Paula

Bealor rescued her baby as well as her 2, 4 and 5-year old children and 3 cats, then called 911 from her mother's nearby house. Bealor's 6-year-old child was at school. No one was hurt in the fire, but Ritter estimated the fire loss at \$15,000 including contents. The trailer belonged to Bealor's cousin Dennis Bealor.

Paula Bealor said this morning she will be seeking help, including a place to stay, from the LaPorte County American Red Cross.  
*The LaPorte Herald Argus*

## Inquiry under way in fatal involving firetruck

By Byron Rohrig  
Courier staff writer

Investigators say the emergency lights were flashing and the siren and air horn were sounding on an Evansville firetruck that broadsided a car late Friday at a downtown intersection, killing the car's driver.

Now they want to know why the victim, 26-year-old Nancy Leach, apparently failed to see or hear the truck.

And they want to know if the driver of the pumper, Pvt. James Morrow, 30, was careful enough when he entered the intersection.

Answers may come in a police reconstruction of the 10:21 p.m. crash at King Blvd. and Sycamore St. Results of the study are due early this week, said James Walker, an Evansville police detective.

Police said an unidentified moped driver heading east on Sycamore had stopped at the intersection in the center lane after hearing the approaching firetruck. But Ms. Leach, headed the same way in the right lane, apparently drove her gray 1991 Saturn past the moped into the path of the southbound firetruck.

Ms. Leach, of 1105 SE First St., Apt. A4, died instantly of head and internal injuries, Coroner Dennis Buickel said Saturday. It took rescue workers an hour to pry the roof from her car and free her body.

Police said the moped and Ms. Leach had the green light; the light was red for the firetruck.

The investigation should reveal how fast the truck, which weighs about 40,000 lbs, was traveling at the time of the crash.

Fire dept. procedure requires that "all vehicles and apparatus shall be operated in a safe and prudent manner... approaching intersections, congested traffic, signal controls, stop signs and warning signs, extreme caution and speed control shall be used so as to have the ability to stop..."

"We're interested in the speed, in how fast (Morrow) was going," Walker said.

Other firefighters aboard the pumper were identified as Lt. Mark Goebel and Pvt. Kurt

Koehler. None of whom were physically injured, police said.

But there were emotional wounds, District Chief Jim Powless said Saturday. He was on duty at Fire House 3, from which the truck was dispatched.

"It hits especially hard when you're in the job of trying to save lives, and then an accident happens like this," Powless said.

The dept. chaplain was called to the crash scene Friday night, along with Fire Chief Doug Wilcox.

The accident was believed to be the first since the early 1950s involving a city fire unit and resulting in the death of a civilian.

Three firefighters have died in collisions at city intersections. Roy Gibson in 1963, and Fred Barnard and Charles Hoffman in 1959.

Friday's crash happened as the firefighters from Fire house 3 were en route to back up other firefighters on a kitchen fire. It turned out the blaze, in a Lincoln-Erie public housing unit, had already been put out.

*The Evansville Courier*

## Home destroyed by fire

By Ron Browning  
The Call Leader

A rural home, south of Orestes, was virtually destroyed by fire this morning.

A report of an attic fire came through Madison County 911 at 8:33 a.m. Firefighters were dispatched to Co. Rd. 1000N between 300W and 350W.

Personnel from Pipe Creek Twp., Orestes, Alexandria-Monroe, and Frankton fire departments battled flames and temperatures which hovered at around 10 degrees. The Madison County Air Van and Madison County Emergency Management personnel also responded to the blaze.

Smoke from the fire could be seen from as far away as Summitville.

"That house is gone," said a neighbor who did not wish to be identified. The man said a woman, her husband, and their son lived in the house, but did not know their names.

As of press time, firefighters knew little about the blaze and did not know who owned or resided in the one story house.

"I have no idea for sure (who lives in the house)," said Troy Fesler, Chief of the Pipe Creek Twp. VFD, and the officer in charge of the scene.

The unidentified neighbor said the woman who lives in the house called 911. Firefighters were dispatched to the Stanley residence.

"She'd already called the fire department and I came to see if she got out okay," the man said.

Fesler said it was too early to determine how or where the fire began. It appeared, however, that the most extensive damage occurred to an attached garage on the west side of the house. A station wagon, burned beyond recognition, sat in the rubble of the garage.

The house appeared to have suffered extensive damage and firefighters were cutting holes in the roof, shortly after 9:30 a.m. in an attempt to ventilate the fire.

The neighbor said it appeared the fire began in the garage.

"I was feeding my horses and I saw it burning there in the back (of the house)," he said. "I don't know where it started for sure but it was in the back of the house. I could see it at the back of the garage."

Fesler said no one had been injured in the blaze as of press time.

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# Minutes of the 48th Annual Convention Meeting

## Friday, June 10, 1994 - Elkhart, Indiana

President Parish: "A few things I must tell you. There is to be no smoking in the tent. And one thing we have got to realize is that during the voting there will be no exits or entrances to this tent, is that understood? Bill Bush is back there and he will secure the areas along with some local help."

At this time I would like to call on Charlie Baker for the Invocation."

Chaplain Baker: "Join me in prayer. Gracious Heavenly Father, today is another day of our lives, Lord. You have allowed us to gather here together once again with the business of this Association in our minds. Help us with the decisions, with the meditations, and the things we have to mull over today. Keep the mission of this association, the mission of the volunteer fire service, foremost in our minds. Help us in our decisions; guide us, direct us, keep us ever in Your tender hands. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

President Parish: "Please remain standing. Thank you, Charlie. At this time we will have the Pledge to the flag by Richard Glant, IVFA Vice President."

President Parish: "Thank you, Richard, and please be seated now. We are going to make a few reports this morning. We are going to start with the President's Report. Gentlemen, I want to tell you it has been a pleasure to serve you as your President for the past two years. Last year I traveled something over 14,000 miles and the friendships I have built the last two years with you people, I will never forget. I will not seek re-election to this office. The only way I will remain as your president will be for six months if the bylaws are approved as we expect later on today. I do want to thank all of you; it has been a pleasure to serve you as your president. At this time I will call on Richard Glant to give his report."

Richard Glant: "Thank you, Mitch. I have traveled a little over 13,000 miles this past year and over the past two years I have met a lot of you. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and I will be seeking the office of president. Thank you very much."

President Parish: "At this time I will call on the secretary, Lee Kissell, for his report."

Lee Kissell: "Good morning, everybody. I would like to report first of all, we had a total of 18,204 members. That was down a little from the previous year which was about 18,600. The license plate program for 1994 has been changed around a little bit as you are all aware of now. So far we have issued 10,665 plate forms. This year you are going to see a renewal form not a form for a new plate. The plate you have now will be good for three years. The form you will receive next winter will be a little different than the one you received this year, if you had a plate this year. I have had the secretary's job for seven years and I hope that everyone has been satisfied with the job I have done. I appreciate the support from everybody out there. If anybody has any questions or problems, now is the time to ask. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Lee."

Lee Kissell: "I announced back this winter that I would not be a candidate for secretary again. After some pressure being applied by someone, I decided that I will remain a candidate if I am nominated. At the May meeting, they allowed some money to hire someone part time to help. The girl started helping with the data last weekend and has worked out well so far. I guess if they nominate me I will be running again. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Lee. At this time I will call on the Treasurer, Gene Stofer, for his report."

Gene Stofer: "It is a pleasure to be here. My report was in the newspaper. As you know we changed our year ending to the calendar year; I have had a wonderful daughter who has been working hard for you people all year trying to write checks and keep money in the bank. I will be running probably for one more year if you so want to keep me. In my 20 years as treasurer we have kept the association solvent. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Gene. At this time I am going to call on our Chaplain, Charlie Baker, to give his report."

Charlie Baker: "Thank you, President Parish. It is a unique but distinct pleasure to address all of you this morning. You are part of a very different breed of people. I don't know if you ever realized this or not, but you are. The volunteer firefighter and volunteer everything else has made this country what it is. You are very unique people. This past year has been somewhat challenging for me and it could not have been done without the excellent assistance from you folks, your district chairpersons, and from the man I succeeded in office, Father Lantz. A very unique individual, a man who served you well and faithfully for thirty years. I like to refer to him as the Chaplain Emeritus of this special organization. Today we will have a memorial service at 11:00, my first, and I have written a message that I think you may appreciate. I would like for all of you to be there. Again, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the very excellent and very tremendous job that you have done under very difficult circumstances. God Bless you each and every one. Thank you."

President Parish: "Our next speaker, although I do not think we need much of an introduction, former chaplain of the IVFA, Duane Lantz."

Chaplain Lantz: "Thank you Mitch. I had no idea that I would be up here. It is always great to be here. I have filled in on occasions as you know I like to do that as a friendship that we have shared and the great memories that I can cherish. Please think of me as an individual. Fellows, the guy upstairs is watching over us and all I ask is that we put our hands in His hands and we'll be a bigger and better association. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Father Lantz. At this time I would like to call on Jack Zeeks to come forward with an audit report."

Jack Zeeks: "The Audit Committee went over the audits, found everything in order like it should be. Mr. President, we recommend that the audit be accepted."

President Parish: "Thank you, Jack. At this time I will accept a motion from the floor to accept the audit. We don't have a mike on the floor, do we. John Ferro."

John Ferro: "Mr. President, District 4 makes a motion that we accept the Treasurer's report as audited."

President Parish: "We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second?"

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

President Parish: "A motion has been made and seconded that we accept the audit committee report as given. All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed? Motion carried. The Parliamentarian for today will be Bill Kinsey and Bill Howe. They are the ones that will be the parliamentarians. The Roll Call Committee will report to Lee when called for. Those on the committee are Larry Stott, Perry Martin, Mike Seitz, Mort Sorg, Paul Covington, LeMoyné Koehler, Don Cushman, and Danny Hickman. The Mileage and Credentials report when Gene Stofer calls for them. Members are Bob Fleenor, Doug Engle, Jack Cox, Larry Petro, Charlie Cline, Bill A. Howe, Larry Berkey, Tom Royer and John Ferro."

Election Committee people are Tony Palmerio, Bob Hayes, Bob Uryga, Tom Hinkle, Bruce Neal, Don Johnson, Larry Bartlow, Jack Harker and Jack Zeeks."

At this time we are going to open the floor up for any communications. At this time we will introduce a few guests that are here. Is Larry Curl out there yet? Larry is the President of the Indiana Fire Services Institute and also the Chief of Wayne Township."

Larry Curl: "Thank you, President Parish. The Indiana Fire Service Institute most recently participated in a trip to Washington, DC. We had some conversations with some of our federal legislators. Some of the topics we discussed were the Fair Labor Standards Act. I guarantee you it is not going to do anything for us. But it will do something to us. It is a process of trying to tell you that they are going to control whether you volunteer your time or not. If you happened to be a career firefighter you are not going to volunteer. Another issue, the staffing issue. NFPA 1500."

What is that one going to do to us? If it continues on we won't be here in a few years. If we have to follow the law as mandated by the 1500 it is going to take five, ten or whatever the president in the White House says it is going to be, to man the apparatus. We need to stay on top of those issues. Another one that we keep harping on every year everywhere we go is the issue of mandating without funding. We have got to be able to come in with a mandate and a funding to take care of that. Until we do we are going to find our funds become slimmer and slimmer and the ability to perform is going to become much more hampered by that. Guys, the Fire Services Institute is working hard on your behalf to try and work on some of these issues. One of the things that has happened to us in recent history: the fire service used to be the lead role in emergency services. That is not quite true today. It is time to stand up, take back, and become that lead agency. We are first on the scene, we are first to provide, we are the last to leave. Yet we have other agencies trying to take over and dictate to us. We need to stand up and be accounted for. I appreciate your time. It is an honor to be here and certainly an honor to be a part of the IVFA. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Larry. We are going to pass out to the district chairmen, a roll call that we need filled out and returned as soon as possible because we are going right into the election this morning. Gene Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "Do all of the district chairmen have vouchers to pass out to their delegates? Remember twenty cents a mile delegates."

Delegates only, don't send the district chairman's vouchers in with them. Thank you very much."




President Parish: "Lee, do you have anything you want to tell your people?"

Lee Kissell: "As soon as you have filled out that roll call we will have the committee come forward and get them busy."

President Parish: "OK, thank you. We will be a little informal today. A couple years ago, we set up a historical committee to get a book printed for the 1997 convention. Fifty years will be in 1996 and we cannot do it and have all the publications finished and have it ready by convention time. The reason I am saying that is that we want to get the '96 convention in it. One thing that has come to the attention of us, for all of you older folks, we cannot reprint all of the pictures. Most of the pictures in the first twenty five years cannot be used. So basically what we are going to do in the first twenty five years is have written history of this organization. The next twenty five years we will have some more pictures, if not we will have some history this is where the historical committee stands at this time. Richard, would you want to make your awards committee report at this time?"

Richard Glant: "For the Midwest Awards there were 19 of the 26 districts that turned in Midwest Awards. All 26 districts should have had Midwest Awards; there are people out there deserving of these awards. There was an Ollie Sandburg Award winner and that will be announced tonight at the banquet. The Bridgeport Scholarships will also be

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awarded tonight at the banquet. That's all."

President Parish: "Thank you, Richard. Larry Bartlow on the Clothing Committee. Do you have anything at this time?"

Larry Bartlow: "I have nothing at this time."

President Parish: "Mr. Secretary, he passes on that. Photo Committee, Bruce Neal. Bruce Neal also passes. Public Education and Equipment, Jim Parker."

Jim Parker: "Pass."

President Parish: "Ad Taker for the paper, Swartz."

Lawrence Swartz: "Pass."

President Parish: "Editor's Assistance, Bill Howe. Bill, I think you need to make a report on this thing."

Bill Howe: "The Editor's Assistance Committee made two or three trips across the northern part of the state trying to find a savings for the printing of the paper. We talked to three different publishers. One of them was the present, Laney. Bob does not print the paper; he puts it together. We went to a new printer, got a better price, and the Association is saving about \$1500 per issue on the paper. The next issue of the paper should be out around August 1; anything you would like to have in it have it to Bob Laney by July 10. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Bill. The reason we moved the date up on the paper deadline to the tenth was because we have all heard complaints that you would like to have the paper at the first of the month. Paul Hildebrand, do you have a report on Resolutions that you want to give at this time?"

Paul Hildebrand: "We have no resolutions."

President Parish: "Gene just told me that we need your vouchers turned in. Roll Call Committee, would you come up here at this time. I now call on the Nominating Committee, Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Jim Parker and Ivan Nevil. Lawrence, I would like for you to give a report on the Bridgeport Scholarship before

we do the election."

Lawrence Swartz: "Good morning. I would like to announce that the recipients of the Bridgeport Scholarships have been selected. They will be awarded this evening. One of those receiving it will not be able to be in attendance at this evening's banquet due to the fact that he is already enrolled in school and the distance from the school to here will not allow his presence this evening. We did have 35 applications that were qualified this year. I believe there were 16 that did not qualify, due to membership or due to late mailings. I would like to state that the late mailing is very, very critical; in fact that was almost the entire number of those not qualifying. Those of you who have children that want to apply for the scholarship or if you want to apply yourself, make sure that you do get it in on time. Send them Certified mail, return receipt to be received prior to March 1. Thanks again."

President Parish: "Ladies and Gentlemen, at this time we have the honor to have Miss Flame and her court. Eula, would you make the announcements on this?"

Eula Bush: "Good morning. Before I introduce Miss Flame and her court I have a special message for the oldtimers, anybody who remembers Thelma Lester. I received a letter from her Tuesday and she said to be sure to tell everybody hello. She is 85 years old and doing fine for that age. The 1994 Miss Flame is Erin Byum from District 18 (phone number 812-649-9074). Her runnerup is Dina Klink from District 3 (phone number 219-393-5815). (Eula introduced the remaining candidates.)

President Parish: "Thank you, ladies. We will now go ahead with the elections. Lawrence, you want to come up and take over again. This has now been delegated to Ivan. Ivan?"

Ivan Nevil: "The Committee has met several times over the past two or three months. We have a slate of officers for the Association. We will start with the office of President. At this time the Nominating Committee nominates Richard Glant for the office of president. Are there any other further nominations from the floor for the office of president? Are there any further nominations from the floor? I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I cast one unanimous vote for Richard Glant for president for 1994-95."

Richard Glant: "Thanks for your support and I will try to do the best job I possibly can. Thanks a lot."

Ivan Nevil: "Vice President. For Vice President the Committee has submitted the name of Jack Zeeks. Are there any further nominations from the floor for vice president? Any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor for vice president? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I cast one unanimous vote for Jack Zeeks for Vice President for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "For the position of Treasurer, the Committee has in nomination Harold Gene Stofer. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I cast one unanimous vote for Gene Stofer for Treasurer of 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "For the office of Secretary, when Mr. Kissell decided he was not going to run a long time ago, we had solicited three other people who would be willing to take the job. After Lee changed his mind they withdrew their names. So at this time the Nominating Committee will place the name of Lee Kissell for Secretary. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor for secretary? If not I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I cast one unanimous vote for Lee Kissell for Secretary of the IVFA for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Sergeant at Arms. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Bill Bush for Sergeant at Arms. Are there any nominations from the floor?"

John Hardy: "I would like to nominate John Ferro."

Ivan Nevil: "The name of John Ferro has been submitted. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor?"

Representative from Decatur: "I nominate Pascal Arnes."

Ivan Nevil: "We now have three candidates for the office of Sergeant at Arms. I declare the nominations closed. Would you three candidates come forward, be recognized, and make a comment or two? Bill Bush, John Ferro, Pascal Arnes."

Bill Bush: "I would accept the office of Sergeant at Arms again. I hope I have served the state well; I was elected here eleven years ago in 1983. I was appointed in 1982 to fill the term of the deceased sergeant at arms. If I am re-elected I will continue to do as I have to get the supplies to the chairmen. I cannot mail to the secretaries; I will not mail to the secretaries but I will get the supplies to the appropriate people to take care of you. I will appreciate your vote if you want to vote for me. If you don't, elect the best man. Thank you."

John Ferro: "I am District 4 Chairman at this moment. I hope to be elected as Sergeant at Arms. I would like to run the office of Sergeant at Arms and maybe we can get some other things done. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you."

Pascal Arnes: "I am from Decatur Township. I would appreciate your support as Sergeant at Arms."

Ivan Nevil: "Before we start the vote, Mr. Stofer would like to have the District Chairmen, if you have any delegate forms out there, please get those in immediately. Also, if one of your representatives is working at the tables back here, don't forget them for the vote count. District Chairmen, poll your delegates. There will be no leaving the tent until all voting has taken place. If you are out, you are out until the voting is over."

John Ferro: "Listen real carefully and I will give you directions on how to get to the Memorial Service. From the front of the motel (Cassapolis Street or State Road 19), go directly south to the dead end, the church is there at the T just as you turn to the right. A small bus will make two trips. Thank you."

President Parish: "We have the elections results. Bill Bush will be

the Sergeant at Arms at this time. Gentlemen, before we go on, over here on the far right is the Recording Secretary. I missed him last night and I missed him this morning. John Davies has done one good job for us over here. John, would you stand up now?"

Ivan Nevil: "If any questions the tally on the vote, we will not announce them but you may see them up here. Moving on for Recording Secretary, the Committee places the name of John Davies. Are there any further nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? Are there any further nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? Are there any further nominations for the office of Recording Secretary? I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for John Davies for the Recording Secretary for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "For Chaplain the Nominating Committee places the name of Charles Baker. Are there any nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Are there any nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Are there any further nominations from the floor for Chaplain? Seeing none, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I cast one unanimous ballot for Charlie Baker as Chaplain for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Public Relations, Northwest. We place the name of William Howe, Sr. Are there any further nominations for PR Northwest? Are there any further nominations for PR Northwest? Are there any further nominations for PR Northwest? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association I cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Howe as PR Director Northwest for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Public Relations, Northeast. The nominating committee places the name of William Kinsey. Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Northeast? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Northeast? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Northeast? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey as PR Director, Northeast for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Public Relations, West Central. The nominating committee places the name of Toddy Michl. Are there any nominations from the floor for Public Relations, West Central? Are there any nominations from the floor for Public Relations, West Central? Are there any further nominations from the floor for Public Relations, West Central. If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I cast one unanimous ballot for Toddy Michl as PR West Central for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Public Relations, East Central. The nominating committee places the name of Larry Jackson. Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, East Central? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, East Central? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, East Central? If not, I declare nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I cast one unanimous ballot for Larry Jackson as PR East Central for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Public Relations, Southwest. The nominating committee places the name of Jack Kerney. Are there any further nominations from the floor for Public Relations, Southwest? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Southwest? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Southwest? If not, I declare nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Kerney as PR Southwest for 1994-95."

Ivan Nevil: "Public Relations, Southeast. The nominating committee has no names to place in nominations for the position of Public Relations, Southeast. Are there any nominations from the floor for Public Relations, Southeast?"

Paul Covington: "Paul Covington, District 19 Chairman, I would like to place the name of Joe Caudill as candidate for Public Relations Director, Southeast."

Ivan Nevil: "Would you spell the last name please?"

Paul Covington: "Caudill."

Ivan Nevil: "We have, are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Southeast? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Southeast? Are there any further nominations for Public Relations, Southeast? If not, I declare nominations closed. Mr. President."

President Parish: "As President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I cast one unanimous ballot for Joe Caudill as Public Relations, Southeast 1994-95. Thank you Joe."

Ivan Nevil: "I think at this time we should thank Paul Hildebrand. Paul has declined to run for the office of Public Relations, Southeast. I think we owe Paul a nice round of applause for his dedication and service he has given. There were three members on the committee, myself, Lawrence Swartz and Jim Parker and I would like to thank these gentlemen for the work they have done. Thank You."

President Parish: "I would also like to thank the nominating committee for the work they did. We were a little worried about some of them but we got them back in the fold so we can continue for another year. At this time, we are going to do a few reports. Bill Goodwin, do you have your report now?"

Bill Goodwin: "Thank you. We will be celebrating our fifth anniversary in September. I became very active in the IVFA. Served as district chairman, became president. I was appointed State Fire Marshal. Served that office for fourteen years. We have government today that is not for the people. Either in the state of Indiana or any other state. We have government for special groups, primarily those who come with the most money. It is the truth. We have seen a lot of buildings sprinkled in our state and we have not had a multi fatality in a sprinkled building. People with money don't give a damn about fire safety. I could cite many examples we have all over the state. The authority of the State Fire Marshal's office is gone. I am not blaming any particular individual. I blame it on special interest groups. The Volunteer Fire Service does have one thing. It does have people.

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You've heard a lot of people stand up here last night say go get registered and vote. We have been telling you that for years. You have the most beautiful story to tell in the world. Eighty percent of the emergency runs in this country are handled by volunteer departments. You people have to get registered and be a very vocal force in every election from now on if you want to keep the volunteer fireman as we know it today. It's got to be done. Talk to our legislators, or you are done. You have no authority. The state and federal people keep mandating new services, new training but where is the money to do it. All they do is take it away from us. Please, heed my plea and do it. God bless you all. Have a real good and successful convention. Get registered, vote and become a political force. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Bill. At this time I would like to call on Maynard Masters for a few words. While Maynard is coming up, gentlemen, we will cut this off at 10:30 sharp. We are asking everybody to go to the Memorial Service. Maynard."

Maynard Masters: "Thank you, Mr. President. As President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association I want to remind you of the fire schools that are coming up. Vincennes is the 23rd and 24th of July; classes are filling up really fast. We are also doing our second Blitz program in Master category classes. Four classes are starting in July: fire service management, fire arson, strategy and tactics, and inspections program in Honey Creek at Terre Haute. Mostly what I have been doing is the electrical hazards class and some of the problems fire officers are having with utility companies when it comes time to cut the lines for electrical service or pulling the electrical meter. How many of you have hazardous materials response teams? How many of you make hazardous materials runs? You all do -- you go out on a diesel spill, a car accident with antifreeze on the ground, or gasoline or motor oil on the ground -- you probably washed it off in the ditch. How many of you make automobile extrication runs? How many of you have worked floods, tornadoes? How many of you fight fires? How many of you know that the fire ground is the only place you have any authority?"

You cannot order anybody to leave the property; you cannot order anybody to remove the victim. You have no authority of any kind other than the fire ground with fire being the key. Let me read you something. "The chief and his authorized representative at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life and/or property or any part thereof shall have the power and authority to direct such operation as may be necessary to extinguish or control any fire, perform any rescue operation, investigate existence of suspected or reported fires, gas leaks or other hazardous conditions or situations, or taking any other acts necessary in a reasonable performance of their duties. In the exercise of such power the chief may prohibit any person, vehicle, vessel or thing from approaching the scene and may remove or cause to be removed or kept away from the scene any vehicle, vessel or thing which may impede or interfere with the operations of the fire department; and in the judgment of the chief any person not actively or usefully employed in the extinguishing of such fire or in the preservation of property in the vicinity thereof. In Indiana codes it says interference in the performance of your duty is a misdemeanor. The Uniform Fire Codes describe what your duties were. All of a sudden it is not in there. Consequently it goes back to fire. Other things that were deleted I am sure many of you are not aware of. Tampering with fire equipment was deleted in its entirety; tampering with a fire hydrant or a fire appliance was deleted in its entirety; hydrant use approval was deleted in its entirety; tampering with barricades, deleted; closure of roads and trails, deleted; obstruction of fire protection equipment, deleted. I instructed my first vice president who is an instructors representative on the Indiana Fire Service Institute Board to immediately start procedures with Mr. Curl and that board to try to get this rectified and get it back in. Get off your butts and get out there and vote. Thank you."

President Parish: "Thank you, Maynard. Gene has a couple of questions."

Gene Stofer: "Districts 11B and 13B, do you have any delegates?"

That takes care of it. Thank you very much."

President Parish: "I want to introduce you to our attorney. John Shanks, would you raise your hand. At this time I am going to recess this meeting. We are asking you to go to the Memorial Service. You are on your own for lunch and get back here at 1:30."

DISMISSED FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE.

RECONVENED AT 1:30 P.M.

President Parish: "If everybody will hold it down we will go ahead and get started. The next thing on the agenda is bylaws. At this time I will call on Jim Parker to conduct the bylaws meeting. Jim Parker."

Jim Parker: "As most of you know, as all of you know, we have been working on the bylaws for the last couple of years. They needed work on. Our bylaws have been a combination of corporate bylaws and operating procedures, operating guidelines or whatever you want to call them, combined. They were pretty inflexible in lines for the Association to operate. We spent a great deal of time and went through them. I am going to have John Shanks talk to you about the time he put into it in the form of corporate bylaws. He can tell you how long it took and how many revisions we went through, how many times it went before the Board of Directors, before we came up with what we have. To get things off the ground and moving so we can talk about this and ask questions on it, I would like to entertain a motion to adopt and then we will have discussion on it, questions, and we are going to answer all the questions that you have. Each of you that has a question or comment, you have two minutes to voice your opinion, to voice your question, and we will answer your question. You may not like the answer but we will answer. We may not like the answer; we may not like the question. But everybody is going to hear it. To get the thing moving I will entertain a motion to accept."

Lennie Berkey: "Mr. Chairman, Lennie Berkey, District 5. I make a motion to suspend Article 12 of our bylaws for the explicit purpose of acting on the amended proposed bylaws as written."

Jim Parker: "Bring that up. I want everyone to hear the motion."

Lennie Berkey: "Lennie Berkey, District 5. We make a motion to suspend Article 12 of our bylaws for the explicit purpose of acting on the amended proposed bylaws as they are written."

Jim Parker: "Thank you, Lennie. Do we have a second?"

"District 9B, Buz Koehler. I second that."

Jim Parker: "Before we get into questions from you fellows I would

like for you to hear some of the background that went into revising the proposed bylaws. John."

John Shanks: "Good afternoon. It is a pleasure for me to be with you. This morning a couple of speakers reminded you that you have a story to tell. You certainly do. It is a great pleasure for me and the firm of Bushman, Carr and Shanks to not only represent you in legal matters but also to represent you before the Indiana General Assembly. I hope you will take to heart some of the things that were said this morning about getting involved. Can you imagine what it would be like in your communities if suddenly there was a disaster and you guys didn't show up? It would be another disaster. Members of the Indiana General Assembly I am not sure really understand the tremendous role that volunteer firefighters, volunteer EMTs, play in Indiana. We talk about it every year. You got sandbagged this year in the Indiana General Assembly by a fellow named Larry Borsch. You will hear more about that during the legislative presentation. But I need you to know from me that we had three pieces of legislation that were combined into one that would have made substantial impact on the fire service. Because of the major ego they went down. It is very important that members of the Indiana General Assembly recognize not only the importance of the volunteer fire service but also recognize the power that the volunteer fire service has in its community."

A lot of my practice has to do with representing not-for-profit organizations. One of the perhaps most difficult things that any not-for-profit organization does is to amend bylaws. Actually the process started about two years ago. There were informal discussions about crisis dealing with my office. I took a look at them, even though I had read them several times, went into more detail, tried to run some scenarios, to see how things could operate under your existing bylaws. Frankly I have to congratulate you for being able to operate under the existing bylaws. They are probably the most archaic, probably the most inflexible, perhaps unusable bylaws that I have seen. It is a wonder that you have been able to operate for lo these many years under a system like this. Embedded in your bylaws, embedded in all bylaws, is a representative form of government, which is indigenous to the American people. One of the pitfalls that many organizations run into is they try to cram everything into their bylaws. When you do this you really reduce the effectiveness of the Board of Directors who are your representatives to do the job which you elected them to do. Bylaws should be extremely brief. In fact my charge by your board and by the bylaw committee was to take your bylaws as they currently exist and put them together as I would recommend. I knew that had some pitfalls. My first run went down in flames. It was too brief. There are some things that are so embodied in the IVFA that to change them would be folly, so I was told. So we went back to the drawing board. One of the things that amazed me was how large your Board of Directors was. Most not-for-profits now that are forming have Boards from five to seven people. Personally I think a group of more than five trying to make a decision is a waste of time. But that is my opinion; it is certainly not a grounds for condition of the IVFA. The IVFA has a history of being able to get things done despite the large size of its board. Perhaps the largest board I have seen in recent times was sixty members; their meetings usually lasted three days. Everybody had at least four or five things to say on every topic. Needless to say that was most interesting. It was great for me because they were paying me on an hourly basis."

My first draft back in August was very bare bones following the 1993 non-profit corporation act. This was for purposes of discussion. I never dreamed in my wildest imagination that it would be approved. It was not. What I was trying to do was to show how bare bylaws can be and how much trust organizations should have in their Board of Directors. After the meeting on that draft as they said I got serious, another draft was presented in October. That was discussed, another draft was done in November, another draft in February, and the final draft which all of you have seen was done in March. I asked as I was given this charge is what are the sacred cows that I shouldn't touch. My instructions were 'Don't worry about that, we will tell you if you get involved with one of them.' I have some marks on my back. But these were drafted for discussion so when you are presented with the final product it is not John Shanks' version of the bylaws but your Board of Directors' version of the bylaws in consultation with me as your attorney. I think everyone has seen the draft of the bylaws. Let me just share with you the concept which flows through these bylaws."

It recognizes the higher representative form of government. Your bylaws are legally consistent with the 1993 Non-Profit Corporation Act, they go far beyond the requirements of the law. The legislature when they re-codified the Non-Profit Corporation Act in 1991 which became effective in 1993, for all corporations (there was a period of time when you could elect-in to the corporation law) the ruling being that bylaws being a skeleton structure.

Your representatives on your Board of Directors have put meat on those bylaws in the form of operating procedures. What I have tried to do along with your bylaw committee and your Board of Directors is to draft bylaws that will serve the IVFA, that being the large Board of Directors. Yet with that weaving in flexibility providing opportunities for action and circumstances which allows change. The proposed bylaws really leave the power as it should be in the hands of the members of the Association. You as members of the Association elect the members of the Board of Directors by way of district elections and by election at your annual meeting. You have a very broad, diverse representation on your Board of Directors which is unlike some organizations which do not have representative Boards of Directors either through a multi- or single-structure system. The bylaws that you have before you are really a skull and your Board of Directors will then in turn adopt standard operating guidelines for procedures which are allowed by the state of Indiana where Board of Directors can elect rules and regulations for running the affairs of the organization. There has been a little more than ten months' work put into this. I believe it was something that was necessary for the continued vitality of your organization. A lot of thought, a lot of discussion, a lot of drafting and redrafting went into this. It is not something that was just put together and thrown out for everyone to look at. I certainly urge your consideration of these bylaws and I will be happy to answer questions of a legal nature if you will. Thank you very much."

Jim Parker: "Thank you, John. Guys, this is how we arrived at how we are. A lot of you are sitting out there wondering why we didn't ask for a vote to

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suspend Article 12 of our bylaws. The reason I didn't was because I didn't want to get into a lot of questions before you had an idea of what has transpired to get us to this point. The motion was to suspend Article 12 to take action on the proposed-bylaws. I am ready to ask for a vote on that. All in favor of suspending Article 12 of the bylaws to act on the proposed bylaws please raise your right hands. Opposed? Motion carried. Now to get into the discussion on the bylaws I will entertain a motion to accept the proposed bylaws as written. Do I have a motion?"

Bob Uryga: "Bob Uryga, District 3. I make a motion to accept the proposed bylaws as written."

Jim Parker: "Do I hear a second?"

John Ferro: "John Ferro, District 4, seconds the motion."

Jim Parker: "Are there any questions on the motion? Guys, if you have a comment stand and be recognized so we can keep it on an even keel. Jim."

Jim Bradford: "Jim Bradford, District 1. I have a question on Article 3, Section 2 defining members. It states the active membership also includes persons who are retired or resigned from active participation in the fire companies described above while in good standing in the Association and continue to pay the appropriate dues. What this is going to do is increase their inactive or retired dues from \$7.50 to \$13.00 without a vote from the floor."

Jim Parker: "It is a valid question and something that we had talked about early on when we put in three types of membership."

It was our feeling that in your own department you have these situations. You have active firefighters, you have retired or inactive firefighters, and you have associate members. But when your department joins this

association all of you are active members in the association. Since that time, as late as last night, we were into discussions about this yesterday afternoon as a matter of fact. It has been pointed out that we can very well have inactive members as a part of this organization at a lesser dues fee. But also with lesser benefits, guys. You have to recognize that. I have to tell you that there are other things here, especially in our guidelines, that we know have to be changed but we weren't in a position to change them. I can tell you, Jim, that it is on the agenda to be addressed immediately as one of the changes. It is something that will be addressed right away."

John Shanks: "That is a good question. Under the new bylaws it allows your Board flexibilities to make distinctions. Under the proposed bylaws you could have active membership with two different dues structures, depending on their level of activities. So persons who are retired could in fact have a lesser dues. It provides for that flexibility even though there is not a category in the bylaws for that active member."

Jim Parker: "Thank you, John. Any other questions? Don."

Don Johnson: "Don Johnson, District 12. Who was on the Resolution Committee?"

Jim Parker: "In answer to your question, the six PR men."

Don Johnson: "Do we have from a district chairman and a district secretary thirteen letters proposing to change these twelve articles in the bylaws? According to this we have to."

Jim Parker: "Don, you are absolutely right. If we were operating at this given moment under our bylaws as it states in Article 12 you are absolutely correct. However, the action that we just took, and you voted for it, Article 12 we suspended. The proposal you have before you is not an amendment, it is a complete set of bylaws. Next question."

Paul Kunz: "Paul Kunz, District 4. When I read these bylaws I am not so happy. It takes all the rights away from the organization out here and puts it in the hands of a Board of Directors. The last article you have in here, these bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors. The amendment must be presented in writing at a quarterly meeting of the Board before action can be taken on that amendment at the next quarterly meeting of the Board. The only thing that leaves us is the right to vote for the officers. And the way they have got this written they could come back at their next board meeting and submit an amendment to our right to elect the officers."

Jim Parker: "If I take your question in the intent that you are asking it I would say that you are absolutely correct. But now let me ask you a question. How many men do you have here from District 4 today? Raise your hands, guys, from District 4. 13. John, how many men do you have at your district meetings?"

JohnFerro: "Anywhere from 6 to 9."

Jim Parker: "6 to 9. I ask the wrong district, that is obvious. You have better representation at the annual meeting than you do at your district meetings. And believe me, that is unusual. If I ask any other district here, let me ask District 10. Bruce, how many do you have back there? [Bruce replied 12 people here today.] At a normal district meeting? [Bruce said about 40.]

That is a normal representation. We have to consider that we are in the northern part of the state. Guys, you elect your district chairmen to chair your meetings in your area and to bring your suggestions and your wants to the state meetings. You had more numbers with this exception in your district meetings than we had right here today. We have 214 delegates today; at your district meetings, guys. Districts 1 and 2 meeting together have one of the larger meetings in the state with about 90 in attendance. And their representation here today is maybe 40, so there is an example of your representation here as opposed to your representation at a district meeting."

Voice in Audience: "They can say they don't like an item and vote to have their chairman take that vote to the state, but they cannot change it. They can only suggest, they cannot control you, they can't tell you when to change these bylaws."

Jim Parker: "Hopefully he will vote the way you tell him to vote and if it is a legitimate change, the other district chairmen are not going to disagree with him. You don't realize how a state officers' meeting goes unless you sit in on one. If somebody comes up with a good idea and gets yelled at, the guy doing the yelling gets set down pretty damn quick. If a guy comes up with a bad idea then it is the same way. If you come up with a reasonable change that needs made, I can assure you that these district chairmen out here will give it some thought. If it needs changed it will be changed. John, do you want to say something on that?"

John Shanks: "The issue is very simple. Either you trust the people who are governing you or you don't. That is really the bottom line. If you trust the people that you put in office, then they should have authority to govern. If you don't and you all want to govern individually, or in mass, which sometimes creates chaos. The efficient way to do it is to allow the people you have elected. Can you imagine what it would be like if everyone decided they were going to run the state government. If you think it is bad now, it would be even worse because nothing would get done. All this does is allow the people you have elected to represent you, and I presume that you believe that they are acting in the best interests of the association, not just one group of the association but the entire association, and if that is true that gives them the flexibility to make changes as they are necessary and not go through the process which is taking two to three years to do. You are right, they could do all sorts of terrible things. If they did they would not be around very long nor would they be fulfilling their duties to the members of the association. That is the crux of the whole matter here."

Jim Parker: "Do I have another question? Gentlemen, if there are no further questions then I will ask for a vote on the motion. This vote I think we should be able to tally. District chairmen, poll your delegates for a 'yea' or a 'nay.' A yes vote means the bylaws as proposed will be adopted; a no vote will mean no. Shut the place down, Sergeant-at-Arms."

Jim Parker: "Gentlemen, several guys have asked me and I should have told you before we took a vote, but it does take two-thirds of the delegates to make this happen. Not a simple majority. The vote count was 148 yes, 78 no. That is two-thirds and the proposed bylaws did pass. John, you had a question."

John Ferro: "John Ferro, District 4. I've got some gentlemen in my district who would like to ask the question, 'In order for us District Chairmen and all the state officers, everybody who votes on a change or a proposal, will that be posted in the paper how each officer voted?'"

Jim Parker: "You guys think that is something new and fresh you are coming up with, but would you believe that took about 25 minutes of our discussion yesterday afternoon about being able to authenticate, if you will. You guys will see what your district chairmen vote for or against as well as your officers. Any vote taken in a Board of Directors' meeting relative to these bylaws or operating guidelines will be published in the paper. If you want to monitor your guys you have the tool to do it."

Bill Kinsey: "The minutes of all quarterly meetings as well as the minutes of the annual meeting are published. The present practice is published in the paper, but even if they are not published in the paper each district chairman and each elected officer of the association receives a written copy of the minutes of the officers' meeting. The procedure for any change in the bylaws of the association would be a roll call vote in that quarterly officers' meeting and thus when the minutes are received it would be published what the roll call vote was so you would know whether or not your district chairman carried out the wishes of your district."

Jim Parker: "Guys, a couple of things. A question was asked about the dues as they are right now. The dues as billed for this year will be in effect for the rest of this year. So if you have inactive men you will pay even more dollar fee and it will be accepted. Between now and the next dues paying period we will address this inactive member role that Jim brought up."

The other thing, when does this go into effect. As all changes in our bylaws, they go into effect immediately upon the close of this meeting. There may be some questions in your mind about the details that were in the bylaws like 'Mitch is supposed to lead the Pledge to the Flag' but Mitch doesn't do that, he says the Vice Chairman or Vice President can do that.' Changes will be made in things like that but they will be made exactly as prescribed. They will be brought up at one meeting, brought back to the districts, and acted upon at the next meeting. All of the restrictions on the officers still apply. The Standard Operating Guidelines and Procedures that were in the bylaws have been pulled out and made a separate part, but not a part of the bylaws, and are subject to the same restrictions of change that the bylaws are. Guys, you have surprised me with the few questions you have had. I have to think that your district chairmen have brought this up and you have talked about it in your meetings. I have nothing else, Mr. President."

John Swanks: "Your motion to suspend Article 12 was only for that one purpose of amending your bylaws. You are back now on the old bylaws until the close of this meeting. You don't have to do anything more. You are okay."

Question: "In our District 4 meeting we ask about voting in the district. According to the bylaws each department has 3 votes here but in our district it seemed to have been explained to us-- for instance, my department has one station, they tell me we get 3 votes. Our south side department has 2 stations, they say they get 6. Wayne Township has five stations, they get 15. That is not in the bylaws, bylaws say 3 votes per department. Which is the right way?"

Jim Parker: "His question is what is the right way and the right way is what you want it to be. We are not going to dictate to you how you submit your membership lists. If you have 3 companies in your township, and there are 3 departments with men operating out of those 3 stations, you can submit 3 membership lists, and those are 3 separate dues paying companies, departments, stations whatever you want to call them. If you want to combine all of your men into one list, and pay it through your chief administrator office whatever. But if you send us one list you are going to have 3 delegates. You decide how you want to do it."

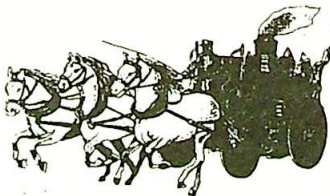
Bob Fleenor: "Bob Fleenor, District 8A. Just a thought on the

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\$13.00 dues. As there is no inactive dues now. Ok, whenever they do away with the inactive, the \$7.00, instead of putting it where the \$7.50 since you did not have a clothing allowance, because they were supposed to be an inactive member did not get any clothes. But if you have inactive members who come into the station and they run the radio I am concerned about the death benefit and what constitutes an emergency. When all members are \$13.00 to the IVFA regardless of whether they are active or inactive since they still would apply to the same benefits. That is a thought on the dues."

Jim Parker: "Bob, In addressing Jim's question over here, I promised him and I promise all of you that the inactive members will be addressed in the dues structure as well as the benefits as they play to that inactive member. It will be acted on before the next dues period. You will get in the paper. John."

John Hardy: "My opinion in regards to the taking each separate station as a department and being able to vote. I feel that if the department is incorporated, as a company as one as a department such as my department, I have two stations. I have one separate papers of incorporation for my department. I only have three delegates that are allowed in here. I think this is how it should be for every department. Unless each station is incorporated separately."

Jim Parker: "Right, John. That is John's opinion. Everybody has an opinion too."

Mike Seavers: Mike Seavers, District 1. This question is for John. Can you give us an idea of what the IC 36-8-12-2 is comprised as to what a company is?"

John Shanks: "Remember earlier I told you about the sandbags in the last session of the general assembly. Little less than a year ago, someone called me on the phone asking that very question. One of the problems of dealing in that area for a long period of time things are taken for granted. Looking at that particular section of the code. There are a lot of volunteer fire departments out there that are not really volunteer fire departments. As the code is written now, all members of the department must be volunteer. We tried to change that in the last session. Almost got it done where it would be 50% or more of the members would be volunteer. Back when this bill was written, it was pretty common to have a mixture that we have today. That is a mixture of paid and volunteers and a high number of paid people in some departments depending on their location. My concern of the legislature is the term volunteer fire companies and volunteer firefighters are used in the statute so often that it could mess some things up unless it is changed. We got through until the last day of the session where this and a few other bills where they had been in conference committee to allow an amendment which would benefit the fire service. I do not know how many of you know Dennis Heeke, he is the chair of the top Democratic caucus. Dennis proposed a bill which came out of frustration that was brought to him by members of fire companies in his district. That being the process of buying fire equipment, which is

near and dear to everyone's heart. He put together a bill that would provide a revolving loan fund for volunteer fire companies to draw on to buy equipment. Wonderful bill. There was about \$5,000,000.00 that was identified that was to go into that fund within the near future with at least a million right up front. That died with the same bill changing the definition of the volunteer fire company. You get into a big bucket of worms when you look at that section of the code. Under that section a volunteer fire company as it stands now is all members must be volunteer in order to be a 'volunteer fire company' under the statutes. We know that is not the case because there are a lot of volunteer fire companies who do not have all volunteers.

Question: "Does this guideline pertain to stations versus companies?"

John Swank: "No, it doesn't answer that question at all."

Jim Parker: "Thank you, John. Don, you have a question or comment and then we are going on with the meeting."

Don Johnson: "I would like to see this settled about one vote, one fire department. Wayne Township Fire Department has five individual companies, five different fire marshals, and five different names of the fire department. Plus fire headquarters. Decatur Township has four different fire departments with four different names, all under Decatur Township. Due to the fact that our dues haven't been paid yet, all we have to do in Wayne and Decatur is put five members in each and we can come in and have our votes. I want it settled before our dues are paid."

Jim Parker: "How many of you recall the words I said when this first came up about five minutes ago? Did I tell you that I am going to stand up here and tell you how to send your dues in and your lists? Or did I stand here and tell you that is your responsibility and if you want three delegates from each station then you send in a list from each station identified that way. If you've got fifty stations you will have 150 delegates. It is in your ballpark. Guys, I really appreciate the way you have approached this problem. You have been gentlemen. Thank you."

President Parish: "At this time is there any other business to come before this body other than the convention of '96? Anything else? Okay. At this time I will call for the 1995 Convention hosts to come forward and make a report."

Jack Kerney: "The '95 Convention is well on its way. Room rates if you haven't been in Room 226 and picked up the information: singles are \$50; doubles are \$54; and mini-suites \$65. If you want to come up and get a preregistration form, we have them. We will also take your plastic and go ahead and get you registered and take your room reservations. We are planning a barbecue on Wednesday night for those of you who come in on Wednesday. We will have a baby-sitting service during the meal; it will be broken into two groups, one for smaller children and for the teenagers there will be a pizza party. When you arrive in Evansville we want you to park your car in the parking garage and leave it. Everything is on one site. If there is any need for transportation we are going to put you on buses. We will take you where you have to go. Some of the other things we are working on (I can't guarantee we will have them but there is a lot of discussion on

them) is 1) a golf tournament for which we have had a lot of interest; 2) fishing tournament; 3) bowling tournament; and also a combat challenge for those who might be interested in that. We will be happy to see you in Room 226."

President Parish: "Thank you, Jack. Jim Parker, will you come back up here? Jim has some other business to take care of."

Jim Parker: "For your information, in the bylaws that were just accepted was that the officers that were elected at the annual meeting would serve until December 31. The new officers would take charge January 1. The new officers would be directed by the officers already in office so there would be some continuity. We haven't kicked Mitch out just yet."

President Parish: "I will continue to come to your meetings as I get your cards, and I think Richard will continue to come also. At this time we have a couple of guests I would like to call on for a short comment and I would like to call on Ivan Nevil for what he told me was three minutes."

Ivan Nevil: "We are going to make it as quick as we can. I am requesting sites in October for the fire sprinkler demonstration trailer. I have the whole week open for the sprinkler trailer to come in someplace. If you are looking for a little information during Fire Prevention Week we will be more than happy to bring the Sprinkler demonstration trailer in, put on a demonstration and a couple of hours we are out of there and gone. The state is putting in an 800 number for the Fire Marshal's Office: 800-423-0765. This would be for working

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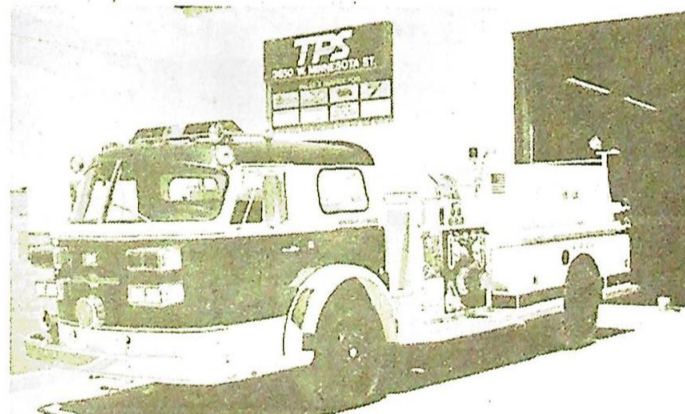
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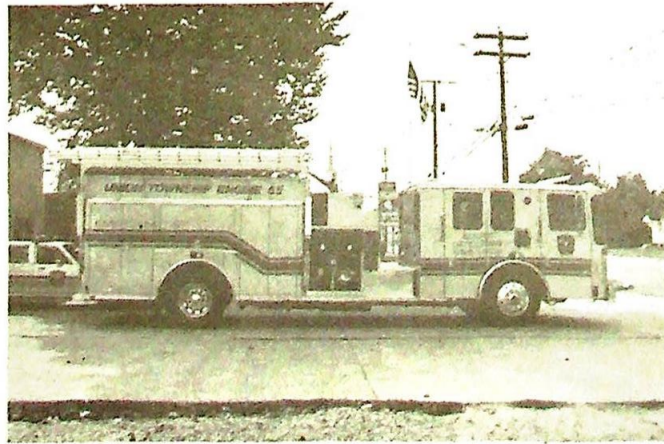
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hours. There is also a different 800 number for the EOC if you do have something on a 24-hour, 7 day basis.

Another issue was the SIDS training. We are going to provide that to you at no cost, hopefully within the next 90 days. We will also provide some handouts. Ranger LP gas is coming back to Indiana this year. Thank you very much."

President Parish: "I want to make another announcement. We have a gentleman with us who has been a fireman for 50 years, John Wilson, would you please stand up? He is a 50-year member at Independence Hill Fire Department and will get his card at the next District 1 meeting. Congratulations, John. At this time I would like to call on Gene Goddard for a few words and then we will get into the '96 convention. Gene."

Gene Goddard: "I don't have any speech for today and obviously if you are as warm as I am you want to get out of here as quick as we can. It was a pleasure for me last night to hear a number of people speak about us getting involved in the electoral process. It is something that we have been talking about for a long time, it is something that you have to do - we can't do it for you. This organization cannot do it for you; you are the only one who will decide who is going to represent your area in the General Assembly, the House, the Congress and the Senate. Make it a point to find out who you ought to vote for, not which party you ought to vote for. Thank you very much."

President Parish: "Thank you, Gene. For those who weren't in attendance last night I would like to have Mr. IVFA, John Johnson, please stand up? At this time we will open the floor for 1996 annual meeting bids. Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "As a lot of you people know, this Association was started in Lake County. In 1946, by the way. In 1996 will be the 50th anniversary. We, the people of Districts 1 and 2, would like to welcome you to return to that point at this time. Right now I would like to introduce people from Lake County representing Lake County Visitors and Convention Bureau and Radisson Hotel. From the Radisson, Rachel Bella and from the Lake County Visitors is Kadie Holderbee. They are going to make a short presentation. They have a door prize. Thank you and Kadie will be first."

Kadie Holderbee: "My name is Kadie Holderbee, I work for the Lake County Visitors and Convention Bureau. Rachel Bella is Sales Manager at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville. First of all I would like to thank you for inviting us. Lake County is looking forward to the opportunity to host your convention in 1996. I know a lot of you have been to Lake County. I believe the last time it was there was in 1981. We have a lot of things to do in the area for the families: South Lake Mall shopping area; we have a lot of antique and specialty shops. I think the 1996 dates fall on Crown Point Arts and Festival Fair. There are a lot of different types of restaurants in the area. A new water park is opening next May. Hopefully by 1995 Lake County will get their river boats. We also have many, many hotels. The Radisson can host the

convention in one hotel with meeting rooms, food and sleeping rooms. But other hotels are available for those who wish. If we are awarded the Convention, Rachel and I will work very closely with the host committee. I will turn it over to Rachel to tell you about the Radisson Hotel."

Rachel Bella: "Thank you, distinguished officers, directors and members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Some of you I recall down at French Lick last year. It is something we have been working on for at least two to three years. We would love to host the 1996 convention to bring it back to where it all started fifty years ago. Again, my name is Rachel Bella and I represent the Radisson Hotel. My General Manager, Mike Williams, wishes me to express his interest in having you come in 1996. We have an indoor pool, an outdoor pool, a giant sandbox for the small children; we have a video arcade room; we have a hot tub indoors and outdoors and are all available to our guests. We have an exercise room. We are a 4-star hotel and I am really proud to say that just this past March the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville was awarded the Presidential Award for Radisson International. We do have six restaurants and lounges. Right now the rates would be \$69. If the economy is good two years down the road, you may have a 3% increase which would make it \$71. I can guarantee that it won't be any more than a 5% increase. One year from now we will establish that rate. As for the dates we have, it is June 19, 20, and 21st of 1996. Now for the drawing. The first sweatshirt goes to Mike Seitz, Jr. of Evansville. The second one goes to Bill Bush. This last prize is for an overnight stay at the Radisson Hotel to include theatre tickets for 2 people. It can be used any time from here on or you can save it and use it in June of 1996. Dick Glant from Bremen."

Kadie Holderbee: "I heard some comments when the rates were mentioned. We do have many motels in the area including Super 8 and others. The convention bureau will provide shuttle service. We don't want to lose the convention because of room rates."

President Parish: "At this time I call on Larry Curl to come up with his convention person."

Larry Curl: "Mr. President, President-elect, and IVFA officers, delegates, members and guests. We of Wayne Township Fire Department are very proud of the departments we serve. We are very proud of the area we come from; we are very proud to be a part of the IVFA. In keeping with that pride, we would like to share and show that to all of the members of the IVFA. We too are asking for your consideration and your vote in 1996 to bring the golden anniversary of the IVFA to Wayne Township in Indianapolis, IN. We are currently in the north, in 1995 we are going to the south, and in 1996 we would like to bring it to the center. We understand that the convention started in Lake County in the Crown Point area. However, we would like to have the opportunity to show you what we can do in the center part of the state. We certainly have the capability of bringing in the big band sounds as we did in the '40s; we have the opportunity to host a convention thoroughly inside; we have the space available for housing of many thousands of people. Certainly, in keeping with that and to introduce what we hope will be the headquarters hotel for the 1996 convention, we have with us Cindy Wheeler from the Adams Mark

Hotel."

Cindy Wheeler: "Thank you. The ladies from Merrillville surely gave me a tough act to follow. I would like to take a moment to complement all of you on the jobs you do and how remiss I would be if I didn't take advantage of this opportunity to thank you. It is my pleasure and my honor today to invite you to Indianapolis, a city that has a lot to offer also. I think having the Convention at the Adams Mark or a hotel like that is having it fully self-contained in one building. We have a very large conference city. When you were here in 1984 you used the parking lot for your outside activities on Saturday. It is a very family oriented hotel and we would be very happy to host your convention in 1996. We will be very happy to go ahead and guarantee the \$69 room rate for 1996."

Larry Curl: "I would like to call on Gene Stofer for his comments."

Gene Stofer: "Cindy did miss one of the biggest attractions we have in Indianapolis. We do have the 500 mile track and we can promise to get you a ride around the track. When we throw a party in Wayne Township we really throw a party. I can almost guarantee you that you will have one of the better times you have had. We have one of the top country band places in the country today called A Little Bit of Texas. We will probably have free passes for you there. We promise you a hell of a time if you do vote yes for Wayne Township. Thank you very much."

Larry Curl: "One of the problems we run into at our conventions is time to get our meals. Adams Mark has agreed to

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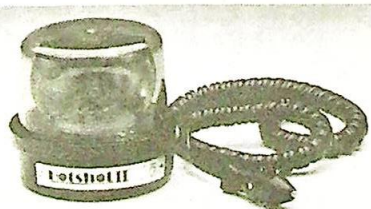
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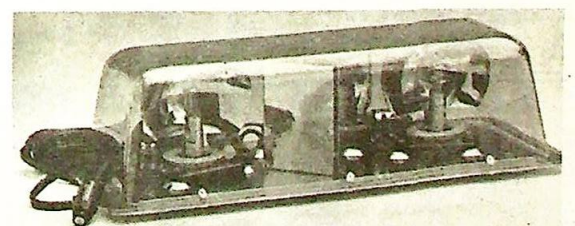
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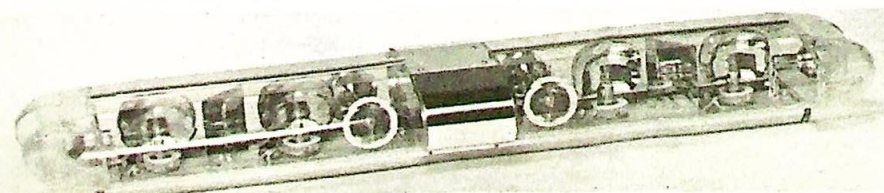
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President Parish: "Thank you, Larry. Any questions for either party before we cast our ballots? Are there any other bidders for the 1996 convention? Gentlemen, poll your districts for Merrillville or Indianapolis. Please secure the doors for voting."

Bill Bush: "When they tell us to secure the doors, work with us. We don't know if you have voted or not, and it is not fair to let one guy in and not another. Please stay in here until the votes are counted."

President Parish: "While we are waiting on the selection ballot, we are going to continue with some of the other reports we need. We hope to be out of here by 4:00 p.m. At this time I would like to call on Charlie Baker to give us his report as Chaplain for his first year."

Charlie Baker: "It has indeed been a pleasure to serve you for the last year. I give my heartfelt and most humble thanks for re-electing me. I will try even harder next year to see that your most divine needs get met. Thanks again to Father Lantz for all of his very great help. A special thanks to those who helped this morning. Thanks, folks, for a very memorable year. God Bless you all."

President Parish: "Thank you, Charlie: Duane Lantz, would you come up here. I really want to know what this man has been doing for the last year."

Duane Lantz: "What have I been doing since I retired. Getting tireder. I still have four counties; we still have district meetings. I think I have had ten or eleven memorials this past year. I still get the feeling that maybe God touched us a little bit so you can do a kindness for somebody else."

President Parish: "Thank you, Duane. I want to call on Gene Stofer for a couple of reports, the Legislative Report and a Report on the National Volunteer Fire Council."

Gene Stofer: "I think you have heard a lot of legislative talk today. One bill they did not cover. I love to hear legislative people get up and say 'I support the fire service' and I am really proud when they do. But that doesn't happen all the time. One big bill we pushed last year was the license plate bill. They are taking rights away from you even if you are just directing traffic. You can be sued, your department can be

sued if you make a gross error. We do need input from you people out in the field. Let us know what you want. Definition of a volunteer fireman: A volunteer fireman who makes \$10,000 or less as a volunteer fireman. Blue light law. Blue light is not an emergency light and doesn't give you any authority at all. Law says you will be dismissed from your fire department if you misuse the blue light. As we know all departments do not follow the law.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Same problems as the states are having. Mandating without funding. Labor Division: Warren Township has firemen who are volunteering after their paid fireman job. Labor Division stepped in and they had to pay these guys overtime. You can only work for a company 40 hours a week and if you volunteer your service after that you have to be paid time and a half. There are over 240 legislatures who are cosponsoring a bill on mandating without funding. One man who is chairman of the committee won't hear the bill. So they will lose this bill. Guys, we need your support. We sent out letters on this Labor Division bill to 18,000 firemen; we had 32 letters written. We all think it won't happen to us. Thank you."

President Parish: "Jim Parker has one minute."

Jim Parker: "I recently talked with the President of the Volunteer Association in Kentucky and they had a problem similar to what we have. The legislatures wouldn't listen and they couldn't get in the governor's office to talk to him. The Association got together and told the legislatures and the governor 'If you don't listen to us you won't be in office after the next election.' The legislatures and governor didn't listen and the next election they replaced the governor and 30% of the legislative body. As soon as the new governor took office he and his staff invited the President of the Association, within two weeks, for a conference. When the legislative body sat in their pre-legislative meeting the President was invited and was asked 'How can we help you?' So it can be done, other states are doing it."

President Parish: "Okay, Jim. Now for the results. Merrillville 123, Indianapolis 93. Gentlemen, at this time, I would like for one of the district chairmen to get up and make a motion that all district chairmen pass at this convention on their reports. Buz Koehler."

Buz Koehler: "I make a motion that all district chairmen pass at this time."

President Parish: "Thank you, Buz."

T. Hinkle: "I second."

President Parish: "We have a motion and a second that all district chairmen pass on their reports at this convention. All in favor of said motion raise your right hand. Opposed. The motion carried. At this

time I want to call on the PR people and see if they will do the same thing. Larry Jackson."

Larry Jackson: "Larry Jackson, East Central PR. I make a motion that all PR people pass."

Bill Howe: "I second the motion."

President Parish: "All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed. Motion carried. At this time I would like to release all of the committees except for the following committees: Bridgeport Committee, the By-laws Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Logo Committee. The Logo Committee was established three or four years ago and it takes care of anybody trying to use the Logo. The Games Committee will be released after the games on Saturday. At this time I have a few I want to run through. Don Johnson, EMS Commission, do you have a report. Don is not here. Bridgeport, Lawrence Swartz. Membership, Carl Bruns. <Bruns passed.> Fire Schools and Training, Richard Glant. <Pass.> Fire Service Institute will pass. Associate Member will pass. We are trying to get convention guidelines set up for future use. District 4 will work with us on this. Bill Bush, do you have an announcement?"

Bill Bush: "Carl Davis stopped in Washington, IN and bought a lottery ticket a week ago yesterday. Carl is \$100,000 richer today."

Bill Kinsey: "Max Poling wanted me to convey his thanks to all of his friends with the IVFA."

President Parish: "At this time I will entertain a motion that we adjourn. Max Harrah."

Max Harrah: "I make a motion that we adjourn the 1994 annual meeting."

President Parish: "Is there a second. (Many). You have heard a motion and a second to adjourn this meeting. All in favor say aye. Opposed. Meeting adjourned."

Transcribed by: John Davies

ADDENDUM:  
AWARD WINNERS MR. IVFA - John Johnson LOIS BOAZ - Miriam Schaeckel PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Lawrence Swartz OLLIE SANDBERG - Ike Hollingsworth BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Joshua DeCoursey and David Martin

## Harper Implement Company Fire Engulfs Three Downtown Buildings

On Friday, Dec. 16, 1994, at approximately 7:10 p.m., a major fire broke out at the Harper Implement Co. building in downtown Swayzee, Ind. Swayzee is located in Grant County, eight miles west of Marion.

State Fire Marshal investigators and local fire department investigators determined that the cause of the fire was accidental. Combustible material lying on top of an electric space heater in a rest room in the northwest corner of Harper, a farm equipment company, ignited, causing the blaze. There were no injuries. Damage to the three buildings involved is estimated at \$1.2 million.

The fire took firefighters six hours to get under control. One-hundred and twenty firefighters from 30 area fire departments responded to the incident. Over 800,000 gallons of water were used to combat the fire.

## Probe begins into Swayzee Fire

By Brian Stearman  
Chronicle-Tribune  
Seven hours and 800,000 gallons of water later, the fire which destroyed three Swayzee businesses was still smoldering.

Washington Street in Swayzee was still hazy from the smoke coming from the remains of Harper Implement Inc., 216 S. Washington St. Swayzee Fire Chief Jeff Duncan said that after fighting it through the night, little is known for sure about the fire which destroyed Harper and two adjacent businesses Friday night.

"We don't know much," Duncan said, adding the fire had already engulfed the entire back wall of Harper when firefighters arrived just before 7:30 p.m. Friday. "It's still under investigation. We probably won't know much until Monday."

Representatives from the State Fire Marshal's office were on the scene Friday and Saturday. State Fire Marshal, Tracy Boatwright could not be reached for comment Saturday night.

Duncan also said extinguishing the blaze presented some challenges to the two dozen fire departments on the scene Friday. Water supply was the main



concern. "The aerial taxed the water pretty good," Duncan said, adding there were other problems because of how intense the fire was. "It was too dangerous to get into it; we had to get water in from above."

An aerial truck and a snorkel truck were requested from the Marion Fire Department. Marion Fire Department Deputy Chief John Blake said the Marion units were in Swayzee until about 10 a.m. Saturday.

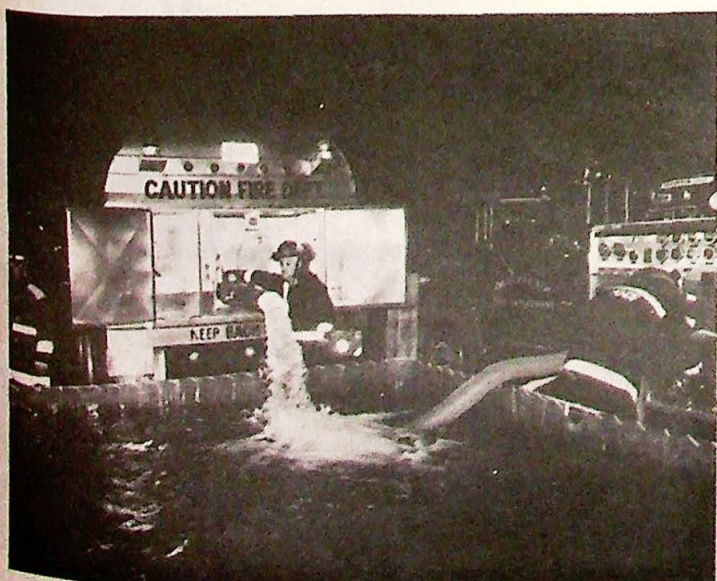
Center Township Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Lester Jeffries said the problem with the water was the amount needed to feed the Marion units.

"We needed a whole lot of water at that time and couldn't get it," Jeffries said. "But once we got it worked out it worked pretty good."

Jeffries also said the heat from the fire created other problems. He said oil cans in the building began to boil, popping their lids.

"After the cans relieved themselves the oil was leading out the back door," he said. Jeffries said hazardous materials teams from the Marion VA Medical Center Fire Department as well as state teams were called in to absorb the oil before it created more of a problem.

Both firefighters and victims were quick to stress how well the departments worked together in getting the blaze under control.



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Members of the State Volunteer Fireman's Association at Prairieton's celebration are: David Phelps, captain; Willie Parrish, state president; Charlie Baker, state chaplain; John Davis, state recording secretary; Monte Hunt, chief; Ed Keegan, assistant chief; and Randy Rappath, lieutenant.



Auxiliary at celebration: (left to right) Joann Hays, state aux. chaplain; Norma Baei; Edna Mattern; Helen Michl, Dist. 11A chairman; Maxine Davies, retiring state aux. pres.; Fran Allen; Ruth McCarley, pres, Prairieton Aux.; (back row) Lois Morgan and Faye Taggart.

## 1995 Convention Report

The Convention Committee has been meeting now for 16 months and is sure that this convention will be the best ever.

Reservations are coming in with 25% of the rooms already taken. Please get your registration and reservation in as soon as possible to be assured of a room at the headquarters hotel.

Some of the highlights for this year's convention will be a District 15 Bar-B-Q to be held at Scales Lake on Wednesday afternoon.

We will have Ohio River cruises on Thursday and Friday nights. Tickets for the cruises are now available by mailing the river cruise order form. The river cruises were a sellout at the '89 convention. I suggest that if you want to be assured of a ticket, send in your ticket order form as soon as possible. Each cruise will only hold 300 guests.

One of the tours will be a day at Ellis Park Thoroughbred Horse Race Track.

Another tour we are trying to put together will be a tour of Evansville Brewing Co., Indiana's only brewery, and a tour of Evansville's largest antique mall, three huge floors of antiques.

A Combat Challenge is being planned for Saturday morning.

Your registration fee this year includes your beverage privileges.

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## Briefs

From around the state...

### 3-year-old dies in home fire

By ANN M. GARBER  
Goshen New Staff Writer  
ETNA GREEN, Ind.—Despite repeated attempts to rescue him, a 3-year-old boy lost his life this morning in a burning mobile home just south of Nappanee. Zachary Thompson, who died in the fire between 7 and 8 a.m. today, lived at Lot 16 in Mikel Mobile Home Estates on Ind. 19

in northwest Kosciusko County. His mother, Melissa Thompson, 23, and her other three children, twins Justin and Brent, both 4 years old, and Austin, 1, were taken to Elkhart General Hospital for possible smoke inhalation. They were still being treated in the emergency room this morning. Etna Green and Nappanee firefighters were dispatched to the scene at 7:30 a.m.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation this morning, said Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department Det. Tom Brindle. Officials from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office were called in to aid in the investigation.

One of the children has been known to play with lighters, Brindle said, and investigators are looking into that as a possible cause.

Melissa and her children were in the mobile home when one child ran to her yelling "Smoke! Smoke!" She ran down the hall and saw smoke near the live Christmas tree in the living room, located at the front of the mobile home, Brindle said.

Melissa rushed to get her children out of the home, disconnecting one child who was on a respirator. In her hurry to get her children to safety, Melissa apparently did not shut off the oxygen on the respirator which in turn fueled the fire, Brindle said.

Melissa originally thought she had everyone out of the trailer, Brindle said. When she discovered Zachary was still inside she went back in and tried to save him. "She thought he was in the bedroom," he said. "He was found in the bathroom."

### Neighbors Try To Help

Two neighbors heard Melissa's cries for help and also tried to rescue the boy, but were driven back by thick smoke. Daniel Hoffer, Lot 33, was starting his car to leave for work when "a little boy came running over screaming 'Help!'" he said.

"Then I heard the mother over there screaming," he said. It wasn't until he ran over to the Thompsons' home that he saw the smoke and flames.

She was screaming 'My baby's in there!' " Hoffer remembered. "So I tried to get in—twice—but I couldn't make it because of the smoke."

Another neighbor, John Keller, Lot 17, saw the smoke and fire, heard the screaming and ran over to help. "I went to the front door first, but there were flames there," he said. "So I went to the back door and tried to pry it open with a sidewall hammer." The back door was padlocked, he said.

Lisa Phifer, Lot 28, said the mobile home was engulfed in flames as firefighters arrived. "It was just huge," she said. "It was just flames from head to middle."

The fire destroyed the home, with only the very rear of the structure left intact.

Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen handled funeral arrangements for Thompson.

## Barn destroyed by fire

December 23, 1994

WANATAH - A Wanatah family lost three calves and a barn in a fire that consumed the building this morning.

Dennis and Cheryl Yagelski, of 8987W CR-800S, Wanatah, were alerted by two women at 2:10 a.m. today when they discovered the barn on fire. Three calves were secured in pens inside the barn and could not escape, one of the Yagelskis told police. Other animals in the barn escaped the fire, according to the police report.

A side barn also caught on fire. The Yagelskis kept water on that barn until firefighters arrived, keeping damage limited

to the upper north side of the structure.

Noble, Cass and Clinton Township departments, as well as the Westville Fire Department, arrived to put out the blaze. The barn was burned to the ground and considered a complete loss. Damage was estimated at

\$15,000 to \$20,000.

Noble Township Fire Department is investigating the fire. The cause of the blaze was unknown as of this morning, according to the report.

The Laporte Herald-Argus

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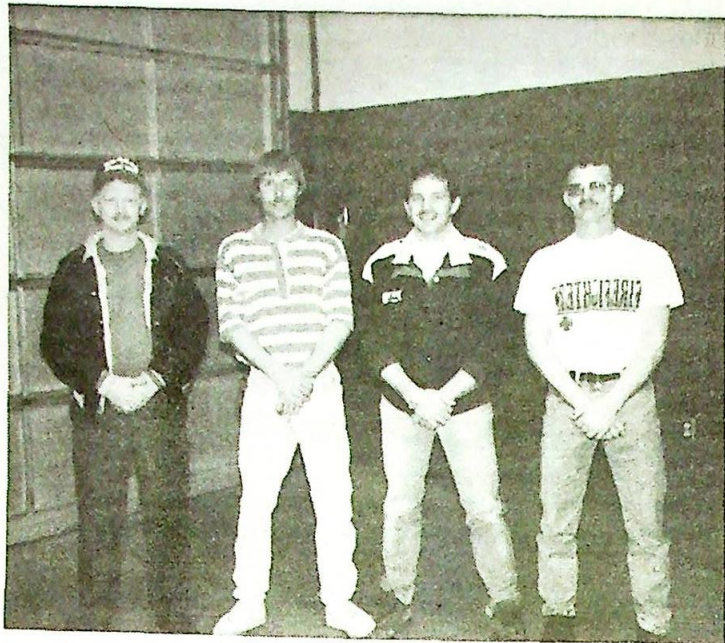
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Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 16 after the opening meeting.

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

# Jasper Fire Department Certifies Firefighters

## 8 first class, 3 first responders and 1 EMT



Jasper Fire Department certified three first responders and one EMT. Pictured from left to right: EMT Mark Clery, and first responders Phil Schmidt, Mike Kiefer and Mike Letterman.



Jasper Fire Department certified eight first-class firefighters. Front row left to right: Tom Eckert, Ed Scmitt and Shane Lindaur. Back Row left to right: Mike Eckert, Tom Scmitt, Bob Sunderman, Jim Wendholt and Mike Letterman.

## Penn South has new pumper

The Penn South Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of its new 1,250-gallon pumper-tanker, purchased for \$284,000 from the Appleton, Wisc-based Pierce Co.

On hand for the festivities were: Pierce Co. representative, Tom Frederick; Fire Chief, Rocco Kryski; Penn Township Advisors, Ed Hemmer, and Hank Mostaert; Assistant Fire Chief, Tim Woodruff; Penn Township Trustee, Joe Ganser; former Advisor, Dave Brown; and Township Fire and Safety Administrator, Gene Goddard.

## Jonesville Rural Fire Dept.

The Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Fireman's Dinner on Dec. 4 in the basement of the Luther Church.

The program was presented by Assistant Chief Earl Chasteen with guests and a presentation of a Bible.

The guest speaker was Kathy Dyer from the Emergency Management Office. She talked about the needs of the fire departments when they are called upon to help in disasters.

Then we had the other guests District 10 Chairperson Dave Israel and Chaplain Charles Baker present the I.V.F.A. Bible to the wife of our fellow firefighter (Larry Builer) who passed away in November, 1994.

Then department awards were made to the following people:

(1) For Outstanding Department and Activities For The Department - Anthony Walker and Wendel McNew.

(2) For Outstanding Truck and Equipment Work and Time - Rick Trimpe and Rick Frishe.

(3) For Fireman of the Year - Keith Mensendiek.

Some of the other guests were the town board and the township trustee and his advisory board.

After the dinner we talked about things that we hope to see happen in the coming year.

Thank you  
Assistant Chief  
Earl Chasteen

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## McCulloch Association Reaches Milestone

The McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters Association has reached a milestone. Charter member, Robert M. "Bob" Kraft, has begun drawing his pension under the Association's length of service awards program. Kraft is the first member to draw the pension under the program instituted five years ago.

Kraft has served as a volunteer firefighter in the Clarksville area since 1961 and was a charter member of the McCulloch Fire Department. When the McCulloch fire station on Hale Rd. in Clarksville was merged into the Clarksville Fire Department five years ago, Kraft became a Clarksville volunteer firefighter. Although he is receiving benefits under the length of service program, he continues to serve as an active firefighter.

In addition to his 32 years of community service with the fire department, Kraft is a charter member of the Clarksville Kiwanis, a trustee at Silver St. United Methodist Church, a Clarksville Reserve Police Officer and co-owner of Kraft Marathon Service Station. He served a four

year term on the Clarksville Town Council.

Kraft resides in Clarksville with his wife, Patricia. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

The length of service awards program (LOSAP) was instituted by the firefighters' association five years ago as a method of rewarding long term volunteers and providing an incentive to individuals to continue service as volunteers. The program provides benefits to firefighters with at least 10 years of continuous service and having reached age 62.

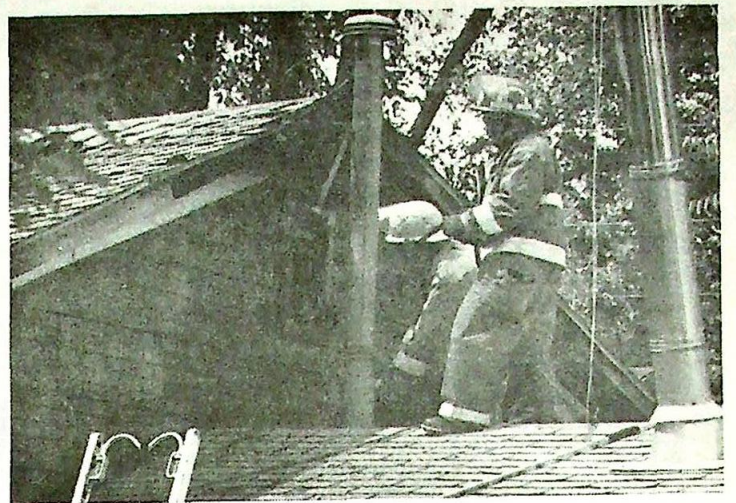
The LOSAP is funded by the Association through an insurance program with the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. The Indiana legislature passed legislation six years ago which allowed volunteer fire companies to establish pension plans for their members. "When we began the association in 1961, I never dreamed we would be where we are today in terms of equipment and service," remarked Kraft. "And I had no idea there would ever be a pension available for me. There have been a lot of

hardworking guys on the department that have really contributed to our success."

## I.F.S.I. Family Picnic

The Indiana Fire Services Institute (I.F.S.I.) invites you and your (immediate) family to the first ever Hoosier Firefighter & EMT "Appreciation Day" Family Picnic to be held July 16, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) The location is to be announced at a later time.

There will be water ball/patient care EMS contests, an All-American "Hoosier" Combat Challenge and a Fire-EMS memorabilia flea market/swap meet. Department apparatus/equipment displays welcome.



## Fire guts upstairs floor

Kankakee Township firefighters check the area while fighting a roof fire which started at 6556 N. Fail Road at about 11 a.m. Thursday. The fire apparently started in the chimney of a woodburning stove, then spread to the entire roof. The entire upper floor of Callie McKenzie's residence was gutted. Kankakee Fire Chief, Tom Wheatbrook estimated the damage at \$15,000. Four of McKenzie's family members also live in the house.

LaPorte Herald-Argus Nov. 18, 1994

## Fire hits business

Danita Arbuckle  
The LaPorte Herald-Argus  
Flames damaged the warehouse of a LaPorte business this morning when a skid of cardboard boxes caught on fire.

The cause of the 8:15 a.m. fire at Midwest Industrial Corp., 0775S CR-500W, was unknown as of this morning. According to Midwest Supervisor Kim Stanford, flames shot up to the ceiling from a stack of cardboard piled in the warehouse.

A sprinkler system and several employees training hoses on the fire helped to contain the flames until Scipio, Center and Noble Township firefighters arrived.

The fire was out by around 9:15 a.m. and was contained to the northeast part of the building, said Scipio Township Assistant Chief Rob Ulrich.

Midwest packs parts for Whirlpool Corp.

Two Midwest employees were taken to LaPorte Hospital. Randy Collins, of LaPorte, suffered smoke inhalation and an unidentified man was being treated for an injured shoulder. Both men were still in the emergency room late this morning, according to LaPorte Hospital spokeswoman Vickie Hasselfeldt.

Ron Francis, of LaPorte, was one of the employees who fought the fire until firefighters arrived.

"It was a pretty big fire," he said. "You couldn't even see 5 feet in front of you."

Employees escaped through a door at the rear of the building and none were endangered of being caught in the flames, Stanford said. Most were not exposed to the fire because it was contained to the warehouse section of the building, she said.

Charred and waterlogged cardboard was taken out of the warehouse and dumped on the ground outside. The estimated damage to the business was unknown this morning.

Midwest employees were given the day off until the extent of the damage could be determined.

## Fish Lake home damaged by fire

A Fish Lake house owned by Terry Long, 3489S CR-700E, received \$10,000 to \$15,000 in damage Tuesday morning when a fire caused by an unattended woodburning stove broke out in the home. Lincoln and Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Departments fought the fire after a Waste Management employee noticed smoke coming from the home and called it in.

LaPorte Herald-Argus  
Dec. 21, 1994

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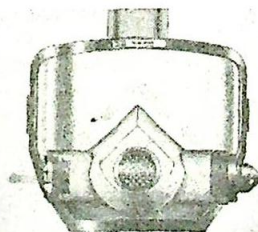
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## State Officer's Meeting

Nov 12, 1994, Ramada Inn, Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the invocation given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Glant. President Parish introduced the guests present then called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Buz Koehler commented on omissions to the minutes and requested that they be corrected. A motion by Jack Zeeks, seconded by Buz Koehler to accept the minutes with the corrections. The motion carried by a hand vote.

### OFFICER'S REPORT

President Parish reported that he had not travelled much since the last meeting due to personal reasons.

Vice President Glant reported he has travelled over 2000 miles since the last meeting and thanked Chaplain Baker for covering the LaPaz fire station dedication.

Chaplain Baker announced he had several memorial services. He thanked Asst. Chaplain Lantz for covering for him while he was on vacation. He reported having problems with the current supply of Bibles. The supplier had been notified. The problem was in the wooden boxes not being dried thoroughly and asked everyone in attendance to review their inventory and report any discrepancies to him at 1-800-433-5664. Also make a log of Bibles for replacement.

Recording Secretary Davies thanked everyone for the cards, letters, phone calls and visits he received following his recent major surgery.

At this time, President Parish introduced Tim Downey.

Asst. Chaplain Lantz reported he had visited with former Aux. Chaplain, Thelma Lester and had conducted four memorial services.

Secretary Kissell reported there are 16,940 paid members to date. 712 departments paid, 652 paid on time. There are 60 departments that have not paid for this year that paid last year. He has 10,091 license plate applications for 1995. There will be two forms for 1995 depending on past history either a long form or a short form. He then explained the membership printouts that were passed out.

Treasurer Stofer passed out a proposed budget for 1995, he then called on District Chairman Cushman who spoke of a insurance company problem within his area. Treasurer Stofer spoke on another claim he has on hold due to the beneficiary problems and called on Tim Downey who related to another claim pending in his office involving a volunteer firefighter who had an accident.

### PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe reported making most of his district meetings. He spoke on the recent air crash in his area and the problems that arose from this incident.

NE Kinsey reported making a couple of meetings and attended the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting and also Pat Babbs retirement ceremony.

EC Jackson was absent.

WC Michl reported making all of the district meetings. He requested a new call list be made as the current call list was out dated.

SW Kerney reported making all of his district meetings. He attended five fire department meetings, 3 picnics, 4 open house dedications and has travelled 2100 miles since the last officer's meeting.

SE Caudill reported making all of his district meetings.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe reported 2 deaths in the district, attendance at district meetings has been good.

D2 Stott reported holding a discussion of the by-laws at their recent district meeting. The attendance has been good.

D3 Uryga was absent.

D4 Ferro reported elections were held. All officers were reelected. Attendance has been good and the by-law changes were discussed.

D5 Kissinger - reported attendance at last meeting fair. Firehouse dedication was held in the district.

D6 Engle was absent.

D7 Sorg announced the district Miss Flame will be held at their next district meeting. He also attended the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting.

D8A Fleenor thanked Lawrence Swartz for attending his last district meeting.

D8B Petro reported 1 death in the district and the by-laws were also discussed at last district meeting.

D9A Cline reported he attended the fire school in Lafayette and the by-law changes were discussed at his district meeting.

D9B Koehler reported 1 death in the district. Held a memorial for the district chaplain, a position he held for 22 years. He had visited several other district meetings.

D10 Israel reported 2 deaths in the district and had 1 firehouse dedication.

D11A Hays reported last district meeting was their annual picnic, the by-laws were discussed.

D11B Bartlow reported 1 death in the district. Last district meeting the by-laws were discussed and thanked Brent Bush and John Davies for holding the meeting in his absence.

D12 Johnson reported 2 deaths in the district.

D13A Cushman reported 1 death in the district.

D13B Cox reported the district officers were re-elected at the last meeting. Discussed the new fire school to be held in Richmond in January.

D14 Hinkle reported the by-laws were discussed at their last meeting. He also spoke on the recent fire school held in his area and a situation concerning the ambulance service in the area.

D15 Wargel reported he is the new district chairman along with the other new district officers. He attended 1 open house and stated that the 1995 convention was going well.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker reported attendance at last meeting was light. The by-laws were discussed. Had 1 death in district and 1 open house was held in Odon.

D17B Kluender reported attendance was also light at last meeting and the by-laws were discussed.

D18 Daunhauer reported their Miss Flame contest was held, a parade was also held and he attended a meeting in English.

D19 Covington reported 1 death in the district and the by-laws were discussed at last district meeting.

D20 Palmiero was absent

D21 Martin reported that district elections were held and all the officers were re-elected, attended department functions in the district and mentioned credit card program problems received by telephone calls to individuals.

Charles Cline then spoke concerning the credit card calls from 800-410-6262 that are being received. A lengthy discussion followed.

Gene Stofer announced at this time that he will no longer seek the position of Treasurer of the IVFA after 12-31-95.

D3 Uryga reported he had visited all departments in the district and everyone was working harder.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All past presidents in attendance passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Legislative - Stofer reported they were in the process of writing the bills, sponsors have been changed and have tentative sponsors for the bills to be introduced.

At this time, President Parish read a letter from a volunteer firefighter from Indiana who travels into the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has had a conflict with the law enforcement agency regarding the blue light he has on his vehicle. A discussion followed.

Editor's Assistant - Howe announced that the current issue of the paper was in the mail. The next issue deadline is Jan. 10, 1995 and all articles have to be in by the deadline. The subject of mailing labels for the paper was brought up and a long discussion was held about the

new system of applying labels.

Nat'l Vol Fire Council - Stofer remarked about the letters in the handout packets. He spoke about them in order to retain the Public Safety Officer's Benefit program. The next meeting is in April 1995 in Buffalo, NY. He spoke of the last meeting held in Indianapolis and it was a huge success and spoke of the challenge for next year's introduction of bills on the national level.

President Parish announced that at this meeting held in Indianapolis, Pat Babbs was presented with two awards, a plaque and a gold card from the association. Mark Mueller Award, the Firefighter of the Year Award, letters need to be sent for nominations for the national award.

Gene Stofer spoke about the Nat'l Fire Chief's Association and the upcoming banquet to be held in Louisville, Ky.

EMS - Johnson announced that the next meeting will be held next month.

Membership - Bruns passed. Bridgeport - Swartz reported that 40 applications were handed out and that there is an article in the paper.

Historical Update - Parish announced that he is going to see Bob Laney and start on the first 25 years. The committee is working very hard. He spoke about selling ads in the new book and the revenue from the sales

could result in a \$10,000 income for this book project. Some discussion followed.

Fire Schools & Training - Glant announced that Jan 7th & 8th there will be an East Central Ind. Fire School held in East Richmond.

Awards - Glant said no comments right now. He will have more information at a later date.

Standards & Education - Covington stated that the board has not increased the mandatory hours for training. He said that he had received a letter from the Clinton Fire Dept. with concerns about the current training program. The board is in the process of rewriting the book again. Public hearings will be held in the future throughout the state. A question and answer session followed his presentation. It was announced that Criss Keyt has assumed the responsibilities formally held by Pat Babbs in the Fire Marshal's office.

Ivan Nevil spoke on the SIDS program and where it currently stands. He also spoke on his visit to the English Fire Dept. and that no one in attendance left with an unanswered question as written in their original letter. The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

### SUNDAY SEPT 14, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the invocation given by Chaplain Baker.

### OFFICER'S REPORT CONT

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported on a fund raiser in the Clinton area. A firefighter was in the hospital due to an accident with no insurance.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parker passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws - Parker passed.

Public Education - Parker reported nothing was happening at this time.

Clothing - Bartlow passed.

Safety - Covington passed.

Ind Fire Service Institute - Parish reported that the annual dinner will be held on Jan 22, 1995.

Convention - Stofer passed.

Bridgeport - Swartz made some comments about the names appearing on the beneficiary forms. A check will be paid to the two daughters of the deceased firefighter.

Ad Taker - Swartz reported there were 36 ads for the November issue of the paper along with 4 classified ads and he gave his financial report.

President Parish called on Gene Stofer who spoke on a telemarketing project that is going on in the State of New York. President Parish announced the digest committee of the convention minutes will meet with Parish, Zeeks, Glant and Davies as the committee. He then commented on a letter from John Buckman in Evansville concerning a FAX network within the state for communications in the fire service particularly in the legislative reports and action. A question and answer session followed this presentation. Bill Kinsey suggested a committee be formed to look into a central office for this organization.

President Parish called on Vice President Glant who set a study committee for the Executive Office consisting of Stofer, Kissell, Glant, Bartlow, Kerney. He also formed the nominating committee consisting of Parish, Nevil, Swartz and Bill Howe, Sr.

President Parish suggested adding an additional person to the Mr. IVFA committee. A serious question and answer session followed. Vice President Glant remarked that the committee will

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# State Meeting...

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stay as in the past.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Petro seconded by Jack Cox. The Motion carried by a hand vote.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zeeks who called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Jack Cox to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Charles Baker that the Bibles purchased by the association and the auxiliary be taken out of this year's budget. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Larry Petro on the subject of donating a clock to the National Volunteer Fire Council auction with the funds from the Public Relations account. Seconded by Robert Uryga. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion to retain Bob Laney for editor for 1995 was made by Robert Uryga. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Bill Howe to try the new mailing from Milford for six months. Seconded by Charles Cline. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks announced that all small briefcases are to be returned to the Sgt-at-Arms. See the district secretaries for their needs.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the subject of volunteer Haz-mat units joining the IVFA. The By-Law committee will write their recommendations and present to the body at the next meeting. Chairman Zeeks brought up the FDIC - booth space. Do we want to participate? A motion by Jack Harker to drop the idea. Seconded by Charles Cline. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Next Chairman Zeeks brought up the subject of the Fire Service Institute dinner. 24 people from the association will attend.

A motion by Charles Baker for the association to purchase tickets for 24 IVFA members for the dinner. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the subject of the budget and an open floor discussion on a copier for the secretary's office was held. A motion by Larry Petro to accept Gene Stofer's offer plus an additional \$6,000.00 in the capitol outlay in the next year for a new copier. Seconded by Bill Howe, Jr. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the subject of the dinner expense. A motion by Bill Howe, Jr. to extend the public education budget by \$2,400.00 to cover the cost of the institute dinner. Seconded by Robert Uryga. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Next was the proposed budget as presented by Treasurer Stofer. A motion by Larry Petro to accept the \$256,590.00 budget as presented. Seconded by Buz Koehler. The motion carried by a hand vote.

At this time, Chairman Zeeks turned the meeting over to the By-Law Committee Chairman, Jim Parker to conduct a district vote on the four resolutions. The district vote is as follows:

District	Resolution#1	Resolution#2	Resolution#3	Resolution#4
1	Accept	Accept	Reject	Reject
2	Accept	Accept	Reject	Reject
3	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
4	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
5	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
6	ABSENT			
7	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
8A	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
8B	Accept	Accept	Accept	Reject
9A	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
10	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
11A	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
11B	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
12	Accept	Reject	Accept	Accept
13A	Reject	Accept	Reject	Accept
13B	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
14	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
15	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
16	ABSENT			
17A	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
17B	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
18	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
19	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept
20	ABSENT			
21	Accept	Accept	Accept	Accept

Chairman Zeeks called on District 8A Chairman Bob Fleenor who requested a change in the by-laws of Article III, Section 2 to add line 3 to include Volunteer Haz-Mat teams as members of the IVFA.

A motion by Robert Uryga to allow Jim Parker to draft a letter to the district chairman of the proposed amendment. Seconded by Larry Petro. Motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Cox. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Baker.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies, Recording Secretary



Accident scene workers from the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department, LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service and LaPorte County Police shut down both lanes of Ind. 39 just north of CR-400S after a fatal accident on a rainy Tuesday night.

## 1 killed, 1 hurt in crash

A 77-year-old Michigan man was killed Tuesday night on Ind. 39 after being involved in a head-on accident, according to LaPorte County Police.

County Patrolman Troy Layton and Sgt. Robert Devereaux were called to the scene Tuesday around 9 p.m., where they witnessed Thomas Vervalin, of Buchanan, Mich., dead at the scene. Vervalin was still sitting behind the steering wheel of his vehicle which was stopped on the travel portion of Ind. 39, about 1/2 mile north of CR-400S, in the southbound lane.

Robert Schlundt, 53, of 8303S CR-300W, Union Mills, was trapped in his vehicle in a

ditch on the westside of the roadway. The county officers and Emergency Medical Services removed Schlundt from his vehicle. He was listed in serious condition this morning at LaPorte Hospital. Schlundt suffered face, chest and leg injuries, police said.

Witness Gary Fitzpatrick, of Hanna, told police he was driving southbound behind Schlundt when he saw Schlundt veer off to the right. Fitzpatrick could not tell if Vervalin had crossed the center line of the road to cause the accident, according to the report.

The accident is still under investigation by county police.

The LaPorte Herald-Argus

## 2 killed; others hurt

### Multiple accidents in county

By Cathy Behrendt  
The LaPorte Herald-Argus  
Accidents on the roads of LaPorte County killed two and hospitalized several other Sunday and this morning, LaPorte County Police reported this morning.

Stephen Rua, 20, of South Bend, and his passenger Taedesse Teshome Taedesse, 28, of Berrien Springs, Mich.,

were both killed in an alcohol-related accident on U.S. 20 at 3:55 a.m. Sunday.

Rua was traveling east on U.S. 20, approaching Wilhelm Road when his 1990 Honda Accord went off the south side of the road, police said.

The car traveled 379 feet, struck a mailbox, slid sideways, struck another mailbox and became airborne. The car then

rolled over two times, and both men were ejected, police said.

Rua died of massive head injuries and Taedesse was decapitated, police said. Neither man was wearing a seat belt.

Rua had a blood-alcohol content of 0.169 percent, more than 1 1/2 times Indiana's legal limit of 0.10 percent BAC. Taedesse's BAC was 0.170 percent, police said.

Just 20 minutes before their deaths Sunday morning, Jacob Marr of LaCrosse was involved in a similar accident on Ind. 8 about 1/4 miles east of CR-1100W.

Marr, 18, of 240355 U.S. 421, was in fair condition this morning at Porter Memorial Hospital.

Police said Marr fell asleep at the wheel.

In a separate accident on Ind. 2 just east of CR-350E at 5:40 p.m. Sunday, one man was hospitalized and five others were treated for minor injuries.

Jeffrey Chance, 31, of 75 Lansing St., was in fair condition this morning at LaPorte Hospital after sustaining a broken leg, Indiana State Police said this morning.

His passenger and son, Jeffrey Chance II, 11 was treated at LaPorte Hospital and released.

The elder Chance pulled his van onto Ind. 2 from the parking lot of Ann's Tropical Fish, 3688 E. Ind. 2, and directly into the path of a car driven by Michael Schmidt, 32, state police said.

Schmidt, his son Michael Schmidt II, 11 and passengers Eugene SMith III, 38, and Eugene Smith IV, 12 all of New Carlisle, were all treated at LaPorte Hospital and released.

At 4:50 this morning, James Slaydon of Michigan City, was injured when his 1980 Oldsmobile struck a guard rail on Severs Road 1/4 miles east of Ind. 39, county police said.

Slayden, 23, was in good condition this morning at LaPorte Hospital.



## Odon/Madison Open House

Area residents took advantage of the open house program on Saturday, Oct. 1, 1994, to tour the new fire station, which is located west of Odon on Highway 58.

The building, large enough to accommodate both Odon and Madison Township departments in the bay area, also features a meeting room for training sessions on the first floor. Upstairs areas are divided for equipment storage for each department.

The program Saturday included town and township officials, representatives of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and other dignitaries.

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# Rescue at lake

LaPorte woman hailed for efforts as 3 men retrieved from icy Pine Lake waters

Danita Arbuckle  
Cathy Behrendt  
LaPorte-Herald-Argus

A LaPorte woman was the "hero of the story" Monday afternoon after she assisted with the rescue of three men whose boat had capsized in Pine Lake, according to Center Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Turner.

Donna Smith, of 376 Oak Drive, said her 18-year-old daughter Dana called LaPorte County Police Monday at 4:15 p.m. when Donna noticed the three men in the lake.

Smith had been watching the men because they appeared to be "low in the water," she said.

"At first I thought, 'Should I go out there?'" Smith said this morning. "Then I thought, 'What the heck am I thinking...get out there.'"

When county officer Dave Pflughaupt and Emergency Medical Services Director Ira Mills arrived, Smith was on the lake in her paddle boat, bringing Jeff Brewer, 29 of 1101 1/2 Manhattan St., Michigan City, and Phillip Harvey, 30, of 702 E. 11th St. Michigan City, onto shore as they clung to her craft, she said.

Mills then put on an ice rescue suit and supported Charles

Huffman, 33 of 4402 W CR-1000N, Michigan City who was still clinging to the overturned boat in the water, until a rescue boat removed Huffman from the water, Mills said.

The rescue team got the first two men out of the water at 4:23 p.m. and Huffman at 4:30 p.m., Turner said.

Huffman had a body temperature of 92 degrees when he was rescued, Mills said. The body's average temperature is 98.6 degrees.

"We were just glad to get them out," Turner said. "The lake is icing over every night. That means it's sitting at about 32 degrees."

The three men were taken to LaPorte Hospital and treated for exposure, according to the report.

Brewer told police that they were fishing and started to turn the boat around when the front end dipped into the water, the report showed. Harvey said the boat was too small for all three men, according to the report.

All three men had appeared to be drinking, the report showed. Huffman was transported to Porter County after a police check showed he was wanted for failure to appear in court for child support.

Turner commended Smith for her actions.

"I think she's the hero of the story. If she hadn't looked out the window, there's no way..."

Turner said.

Smith was modest about her actions.

"I'm just glad I did what I did," she said.

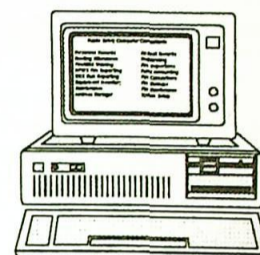
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By Bob Wellinski/Staff  
Emergency Medical Service workers prepare to cover up a Michigan City man after he was pulled from North Pine Lake Monday afternoon. Three Michigan City men were rescued from the chilly lake after LaPorte resident Donna Smith noticed the men and their capsized boat floating in the lake.



Center Township fireman Dennis Hill (left) holds a Michigan City man, trying to keep him warm after he was pulled from the lake, Firefighter Jack Ott (right) rows the boat to shore.

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