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Grandma pulls infant from fire

Fire is latest tragedy to fall upon family from Brownstown

By Aubrey Woods
Tribune Senior Writer

A 21-month-old Brownstown girl may have triggered the blaze on Tues., Dec. 2, 1997, that left her in critical condition at Riley Hospital for Children in Indpls.

"I think the little girl set it on fire," said her grandfather, John Adams, 60, as he watched fire-fighters extinguish the blaze at his home.

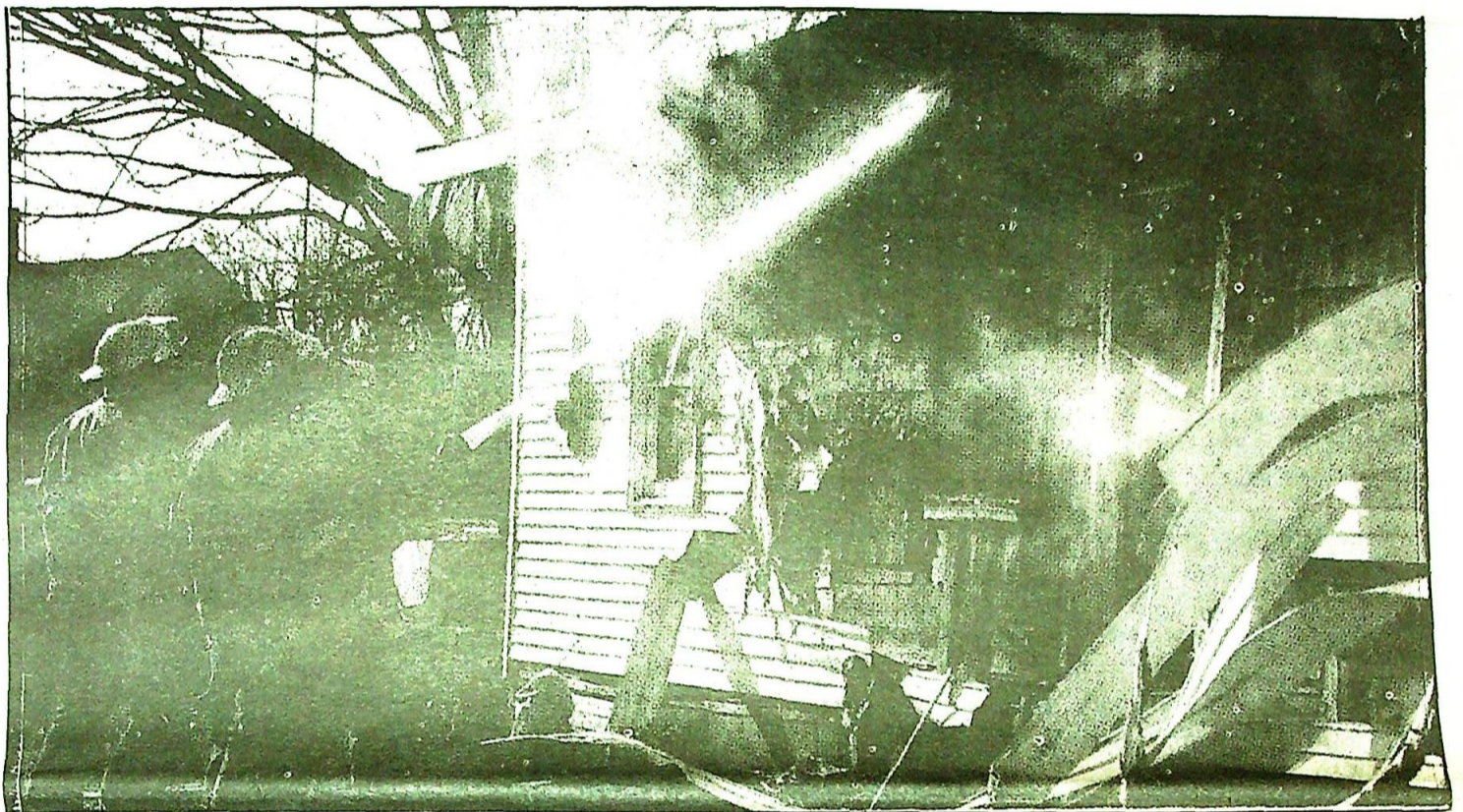
Fire officials, however, would not confirm the cause of the fire.

"We don't know officially yet, but the Fire Marshal was down and is investigating it," Brownstown Fire Chief Jim Renaker said this morning.

The infant, Sarah Beth Adams, was taken to Memorial Hospital in Seymour by Jackson County Ambulance Service with burns on her face, top of her head, both hands and one foot.

She was then transferred to Wishard Hospital Burn Center in Indpls. by Life Line at about 1:14 p.m. Tuesday and later sent to Riley Hospital.

Sarah's grandmother, Mary Alice Adams, 55, suffered 1st & 2nd degree burns on her face and hands after pulling the girl from her burning bedroom on the east side of the home.



Tribune Photo by Marcla Walker

Brownstown firefighters try to control the blaze that left two people injured at the John Adams residence in Brownstown on Tuesday, December 2, 1997.

Renaker said investigators have determined that the fire started in the girl's bedroom.

Sarah's 4-year-old brother, Jacob Adams, and their 12-year-

old cousin, Nick Adams, also were home at the time, but they were able to escape without injury. Sarah Beth's parents, Obbie Adams & Kerrie Delphi,

were at work at the time of the fire.

"I just thank God that everyone was able to get out safely," a stunned John Adams said.

The fire is not the first time tragedy has struck the family. John & Mary Alice have lost a son and a pregnant daughter to automobile accidents in the past few years. John Adams brother, Dale, was also killed when he was

thrown from a horse.

A fund has been established to help the family, Renaker said.

"They didn't have insurance on the house and have no place to live. And they're going to have some pretty big medical bills." Anyone wishing to contribute can do so at any county bank, he added.

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Four members receive Governor's Award



Three members of Buck Creek Twp. Fire Dept. receive Governor's Award

In two separate ceremonies, four members of the IVFA received awards.

Three members of the Buck Creek Township Fire Department and one member from the Lynnville Fire Department received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award, which is given to firefighters with thirty or more years of service.

On Saturday, December 6, 1997, Charles Wilson with forty-six years of service, along with Melvin Branson and Calvin Schaeckel, both with thirty-two years of service, received their awards.

The citizens of Buck Creek Township should be very proud of the dedication of these men.

Walter F. "Wally" Schmitt of Lynnville was presented with his award at the 18th District meeting in Dale, Indiana on Thursday, September 18, 1997.

Wally is a charter member of the Lynnville Fire Department, serving as both Assistant Chief and Captain over the forty-one years of his fire fighting career. He and his wife, Dotty, of 50+ years, reside in Lynnville where they are still very active in their community.



Pictured (l-r) Frank Danhauer, Dist. Chmn., Walter Schmitt and Tom Hinkle.

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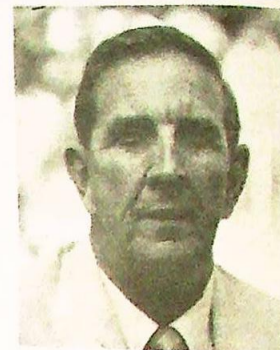
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Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker

Prayer For Today

Most Blessed God, Our Father and Benefactor, we praise You as our Creator and Redeemer. We are grateful that You thought enough of humankind to send Your begotten Son to reveal to us the way, the truth and the life. We pray Your continued watchfulness over those who dedicate their lives to serving others, especially in the fire and emergency services. Keep us safe, O Lord, in the pursuit of our duties, so that others may live.

Amen

Minute Message

At some seemingly random time each year, Christians around the world celebrate a day called Easter Sunday or more commonly, Easter.

The word Easter appears only once in the Bible (but not all Bibles), that being in the older King James version. Easter probably derived from the pagan festival held in April which honored the Teutonic goddess of spring, Eastre, and is another of those pagan holidays that became Christianized.

The early leaders of the organized Christian churches tended to argue a lot. Before becoming organized, they were too busy building the church and avoiding persecution, but with formal recognition and power came a great deal of controversy.

Known as the Quartodeciman controversy, a dispute over the celebration of Easter pitted the church in Asia Minor against the church in Rome. The Eastern Church commemorated Easter with a vigil on the same night that the Jewish Passover was celebrated, regardless of what day of the week it happened to fall on. The Roman custom, also observed in some parts of Asia Minor, held that Easter fell on the Sunday following Passover. When Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, visited Anicetus, Rome's Bishop, around 155, the two discussed the conflict, but reached no solution.

Throughout the latter half of the second century, the dispute even divided the Roman Church. The controversy was most noticeable every seven years, when thanks to East-West calendar differences, the large Christian community from Asia would be commemorating the death of Christ, and therefore still fasting, while Rome's other Christians were commemorating the Resurrection. Something had to be done. Victor I, a native of North Africa and the first Latin-speaking Bishop of Rome, in 190 called on all churches to follow Rome's lead by observing Easter on the Sunday after Passover. He called synods, regional councils of bishops, in Rome, Palestine, and elsewhere to establish the new rule. When congregations in Asia Minor refused to follow his edict, he excommunicated them. They remained unmoved however, Polycrates, the Bishop of Pheesus, wrote to Victor, saying, "I am not scared of threats."

The dispute simmered off and on until it was finally resolved--in favor of Rome--by the Council of Nicaea in 325.

About 532 a monk in Rome invented the dating system by which we now refer to events of this era. Dionysius, who called himself Exiguus ("the Little"), was a gifted mathematician, astronomer, and theological scholar. He intended only to set down rules for working out the correct date of Easter. In fact, he created the Christian calendar and started the practice of dating events as A.D., or *anno domini nostri Jesu Christi*, meaning "in the year of our Lord." However, because of a lack of historical data, Dionysius miscalculated the probable date of Jesus' birth by as much as seven years. The Nativity, according to scholars today, took place between 7 and 4 B.C.

And later, the day known as Easter was determined to be the first Sunday following the date of the first full moon, which occurs on or after March 21st of each year. Since the first full moon following March 21 this year rises on April 11th, Easter Sunday will be April 12, 1998.



Let us pray for each other and for our churches, wherever they may be. Our adversaries are usually not found in church buildings, because Satan seldom ventures onto holy ground. Enjoy Easter. Take your family to church.

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BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Are You Interested?

Applications must be in the **CENTRAL OFFICE BY MARCH 1ST**. Applications are available from district chairmen, any elected officer or myself.

The Bridgeport Committee wishes to thank the Robert Heron Family of Tipton for their selection of the Scholarship Fund for memorial contributions to be given in remembrance of Robert and his contribution to the fire service and his community. God bless each and everyone of you.

Remember, as you purchase your new IVFA license plate this year, one dollar (\$1) of the cost will be used to help the Bridgeport Fund to stay solvent for many years.

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman
 Bridgeport Scholarship
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From the President



Jack Zeeks

Hello Firefighters and Friends. As we move along into a new year, we need to start looking ahead and planning for the up and coming convention in Terre Haute.

We need to notify the committees listed in the November issue of the IVFA newspaper for the following awards: Mr. IVFA; Lois Boaz; Ollie Sandberg; and the Bridgeport Scholarships.

The Midwest Award names should already be in the hands of your district chairman.

At this time, I want to again give our sincere appreciation and thanks to Mr. Cassee and the Midwest Fire & Safety for their continued support of our organization.

District chairmen, I know it's hard, but I would like to see a Miss Flame contestant from each district. Good Luck!

All of our good friends and fellow firefighters at District 11A and 11B, I know are working very hard on our convention in Terre Haute at the Holiday Inn. If you haven't sent in your preregistration and room reservations, please start sending them in now. The dates for the convention will be June 17-20. It will be here before you know it.

I need to apologize to all of you for not being able to attend your meetings. My job has kept me out of state.

In closing, I would like to again thank you for your support and confidence to serve as your president for one more year. If I can be of any help to you or your department, please call or send me a note.

Until we meet again, Carolyn & I wish you health & happiness.

ship per fire school registration instructions.

This is just one of the direct benefits of membership in the IVFA. The IVFA also monitors and lobbies the Indiana legislature on behalf of volunteer firefighters, provides two \$1,500 scholarships each year, a \$3,000 "line of duty" death benefit through the Bridgeport Fund.

The Bridgeport Fund is replenished and maintained by the \$5.00 fee for the IVFA license plate. The plate identifies you as a volunteer firefighter member of the IVFA and assures the funding of the Bridgeport benefits.

The IVFA provides many benefits and is the voice of the volunteer firefighter in Indiana. To make sure it is your voice, you need to be an "Active" member by attending district meetings and voicing your opinion to provide direction to the IVFA. Your input is important.

William F. Kinsey
 Secretary/Treasurer

FIRE SCHOOL ATTENDEES

The IVFA's primary purpose is to provide or facilitate firefighter safety and training.

To further that purpose, the IVFA has established a policy that gives each member the opportunity to attend a fire school sponsored by "Not for Profit" corporations and receive a direct \$5.00 discount on the registration fee.

The IVFA will pay \$5.00 to the fire school for each IVFA member registrant. You must provide proof of current IVFA member-

SPECIAL NOTE FROM YOUR CHAPLAINS

As we approach another convention and Memorial Service, we, the Chaplains, want to make sure no one is missed.

Should you have lost anyone who is an IVFA or IVFAA member in your department, please let us know, so their name will be mentioned at the service.

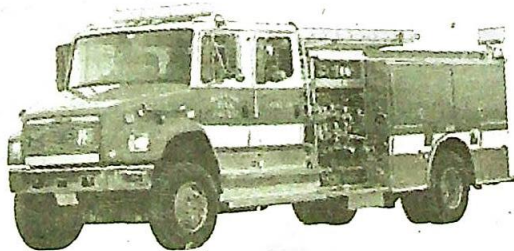
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We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Jack Cox and his family in the loss of his wife, Linda, and to the family of Eva Gottsche in their loss.

IVFA Officer Candidates for Election at Convention in Terre Haute, June 1998.

President	Jack Cox
Vice President	Jack Kerney
Sec./Treas.	William Kinsey
Sgt.-at-Arms	Bill Bush
Chaplain	Charles Baker
PRNW	LeMoyne (Buz) Koehler
PRNE	Richard (Dick) Glant
PRWC	Don Johnson
PREC	Don Cushman
PRSE	Nelson E. Ehlers
PRSW	No Candidate

Those wishing to be a candidate may be added to this list by making your wishes known. Nominations may also be made from the floor at convention time.

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

September 17, 1997
Pine Township VFD
Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe. Pledge of Allegiance was led by PRNW Buz Koehler.
Guests included Past President and Ad Taker Lawrence Swartz; PRNW Buz Koehler; District 1 Auxiliary Chairwoman Martha Thomas; District 2 Chairwoman Ann Moss; Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss; District 2 Chairman Larry Stott; and 50 Year Member Julius Demik.
Pine Township VFD Chief Steve Wybrew gave a history of the department and introduced his current and some old time firefighters.
Roll Call was answered by 42 members from District 1 and 21 members from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2.
Chairman Howe reminded everyone that the dedication of the Memorial for Ted Hansen at Hobart Station 1 is October 5, 1997 at 1:00 p.m.
Make sure your chief sends in the information update to the State Fire Marshal's Office.
Lawrence Swartz reported all articles for the next paper must be in by October 10th.
All applications for the Bridgeport Scholarships must be in by March 1, 1998.
Talk to your State Representatives about funding for state fire schools.
PRNW Koehler again said the IVFA is trying to get the \$10 state charge for the license plates dropped. He also explained that \$1 of the \$5 going to the IVFA goes into the Bridgeport Fund.
An explanation was given on how to apply for IVFA license plates.
District 2 Chairwoman Ann Moss reported names of contestants for Miss Flame must be in by October 15, 1997. The winner will be selected at the November district meeting in Schererville.
District 1 Chairwoman Martha Thomas reported she and Ann are available for helping with increasing department auxiliary membership.
Treasurer's report was given.
Next meeting will be October 15, 1997 in Lowell.
Announcements: 100 Year Celebration & Open House at Lowell Fire Department on October 12; Annual dance for St. John Fire Department on September 27; Pancake Breakfast & Open House at Merrillville Fire Department on October 5; Rummage Sale at Lake Eliza on October 11; Golf Outing for Crown Point Fire Department on September 28; Pancake Breakfast at Four Seasons Fire Department on October 19; New Chicago Fire Department will host the International Waterball contest for the next two years; and Large Diameter Hose Class at Chesterton Fire Department on September 27 & 28.
50/50 Club: \$93 collected, \$46.50 won by John Geary from St. John.
A motion was made by Ron Rogers and seconded by Dennis Shavey to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted by,
Jim Bradford, District 1 Sec.

DISTRICT 3

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 5

November 13, 1997
North Manchester Fire Department, North Manchester, IN.
Meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Kissinger at 1930 hours. Charlie Baker offered the Invocation with the Pledge to the Flag following.
Roll Call was answered by twenty-four members representing seven departments.
Guests included Richard Glant, Northeast Public Relations; Charlie Baker, IVFA Chaplin; Bill Ruppel, District 22 Indiana State Representative; Tina Capron, IVFA Miss Flame Candidate, 5th District; Brian Hauptert, Candidate Indiana State Representative; and Preston Bollinger, South Whitley Fire Department.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by District Secretary Kent Trickle.
The following reports were given by Chairman Kissinger:
(1) Insurance Institute of Indiana has donated funds in the amount of \$3,605 for smoke detectors to the IVFA. Plans have not yet been finalized on how it will be administrated.
(2) Told of the revolving equipment loan fund administrated through the State Fire Marshal's Office.
(3) Gave out information on training schedule for the National Fire Academy and the dead line dates.
(4) Told of the revised forms to be used for training certification which he had received at the quarterly officers meeting.
Richard Glant, Charlie Baker and Chairman Kissinger gave an update on the brick and mortar training facility. The 5th district was in favor of the project and asked it to be reported back to the state that we were.
Chairman Kissinger gave a report on up-coming training session throughout the state and of Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy.
Richard Glant gave a report on the Bridgeport Scholarship and the need for applications to be in by March 1st.
Fire Institute dinner will be February 8, 1998.
Tina Capron was introduced as one of two candidates to represent the District 5 in the Miss Flame contest. A contest to pick our representative to the convention will be held at the January, 1998 meeting.
It was also decided and voted on to change to November the time when a contestant would be picked to represent the 5th District as Miss Flame.
Charlie Baker gave a report on a new discount schedule to be adopted by the IVFA to get a \$5.00 credit on all classes taken at any IFIA fire school.
South Whitley Fire Chief Preston Bollinger gave a report on the fire which involved the death of one of their firefighters.
Meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours, with refreshments being served by the host department.
The next meeting is tentatively scheduled at Henry Township Fire Department in Akron.
January 8, 1998
Henry Township Fire Department, Akron, IN.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Kissinger at 1930 hours. Charlie Baker offered the invocation with the Pledge to the Flag following.
Roll Call was taken.
Guests present were Charlie Baker, Chaplain; Bill Ruppel, District 22 Indiana State Representative; District Miss Flame candidates, Tina Capron and Amanda Burroughs.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by District Secretary Kent Trickle.
Communications - A legislative report was given by Chairman Kissinger and Representative Ruppel on several bills to be introduced at the up-coming legislative session.
Chairman Kissinger reported there were still several departments within the district who had not paid their dues. Late dues payment makes them not eligible for many of the benefits offered by the Association.
Charlie Baker gave out fliers for the Fire Service Institute Dinner to be held Sunday, February 8, 1998. He also talked about the proposed Hoosier Burn Camp.
Chairman Kissinger introduced both Miss Flame contestants. The winner was Amanda Burroughs, who will represent our district at this year's convention. We passed the hat and collect \$107 to help defray some of her expenses.
The chairman also asked for an update of new fire chiefs and requested that the state office be contacted with these changes.
Good of the Order - Henry Township VFD took delivery on a new tanker recently.
A new fire school will be held in Goshen, IN on February 21 & 22 and will be known as the Michiana Fire School.
Bourbons Assistant Fire Chief has had a heart attack and a fish fry benefit is being planned on January 17, 1998 at Etna Green.
Meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.
The next meeting will be on March 12, 1998 at the Denver Fire Department in Denver, IN.

DISTRICT 6

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 7

The November 17, 1997 meeting was held at Hoagland Fire Department. Chairman Mort Sorg opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.
Roll Call was answered by twenty-six members from ten departments as follows: Andrews, 1; Berne, 2; Bluffton, 1; Decatur, 1; Hoagland, 7; Monroe, 3; Poe, 5; Poneto, 1; Preble, 1; and Warren, 4.
The minutes were read and approved from the last meeting.
Mort reported on the following: There will be a change on the IVFA grave markers. They will be either his or hers, depending on which is appropriate.
The federal death benefit is figured on cost of living index, the last being \$141,556.
The IVFA plates are still available, \$5 for the forms, with \$1 going to the Bridgeport Fund.
After a discussion on the Public Safety Institute, we had a motion that the IVFA support the institute. Motion carried.
The Bridgeport Scholarship forms are to be mailed to the

IVFA Central Office.
The Insurance Institute of Indiana has given the IVFA \$18,000 for smoke detectors.
The second Roll Call was taken.
The next meeting is to be held at Liberty Center.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted by,
Dale Gray, Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

The last meeting was held at the Orestes Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday, November 12, 1997. There were only fourteen members, representing six departments attending.
Don Cushman, ECPR, was at the meeting and provided some information on materials that were passed out concerning "working fire", a deal to VFIS departments, and a convention schedule for 1998. There was also information and instructions on a firefighting & emergency equipment revolving loan fund.
Information on Public Law 94-430 was discussed and passed out in a two-page flier copied from Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Service.
Discussed subject of Indiana Worker's Comp and change to be proposed.
Information was shared on training forms. Examples were given of how to fill the forms out correctly.
All departments need to contact their state legislator to get money from the lottery "Build Indiana Fund."
Information discussed on the ISO smoke detector program. Also a discussion on the national "1-800-Fire Line" program to recruit and retain volunteer firemen.
NFPA is still looking at changes to NFPA 1200. This is not dead and will keep on being a threat.
Early in December I was notified of the death of Robert Heron, a member of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department in Tipton county. He was a charter member and one of the founders of the department. I received this thank you and would like to share it with you.
"Please extend our sincere thanks to the IVFA for the Bible, cedar chest and medallion given to us in memory of Robert Heron. That is the most beautiful Bible I've seen with so many helpful study aids. Bob would be pleased to know that he was remembered in this way"
This note was signed by Mary Heron for Mary Heron & Family.
Late wishes for a Merry Christmas and may 1998 be the best ever for District 8A and the IVFA.
Respectfully submitted by,
Robert E. Fleener, Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 9A

The December 4, 1997, meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Cline at the Kempton, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. State Chaplain Charlie Baker gave the Invocation and Fire Chief Don Smith of Burlington led the Pledge to the Flag.
The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.
The Roll Call was answered by nineteen firefighters from eleven departments reporting 108 alarms.
Guests were Charlie and Linda Baker, Dave Rice and Pat Paulen of IDEM, Buz Koehler PRNW and

Bruce Yonkers.
Dave Rice talked about the Open Burning Variance Program. Pat passed out a package with all the rules and applications for variances. There is no open burning allowed in Indiana except for the list of exemptions that has grown. He discussed some of those. Some fire departments are more strict on burning than IDEM is.
For training, there are more regulations if the structure to be burned is a house such as an asbestos inspection. Paint is accepted now, but not the petroleum based products which must be removed. The structure must be in an unincorporated area.
Only fire departments can get a variance to burn a house. If fire departments send written notices of violations against the public to IDEM, they can take action. If your fire department is prevented from entering a property to extinguish a fire, Dave said that your Conservation officers from the DNR will get quick results having possibly more authority than the State Police. Do not give the public permission to burn if they come in and ask you, but just acknowledge that you know about it.
Some of the information Dave gave us was different from what we were told earlier this year and that came from lawyers. So, he recommended that we even get clarification of what the lawyers say.
Buz Koehler gave the news of the IVFA. The next deadline for the newspaper is January 10, 1998.
There is a state smoke detector program whereby each fire department will receive one detector to give out and they have a detector for the hearing impaired. A committee will oversee distributing these.
The Burn Camp is being set up with support from the Indiana Fire Caucus and the Fire Service Institute.
The Fire Service Institute Seminar and Dinner is February, 1998, at the Indiana Ballroom.
The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is contemplating raising the license plates and drivers license fees. Some of our \$5.00 fee for the application goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship fund. Some donations are coming in memory of firefighters.
There is \$17,500 in the IVFA training fund for \$5.00 to come off each class you attend at a not for profit fire school. Fill in your IVFA number in the top right hand corner of the fire school application to get this discount and write legibly, please.
Chairman Cline asked that any change in officers (chiefs and secretaries) be turned in to him.
The Chairman and Secretary will prepare a letter about a District 9A candidate for the 1998 Ollie Sandburg Award.
The next meeting will be January 22, 1998, at the Miami Township Fire Department, New Waverly, unless notified otherwise.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

November 13, 1997
Our meeting was held at Chalmers Fire Department in Chalmers, IN and was called to order by PRNW Lemoyne Koehler at 8:05 p.m. fast time. Koehler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.
Roll Call was answered by the following departments: Brookston, 5; Chalmers, 6; Francesville, 4; Goodland, 3; Medaryville, 3;
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District 9B

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Remington, 1; Rensselaer, 5. Reynolds, 4; and Wolcott, 2. Total was thirty-three firefighters representing nine departments and answering eighty-seven alarms.

Guests present were: Lawrence Swartz, Past President; Mitch Parish, Past President; Bruce Yonker; Linda Baker, Midwest Fire & Safety; Mike Hill & Eric Delph, Monticello Fire Department; and Theresa, Amanda & Andrea Risner (Denny Risner's Family).

Minutes were read and approved.

Midwest award was presented to Denny Risner for his dedication to the fire service and the eleven years he served as Secretary/Treasurer for our district.

New Business:

LeMoyné Koehler discussed the applications needed for the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund. He also stated the license branch may raise the price of the IVFA plates to \$12 from \$10.

The IVFA has budgeted \$17,500 for fire schools. They will also distribute 600 smoke detectors throughout the state.

There are quotes ranging from \$14.75 to \$18.75 for polo style shirts with the IVFA emblem embroidered on them.

Lawrence Swartz discussed the Public Safety & Training Institute of Indiana in which he is a representative. Departments need to vote on whether or not they want more aggressive state funding to get the Institute running. Motion made by Secretary Skinner to have members go back to their respective departments and discuss the options of support or nonsupport of the PSTI and be prepared to answer at next meeting. Motion seconded by Mike Miller. Motion carried.

Mitch Parish discussed items on Standards and Education, Historical books now being printed (contact Mitch if you are interested) and Convention will be June 17-20, 1998 in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Everyone needs to think about nominees for the following awards for 1998: Midwest; Mr. IVFA; Lois Boaz; Miss Flame; and Ollie Sandburg.

IFSA dinner on February 8, 1998 will be \$100 a plate. Money will be going to the Hoosier Burn Camp for Kids.

Good of the Order: Remington

Volunteer Fire Department will be having a Pork Burger & Chili lunch on December 6 from 10:30-3:30.

Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring a Harvest Dance at the Hallack Center at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer on November 29 from 8-12.

Our program, which covered the fire department vehicle maintenance programs, was presented by Mike Hill of the Monticello Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 fast time.

The next meeting will be held at the Earl Park Fire Department on January 8, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. slow time (7:30 p.m. fast time).

Respectfully submitted by, Donald Skinner, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

Happy New Year!

In this year of 1998 we are looking toward several "happenings" which, if we are all able to support and be a part of, will make this the best year yet for our district and the IVFA as a whole. Stay tuned, lend a hand and most of all enjoy this year with us.

By the time we read this, we will have selected a district Miss Flame. This is an honor for this young lady and I think it behooves us as member departments to honor her by inviting her into our gatherings whenever possible. Look at your schedule of events and see when you could let her grace you with her presence.

We have been advised by John Wade, Assistant Chief of the Seelyville VFD, that they are trying to hold some EMS training each month and that they invite anyone desiring to obtain some in service hours to come out and join with them. Please call John for the times and avail yourself of this opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, we all have the chance to help in making this year's convention the best ever. You will find the dates and schedule on page 24 of this paper. Please mark your calendars, call Bob Meyers and let him know when you will be able to assist us, and become part of the team.

More from the soapbox and another opportunity. I hope each of you are aware that the prime reason for the convention is to

hold the annual business meeting. Each IVFA member department is allowed three votes on any question before the floor, including the election of officers.

Think back, when was the last time your department cast three votes? Since we have the meeting this close this year, could you be one of the voters for your department? Yes, three IVFA members from your department must be present to cast the three votes.

Your Convention Committee is selling T-Shirts and caps with this year's logo on them and having a raffle where at least 3 prizes will be awarded, a big 'lil truck, a grandfather clock and a firetruck telephone. Proceeds help keep the convention registration cost down. Please contact your district chairman or any member of the committee if you will be able to help in this endeavor.

Our March district meeting will be hosted by our friends from Hymera. The date will be March 15, 1998 and the time will be our usual 1:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and learn who will be asking to host the May meeting.

We do have an invite to Lewis Township/Coalmont in July, but as of this writing you still have the chance for us to visit you in May. September will be the picnic.

Respectfully submitted by, Red Morris, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

The meeting was held on November 9, 1997 in Reelsville-Washington Township with eighteen firefighters representing five departments present.

A very interesting program was presented by Mike Paul from CINERGY on the proper procedure to handle electrical meters. The dangers of a firefighter pulling a meter without the proper equipment and procedures can be very dangerous to firefighters as not all meters are complete disconnects of the electric service.

During the business meeting discussion held on many subjects including the new front pages for the Bridgeport Applications; the IVFA license plate forms and the need for plenty of time to get your form returned; and the department surveys that were sent out - to date 30 returned.

Also discussed the upcoming convention to be held in June in Terre Haute and hosted by our District 11B and District 11A. Now is a good time to get your registration sent in and to make your motel reservations.

Our next meeting will be

January 11, 1998 at the St. Bernice Fire Department.

Other important dates are: Miss Flame Dance, February 14, 1998 at the Half Century Club in Clinton from 9-12 p.m.; District meeting March 8, 1998 at the Hillsdale Fire Department at 1:00 p.m.; District meeting, May 13, 1998 at Covington Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.; Convention at Terre Haute, June 17-20, 1998; and District meeting, July 8, 1998 at Fairview Park Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Larry Bartlow, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

Chairman John Ross called the meeting to order on November 17, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hazelwood Fire Department. Prayer was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call was answered by twenty members representing eight departments.

Minutes were approved as read and the Treasurer's report filed for audit.

John Ross reported on several schools for the next few months and announced Indiana weekend at the Academy in Maryland will be in July. More information to follow.

John also announced that IVFA members will get a \$5 discount at any of the schools offered.

Don Johnson reported the qualifications have changed for loans for new and used equipment, so get the new guidelines and see if you qualify.

The state wants to build a Training Academy for all firefighters with classes on nights and weekends to accommodate the volunteers. The Fire Marshal's Office will finance the whole project. It might be in Plainfield.

Chairman said to get your Midwest Award letters to Jim R. Bruner by the middle of January, so he can turn them in at the February Officer's Meeting.

Information was passed out about the Fellowship of Christian Firefighters International. They are trying to start an Indiana chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Rosie Johnson, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 15

The September 16, 1997 meeting was held at Patoka Township Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Barr at 1950 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the spiritual reading. Pledge to the Flag led by Chairman Barr.

Guests included Nick Kapinski from Advanced Fire and Safety.

Roll Call was answered by 6 departments and 25 members.

Secretary Jack Kerney distributed the minutes of the July 15, 1997 meeting held at Elberfeld Fire Department. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney distributed the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as distributed.

Old Business - a discussion at last meeting was held on having a Vice Chairman for the district. It was tabled until this meeting. A motion was made and seconded to select a Vice Chairman. His main duties will be preparing programs for district meetings. Steve Anderson, of Perry Twp., was elected to this position.

The District 15 Waterball Contest was won by Marrs Twp. Fire Dept. Second place went to Owensville Fire Dept. Third place to Ft. Branch Fire Dept.

New Business - Wadesville Fire Department has tanker for sale.

Owensville Fire Dept. having a Soup Supper on October 4, 1997 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Miss Flame Chairman, Barbara Kerney, stated the judging for our district Miss Flame will be held January 20, 1998 at Ft. Branch Fire Dept. Only one contestant from each department will be allowed. If a department has more than one contestant, they will have to hold their own contest to declare a winner to represent them. Depts. must notify Barbara before January 3, 1998 of their contestant. She can be contacted at home (812) 867-2641 or office (812) 425-3119.

Ft. Branch FD reported they had a death in their department. Firefighter Marcus Conner, a 47-year member, had passed away. A Bible and grave marker were presented by the IVFA.

Sec. Kerney reported if you want an IVFA license plate for '98, you will have to fill out the form that was sent to your dept, (also on page 10 of this paper), and send it along with \$5 to the IVFA Central Office. (Address on page 2 of this issue.) They will in turn send you the form to take to the license branch.

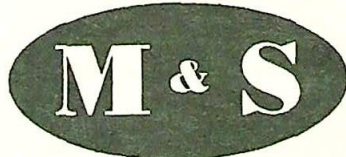
Kerney said that he talked to Tammy at the Central Office and she stated all members had been entered into the computer and cards will be printed very shortly.

A question was asked about where this extra \$5 was going. Kerney said part of the money received was to help replenish the Bridgeport Fund, from which the two \$1500 scholarships are paid, & the \$3000 Line of Duty Death Benefits. Remainder will be used to help defray the cost of running the license plate program and help defray any dues increases.

Kerney reported that in this month's mailer from the Fire Marshal, applications are attached to apply for the low interest loans for equipment. Anyone needing copies or more

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Scripture - James Chapter 4, Verses 23-24

And so it happened just as the scriptures say, that Abraham trusted God, and the Lord declared him good in God's sight, and he was even called "The Friend of God". So you see, a man is saved by what he does, as well as by what he believes.

Well, here we are starting off a new year, 1998. Does not seem possible. Happy New Year to the men and women of the IVFA and to our many friends all over the state.

There are those of us who are older and don't get to the meetings, but they will always have a special place in our hearts. As we grow older, we don't get out to see our special friends as we once did, and we lose track of them through the years. If we did not have these friends, and all of the happy memories that come to mind when we think of them, our lives would be very dull.

A special friendship springs from mutual respect, confidence, love and a desire to help them in times of trouble. A true friend will never desert you when things get rough. He will go out of his way to make things right for you.

As we try to live a good life in this world today, let us not lose sight of the fact that God is there for you and will help with your problems, if you only will ask. Many difficulties that arise in our daily lives could be resolved if we would have faith in the Lord.

If you have a friend who has strayed and seems to need a helping hand, try getting him involved in your church or in some activity that will turn his life in the right direction, remembering that God is always our friend.

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift That cannot be bought or sold. But its value is far greater Than a mountain made of gold. For gold is cold and lifeless, It can neither see nor hear, And in the time of trouble It is powerless to cheer. It has no ears to listen, No heart to understand, It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand. So when you ask God for a gift, Be thankful if He sends Not diamonds, pearls or riches, But the love of real true friends.

Helen Steiner Rice

This Sunday go to the church of your choice, you may meet a friend.

District 15

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information can contact Ivan Nevil in the Fire Marshal's Office.

Thanks to Patoka Township Fire Department for furnishing a meal of grilled bratwurst.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours.

The Nov. 18, 1997 meeting was held at Mt. Vernon Fire & Rescue. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Barr at 1930 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney offered prayer. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Barr.

Roll Call was answered by fourteen members from eight departments.

Chairman Barr stated he had sent each department a questionnaire to be filled out. He had only received 13 back. He asked all departments to please respond.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the September meeting at Patoka Township. Motion made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the minutes as distributed.

Treasurer Kerney distributed this report. Motion was made by Barbara Kerney and seconded by Harry Logan to accept the report as distributed.

Old Business - Barbara Kerney stated the Miss Flame candidate names need to be turned into her by January 3, 1998. The judging will take place at the January 20, 1998 meeting at Fort Branch Fire Department.

Chairman Barr explained the system that will be used to obtain IVFA license plates for 1998. A \$5 fee will be charged to receive the license plate form. The Bridgeport Fund will receive \$1 to help finance the death benefit and scholarship program.

New Business - Harry Logan stated that Marrs Township has broken ground for their new St. Philips station.

Secretary Kerney stated that money is available from the Fire Marshal's Office on the Revolving Loan Fund. The interest rate is 2% below bank prime. You may borrow a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$150,000. More information can be obtained from the Marshal's Office.

The IVFA has received a donation of \$1,375 to purchase smoke detectors for low income families.

As of the November IVFA Officer's Meeting, the membership stands at 16, 185.

The IVFA will be offering a \$5 discount for each class attended to all IVFA sponsored fire schools for each paid member.

A copy of the IVFA By-Laws will be sent to each fire department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.

The next meeting will be at Ft. Branch Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 16

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 17B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 18

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 20

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 21

NO REPORT

Volunteer Firehouses Up in Smoke

Clinton administration regulations are preventing thousands of career firefighters from volunteering their time.

"We cherish our citizen volunteers," said President Clinton at the Philadelphia summit on volunteerism in April. "Citizen service is the story of our more perfect union."

Don't tell that to Bob Chaney. A professional firefighter for Baltimore County, Maryland, he's also the president of the volunteer fire company in his home town of Kingsville. Now, thanks to labor regulations promulgated by the Clinton administration's Labor Department, Chaney and more than 200 professional firefighters and emergency medical workers in Baltimore county have been told that they can't volunteer to douse fires or provide emergency medical help in their own communities.

Chaney, 40, has been a volunteer fireman since he was 16. "I've been volunteering to save lives all my adult life," Chaney laments. "If my neighbor's house is on fire, I'm going to jump in a car to go put it out." Suddenly, though, he's not allowed to. The no-volunteering rule "takes away my rights to do something I've been doing for years."

Bill Wiley has lost his freedom, too. He can still do paperwork for the Liberty Road Volunteer Company in Randallstown, Maryland, where he's captain of the squad. But he can't go on rescue calls if he wants to keep his job as a paid Baltimore County firefighter and paramedic. Says Wiley, who also began his rescue career as a volunteer, "Never did I

think I would see the day when helping people was considered the wrong thing to do."

A third of the county's volunteer firehouses have lost their chief officers, and hundreds of calls for help have had to be passed off to other stations. The Middle River Rescue Dive Team was gutted, losing six of its ten members. Before the Labor Department's order, many stations relied on career firefighters to act as drivers, a position that requires extensive training; now they have lost the personnel essential for getting fire trucks on the road.

The culprit in this assault on freedom and common sense is the Clinton administrations, which has misinterpreted the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). To prevent supervisors from coercing their employees, the FLSA prohibits workers from doing unpaid work for their employers. In 1993, Labor Department officials wrongly construed this common sense rule to mean that professional firefighters were prohibited from volunteering for companies that don't pay their wages.

The Labor Department backed a complaint filed by the firefighters union of Montgomery County, Maryland, a chapter of the AFL-CIO-affiliated International Association of Firefighters. The union argued that career firefighters were losing overtime wages because of colleagues who volunteered at private community-funded firehouses on their days off. Invoking the FLSA, the Clinton administration backed the union demand that counties pay overtime to firefighters who volunteer. Faced with the threat of huge overtime costs, Montgomery Co. ordered its paid firemen to stop working for volunteer companies, as did dozens of other mixed urban-rural counties around the country that have both professional and volunteer fire departments. In Montgomery Co., professional and volunteer companies sometimes share the same firehouses. So it appeared at first that the labor ruling would not affect jurisdictions like Baltimore Co., where volunteer companies buy their own firehouses and buildings, purchase their own trucks, pay their own insurance, and enact their own by-laws. (The only connections to county government are training funds and annual fuel subsidies.) Chief Wiley is fond of explaining, "It's my fire engine and I do what I

want to do with it. I don't need the county's permission."

No more. Baltimore County continued to allow volunteering until Local 1311 of the IAFF filed a complaint of its own. In May 1997, fearful that it would be liable for overtime back pay if the Labor Department eventually ruled in favor of the union, the county pre-emptively forbade professional firefighters from volunteering to fight fires.

Career firefighters are often the backbone of a volunteer squad, providing direction and training to young volunteers. Their experience is invaluable when lives are at stake, and their schedules allow them to volunteer on weekdays when other volunteers cannot. Without this support, many volunteer firehouses are essentially out of commission on weekdays.

And the problem is not limited to Maryland: Volunteer firehouses all over the country are scrambling. About 20% of America's firehouses are already affected by the Labor Department's ruling in Montgomery County. That number could swell if the Labor Department sides with the union in the Baltimore County case.

This bulwark of independent community voluntarism is threatened by a regulatory state gone amok. There are 1.2 million volunteer firefighters in America, providing about \$20 billion in services—all with minimal taxpayer subsidy.

The emperor Nero would approve: While communities struggle to put out real fires, the Clinton administration continues to fiddle for political approval from its friends in the unions.

By Peter Campbell

Note: Peter Campbell, a former editorial assistant at Policy Review: The Journal of American Citizenship, is an aide to Minnesota Republican Congressman Jim Ramstad.

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The National Volunteer Fire Council is supporting federal legislation that would allow paid firefighters and rescue squad workers to volunteer in their communities. Contact your members of Congress and urge them to support House Resolution 94 & Senate Bill 656 The Volunteer Firefighter and Rescue Squad Worker Protection Act.

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Lou Bartlow

Hi Ladies,

Here we are almost to the middle of January and it still hasn't been a bad winter. Maybe we are going to be lucky this year and not have much snow.

Things seem to be going rather smoothly this winter, or at least I haven't heard of many problems.

Districts 11A and 11B are working hard to "Make Things Great In '98" at Terre Haute.

If you haven't sent your membership dues in, do so. Send them to Barbara Kerney.

The President's letter to each auxiliary will be a little late this year, but I will get it sent to each of you in February.

So until then, you all take care and please stay safe, warm and healthy.

DISTRICTS 1,2

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 3

Our district met on November 19th at the Michiana Fire Department with Coolspring, LaCrosse, Michiana Shores and Springfield departments represented.

Miss Heather Garwood, LaCrosse, was chosen the District 3 Miss Flame and will compete for the state title at the 1998 Convention in Terre Haute June 17-20.

District 3 Ditty Bag Committee, Tricia Garwood from LaCrosse, Dorothy Moffitt from Coolspring, and Fran Schultz from Michiana will accept donations.

Chairman Leona Uryga reported on the recent State Officer's Meeting.

Reported department activities include: Coolspring Craft and Bake Sale on December 6th; LaCrosse working on new fire station; Michiana working on new fire station; and Springfield turkey shoots on November 23 and 30.

Fran Schultz, Michiana, won the Attendance Award.

Each attendee received a gift and refreshments from the Michiana hostesses.

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 1998 at the Kingsford-Union Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted by, Lucille Cohen, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 6

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 11A

Our district has been working on the Convention of '98 to be held in Terre Haute.

We are having our Miss Flame contest on Sunday, January 18, 1998, with the host being Cory Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Lingenfelter, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Here it is January '98 already. El Nino has treated us right. We have had very little snow here in the west central part of the state.

I hope that all auxiliaries have paid their 1997-98 dues and are making plans to attend the convention to be held in Terre Haute in June.

The district is busy planning our annual Miss Flame Dance to be held Saturday, February 14, 1998 at the One Half Century Club in Clinton, IN.

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If there is anyone reading this article that belongs to a firemen's auxiliary that doesn't belong to the IVFAA or anyone who doesn't belong to the firemen's auxiliary but would like to, give me a call.

I am giving an invitation to any

fire department and auxiliary in Districts 11A and 11B to give Bill Bush (765 665-3213) or Bob Meyers (812 466-2826) a call and volunteer to help with the convention in June.

Please attend your district meetings. This year's meeting schedule is as follows: March 8, Hillsdale at 1:00 p.m.; May 13, Covington at 7:00 p.m.; July 8, Fairview Park at 7:00 p.m.; September 20, Joint picnic with 11B; and November 8, Reelsville at 1:00 p.m.

Well once more I am tired of thinking (I use the term loosely) and writing and pretty sure you are tired of reading.

Respectfully submitted by Eula Bush, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13A

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 13B

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 14

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 15

NO REPORT

DISTRICT 19

NO REPORT

Message from the Lois Boaz Committee

The Lois Boaz Committee is patiently waiting for all those letters to start coming in. Remember, the deadline is April 1, 1998. No letter will be accepted after that date.

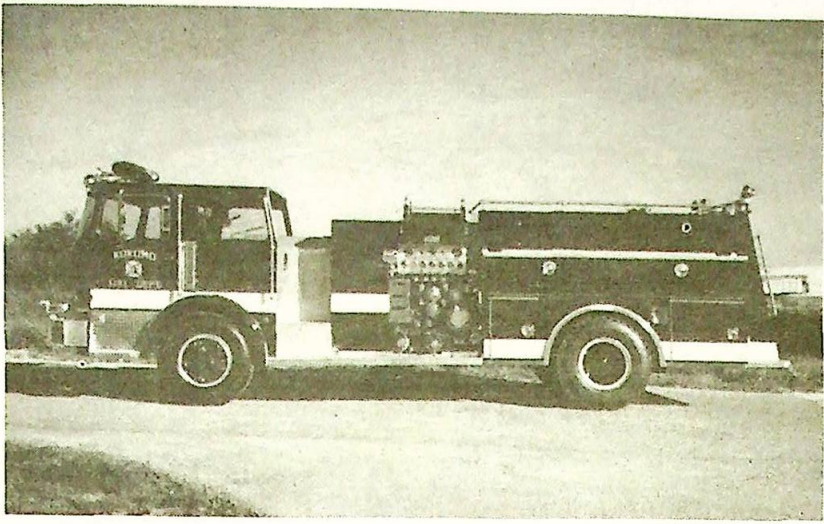
There are so many deserving ladies out there, so get those letters to us just as soon as possible.

Send your letters to: Phyllis Vargo, 7756 Durbin Street, Schererville, IN 46375

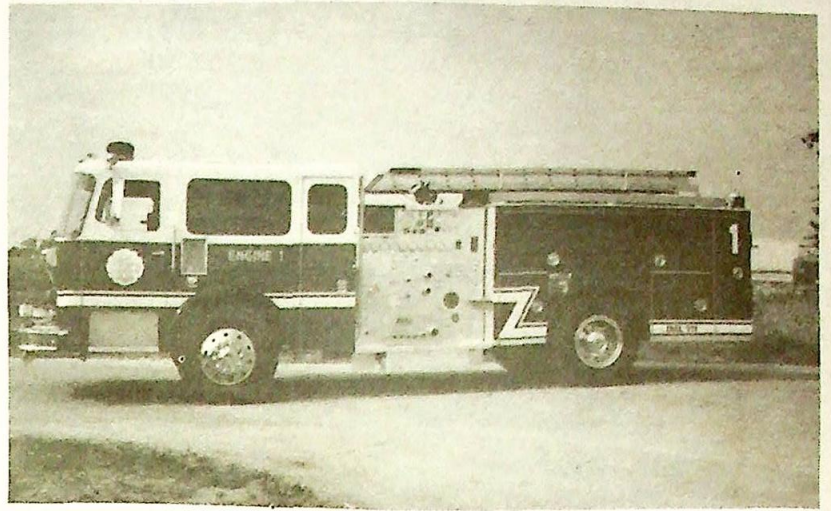
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IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Hello, Happy New Year. Hope you all had a nice and safe holiday.

Gee, here it is 1998 and in two years will be the year 2000. So many plans have already started toward the year 2000. Are you at all thinking about it? It will be interesting to see all the changes in the next two years. Especially with the fire departments and auxiliaries. My prayer for the year of 2000 - grow, grow, grow.

Also pray your faith in the Lord will grow also. Remember, with God, all things are possible. Give Him a chance.

Something for the soul ---

"It Couldn't Hurt"

Random acts of kindness, heck
- It couldn't hurt

I told my husband I loved him
- It couldn't hurt

I packed a note in my son's lunch box telling how special he is
- It couldn't hurt

I opened the door for a lady in a wheelchair at Walgreens
- It couldn't hurt

I left a box of cookies for the mailman
- It couldn't hurt

I let someone go in front of me in the grocery line
- It didn't hurt

I called my brother to tell him I miss him
- He misses me, too

I sent the mayor a note saying what a good job he is doing
- It couldn't hurt

I took flowers to the nursing home
- It couldn't hurt

I cooked some chicken soup for a friend who is sick
- It couldn't hurt

I played Candy Land with my granddaughter
- It was fun

I thanked the person who bagged my groceries
- He beamed

I gave my assistant the day off with pay
- It only hurt a little

I played ball with my dog
- It felt good

I invited a woman who doesn't

drive to lunch and to a movie
- I enjoyed myself
I got a massage for me
- It felt marvelous
Random Acts of Kindness, Hm
Maybe I'll live this way all year
- It couldn't hurt

The Lord is our teacher
Psalm 25: 1,2, 4-10

I offer you my heart, Lord God, and I trust you.
Don't make me ashamed or let enemies defeat me.

Show me Your paths and teach me to follow;
Guide me by Your truth and instruct me.
You keep me safe and I always will trust You.

Please Lord, remember You have always been patient and kind.

Forget each wrong I did when I was young.

Show how truly kind you are and remember me.

You are honest and merciful. And You teach sinners how to follow Your path.

You lead humble people to do what is right

And to stay on Your path in everything You do.

You are kind and faithful to everyone who keeps our agreement with You.

The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

May the Lord bless you all and keep you in his guiding light at all times.

IVFAA Vice President



Faye Sallee

IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Ramada Inn, Indianapolis Indiana
November 2, 1997

The meeting was opened by President, Lou Bartlow asking Chaplain Joann Hays to lead the group in prayer. Lou then thanked Leona Uryga for the nice party on Saturday evening. They played some Halloween games and had refreshments. If you did not attend, you missed a very good time.

Barbara Kerney, Recording Secretary, gave roll call, with twenty-one members and four guests present. Barb then read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

Miriam Schaeckel made the motion not to read the district reports and it was seconded by Wanda Johnson. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter gave her report. Balance on hand November 1, 1997 is \$8040.89. Treasurers report approved for audit.

Ann Moss, District 2 Chairman and Martha Thomas, District 1 Chairman, said that to help with our financial problem, their auxiliaries have donated \$200, plus District 2 decided to give back the \$25.00 they won in the Doe Doll ticket sales at convention. So they gave us a total of \$225.00. That is just great. It is really appreciated.

Faye Sallee suggested to aid our problem, maybe we could raise our dues to \$5.00 and then as a little incentive, we could give them a State Pin. She asked Mary Mackin how much the pins cost us, and Mary said they were \$2.16 each. Everyone comes up with the story that they do not get anything for their money. Maybe this would be the answer. Lou said it was something we have to give some thought too. It would cost us the first year, but then after that, we would be O.K. We would have to give each member a pin to start with. But, Diana Gray said that for those of us that already have one, we could turn ours back in and that would help the cost.

Barbara Kerney gave the membership report. We have 61 Individuals, 68 Auxiliaries, 977 members, with a total of 1059. That is up 721 from last meeting. We have to keep working on the membership!!

Chaplain, Joann Hays, reported she has had two deaths since last meeting. She has Bibles with her today if anyone needs them.

Lou told us that Joann's husband had surgery and is doing a little better. Miriam Schaeckel's husband also was in the hospital again. And Vi Bruns fell off a ladder and broke her arm. She was at the meeting and doing O.K. But, she will not be climbing ladders again. She was just trying to clean the garage!!! What a way to get re-paid for a job!!

Auditing - Phyllis Vargo, everything is fine.
Installation - Barbara Parker said she is fine, as long as she has candidates for convention. She will need some help.

Financial Study - Phyllis Vargo, said that at Mary Mackin's reception, there were enough officers that they decided to go ahead and purchase 12 dozen of the all-occasion two-year planners. She has them with her today. We will pay 79¢ for each and sell for \$2.00. This will give us a profit of \$1.12 each. She passed them out among the chairmen. Eula Bush made a motion to sell what we have and then next year we can order earlier and sell more. Barbara Parker seconded it and the motion carried.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to do the ditty bags for the girls? District 3, Leona Uryga volunteered. The ribbons for the Miss Flames will be made by Ann Moss. Just let her know how many you will need.

By-Laws - Martha Thomas, did not know that she was the chairman, so she did not have anything to say. Lou said that any changes must be sent to Martha by 30 days prior to convention.

Jewelry - Mary Mackin said we cleared \$220.00 last year. The charms and tacks are in for this years convention. They are \$5.00 each.
Nominating - No report.

Historian - Ann Moss has resigned her post. President Lou asked for a volunteer. Wanda Johnson agreed to be her successor. Lou asked where the Convention book was? Does anyone have any idea when the last one was made? It is the Past Presidents responsibility to put the book together. Phyllis will try to get it together, so get all your pictures to her.

Presidents Advisory - Barbara Parker said she had no complaints. No one has given her any, so guess all must be well.

Lois Boaz - Phyllis Vargo said to get those letters in. They must be to her by April 1st. They must be hand written and please include the jacket size.

Parliamentarian - No report
Doe Doll - Faye Sallee. She has the doll with her, she is a pretty blonde haired ballerina. Her name is Katrina. She comes with her own walnut stand with a gold name plate. She is very pretty. Faye said the Fireman's Store will donate the tickets again this year. We should have them by the February meeting.

Barbara Parker said the men are purchasing a new computer and they are considering giving the women one of their old ones. She told them we would accept. Then Lou said she had sent a letter to President Zeeks asking him the same thing. So after the first of the year, maybe we will become new owners of a computer.

Convention report - Eula Bush said most of the information will be in the IVFA paper. There are 100+ rooms that have been reserved. Eula had a picture of the Little Big Truck that will be raffled off at convention. Lou went to the trouble to get the raffle permit, and so it must be applied for each year, whether it is used or not. All the ground work will be done. There is a lot of paper work to getting one.

We took a break and Leona played one of the games that she had last night. She passed out three cards to each player with a single word on it. Then she started a Halloween story, using all her words in a sentence. Then it went to the next person and she continued the story, using her words. It went until the last person and she put the end to the story. It was very scary and got more suspenseful as it went along.

District Reports - Barbara Parker made the motion not to read them and Leona Uryga seconded it. Motion carried.

Barbara Parker asked if we still wanted to do the Chinese Auction for convention? Leona Uryga made the motion to go ahead with it. Wanda Johnson seconded it. Motion carried. Barb said she will need 12-14 items. Wanda made the motion to keep Barbara Parker as the chairman, and Barb Kerney seconded it. Motion carried.

Eula said she only has two Miss Flames so far. Lou said the meetings will be at the Ramada Inn at Pendleton Pike for the next year. So

if you do not have your reservations made for February - get them made. The meeting will be on the 7th and the 8th. Wanda Johnson will have the entertainment that night.

With no further business, President Lou ask Chaplain Joann Hays to have a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Gray, IVFAA
Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 10:

The meeting was held in August at Shoney's Restaurant in Shelbyville. There were ten members representing four auxiliaries. Reports were given on the Convention and the State Officers meeting. Election of Officers was held.

Next meeting will be a joint meeting on Wednesday, November 19, at Morrystown Fire Department.

District 11A:

The district held their picnic in September at Raccoon Lake. We had games for the kids and plenty of food. There was a drawing for gifts. Next meeting will be at Jasonville on November 16th.

District 11B:

We hosted District 11A at the annual picnic on September 14th at Raccoon State Park. There was a nice crowd, with lots of good food. There were games for the children as well as the adults.

Next meeting will be November 9th at Reelsville Fire Department.

District 12:

The August 25th meeting was held at the Lost Name Steak House, and hosted by Madison Township Auxiliary. There were ten members and three guests present.

Topics discussed were the convention, By-laws, Riley children's kits and the Miss Flame. Election of officers was held.

The next meeting will be on November 24th and hosted by Lawrence Auxiliary. There will be a \$5.00 Christmas exchange.

District 13 B:

Our meeting was held August 11th at the Centerville Fire Station. Election of officers was held. It was decided that we, along with District 13B, sponsor a Miss Flame.

Our next meeting will be November 10th at the Centerville Fire Station.

To ALL Lois Boaz Recipients

At Convention this year on Thursday and Friday we would like for you to wear your white jackets, for the Opening Meeting and Friday for the Memorial Service and also afternoon meeting.

This is to pay tribute to our beloved friend Eva Gotteche, who passed away in November, 1997, and also in memory to all of our other Lois Boaz "sisters" who have gone to be with our Heavenly Father.

IVFAA Chaplain
Joann Hays

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 3. Submit one (1) application form to the BMV for each license plate you wish to obtain
 - a. Must be an original form.
 - b. Application forms are all computer printed: copies are

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- c. Forms are sent to departments only, not individuals.
4. Mail-in registration is suggested; send your plate form(s) with your plate registration(s).
5. Pay a fee of \$12.00 for each plate to the BMV in addition to the other registration fees & taxes.
6. Purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Central Office.
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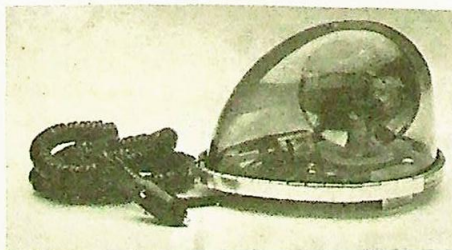
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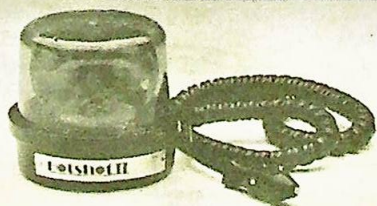
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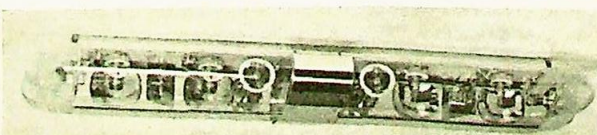
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Minutes of the 1997 IVFA State Convention Indianapolis, Indiana

President Zeeks called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. He requested members stay quiet & speak loud when addressing the meeting.

Chaplain Charlie Baker gave the Invocation. Vice President Jack Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Richard Glant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Zeeks told the membership that it has been a pleasure to serve for the first six months.

Vice President Jack Cox - Passed

Chaplain Charlie Baker reported that it has been an honor to serve the IVFA and that he has visited many fine communities. Charlie thanked Father Lantz for his help and reminded the membership that the Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

President Jack Zeeks informed the membership that State Secretary Tom Hinkle has resigned. Jack Kerney is serving as interim secretary.

Tammy Sedwich - Passed

Jeack Kerney - Passed

Treasurer William Kinsey reported that the Association accounting is now on an off the shelf program and that the district chairmen have an up-to-date financial as of the end of May.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS REPORT

NWPR - Passed

NEPR - Passed

ECPR - Passed

WCPR - Passed

SWPR - Passed

SEPR - In Jamaica working.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1 - Passed

District 2 - Passed

District 3 - Passed

District 4 - Passed

District 5 - Passed

District 6 - Passed

District 7 - Passed

District 8A - Passed

District 8B - Passed

District 9A - Passed

District 9B - Passed

District 10 - Passed

District 11A - Will see everyone in Terre Haute next year.

District 11B - Passed

District 12 - Passed

District 13A - Absent

District 13B - Passed

District 14 - Passed

District 15 - Passed

District 16 - Passed

District 17A - Passed

District 17B - Passed

District 18 - Passed

District 19 - Passed

District 20 - Absent

District 21 - Passed

Past President - Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Report - Mitch Parish reported that the Audit Committee met in May. The committee consists of Buz Koehler, Jack Harker, Luke Kluender, Mitch Parish and John Barr.

John Ferro, Dist. 4, made a motion to accept the Audit Committee's report. Larry Bartlow, Dist. 13, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Editor's Assistant - Bill Howe reported that the newspaper will be mailed on August 1st and that everything must be in by July 10.

Lawrence Swartz - Passed

Legislative Committee - Gene Stofer reported several bills passed. 1201 standards on scene in 10 mins.; 400 gal. for next 30 mins. with 13 man crew; push by union firefighters to eliminate has been defeated for 2 years. Watch NFPA Standards. Will let district charimen know.

Public Education - Jack Parker - Passed

Membership - Carl Bruns - Passed

Bridgeport - Lawrence Swartz reported there are 2 recipients.

Fire Schools & Training - Jack Cox - Passed

Historical - Mitch Parish reported that they have been working on the history book for the last 2 years. So far only 150 have been ordered and printing is on hold until more are ordered. If 500 ordered price is \$18.70 per book, 1000 \$14.09. The Association has already incurred \$4720 in bills on these books. Mitch recommended tabling until more orders are received. If something isn't done, there won't be any more history books. Bill Howe made a motion to discuss purchase of 500. Bob Uryga seconded the motion. Lengthy discussion took place on benefits of history books. Tablets were passed around to take orders.

Bill Howe withdrew his motion. Bob Uryga withdrew his second. Brett Sinebinder made a motion to purchase books for sale and if the demand is higher to purchase another 500. Nelson Ehlers, District 14, seconded the motion. Jim Borman, District 8, asked if more are ordered will there be a discount. Mitch explained that the discount would be only if ordered all at once. Motion carried.

Eula Bush introduced the Miss Flame Contestants and Jack Zeeks gave each contestant a gift from the IVFA. Miss Flame 1997 thanked the IVFA and appreciates everything that was done for her in the past year. Miss 1997 Runner Up thanked everyone for their support.

Jack Zeeks told members they would be billed for historical books.

At this time, I need to call the Mileage and Credentials Committee to come up front. Mr. Kinsey, you may delegate somebody from your district to fill your spot. While we're at it, we might as well get the Roll Call Committee up here. Let's do this right now so we have everything in place. Do you know who you are? All right, Roll Call Committee: Larry Stott, Perry Martin, Tim Martin, Paul Covington, Doug Baker, Don Cushman, Dennis Spears. Mileage and Credentials; Greg Freed, Bob Fleenor, Red Morris, Larry Petro, Don Kissinger, Frank Daunhauer, John Ross, Luke Kluender, and Nelson Ehlers.

Let's do it this way, tell the committee chairman, Bob Uryga, would you take Mr. Baker's place over here. As we continue, Awards, Mr. Cox.

Will the PR Director come up front with Mr. Kerney for a second. Al Mendel, got anything you want to say on the games, sir? The games schedule is on the wall. Games will start at 8 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. We will start promptly at 8 a.m. and the games will be out at the Wayne Township Training Center. We should have all the games over within time for the parade tomorrow afternoon. Other than that, see you in the morning. Mr. Ivan Nevil, sir, would you like to address this body?

Ivan Nevil: Yes. Good morning everybody. We're going to make this kind of short & sweet. We'd like to cover several topics. If you've got

questions on them, wave your arms, hollar or scream.

Next week is Indiana's weekend at the national Fire Academy. Our attendance is down and I don't know why. So that is my first question to you. What can we do to help you get to the Academy for Indiana weekend? We have enrollment for 240 students; we have 125 enrolled. Last year, we had 160 enrolled. I don't know what the problem is: I wish you would tell me.

We'll go to the Certification Program, the old program we're still doing certifications under. January - May, we have certified 2500 firefighters under the personalized safety class, 24 hour and master categories. In addition to that, since last August - December, under the new program, we've had approximately 1400 take the program and out of that 1400 who took the test, we have a pass rate of approximately 82%. Since January - May, we have had an additional 1400 take the test and we have about an 83% pass ratio. How many here have taken one of these tests? Crossover Program/ Firefighter I & Firefighter II? Not too many. We've got a long way to go yet and we realize that. We also realize that there are a lot of firefighters who are not going to take the test because it will not benefit them directly. Under the new program, we have all the patches on order; they are not in yet. But as soon as they come in, the patches and certificates will be sent at one time. Some of you may have already received a certificate from that, that's fine. You may also receive another certificate, when you receive your patches. If you have received a letter or the firefighters who have taken the test on the Pass/Fail, our test scoring is up to speed, we are only two days behind on the grading of our tests, so we have caught up there.

Next Sunday, June 20, 1997 in addition to Indiana Weekend, the American Legion has their

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA - NOVEMBER 1, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Zeeks with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. Vice President Cox led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest Tim Downey spoke on Accident & Health Benefits. He stated in 1988 the Legislature authorized Workman's Compensation medical only for volunteer firefighters. In Indiana, under worker's compensation medical coverage is unlimited by dollar amount, there is no upper limit. Regardless of what the bill is under worker's compensation, the bill is paid. In Indiana, the way the system works the fire company makes application to assign risk mechanism and they assign a company who must issue the policy and do business with you. In Indiana there are eight insurance companies that service the assigned risk for medical only worker's compensation. Since July 1, 1988, all of these companies have ceased doing business in Indiana offices. They all have moved out of state for a variety of reasons. It has become a nightmare to do business with these out-of-state companies. T. R. Downey would like to put the Insurance Commission on notice that the system needs to be changed. They would like to put the system on notice on IVFA stationary, that the IVFA will not tolerate this type of business any longer. If the Insurance Commission does not change the system, we will go to the Legislature and get it changed for them. T. R. Downey is asking the authority to do this in our behalf. They will ask the Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau to assign one company to service all accounts, and they must do it in Indiana.

A motion was made by Don Johnson and seconded by Nelson Ehlers. Motion carried by a show of hands vote. Bob Fleener asked if there was a name & phone number that you could call and see if you have Workmen's Compensation insurance. Mr. Downey said to contact the Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau. The manager's name is Ron Cooper at 317 842-2800, ext. 301. In Indiana, the law doesn't require you to send the insurance company membership roster. If you do, you may be held to that these are only the people that are covered under workmen's compensation. When you take on new members, and they are not on the list, they may not be covered. The Insurance Committee will be kept informed of the progress.

Guest Tammy Sedwick, IVFA Central Office, reported that 250 license plate forms have been asked for along with their \$5 fee. She said she needs at least a 30 day notice to get the forms out to the individuals. She stated most license branches will grant you an extension. Tammy passed out the district membership lists to all district chairmen.

President Zeeks asked for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made by Mike Mackin & seconded by Larry Petro to accept minutes as distributed. Motion passed by a show of hands vote.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President - Jack Zeeks reported he has done no traveling in the 3 months. Zeeks read a letter from the IVFAA President Lou Bartlow, asking for the IVFA's old computer when the new one is put on line. A discussion was held on the condition of the old computer. This will require board action. President Zeeks stated that there would be a lady coming to address the body, Sunday, to present a check to the organization for the purchase of smoke detectors.

Meetings for 1998 will be Feb. 7 & 8; May 2 & 3; August 8 & 9; and Nov. 7 & 8 at the same location (Ramada Inn N/E Indpls.) Room cost will be the same as '97, \$52 a night. Zeeks stated the officers call list will be revised to address the criteria that the phone call will be made.

Vice President - Jack Cox reported he has been in the hospital with a heart problem; but he is doing fine at this time. He reported he hasn't been able to travel.

Chaplain - Charlie Baker reported he has moved, but his phone number is the same. A dedication was held at Brownsburgh for their new facility. District chairman guide books are not yet completed. Should be completed by next officer's meeting. Nothing has been started on PR hand book. Meeting will be held about 9 p.m. to set some guidelines.

Assistant Chaplain - Father Lantz reported he attended one dedication and 3 memorial services. He also read several thank you letters.

Sgt.-At-Arms - Bush reported he has been working on the '98 convention.

Convention Chairman - Bill Bush handed out proposed convention schedules for '98. All convention information will be in the IVFA paper. Items to be raffled include "Little Big Truck" and a grandfather clock. There will be a get-together for the Wednesday arrivals at the fairgrounds, along with a DJ, followed by fireworks. Thursday evening will be the Opening Session at South Vigo School, followed by entertainment of an "Elvis" impersonator. Back at the hotel, the "Firehouse Rhythm Band" will perform. Get confirmation for room reservations.

Treasurer - Bill Kinsey reported as of Oct. 31, 1997 total assets of \$503,241, income of \$276,402, expenses of 186,275, net income of \$90,127. Bridgeport total equity of \$76,443, Bridgeport income of \$1,525, expenses of \$6,000, net income of \$4,475. A motion was made by Bob Uryga and seconded by Larry Bartlow to accept the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried by a show of hands vote. Kinsey reported he received a check from an anonymous donor, to be put into the Bridgeport Fund, of \$3,245. Kinsey reported the proposed budget for '98 will be projected income of \$299,500 and projected expenses of \$299,500. Approval will take board action. Total 1997 membership 16,185.

Meeting adjourned until 7:00 p.m.

Meeting call to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Zeeks.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS REPORTS

PRNW - Buz Koehler made some of his meetings.

PRNE - Richard Glant made all district meetings.

PREC - Don Cushman made part of his meetings.

PRWC - Don Johnson made all of his meetings.

PRSW - Jack Kerney traveled over 1200 miles, attended 5 dist. meetings, 4 chiefs meetings, 3 Board of FP&S meetings, 2 co. meetings, 1 dist. picnic, 1 dept. fundraiser, 1 dist. parade & 1 award presentation.

PRSE - Nelson Ehlers made all of his meetings.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 - Bill Howe reported 3 deaths since August. Next meeting at Lake Ridge on Nov. 19.

District 2 - Larry Stott reported Lowell Fire Dept. celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Two deaths in the district, 1 Gold Card member.

District 3 - Bob Uryga attended 3 dist. meeting with pretty good

attendance. The last meeting at Hamlet had a political candidate there. Next dist. meeting will be Nov. 20 at Noble Twp.

District 4 - Greg Freed reported it was quiet in district with one death. Next meeting Nov. 13.

District 5 - Don Kissinger reported he made all meetings and attended one memorial service and funeral service. Next meeting Nov. 13.

District 6 - Mike Mackin reported 2 deaths, one in line of duty, and one dedications.

District 7 - Mort Sorg reported he presented a Gold Card. Next meeting Nov 17 at Hoagland, with Miss Flame judging.

District 8A - Bob Fleener reported attending an Open House at Center Twp. There was one death. Next meeting Nov. 13.

District 8B - Larry Petro reported he's been under the weather and hadn't attended many meetings. Next meeting Nov. 13.

District 9A - Charlie Cline reported meetings have been well attended and next meeting will be Dec. 4.

District 9B - Ed Brettin reported good attendance at meetings and next meeting will be Nov. 13.

District 10 - David Israel reported one death. Next meeting Nov. 19.

District 11A - Red Morris reported traveling 700 miles the last quarter. Next meeting Nov. 16 at Jasonville.

District 11B - Larry Bartlow reported meetings have been well attended. Next meeting at Reelsville.

District 12 - John Ross reported 2 deaths with one being Gold Card member. Next meeting Nov. 12.

District 13A - Tim Martin reported 3 meetings with good attendance. Next meeting on Nov. 20.

District 13B - Dennis Spears reported having poor attendance at meeting. Next meeting will be Nov. 18.

District 14 - Nelson Ehlers reported one death. Meetings have had poor attendance. Next meeting will be Nov. 19.

District 15 - John Barr reported last meeting well attended. Next meeting Nov. 18.

District 17A - Jack Harker reported he & Jack Kerney attended and judged the contest at Greene Co. Field Days. Next meeting at Oden which will be their Turkey Bar-B-Q. Jan 17 Vincennes Sausage supper.

District 17B - Luke Kluender reported meetings having poor turnouts. Next meeting at Ellettsville.

District 18 - Frank Daunhauer reported Fire Prevention Parade well attended. They selected their Miss Flame. He presented one Gold Card. Next meeting at Gentryville on Nov. 20.

District 19 - Paul Covington, absent.

District 20 - Tony Palmiero, absent.

District 21 - Perry Martin reported last meetings poorly attended. Next meeting on Dec. 29.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Richard Glant - passed

Mitch Parish - passed

Ivan Nevil - reported he has old IVFA flag in his possession. You may call if you need it.

Lawrence Swartz - passed

Carl Bruns - passed

Jim Parker - passed

Bill Engle - passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ivan Nevil passed out new forms that the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards & Education have developed for the new certification program. The Application For Firefighter Certification is to be used for all certifications. If you are training to 1st or 2nd Class firefighter, use Firefighter I & Firefighter II, cross it out and put 1st or 2nd class. Application For Course Certification to be used for all courses except 24-hour. The practical skills evaluator must be an Instructor II or III. The Request For Testing Application needs to be sent in 30 days prior to the date you are going to schedule your test. Re-certification for Indiana Certified Fire Instructor can be used for any classes taught, including 24 hr., etc. and in-house training. Do not send this form in until your 3-year window is up. Instructor I must do 30 hours of instruction during that 3-year window. They don't have to be certified classes. Roster For Student Participation needs to be sent in with the request for testing 30 days prior to, so the office will know how many students are in the class.

Ivan passed out information for class to the National Fire Academy. They are looking for firefighters to fill these classes.

NVFC will present seminar at Wayne Twp. on Volunteer Fire Dept. Leadership Management.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Leadership Conference will be held at Wayne Twp. on Nov. 8 & 9.

A training session will be held on Emergency Response to Terrorism Basic Concepts on Jan. 10 & 11 at Carmel. At Lebanon on Feb. 7 & 8 Basic Life Support Haz-Mat Train The Trainer. At New Haven on March 28 & 29 Incident Command EMS Train The Trainer.

Indiana Weekend at National Fire Academy July 18 & 19.

Ivan passed out materials and applications for the Revolving Loan Fund. The fund is to be paid back at 2% below bank prime. Minimum of \$10,000, maximum of \$150,000. If money is available there will be a drawing twice a year. Next drawing in June.

Meeting adjourned until Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

President Zeeks called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Minute Message presented by Chaplain Baker.

President Zeeks welcomed guest Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, who in turn introduced Tammy Walker of the Insurance Institute of Indiana. She announced the Institute has launched Operation Smoke Alarm and has awarded monies to four metropolitan areas, Indianapolis, Evansville, Ft. Wayne & Gary and the IVFA. The money will provide 600 smoke detectors to volunteer fire service. The detectors must be purchased from First Alert and one must be purchased for the hearing impaired. A check was presented to President Zeeks for \$3,605 for the 600 detectors.

Marshal Boatwright expanded on the low interest loan program. First draw will be Dec. 1, 1998.

The 1-800-FIRE-LINE is on line and operational. This allows anyone wishing to join a volunteer fire company to call this number and the operator will take the information and forward it to the appropriate fire dept. This program is underwritten by the Prudential Insurance Co.

Editor's Assistant - Bill Howe reported paper is about ready for press. Next articles due Jan 10.

Advertisement - Lawrence Swartz reported Nov. edition of paper has 31 ads printed and projected income will be \$4,796.15. Income received so far from the

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Fallen Firefighters Hero Memorial Service at the Rotunda in the Capitol downtown. The program starts at 1:00 p.m.

Last year, we were very unfortunate in the fire service as a whole. July 26th Donald Grayley, Pigeon Twp., lost his life responding to an incident in a private vehicle. John Swan, LaGrove-Wabash Co., was responding to an incident in his privately owned vehicle. He arrived and was shot to death before he got out of his car to respond as a first responder on a shooting incident. Had no idea what he was driving into. Laura Halsley, from Stroh, first volunteer woman firefighter, was killed in a head-on collision with another vehicle as she was driving an ambulance. Bryant Alrook, a paramedic, riding in the back of the ambulance was also killed. He was a volunteer firefighter in one of the departments in LaGrange Co., Recently, Frank Yoburt from Portage Fire Dept., a career dept., but still a firefighter no less, was injured in an ambulance, passed away as a result of his injuries. There was one state police officer killed in May on Interstate 74 in Decatur County.

Train the Trainer programs: We have 3 programs through the National Fire Academy scheduled this year. January 10, we'll be getting all this information. None of the programs will happen until 1998. At Mt. Carmel, January 10 & 11 is Emergency Response Terrorism Basic Concepts. Since terrorism is getting to be a by-word throughout the industry, all the programs that have been out there so far address law enforcement needs. They do not address the needs and responses that we as firefighters have. That will be a Train the Trainer that makes anybody who wants to go to that aware of what's going on. We have a course being held at the National Fire Academy, in the week of July, which will be a Train the Trainer for select individuals in the State. Later this fall, and I don't have the applications with me, a week long course for contract instructors for the National Fire Academy for the terrorism courses that deal strictly with fire & EMS first response. February 7 & 8 at Lebanon, we have a basic life support HazMat and March 28 & 29 at New Haven, Adams Twp., we have an Incident

Command System for EMS. Those are 3 of the courses we have going on and scheduled for later this year. Recently, due to all the arson incidents that have been happening throughout the U.S. in churches, Indiana was given \$12,000 to do arson training.

We have sponsored courses at no cost; some 3 day courses, some 6 day. The 6 day course was Fire Cause & Determination for company officers. That was Montana's course that they only have at the National Fire Academy. The others were new 2-day programs on arson prevention & first response. Both courses were relatively new to the firefighting community. We've had good attendance at both. Within the last 3 weeks, we have received an additional \$12,000 to purchase some equipment to put into the Arson Division. They are trying to change the criteria for using the money this time. The first time it was all training.

Interruption - I need to interrupt Ivan for a second, I apologize. People, the Roll Call sheets are coming back to you. District chairmen, you did not list yourself as a voting person in the back. You didn't list a State Officer as a voting person in the back. You have to have somebody sign it to attest as a witness. The new forms didn't have all of this on it to explain it, so this is coming back to you. Thanks.

Under the new \$12,000, we're going to buy some equipment to enable the arson investigators in the State of Indiana to better enhance their work on what they do. We're going to use it for two purposes. One is for a burn reporting system. At the present time, all doctors & hospitals are required to file a report with the State on burns. Then we have a file on it that you as an arson investigator can use if you're having problems solving a case. We may have a burn victim from that case that will help you tie it together. So we're going to bring all the burn reporting in; this was formerly in the EMS Division because that's where the statutes said it was to go. We're going to bring it over to the Marshal's Office, put it on computer and also use it to track suspected adults. Individuals that may be involved in a case that you give their names to the arson investigators. It will be accessible by codes for the arson investigators only. When that individual leaves their position, we will assign a new name & number to access the computer. We're going to make it as secure as we and our computer programmers possibly can.

Last week the Public Safety Training Institute Board met. Lawrence Swartz was appointed to the Board. He now represents you on that board and if you have any ideas on the direction or non-direction of PSTI, please get them to Lawrence so he can take them to the meetings and act on them.

The new schedules for the 1997/98 VIP Program, which is open for volunteers only, are available. If anybody is interested in attending, please let me know. come up and get one of these so that you can go. The interest is building throughout the state because we have more & more firefighters calling and asking for applications. And they do have some tremendous programs. These two guys sitting here to my left have been there, and I look out and see several faces that I know or names that I recognize that I have signed for them to attend the Academy. The only thing it costs you is the meals and they run about \$15 a day for 3 buffet style meals. Thank you.

Thanks, Ivan. Everything is going real smooth. I'd like to thank everybody for helping out. If everybody would like to stand for a bit and stretch, soon as Mr. Shanks gets back we'll continue.

Mr. Shanks is here and he will go over the legislative with you.

Good morning, everyone, good to see you. We have produced a legislative report for the annual conference. I don't know how that was distributed or was it distributed? It was pointed out to me earlier in a report that I had made to the Board of Directors that we had evidently omitted a bill which is covered in this particular document which will be distributed today. There was a Bill, 1150, dealing with residency, which was not included. Just to give you an idea of what happened during the session. This was a budget year so it's a tradition in Indiana that you have a special session. There was lots of speculation that the Legislature would be able to get the budget done during the regular session: they did not. During the first session, the House of Representatives introduced 1053 bills and the Senate introduced 520 bills. Of the original 1573 bills introduced, 255 bills were passed by the General Assembly. It's interesting to note that the legislative process is really designed to defeat legislation, not encourage its passage. There are so many points at which a bill can die, it's absolutely incredible. You can have a bill that will go through both Houses of the Legislature and because it's a popular bill with no opposition, it can get into a Conference Committee because someone else sees it as an opportunity to get something else done. It can die on the last night because they ran out of time: because the Conference Committee report didn't get filed. So, it's an amazing process. As you can see, only 255 bills out of almost 1600 actually made it through. The Governor vetoed 5, signed 244 into law and allowed one act to become law without his signature. 1997 Special Session, the Senate introduced 13 bills and the House introduced one. Ultimately, 6 of these were passed and signed into law by the Governor. The IVFA supported and opposed a number of bills this year. I'll give you a brief description of the bills that passed and the ones that didn't succeed. Of major interest in the special session, of course, was the budget. That came to the special session in the form of Set & Role Act VI. So in your report that will be the first bill you see and there will be a small ss beside it which indicates special session. Of

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Officers announced for Pershing Township VFD

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department has announced the slate of officers for 1998.

Gregory E. Sutton will continue to serve as corporation President and chairman of the board of directors.

Fire Chief Richard Blaker, Sr will begin his 14th year in that office on January 1, 1998.

Michael Hall was elected to serve as corporation Secretary and will manage the department's correspondence, filing, and record keeping.

Rebecca D. Scott will serve again as department Treasurer and Public Relations Officer.

Vice Presidential offices will be held by Joseph McDermid and Mike Hall.

Chief Blaker announced his selection of fire command officers who will assist in commanding all emergency incidents.

Rebecca D. Scott will serve as Deputy Fire Chief and Medical Officer.

First Assistant Fire Chief will be Doyle Lyon, and Greg Sutton will fill the Second Assistant Fire Chief's role.

Denver Edwards was reappointed First Captain and Walter Wayt as Second Captain.

First Lieutenant position went to Jaffrey Ferguson and Steve Bevers continues as Second Lieutenant.

"Our command staff is very qualified and have proven themselves by many years of dedicated service," said Blaker.

"We have people who have trained to advanced levels, most of which hold multiple Master Firefighter certifications.

"The community has a lot to be proud of and grateful for. I feel very secure in knowing that my family is protected by decision makers of this mettle."

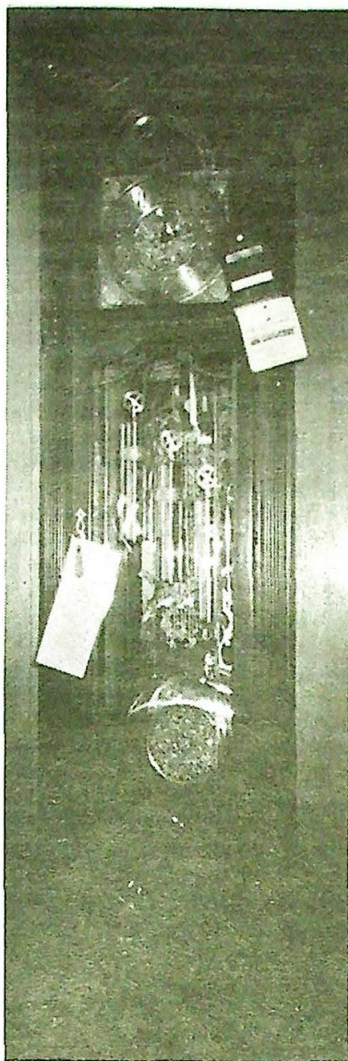
Pershing Township firefighters for 1998 will include Lyle Ault, Michael Rudolph, Ed Roseberry, Tom Ault, Joseph McDermid, Richard Stilwell, Shane Loper, Kevin Hanner, John Ferguson, Joey Francis, Michael Hall, Marvin Fleenor, Douglas McKinney, Robert Williams, Jr., Robert Beatty, Tony Edwards and Jason Wynn.

Cadet firefighters include Angela Fleenor, Stephanie Mellenbruch, Clint Rudolph, and Jason Weddle.

New probationary firefighters are Gregory Wilson and Wayne Caffey.

The all volunteer fire department based in Freetown provides fire protection and suppression to residents of Pershing Township in Northern Jackson County.

The department maintains working mutual aid agreements with other Jackson Co. Fire Departments and assists in medical/rescue calls in assistance to Jackson County Ambulance Service.



MORE CONVENTION INFORMATION ON PAGES 22 - 24 and 27

Public Relations Northeast



Richard 'Dick' Glant

1998 Convention Raffle

The Convention '98 Committee thinks that we have some really neat prizes this year and that everyone will want to take a chance.

First prize will be the "Lil Big Truck".

Second prize a grandfather clock.

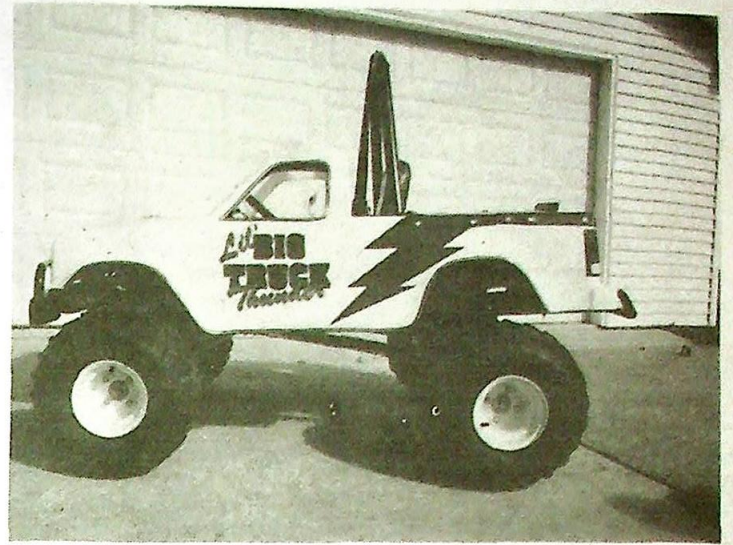
And third prize a fire truck telephone.

Take a look at the picture of the fire truck. Pretty cool!

And what about the clock. It would look great in most any house.

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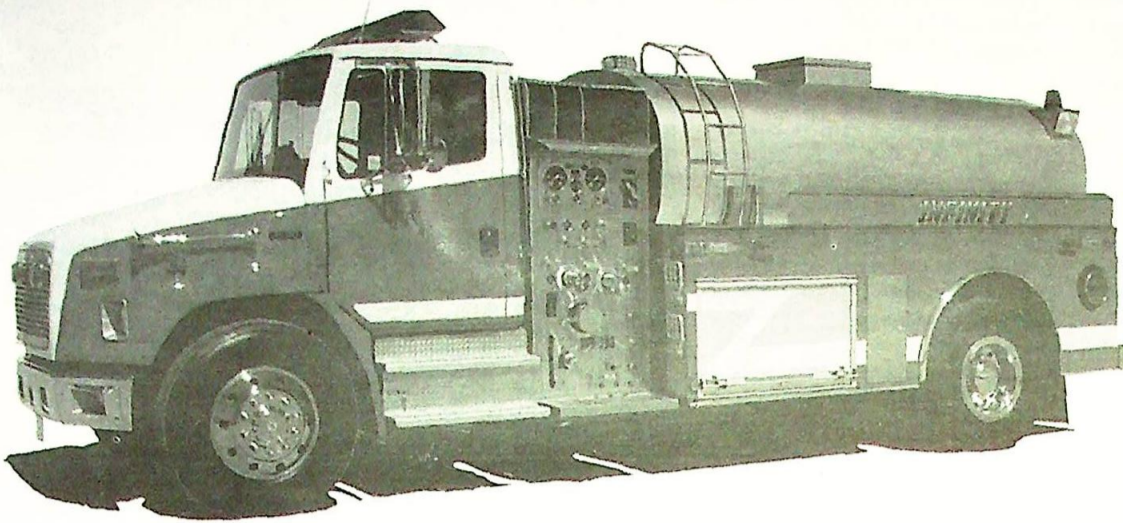
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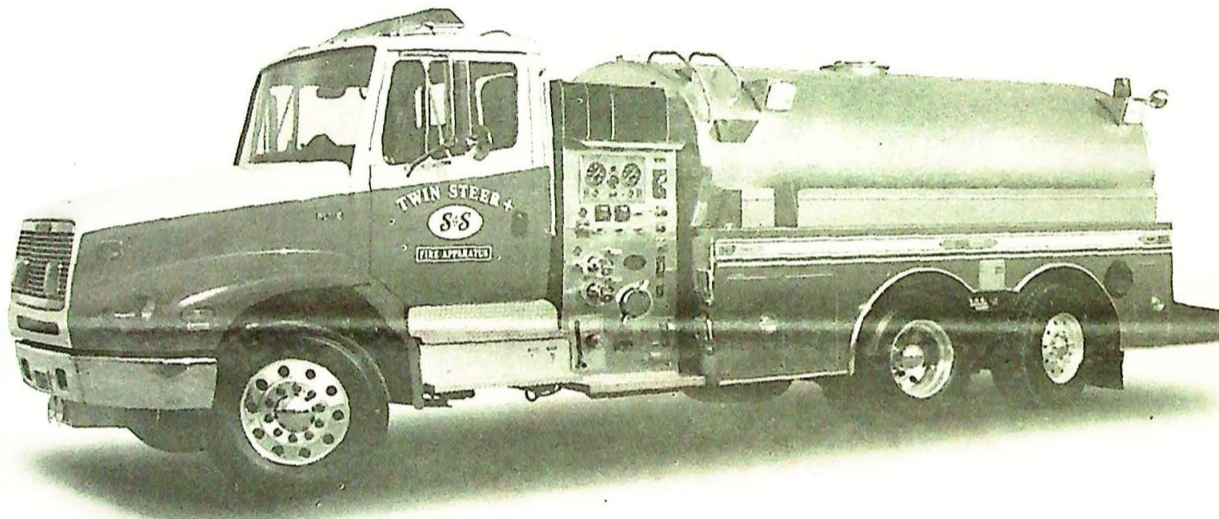
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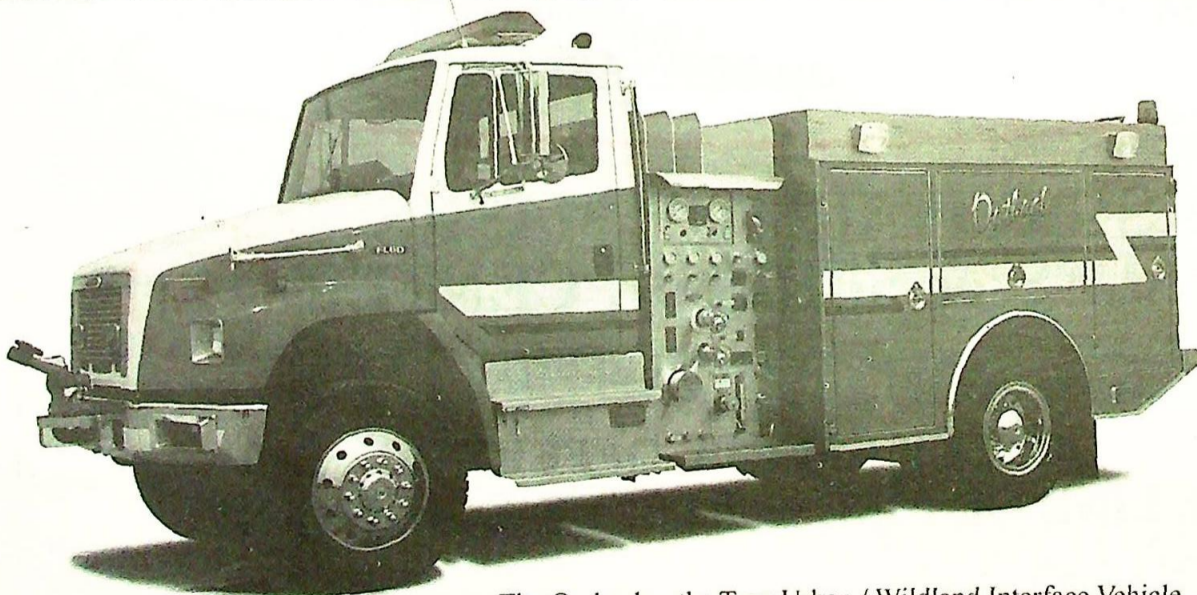
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ning the decoding of digital code from publication. This affords a means of ensuring against the interception of wireless telephone calls on shared frequencies while maintaining the right of scanner users to monitor other communications as guaranteed by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

Once again, the participation of the NVFC and its members has had a direct and positive impact on the legislative process. This action has ensured that fire departments will continue to ben-

efit from the use of affordable radio scanners.

The NVFC applauds Rep. Tauzin and his staff for their constructive efforts to resolve the volunteer fire services concerns with H.R. 2369.

As the bill proceeds to consideration in the full House Commerce Committee, and on the House Floor, the NVFC will continue to work to resolve any outstanding technical issues and preserve the important balance of interest achieved by the Subcommittee.

Greene Co. Firefighters Association elections held

The annual election meeting of the Greene County Firefighters Association was held at the Switz City Fire Station on Monday, January 12, 1998.

The officers elected were:

- President - Jim Abrams, Highland Township Fire Department
- 1st Vice President - Mike McCafferty, Worthington Fire Department
- 2nd Vice President - Glenn Miller, Eastern Fire Department
- Secretary - Kallie Rehmel, Wright Township Fire Department
- Treasurer - Diana Harrison, Lewis Township Fire Department
- Training Officer - Doug Stahl, Worthington Fire Department
- Publicity Officer - Johnny Johnson, Richland-Taylor Fire Department

The next meeting will be held at the Lewis Township Fire Station on February 10, 1998, with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30.

Scanner Legislation Revised

The fire service has been deeply concerned about the threat posed to public safety agencies by H.R. 2369, a bill intended to strengthen laws against eavesdropping of cellular phone calls.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) supports the bill's stated goal of preventing eavesdropping of private wireless communications. However in its original form, H.R. 2369 would have prohibited fire departments from using scanners for legitimate public safety purposes. The NVFC has been part of a coalition of fire service representatives, scanner users, and scanner manufacturers who have been working with Congress to revise this potentially detrimental legislation.

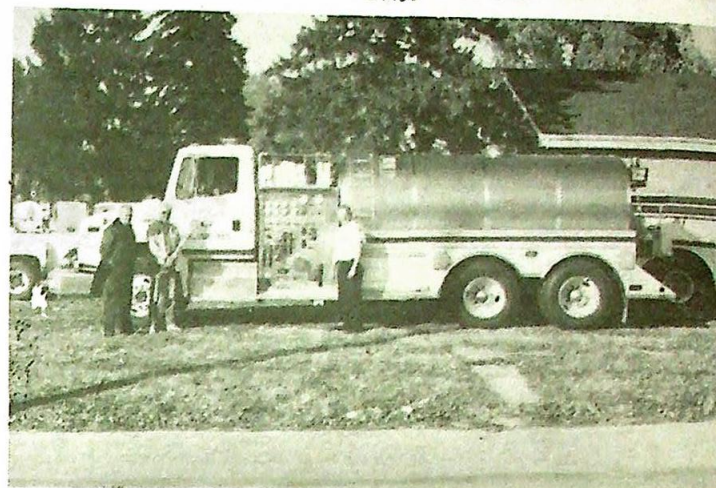
The principal sponsor of the bill, Rep. Billy Tauzin, Chairman of the House Telecommunications Subcommittee, his staff and other Subcommittee members responded to the concerns of the scanner community and the volunteer fire service by narrowing the bill in a manner that preserved its intended goal of enhancing the privacy of wireless communications while eliminating its adverse impact on the legitimate uses of scanners. The revised bill was approved by the Telecommunications Subcommittee on October 29 and awaits consideration by the full House Commerce Committee.

The new bill helps guard against cellular eavesdropping by strengthening laws against the illegal modifications and use of scanning receivers and by extending current law provisions that bar the manufacturing of scanners that can receive cellular on PCS frequencies. The bill also protects the privacy of wireless telephone services that share frequencies with other publicly accessible transmissions by ban-

Please have your information into our office by April 10, 1998 to appear in the May issue.

See front page for details.

Gaston VFD



Pictured with new pumper-tanker (l-r) are Lt. Ron Ragland, Assistant Chief Mike Dobbs and Chief Mike Delaney

The Gaston Volunteer Fire Department has taken possession of a new pumper-tanker which replaces a 1976 converted milk truck. The primary mission of this piece of equipment is water support. However, it can be used as a pumper in extinguishing a fire, or a transfer pumper if a water supply is beyond normal bounds. Drafting capability is available on the left and right side and the front.

The chassis holds a 2700 gal tank, a 325 Cummins engine and has a automatic transmission. It holds two air packs with four extra bottles, 200 ft. of inch and a half and 250 ft. of two and a half inch. There is additional room for rescue equipment. Two firemen can sit in the cab. The passenger side seat has a built-in air pack so that the fireman can exit the truck and immediately engage in firefighting. The tank can hold 2734 gallons and dump its load in (according to the manufacturer) 90 seconds. However, in training classes, it was dumped in 55 seconds. "Being able to dump your load in a matter of seconds vs 20 minutes with #92 is the difference in saving someone's home or life," according to Mike Dobbs, Assistant Chief.

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interest to the volunteer fire service in the budget bill was \$5 million taken from the Build Indiana Fund.

The rules to implement the Revolving Loan Fund have finally been promulgated and that fund should be active this fall. You should be getting applications from the Fire Marshal's office in late October. What happened with the budget bill, with this \$5 million they created a Grant Program to specific volunteer fire depts. that were listed in this bill. If you had approached a member of the General Assembly from your district with projects that your fire dept. was interested in, you would probably already know if it was in the budget bill. If you don't know, you can contact our office and we'll look at the bill and tell you what happened. Most likely, if it passed, with your dept. in it, your legislator let you know the next day because that's very important to take care of the depts. with their districts. So this \$5 million became a grant program as opposed to a revolving loan program and it's still subject to approval by the State Budget Agency upon application by the dept. to get that money. House Enrolled Act 1406 was the bill dealing with the revolving loan fund that was created and administered by the State Fire Marshal. Part of the problem in getting the rules promulgated were concerns of the Attorney General's office regarding the language of the bill that was passed in '95. The revolving loan fund will be back. Part of what the 1406 did was expand the entities that were able to use the fund to include townships operating their own fire depts. for areas outside the corporate boundaries of the municipality & the municipalities providing fire protection by contract or agreement to the township or the area outside the corporate boundary of the municipality.

In the original, there were no specific dates or application for distributions of the funds: that was cured in 1406. This act clarified that the application dates will now be Nov. 16 for loans to be considered at the Dec. 1 date, and May 17 for loans considered on June 1. This also removed the criteria for the granting of these loans of the ability to repay as a statutory consideration. You may remember in the original bill in '95 the legislature established some criteria that the Fire Marshal's office was to take into consideration in their rating plan. The

ability to pay for many depts. that are operating on a shoestring and really need the money the most was one of the criteria and it seemed to be self-defeating. Certainly the depts. are expected to repay, but on paper many depts. look far worse than they actually are because of the way the funds come into them. So now it's no longer part of the criteria. It is certainly still going to be a requirement that they be repaid, but the ability to repay is no longer a criteria.

House Rule Act 1431. This is one that we got involved in late in the session. We were following it in the House and because of some of the requirements in the House, we didn't think it would go very far, but it did. This bill is referred to as Emily's Bill. This was the bill that came about as the result of a terrible tragedy at Old Indiana Fun Park. Had the bill only applied to amusement parks, we really wouldn't have had much interest in it. The problem is it affected carnivals. Many depts. rely on revenues from carnivals to make their money. After the bill passed the House and it included carnivals, then we stated receiving some phone calls as the publicity got out that there was concern on the part of the depts. that this bill be amended so it didn't put their carnivals out of business. As you may recall from the news media, Emily Hunt, 4, was paralyzed from the waist down as a result of the injuries at Old Indiana. Her father became the champion of the cause of safety in amusement rides. This was a small train. It was not by definition a kiddie ride, but it looked like a kiddie ride. It occurred on Grandparents Day '97. Her grandmother was killed in the accident and several others were injured. A big part of the problem, according to them, was the failure of the State to properly inspect it.

There were a variety of proposals that were brought before committees of the Legislature on this bill. Some of which were so strict & expensive that carnivals were telling us if it passed, they wouldn't be back in Indiana. In fact, some of you may have experienced the situation that we heard about where some carnivals during the session were simply not booking dates in Indiana until they saw what happened on 1431. The bill did pass: everyone seemed happy. I don't think you'll have any problems with your carnivals coming back in. The insurance standard that was adopted is pretty much a national standard now for the insurance of carnivals & amusement parks. Many of the amusement parks already had insurance far in excess of the amounts

required by this bill. One of the major things that occurred in this bill is that an agency, a board, will be established with full-time focus on amusement ride safety. Heretofore, inspection of rides in both parks & carnivals have been conducted by elevator inspectors, many of whom, we were told, were not specifically trained regarding amusement rides nor were they certified by the national body that certifies amusement ride inspectors. Now I think we have 8 or 9 inspectors that are certified at Level I by NARSO which is going to raise the standard of safety substantially in Indiana. This was a good bill. Hopefully, it will strengthen the inspection process that is now used to inspect amusement rides.

Another bill that passed that affects the fire service is Senate Bill 483. This is a bill that was somewhat curious, but I think it will help a bunch. Often, police & fire agencies are the targets of scam artists who make phone calls & solicitations saying they represent a particular fire or police dept. trying to raise money for children's projects or fire prevention, and they're bogus. They aren't part of the fire group at all. The pattern is usually that they will call and say they're with so and so dept. and you gave \$20 last year, which is a lie, but people don't remember, and can we count on you for another \$20 this year. We get all sorts of phone solicitations and, if it's a public safety or public service organization, people are usually pretty willing to contribute. And of course you are usually busy when they call, maybe having dinner, and you think oh, sure, if I did last year I will again this year. Then this is the key - they say can we come over and pick that up tonight? How many of you have had that happen? I have, they got me for \$50 last year. Very, very well done; it was for the DARE program that the Anderson Police Dept. was supposedly running. I don't know if they ever caught the guys; I wish I'd caught them. But it happens a lot, so this bill will make it a criminal offense to use the name of a public safety agency or language that implies that you have a connection with a public safety agency in fund raising unless it is in fact the agency that is doing this. The bill goes into effect July 1, 1997 and it makes it a Class C infraction. Now, a Class C is not a terribly heinous crime; I was disappointed they didn't make it a Class A misdemeanor where you could get time for this as well as a fine, but it's a start. I anticipate that there will be a move to increase the penalty for all of the crimes under this section. They did make it a Class A misdemeanor under certain circumstances, but getting a prosecutor to prosecute a Class A sometimes is tedious. But if you can prove it was intentional and they didn't have the permission of the agency, then it could be a Class A misdemeanor. We'll see what happens. You might be vigilant in your communities where anyone is using the name of your dept. or district of the IVFA to raise money.

House Role Act 1141. This act allows Armstrong Township of Bedford Co. to transfer up to \$18,000 from its general fund to its firefighting fund and further allows that twp. to impose & access fire levies in differing amounts for 3 years with the last 3 levies becoming the base line for future years. This was one that really only affected that twp., but I thought you would want to know about it.

Bill 1150, the bill that I indicated earlier had been omitted from the Board of Directors

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Don Johnson

Hi! I am still among the living. I have attended all of my meetings, except Districts 11A & 11B in November, due to taking the EMT Transitional course when it was available.

I would like someone from District 20 to contact me about a solution to their meeting problems. The members in District 20 are being short-changed because they are not getting a lot of valuable information about the issues concerning the volunteer fire service.

I enjoy all the meetings, especially at the small departments. I want them to know I am available to help any IVFA member that needs help.

At the last meeting I attended, we talked about the state loans. One department stated they went to their own bank and got a much better interest rate. So, it is in your best interest to shop around.

I'm sorry I missed the last publication of the newspaper. I hope everyone had a nice holiday, and I hope you have a wonderful new year.

**Bill Kinsey
receives
the
Sherlock
Award**

Bill Kinsey was presented with the "Sherlock Award" for his activities as President of the Fire and Arson Specialized Team of Allen County (FAST) by Roland Sumney, Vice President of the Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company at the December 1997 annual convention of the Mutual Insurance Companies Association of Indiana.

The award was presented for Bill's activities in organizing the FAST Team and serving as its President for twenty years. The FAST Team investigates fires, determining origin and cause in Allen County.

The FAST Team was recognized by the IAAI for innovative methods of deterring arson using an all-volunteer task force concept in August of 1978.

Bill has been a member of the St. Joseph Township Fire Department since 1957, serving as Chief for eight years and Chief Fire Investigator for over twenty years.

Bill served as Chairman of the Firefighting Personnel Standards Board from 1984 through 1992.

Bill has received both the Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award and the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

He has also received Firefighter of the Year awards from the Optimist Club, American Legion, Allen County Firefighters Association and St. Joseph Township Fire Department.

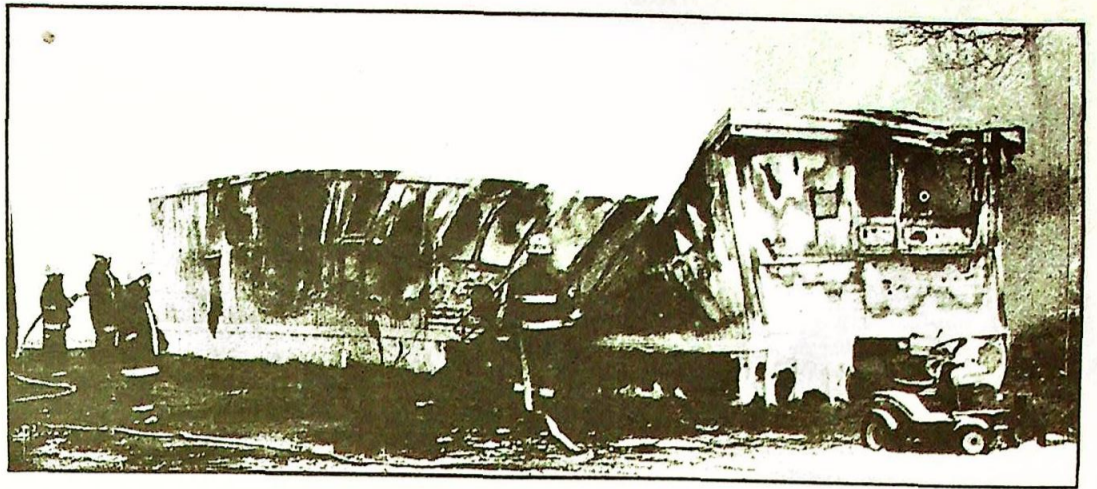
He has also received the IVFA President's Award as well as the Midwest Award.

Bill started his duties with the IVFA as Public Relations Director Northeast and is presently Secretary/Treasurer for the IVFA.

He currently is employed by T. R. Downey Insurance, teaching emergency vehicles driver training.

Bill's father was a charter member of Washington Township Fire Department in Allen County and his son, Peter, is a firefighter with Indiana Air National Guard at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Fire destroys Medora home



The Carr Township Volunteer Fire Department firefighters are pictured at the scene of a blaze that destroyed a mobile home in Medora, Indiana.

Firefighters from the Carr Township Volunteer Fire Department were at the scene of a blaze that destroyed a mobile home that was the residence of the Terry Jones family at 3163 South County Road, 740 West, Medora, Indiana.

The fire was reported at 9:52 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 1997.

No one was at home at the time of the fire, and the blaze destroyed the mobile home and all the contents and belongings of the Jones family.

Cause of the fire was not immediately known and is still under investigation at the time of this writing.

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Report, provides that a city township or township firefighter must live in Indiana either in the county in which the twp. is located or a county contiguous thereto. It also allows small municipalities to adopt rules consistent with this and tighter.

House Enroll Act 1301. The act amends the 1996 non-code act to authorize a local unit of government to allow open burning of leaves at a residence in an unincorporated and non containment area between Oct. 1 - Nov. 30, formerly Dec. 1. Another period of time would be April 1-30. This is new; there hadn't been a spring period before. Burning must be in a qualified container and leaf pick-up must not be available to residents. This non-code section expires Jan. 1, 1999, Non-code section simply means this will not appear as part of the Indiana code, although it's part of the law. As non-code sections are generally laws that have a very short life. This is one of them.

House Enroll Act 1575. The act permits the statewide Fire & Building Safety Education Fund to be used by the Fire Marshal to sponsor training conferences. It allows the Fire Marshal to charge fees for training conferences with the funds being deposited in the educational fund.

Senate Bill 318. This bill made numerous changes to the laws regulating games of chance. Remember last year at the convention, we talked about the bill that passed with regard to bingo. Particularly, a thing called the 90/60 rule. Going through the session, we tried to get information from the depts. that were gaming and the information we received indicated that it would probably not impact our dept. Well, when we got to the convention last year, we had 4 or 5 depts. come up and say we think it might impact us. One of the neat things that happened in the interim is that the Dept. of Revenue created a new form called the CG21 used to figure what the gross gaming revenue was, allowed the gaming entities to deduct prize payouts. That made a whole bunch of difference. After you take out prize payouts, which can be 75, 80, 90% of your gross that ameliorated the impact on our depts. who had large gain. We offered a bill which would ameliorate the impact of the 90/60 despite

Interruption - Have all district chairmen turned in their delegate's expense vouchers? If you don't have them up here, complete them and bring them to us so you can get paid.

Agricultural Fireworks. Traditionally, the volunteer fire service has opposed fireworks. As you know, we have sort of a strange fireworks law in Indiana where you can pretty much get fireworks anyway you want. This was a particularly curious bill that even gutted that. Basically, what is said was if you were going to scare birds or other varmints away from your crops, whatever that is, you could pretty much buy whatever you wanted. I suppose dynamite, plastic explosives, whatever you wanted, just blow them away. We thought we had that cured and actually offered some language to the House to clarify what they meant by agricultural use. There was actually a change of heart on the sponsor' part and in great part by the fact that the fireworks industry went back to him and told him they didn't like that. But, basically what had happened, if this bill had passed and you owned a couple of house plants you probably had a crop. Okay, if you think our fireworks law is silly now, I would've gone with the house plant theory because you could make a fortune. You show them you got a couple house plants, you got a crop clearance. Buy whatever you want. Senator Nugent inadvertently was added to the bill as a co-sponsor in the Senate. He didn't even know he'd been added until I approached him and said what are you doing? I told him about the bill and he said you're kidding me, right? I told him no, you're on the bill. Fortunately for us, it went to Public Policy.

Senate Bill 1191. We had called last winter and Anita Becker brought this to our attention. Particularly in the southern part of the state there were some problems with volunteer firefighters not being exempted from jury duty. The law was pretty gray in this area and it was clear that it could exempt full-time firefighters & police, but some judges didn't translate that into all firefighters and a bill was introduced. It had several different numbers during the process because it never went very far initially and we kept adding it to bills and it would get taken out and we would add it to another bill, so the final bill was 1191. We thought we had found a home for it, no problem. This was one of those bills that sort of died over time. The last night, it didn't make it to the podium in time. But what this bill would've done is clar-

ify the law and bring all of the provisions in the law together. They were scattered throughout the code with regard to exemptions from jury duty. There are exemptions for dentists, physicians and for somebody else somewhere else. We brought them all together; this bill will be back next year. This would've clarified the law that volunteer firefighters could elect to be exempt from jury duty. Now, volunteer firefighters by their very nature are public spirited, public minded and want to serve the public. But if you have a small dept. that could really affect your ability to respond to calls by having somebody, particularly if they're sequestered, on a jury for a long period of time and are a key member of your unit. This is not affecting everyone because some judges will go ahead and exempt volunteer firefighters recognizing they're important and the public safety issue's involved there. If you're having problems with this, please let us know because we're trying to accumulate examples from around the state, where they have not been exempted.

House Bill 1201. This bill will allow fire protection districts to have cumulative funds like townships & fire protection territories. It has been our position since the cumulative fund bill was enacted that because a fire district was also a taxing unit and a governmental entity, if you will, a taxing unit, that they were able to do fire cum funds as well as anyone else. Well, the State Board of Tax Measures said no. And of course, we disagree with that and the way you cure it is to go into the legislature. This bill died in the Senate Finance Committee; it passed the House and died in Senate Finance. We approached Senator Bourse several times about hearing this bill and his flippant comment to us was he didn't know anybody who was looking for a tax increase. We're hoping next year to take a little bit different tact and try to cure that defect.

That's it for the bills and now you can wake up and go on to something else. But particularly with regard to charitable gaming and jury duty, if you are having problems in your district, please let us know so that we can contact you during the session if we might need your testimony. Thank you very much.

Thanks, John. As we go on, are we going too fast or is the pace all right? Pick it up a little bit? All right.

Have we got any old business we need to bring forward? If we don't we'll move into new business and I'll call for the Nominating Committee which is Lawrence Swartz, Ivan Nevil, Mitch Parish, Bill Howe and Gene Stofer. Would you come forward please?

Good morning, ladies & gentlemen. Why don't you take about 2 minutes to stand & stretch after that lengthy presentation.

Mr. Chairman, if you have members in the hallway that you would like to vote in the upcoming election, please make sure they get back inside. We have what we feel is a qualified list of candidates for the various offices. I would like to make just a brief comment and then I will call on a couple of others for a comment. With the resignation of Mr. Hinkle as Treasurer, one of the guidelines that we proposed to do when we went to the Central Office was to streamline the organization, hopefully cut down on the amount of hands & paperwork that different projects had to go through and facilitate a quicker movement with the organization. In the Board of Directors meeting yesterday, it was voted to combine the two offices of Sec./Treas. and that is the way they will be nominated today. To elect. To nominate and elect a Sec./Treas. I stand corrected by Mr. Cox, thank you. If there are any comments and I realize that there are some thoughts along certain issues of the By-laws and since Mr. Shanks & Mr. Kinsey arriving at those By-laws, I would like for him to come forward and make some comments, if he would, at this time.

The question has been asked of me whether or not the same person could hold the office of Sec. & Treas. which is very common in many organizations. The By-laws when amended in '95 were amended to allow the same person to hold any office or any two offices, except the same person cannot hold the office of Pres. & Sec. The same person can hold the office of Sec./Treas., Sec./V.P., Ass't. Sec./Treas. I mean you can have all sorts of combinations, the only thing that is prohibited by statute is the same person cannot hold office of Pres. & Sec. simultaneously. That's in Article V; Section I of your By-laws. That's really the only thing I would point out to you.

Would you read the By-laws, please, John.

The last sentence says any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except that of Pres. & Sec. which is right out of the statute. The same person cannot hold at the same time the offices of Pres. & Sec. Anything written can be unclear, this is a matter of interpretation, but in my opinion that is the only prohibition in your By-laws.

Thank you John. Hopefully that clarifies the situation. Also, in the publicized list in the newspaper not only the Sec. changed, there's a change in PRSE also. In fact Mr. Caudell, due to work commitments will no longer be able to serve in that capacity. We do have another gentleman who has come forward and is a qualified candidate for that. So, proceeding with the nominations, I will now turn the floor over to Past President Ivan Nevil.

For Pres. for the year 1997-98, the Nominating Committee places the name of Jack Zeeks. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Mr. Chairman, I move the nominations be closed. Do I hear a second? Yes, Larry Petro. Mr. Acting Sec. Jack Kerney. Jack Kerney PRSW cast one unanimous ballot for Jack Zeeks for Pres. for the calendar year 1998.

For the office of V. Pres. the Nominating Committee submits the name Jack Cox. Are there any further nominations from the floor?

Jack Kerney PRSW casts one unanimous ballot for Jack Cox for V. Pres. for the calendar year '98.

For the office of Sec./Treas. the Nominating Committee submits the name of William Kinsey. Are there any further nominations from the floor?

Jack Kerney, PRSW casts one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey for Treas. for the calendar year 1998.

Chaplain. The Nominating Committee submits the name of Charles Baker. Are there any nominations from the floor for Chaplain? If not, I declare the nominations closed, Mr. Kerney?

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. casts one unanimous ballot for Charlie Baker for Chaplain for the calendar year 1998.

For further clarification, Mr. Kerney was appointed by the Pres. Mr. Zeeks to act as Sec. for this convention.

For the office of Sec., the Nominating Committee submits the name of William Kinsey. Are there any further nominations from the floor? If not, declare the nominations closed. Mr. Kerney?

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. cast one unanimous ballot for William Kinsey for Sec. for the year 1998.

PRNW, District 1,2,3,9A/9B, the Nominating Committee submits the name of LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler. Are there any further nominations from the floor? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Kerney.

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. casts one unanimous ballot for Buz Koehler for PRNW for the year 1998.

PRNE, Districts 4,5,6,& 7, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Richard Glant. Are there any further nominations from the floor? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Kerney.

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. casts one unanimous ballot for Richard Glant for PRNE for the calendar year 1998.

PRWC, Districts 11A/11B,12, 20 & 21, the Nominating Committee submits the name of Don Johnson. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Declare the nominations closed. Mr. Kerney.

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. cast one unanimous ballot for Don Johnson for PRWC for the calendar year 1998.

PREC, Districts 8A/8B, 13A/13B & 10, the Nominating Committee submits the name Don Cushman. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Declare the nominations closed. Mr. Kerney.

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. casts one unanimous ballot for Don

BROWN - VERNON FIRE DISTRICT NEW DELIVERY



The Brown-Vernon Fire District, of Campbellsburg, Indiana, has taken delivery of a new 14 ft. Walk-In Rescue Truck.

The unit has four compartments on each side with roll-up doors. The front compartment is transverse and has a slide out SCBA mounting with 12 SCBA mounting brackets. Included in the 'over the rear wheel compartment', are storage racks for 24 spare SCBA bottles.

The rear walk-in area is both heated and air-conditioned and features a "squad seat" for additional personnel.

The unit is mounted on a Navistar Low-Profile Chassis and has a 190 H.P. Diesel Engine and Allison Automatic Transmission.

An engine mounted 110 volt power system allows the use of exterior flood lights. A 110 volt receptical is provided inside the Squad area for use of various appliances during long term incidents. The unit was completed by Monroe Fire Apparatus and was sold by Bob Stark of Fire Apparatus Division S.D.C. of Louisville, Kentucky

Brown-Vernon Fire District, under the direction of Chief Brian Durham, serves the Town of Campbellsburg and surrounding Brown and Vernon Townships.

Campbellsburg is located in Washington County in the south central part of Indiana.

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Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year



Gregory E. Sutton (left) received a plaque from Chief Richard Blaker recognizing his honor of being named Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year.

Pershing Township Fire Department, Freetown, has named Gregory E. Sutton as the 1997 Firefighter of the Year. Sutton received a plaque recognizing this honor at the department's annual Awards Dinner on December 27th.

"We consider this to be a very important honor," said Chief Richard Blaker. "The firefighters themselves confer this award by vote. It is being selected the best of the best."

Sutton joined the all volunteer fire department on February 3, 1981 rising through the ranks to hold his current positions as Assistant Fire Chief and corporation President.

Sutton holds certification as an Indiana Master Firefighter in Tactics and is a second class fire instructor. He also volunteers as a Red Cross Basic Aid and Safety Instructor, and CPR Instructor. He is a member of the Red Cross Disaster Committee and is a former member of the Board of the Pershing Township Fire Protection District. He has served as Chairman of the Freetown July 4th Committee and the general steering committee of the newly developed Freetown June Jamboree.

Sutton is the newly elected Deputy Coordinator of Jackson County's emerging rural search and rescue team. He is credited

mapping, and resourcing. I think he is going to continue to be a great asset to this developing field of expertise that is going to be an important part of rural protective services."

"Most people don't have a clue about what a commitment the volunteer fire service is," said Pershing Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott.

"Only about five per cent of our time is spent in actual emergency response.

To make those responses possible there are countless hours spent in unseen labors like budgeting, fundraising, training, administration, work details, and planning.

It is a second career to be president of a volunteer fire department if it is to be done right. Greg has certainly put in those hours to help bring our department to the level of organization and efficiency we are at entering 1998.

"Sutton is employed with Silgan Plastics in Seymour as a maintenance craftsman. He lives with his wife Laura near Freetown and they are the parents of a son, Greg.

with inspiring the development of Pershing Township's rural search and rescue unit.

"Greg has a tremendous natural talent for search and rescue work," commented Blaker. "He has a command of the essentials of topography, organization,

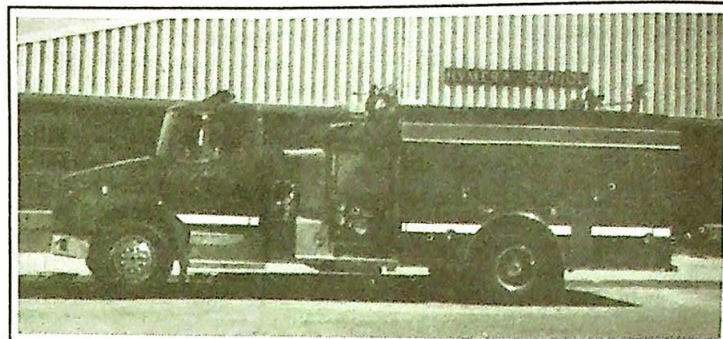
Lake of Four Seasons Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 28, 1998 the Lake of Four Seasons Fire Department will hold their "Spring Break" fundraiser. The

event, which will be at St. Elijah Hall, 8700 Taft Street, in Merrillville, will be a formal dinner/dance with an open bar.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and dinner will be at 7. Tickets are \$32.50.

So break out of the winter blues and join the department for an evening of food, fun & dancing while showing support for your local fire service.



NEW APPARATUS FOR HYMERA F.D.

The Hymera Fire Department in Hymera, Indiana recently took delivery of this Smeal Pumper.

The truck has a 1250 GPM Waterous Pump with top mount controls, a 1000 gallon Poly Tank, Hydraulic Ladder Rack and spacious compartments on a Freightliner FL-70 Chassis with a 300 Cummins Diesel and Automatic Allison Transmission.

This apparatus was sold by: Southwestern Fire & Safety, Inc. from Jasonville, Indiana.

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Emergency Books & Training Materials, Inc. known as EBTM is a coalition of emergency response professionals representing Fire-EMS-Police-Rescue-Hazardous Material Response Teams-Industry & Environmental Response Team members. We are registered with the Indiana Secretary of State as a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to education for the emergency services. Our Board of Directors consist of a member of each of the above entities. Our primary corporate officers are Dorothy E. Masters, President and Maynard D. Masters, Vice-President of Operations.

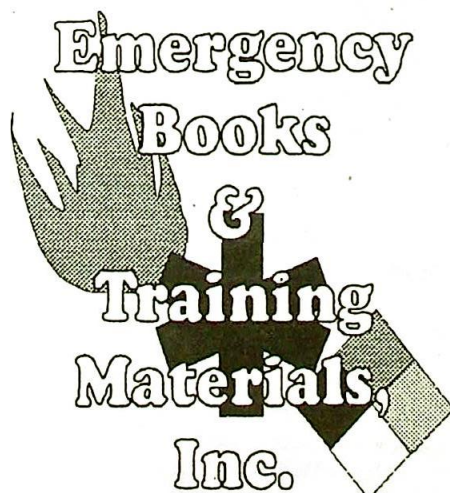
Many individuals and organizations contacted us in reference to creating a group or organization that was united together to provide for not only a voice in state government, but to have a sounding board to better serve the emergency services. At the same time emergency response personnel throughout the State of Indiana were looking for an individual(s) that had a proven track record. One that could provide the leadership, honesty and courage to take on state government. EBTM is an organization that believes in fairness, ethical conduct and helping to maintain and introduce what is right for the emergency response personnel.

It is our intent to provide the highest quality education possible to this nation's Emergency Response providers. We will do this at the lowest possible cost and still allow for a fair return on our investment. We use only instructors who are professional in their presentations and experts in their field. Our instructors must adhere to the highest moral standards and our codes of conduct and professionalism in order to instruct for us.

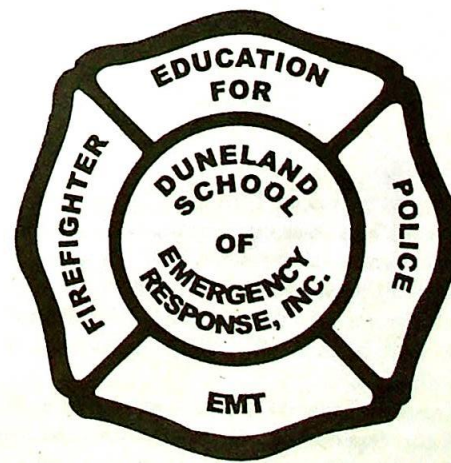
We intend to watch very closely the developments that surround PSTI, ISFM, EMS, SEMA, Indiana Firefighter Board of Personnel Standards and Education, and the Indiana Fire Prevention Commission. We intend to make an attempt through legislative activity and legal maneuvering to encourage these entities to fulfill their legal charges. Sheer number and squeaky wheels often get results quickly. You can be a part of this by becoming a subscriber to our newsletter and providing us with your thoughts and feelings in order to better serve you the Emergency Responder.

Stop and see us at the "Duneland School of Emergency Response" or give us a call at 800 654-4748 for more information.

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VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By John N. Shanks II, Buschmann, Carr & Shanks, P.C., IVFA Lobbyists

The Second Regular Session of the 110th General Assembly (1998) officially convened for the first time on Nov. 18, 1997. Known as "organization day," it's the time when leadership of the two chambers is elected and heralds the filing of bills.

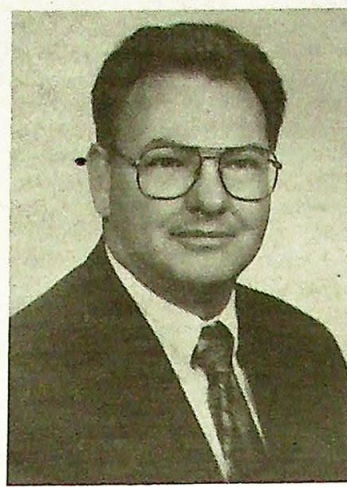
The 1998 Session is called the "Short Session" because it's in an even numbered year and must end by March 15th. Some old-timers in the fire service may even remember when the legislature only met every other year. Really the only difference between the sessions is that the Short Session is simply a "Long Session" condensed. Although the bill filing deadlines have passed in each chamber (at the writing of this article), we are still receiving copies of bills from the legislature's printer. Therefore, this can only be considered as a partial report. Unfortunately, because of the timing of the Session and the publication of this paper, the legislature will be over before the next issue is published.

The IVFA is represented in legislature by our team of registered lobbyists, which includes Attorney Steve Buschmann, Legislative Assistant Kim Dodson and me. Our intern this year is Lori Bunch, a native of Hawaii and a junior at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis majoring in political science. We work to keep up with the fast pace of the General Assembly through personal contact with legislators and with other lobbyists, by reading the stacks of paper generated by the legislature's staff, by watching House & Senate bulletin boards, by attending committee hearings, by using electronic communications equipment and on-line services, and by spending long hours just waiting around in the halls of the State House for something to happen. The waiting is probably the most difficult part.

This year there are 3 primary bills we're promoting for the volunteer fire service and approximately 23 others which we are watching closely because of their potential impact on the volunteer fire service. All the bills we're monitoring are listed below with their bill number, names of the principal author or authors and a very brief description of the bill's content. The 3 primary bills are as follows and are noted by a (*) in the combined list:



Rep. Bob Bischoff



Rep. Bill Ruppel



Senator Katie L. Wolf



Rep. Ron Liggett



Senator Sue Landske



Rep. Vaneta Becker



Rep. R. Michael Young

HOUSE BILLS

- HB 1008 Ayres Jury selection process includes an exemption for volunteer firefighters.
 - HB 1009 Dvorak Prohibits transportation of minors in an open bed truck.
 - HB 1020 Mahern Requires public hearing for firefighters before a suspension without pay for more than five days or demotion or dismissal. This applies to municipalities with any paid firefighters.
 - HB 1032 Duncan Forgives loans made to volunteer fire departments from the Build Indiana Fund.
 - HB 1068 Pond Allows a county to prohibit the sale of certain fireworks and provides a penalty for violation of the ordinance.
 - HB 1071 Gulling Requires training for non-physician defibrillator users and immunity from civil liability. (This bill is the same as SB 171.)
 - HB 1082 Sturtz & Gulling Creates a wireless 911 advisory board to create a statewide enhanced wireless 911 system. (This bill is the same as SB 150.)
 - HB 1085 M. Young Prohibits use of powdered latex gloves by health care providers.
 - HB 1086 Kuzman Prohibits a caller from using an automatic dialing-announcing device to make a telephone call to an unlisted or unpublished telephone number, but provides an exclusion for a public safety agency communicating public safety information, such as a fire or other emergency information.
 - HB 1103* Bischoff Allows transfer of property of a volunteer fire company by a governmental body without the necessity of conducting an action or public sale.
 - HB 1105 Bischoff Provides a means for counties containing state forests or other state recreation area to recoup expenditures for providing fire protection to the state property through a per vehicle entrance fee to be collected by the state facility. (This bill is the same as SB 344.)
 - HB 1106* Bishcoff Allows State Fire Marshal's office to participate with a nonprofit corporation in the development and implementation of a summer camp for juvenile burn victims.
 - HB 1155 Bailey Creates the Indiana Firefighter license plate for members of the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana & the Indiana Firefighters Association.
 - HB 1177* Ruppel Clarifies that a volunteer firefighter may serve more than one fire dept.; enhances disability benefits for injured volunteer firefighters; establishes a volunteer firefighting & emergency services study commission to study issues related to the volunteer fire service; removes the publication of notice of service charges by a volunteer fire dept. as a requisite to collecting the actual cost of expendable materials in response to hazardous materials spill not on a highway; reduces the interest rate for loans from the revolving loan fund administered.
- ## SENATE BILLS
- SB 055 Gard Transportation of high level radioactive waste & notice to the state's emergency management agency; fees.
 - SB 089 Long Provides an involuntarily annexed area a procedure to retain the fire protection that served that area prior to the annexation.
 - SB 105 Meeks Creates a new electronic gaming license process administered by the Alcoholic Beverage commission for restaurants, taverns and clubs.
 - SB 109 Meeks Provides that administrative rules for state admin. agencies expire automatically on July 1 of the year following the rule's promulgation unless the legislature continues the rule by statute.
 - SB 114 Gard Expands the Clean Air Act to include state educational facilities, licensed child care ministries, licensed hospitals, provider's offices as "public buildings" & adds new penalties for its violation.
 - SB 133 Wheeler Prohibits a person who has not completed minimum basic firefighter training from accompanying a volunteer fire department in response to a fire or other emergency; allows the State Fire Marshal to investigate firefighter deaths.
 - SB 150 Meeks Creates the wireless 911 advisory board to create a statewide enhanced wireless 911 system.
 - SB 171 K. Adams Creates an immunity from liability for non-physicians who use a defibrillator under certain circumstances & standards for use.
 - SB 206 Miller Requires trucks hauling loads likely to spill to be covered.
 - SB 225 Worman Fireworks regulation amending certain definitions relating to fireworks and establishes fireworks seasons; eliminates the non-use affidavit and 5 days period to remove fireworks from the state; prohibits sale of fireworks to person less than 18 years old; prescribes penalties.
 - SB 230 Wheeler Permits twp. trustee to borrow a specific sum from a twp. fund other than the twp. firefighting fund to pay firefighting operating expenses.
 - SB 344 Nugent Provides a means for counties containing state forest or other recreation area to recoup expenditures for providing fire protection to the state property thru a per vehicle entrance fee to be collected by the state facility.

HB 1177 This bill is authored by State Rep. Bill Ruppel (R-N. Manchester) a member of the N. Manchester VFD. The co-authors are: Rep. Bob Bischoff (D-Lawrenceburg), head of the Fire Protection Dept. at Seagrams Distillery & co-chair of the Indiana Fire Caucus; Rep. Ron Liggett (D-Redkey), chair of the House Public Safety Committee; and Vaneta Becker (R-Evansville), a member of the House Public Safety Committee. When the bill reaches the Senate, it will be sponsored by Senator Sue Landske (R-Cedar Lake) and Katie Wolf (D-Monticello), both co-chairs of the Indiana Fire Caucus. This bill does the following:

- clarifies that a volunteer firefighter who has met the basic training requirements mandated by law, may serve on more than one department at the same time
- increases the disability benefit for on duty injuries, after the first thirty days of disability, to 2/3 of the volunteer firefighter's average weekly wage at his or her regular employment
- establishes a new benefit for temporary partial disability (where the firefighter can't resume full duties at his or her usual employment)
- establishes a new benefit for permanent partial impairment (loss of bodily function)
- adds disease contracted on duty as an additional compensable cause of disability
- requires that firefighters suffering cardiac disease events on duty must seek medical treatment within 48 hours of performing those duties
- relieves the requirement that a department must publish notice of its service charges before it may collect for the actual cost of expendable materials used at a non-highway hazardous materials scene
- creates the volunteer firefighting and emergency services study committee to study the current law and issues related to the volunteer fire and emergency service community
- reduce the interest rate on loans from the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund administered by the office of the State Fire Marshal to 4%

This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Local Government.

HB 1103 This bill is authored by Rep. Bob Bischoff and provides that governmental bodies may sell firefighting or emergency services equipment to a volunteer fire department without the necessity of conducting a public auction or public sale. We expect Rep. Ruppel and others to join as co-author on this bill.

This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Local Government.

HB 1106 This bill is authored by Rep. Bob Bischoff and Rep. R. Michael Young (R-Indianapolis), a co-chair of the Indiana Fire Caucus. We expect more co-authors to be added to the bill as it moves through the legislative process.

The bill would authorize the office of the State Fire Marshal to participate with a non-profit corporation in the development and implementation of a summer camp for juvenile burn victims. The Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc., an Indiana non-profit corporation, was established last fall. The concept of a camp for juvenile burn victims came out of the work of Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright's Juvenile Fire Setters Task Force. The fire service is participating in the project through the Indiana Fire Services Institute. Indiana's First Lady Judy O'Bannon is the Inaugural Honorary Chair of the Hoosier Burn Camp. It is hoped that the first camping experience will be available to Hoosier children in the summer of 1999. For more information on the camp and to make contributions, please contact the camp's Executive Director, Ginger K. Shanks, at 800/254-2878. Ginger is the President of Shanks & Associates, Inc., an Anderson management consulting firm, and has volunteered to help get the program up and running. This bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Families, Children and Human Affairs.

1998 IVFA Convention - Terre Haute

"Terre Haute will be Great in '98"

The Convention '98 Committee is really working hard in planning this year's convention. As you refer to the Convention Schedule on page 24 of this newspaper, you can see that the agenda is pretty well set. We are having a great time putting this event together and hope that everyone will come to Terre Haute and enjoy some good old western Indiana hospitality.

To highlight a few of the events:

Don and Debbie Vermillion and Brent and Laurie Bush are working hard on the banquet. On this page you will find that the menu has been finalized. There will also be entertainment for your enjoyment.

After the Opening Meeting on Thursday night at South Vigo High School, you can see the Bruce Borders show. He is an Elvis Presley impersonator and will be entertaining for two hours at no cost to you. You can dance or just listen to the music.

The raffle to help support the convention will have as its first prize "Lil Big Truck" (four wheeler), second prize a Grandfather Clock and third prize a Fire Truck Telephone.

We are hoping to have a big parade. Dave Miller and his committee have a parade entry form below. Enter your marching units,

fire trucks, antiques and floats. Maybe you can take home a nice trophy to display in your fire station.

Returning after a long sabbatical is the Fire House Rhythm Band (you old timers remember, don't you). For your fun and entertainment, they will be playing in the Holiday Inn parking lot at 9:30 on Thursday and Friday nights.

How does it sound so far? Sounds like a good place to be June 17-20, doesn't it? So before you get all involved in the Holiday Season, send in your registration. You will find the form on this page. Pre-registration (deadline June 1, 1998) is \$40 and late & on-site is \$50 per person. Also you'll find information for room reservations. The committee has elected to have the headquarters, Holiday Inn, take care of the reservations. You will find further information for rooms & camping on the form.

Souvenir caps, T-shirts and attaché bags are available for sale. If you would like to have one to wear and use all year, contact Red Morris, District 11A Chairman. You will find his name and number in the officer's list on page 2 of the paper.

Continue watching in every issue of newspaper for convention updates and information. If you have any questions, you may

contact me at 765-665-3213 or Bob Meyers at 812-466-2826. "Terre Haute will be Great in '98" Bill Bush, Co-Chairman Convention '98

SEE PAGE 24 FOR CONVENTION SCHEDULE

1998 Convention Banquet and Menu

The 1998 convention banquet will be held at the Hulman Civic on Friday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of the following:

- Roast Beef
- Roasted Pork Loin
- Roast Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Glazed Carrots
- Tossed Salad with choice of dressing
- Assorted Rolls/Butter
- Iced Tea
- Coffee
- Assorted Fruit Pies

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!!!

Get your reservations in now, before June 1, 1998.

Banquet Committee
Don & Debbie Vermillion
Brent & Laurie Bush

MOTEL RESERVATIONS

The 1998 Convention Committee has elected to have all room reservations made directly through the motels.

HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE HOLIDAY INN. They will hold their guaranteed rates and at least 200 rooms open for the convention until May 17, 1998. After that date, the room rates are not guaranteed. When they are full, they will refer you to other motels.

Or, if you do not wish to stay at the Holiday Inn, there are numerous other "chain" motels in very close proximity.

The Holiday Inn rates are as follows:

Single/Double	Queen	King
\$76.00	\$66.00	\$76.00

Tax will be added to the above rates.

The motel has both smoking and non-smoking rooms available. They will require that the room be guaranteed with first night deposit by cash or credit card. Please make your reservations by calling the motel direct.

HOLIDAY INN 812-232-6081

If questions concerning how to make reservations, you may call:

PATTY MILLER 765-832-6931

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Camping reservations may be made by calling the KOA CAMPGROUNDS at 812-232-2457.

The rate will be \$21.00/Day.

If questions concerning camping arrangements, please call:

MAX HARRAH 812-299-4836

1998 CONVENTION PARADE APPLICATION

The convention parade will be Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Terre Haute. Prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

There is no fee to enter. Applications must be postmarked by May 10, 1998. If you have any question, or do not receive registration confirmation by May 30, call David Miller at 765-832-6931.

Tell us about the unit to be placed in the parade:

Tell us the name of the organization which owns the unit:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Contact person for the parade:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

PARADE '98
DAVID R. MILLER
RR1, BOX 414
ROSEDALE, IN 47874

1998 IVFA PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

TERRE HAUTE WILL BE GREAT IN '98

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00/PERSON (DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1998)
LATE AND ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00/PERSON

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FIRE DEPT./CO. _____

COUNTY _____ TOWNSHIP _____ IVFA DIST. _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (if registering) _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	MEMBER	SPOUSE	TITLE
STATE OFFICER	_____	_____	TITLE _____
AUXILIARY MEMBER	_____	_____	TITLE _____
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	_____	_____	TITLE _____
DELEGATE	_____	_____	TITLE _____
IVFA MEMBER	_____	_____	TITLE _____
IVFA AUX. MEMBER	_____	_____	TITLE _____
GUEST	_____	_____	TITLE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER / MAKE PAYABLE TO 1998 IVFA CONVENTION)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MASTERCARD/VISA.

TYPE OF CARD _____ ACCT # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER _____

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATIONS TO:

JOANN HAYS, REGISTRATIONS
1998 CONVENTION COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 6095
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47802
PHONE: 812-299-1574

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated 8/96.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). The District winners' applications along with two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10. The girls selected will be representing the state, district and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and 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 the Reservation Committee that they are a candidate. Each contestant will have a chaperone (parents or designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements. They are responsible for paying for their own accommodations.

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, the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The judging will consist of personal interviews on Thursday morning and final judging on Thursday afternoon. Winners will be announced and crowning of the Miss Flame will be at the Opening Meeting 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 attend the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday (if there is one). They will sell doe doll tickets throughout the convention.

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.

JUDGING REGULATIONS

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

All state contestants will be considered on the following percentage basis for "Miss Flame" state judging. No questions to be asked relative to scholastic ability.

1. 25% on what she thinks are the benefits of a volunteer fire department in her community:

- * her fire department role in community
- * her relationship to the volunteer fire service
- * her involvement with the fire department, and
- * her family's involvement with the fire department

2. 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control and self confidence).

3. 10% on ability to carry on a conversation in a personal interview and before a group.

4. 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).

5. 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).

6. Each state contestant should be familiar with the following topics. The judges will select three of the five (same three for each contestant) and ask each contestant to express her thoughts on them. 5% for each of the three topics.

- *National Government
- *Environment
- *Quality of Education
- *Inflation
- *Juvenile Crime

7. 10% on impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.

IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER

1. Father; brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single and a non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District Contest.
5. The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.
6. Winner of a department will be entered in the District contest.
7. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
8. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.
9. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
10. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two photos (black and white preferred) will be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the State Convention.
13. The Convention host department will provide judges to select the state winner prior to the opening meeting on Thursday evening.
14. The Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the Judging on Thursday at Convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish winner I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy and a \$100 savings bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. will furnish I.V.F.A. "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers, trophy and a \$50 savings bond.
18. Formal attire will be worn at the 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.

ATTENTION: District Miss Flame Contestants

Miss Flame applications and pictures are due March 10, 1998! Districts, have you selected your contestant to represent you at the convention in Terre Haute in June? If not, you had better hurry. The Convention Committee in Terre Haute is hoping to have a contestant from every district. Wouldn't that be great; it would be a first for sure.

Please send applications and two (2) photos (black & white preferred, but not mandatory) to me at the following address:

Eula Bush, Chairman
1419 W. 850 S.
Dana, IN 47847

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 must be somewhat flexible since sometimes schedules have to be changed.

One very important thing that Miss Flame contestants must do is to see that their parents/chaperones make hotel (or camping) reservations right away. The contestants will stay in the same room with the parents/chaperones.

Rooms have been set aside at the Holiday Inn (812 232-6081), but you will have to call to make your reservation and be sure to tell them that you are a "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 pre-register until June 1, 1998 for \$40 each, but after that date the cost is \$50 each. You can use the form provided on page 24 of 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 (765) 665-3213.

Eula Bush
Miss Flame Committee Chmn.

McCutchanville sets record

McCutchanville Fire Department Chief Jack Kerney reported that the all volunteer fire department set a record for the number of emergency runs for 1997.

The department responded to 680 emergencies, a 7.2 per cent increase over 1996.

Kerney stated the increase is contributed to the increased population of Center Township, outside the city limits of Evansville, and the increased traffic in the area.

The department has seventeen new active subdivisions being built in at this time. We do not see a trend of decreasing emergencies, but rather a steady increase each year.

The department has two stations with fifty volunteer firefighters.

Equipment includes a 102 foot aerial platform, two engines, a tanker, a heavy rescue, a light rescue and a brush truck.

"MISS FLAME" CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK)

NAME _____ SS# _____
(Print in full)

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

CHAPERONE NAMES (IF NOT PARENTS) _____

DISTRICT# _____ CHAIRMAN _____
(MEN) (WOMEN)

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSOR _____
(NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER)

SPONSORING FIREMAN OR AUX. MEMBER'S NAME & RELATIONSHIP: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

WHERE EMPLOYED _____

HOBBIES: _____

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of: _____ and do hereby give our consent to her participation in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association "Miss Flame" Contest. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary are in no way obligated or under contract to any person/persons, or firms to supply any requirements for contestants, parents, legal guardians or chaperones.

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

I concur that _____ will represent District _____ in the State Miss Flame Contest at the annual Convention. I further concur that the sponsoring firemen/auxiliary member's dues are current with the I.V.F.A./I.V.F.A.A.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN. Entry form for the state contest, two photos (preferably black and white) must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10.

Eula Bush
1419 W. 850 S.
Dana, IN 47847
317-665-3213

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
REVISED 8/96

DON'T FORGET

Deadline for the May issue of the newspaper is

April 10, 1998

Please, make a note of it.

From the '98 Convention Co-Chairman

It is 1998! Hard to believe, isn't it? We finally get to host the IVFA Convention in five months. The Committee has been working on this project for about 19 months. We feel that it will be a good one and hope we have a very large number to register and enjoy the fun.

There are pictures of some of the hard working committee members involved in this project on page 27. Not everyone has been included, so please, don't miss the next issue. There may be more in it.

You will notice pictures of the "Lil Big Truck" and the grandfather clock have been included in this issue. We think they are good prizes and hope lots of tickets can be sold to help defray the cost of the convention. We know everyone would be happy to win either one of these prizes or the fire truck telephone. All good prizes for just a dollar investment.

Please refer to the Convention Schedule on this page. The agenda is set and we think it is a good plan for a fine convention.

If you haven't already sent in your registration, do it now before you forget it. Don't wait until the deadline; do it now while you are thinking about it. You

will find the form on page 22 of this paper. You will need a room, so give the Holiday Inn a call and make your reservations today. You will find the phone number on page 22 also.

Dave Miller, Chairman of the Parade Committee, is asking you to get your parade entries in early. He is hoping to have a "big" parade this year. Enter your marching units, fire trucks, antiques and floats. One of those parade trophies would look good in your fire station.

I hope every district is planning to have a Miss Flame in the contest. The contest is always a good one, but the more contestants there are, the harder the judges have to work. The girls will have a good time, so come on and sponsor a contestant.

During the banquet this year, there will be a pizza party for children ages 5-12. It will be at the same location as the banquet, but in another room. Your children can ride with you and be nearby. There will be games & entertainment for them. To attend the party though, they must be registered. There is no cost to you and they can be registered at the same place that you pick up your registration.

Continue watching in this paper for convention updates and information. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 765 665-3213 or Bob Meyers at 812 466-2826.

Bill Bush, Co-Chrm, '98 Con.

Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Fireman

Effective: January 1, 1994

The Paper is of tabloid size. Publisher & Editor Robert Laney, P.O. Box 437, Crown Point, Indiana 46307.

Quarterly issues are printed for February, May, August, & November. ALL copy MUST be in the hands of Lawrence Swartz or the publisher, Mr. Laney, by the 10th of the month preceding the month of issue.

Rate Schedule Per Single Issue

\$7.50 per column inch for one color - either all red or all black.
\$8.40 per column inch for two color - red and black.

EXAMPLE: Your ad is two columns wide and two inches high = 4 column inches, 4 times above rate schedule will give the amount of the ad cost.

Full page ad consists of 80 column inches. Single issue billing would be 80 X rate.

Rate Schedule For Four Consecutive Issues

\$6.00 per column inch for one color - either all red or all black.
\$6.90 per column inch for two color - red and black.

EXAMPLE: Your ad is three columns wide and eight inches high = 24 column inches, 24 times the above rate schedule will give the amount of ad cost.

Full page ad consists of 80 column inches. Four issue billing would be 80 X rate.

Pictures Requiring Halftones For Ads

\$6.90 for pictures up to 3 X 5. \$9.00 for larger ones. If ad is run more than one time consecutively, only one charge applies.

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1998 IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE JUNE 17 - 20, 1998 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH		
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holiday Inn-Holidome
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Hog Roast (Indiana Fire Equipment)	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds*
7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer (Get Acquainted)	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds*
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	D.J. Awesom Sound Company	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fireworks	Vigo Co. Fairgrounds
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH		
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holiday Inn-Holidome
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging	Holiday Inn-Win. S. Wing
12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn-S. Park Lot
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Seminar	Holiday Inn
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Seminar-Brian Alkire, Tatem Ins. Co.	Holiday Inn-Gallery
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Holiday Inn-Holidome 2nd
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Tours & Activities	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	IVFA Officer's Meeting	Holiday Inn-Gallery
1:30 p.m. to close	Miss Flame Judging	Holiday Inn
2:00 p.m. to close	CKS Co. Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	Ind. Fire Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	IVFAA Officer's Meeting	Holiday Inn-Gallery
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwestern Fire)	Holiday Inn
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Opening Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium*
9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Bruce Borders Show (Elvis Impers.)	S. Vigo Sch.
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn Park Lot E.
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH		
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch - Firemen & Auxiliary	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria*
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Men's Business Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Auditorium*
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv. & Games)	S. Vigo Sch.
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn Park Lot S.
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Women's Business Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria*
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Memorial Service	Maryland Com. Church*
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Your Choice
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Holiday Inn-Room 192
1:30 p.m. to close	Women's Meeting	S. Vigo Sch-Cafeteria
1:30 p.m. to close	Miss Flame Trip/Activity	See Miss Flame Agenda
2:00 p.m. to close	Southwestern Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. to close	CKS Co. Outside Demonstration	Holiday Inn
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Children's Pizza Party	Hulman Civic Center*
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet	Hulman Civic Center*
9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Dance	Holiday Inn-Chestnut
9:30 p.m. to ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn-Park Lot E.
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Registration for Games	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Convention Games	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to close	Vendor Fair Setup (FREE)	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
8:00 a.m. to close	Fire Dept. Flea Market (FREE)	Park Lot So. of Hol. Inn
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Parade Lineup	Downtown Terre Haute
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Parade & Award Trophies	Downtown Terre Haute

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

1997 Convention Minutes

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Cushman for PREC for the calendar year 1998.

The Nominating Committee submits for PRSE, Districts 14, 16 & 19, the name Nelson Ehlers. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Declare the nominations closed, Mr. Kerney?

Jack Kerney, Acting Sec., cast one unanimous ballot for PRSE for Nelson Ehlers for the calendar year 1998.

PRSW, Dists. 15, 17A/17B & 18, the Nominating Com. submits the name Jack Kerney. Do we have any further nominations for PRSW?

Jack Zeeks, President, I cast one unanimous ballot for Mr. Jack Kerney for PRSW for calendar year 1998.

Lest we forget, the Nominating Committee submits the name for Sergeant-At-Arms, Bill Bush. Are there any further nominations from the floor? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Kerney?

Jack Kerney, Act. Sec. casts one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush for Sergeant-At-Arms for the calendar year 1998.

Thank all of you, ladies & gentlemen, for your kind attention and your orderly fashion in conducting your election of the Association. Thank you: we'll elect new officers again next year.

Thank you, gentlemen. At this time Donnie Adams of Baltimore County, Maryland would like to make a presentation. Would you come forward please? Most of you probably don't recognize me looking like this, but I'm also Chief of the Fire Safety Club and all that I wanted to do was just present a picture to the President. It's been a pleasure being here the last couple days. We'll be around tonight and we'll be at the dealer's room talking about what we do, and we have some of our stuff there so you can have your hands on, if you like. We'll be in the parade on Sat. Congratulations to you and good luck in the future.

Thank you, Donnie. I had the privilege of meeting Donnie in Wash., D.C. in May. I think you did a heck of a job last night handling Jerry.

As we move on, Mr. Bush, you said I forgot to call on you as Sgt.-At-Arms. I call on you now as Sgt.-At-Arms and as Chairman of the 1998 Convention in Terre Haute.

The first thing I want to do, I recommend we elect a new Jack. We passed out the convention papers: if you have questions, there's a whole bunch of guys back there with hats that can answer you. My report, as he didn't ask me, I'd best do it. Thank you for the opportunity to fax, deliver, send and UPS all the supplies that you people needed. I do appreciate this opportunity to be Sgt.-At-Arms and Supply Officer of the Assoc. and gentlemen, Convention '98, as soon as Jack releases us, we must have the signs. My flags, Brent, have got to go to the Memorial service and if there's anything else you need, see Jack. Gentlemen, we will have a table set up with the papers we passed out. If you're using a credit card, you'll see on there what it is. Make sure the expiration date is on that and we will have somebody out here to take care of this. If you're writing a check make it payable to Convention '98. They gave you this form, if you have these, the gentlemen back there, Larry Bartlow, 11B Chmn, and Red Morris or any of these people with the fine looking shirts & hats on will have it. We have a table outside here, when you come back, we'll be ready for you.

Thank you Bill. At this time, we'll open the floor for Convention '99. Do we have anyone wanting to host Convention '99. Mr. Cox, since 1999 is going to be your convention, hopefully, I'd be campaigning for somebody, cause I was always told, if nobody put in for the convention, the incoming Pres. had to host it in his hometown. Let's try this again. The floor is open for Convention '99, do we have any takers? David Israel, would you come forward, please?

David Israel, District 10. We were going to want & bid on Convention 2000, but since nobody wants to take 1999, we're prepared to do convention '99, I guess at Columbus. With me today, I have Cindy Frye from the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau and Sally Fisher from the Holiday Inn Hotel. They're going to tell us what they have to offer.

Greetings, initially, we had planned to come and do a little research on your meeting and talk about 2000. We are available in 1999. We would look at hosting your event at the Holiday Inn Conf. Center, which is a beautiful, full service hotel & convention facility with 20,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and 253 overnight rooms. We are prepared to offer a \$75 room rate, which is comparable to the rate that you're getting here this year. As a state-wide group, you're aware that your attendance varies depending on where you hold your event, and I think the real advantage of Columbus is that we're so centrally located. We see a lot of state-wide groups selecting Columbus for this express reason. I know that your meeting is family oriented and you look for activities to surround your conference that allows you to bring families. We would suggest a number of leisure time activities to you. Our community has 2 million sq. ft. of retail space, including Horizon Outlet Center with it's 75 discount stores. We're just 17 miles from Brown Co., Indiana's most popular destination. Columbus, itself, is something to see. We offer tours of our internationally known architecture on a daily basis the tour includes just regular, everyday buildings. We have firehouses on our tour, churches, our city hall, even our county jail. And we would encourage you to participate; you don't go inside the jail, you drive by. Also, we would put together some special tours of Cummins Engine Plant and Clock, the farm implement manufacturer, so you would get a

look at these companies.

Sally Fisher from the Holiday Inn is here today. We're taking a look at some of the events that go on here so we'll have a better idea of what your event is about, and we'll be better able to host you when you come to Columbus in '99. I hope your meeting goes smoothly and we look forward to seeing you. We have some brochures of Columbus and we'll pass those out to you. Thanks.

PRNW Mr. Howe made a motion that we accept their invitation to come to Columbus in 1999. Buz Koehler, Dist. 9B, seconded the motion. All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed, same. Looks like we're going to Columbus in 1999.

Has anybody else got anything they want to bring before this body at this time?

John Hardy, Dist. 4, Cleveland Twp., I'd like to make a resolution that we continue supporting the annexation legislation, as done in the past. I realize what you're saying. That will take place through your legislators and we'll back it. I'd like to make comment to several of the people here that everyone needs to contact your legislators, and talk to them, they will listen to you. I have spoken with many of them out of our district completely and they continue to say my people aren't contacting me. Get on it; they will listen.

Thank you, sir. Mr. Stofer said "Amen." This organization has always said, and always will say, if you don't talk or write to your legislators, you're going to get exactly what you didn't ask for.

John Hardy, Dist. 4, I would also like to see us set up a more effective way of contacting all of us in the organization on legislative issues. When an issue is passed or is up for committee, you may have anywhere from 4 to 48 hours to get word to legislators to put pressure on them.

There are 800 numbers you can use from all over the state to call the legislature, that does work. But we need to get the word out to everybody. I'm behind that 100% and we're trying to work on it, Mr. Stofer. We're trying to set up a State of Indiana Volunteer Fireman web site. There's no way we can contact individual people within a 24-48 hour notice. Get a computer, we will, I'm, hoping, have the web site thru the Indiana Power Services Institute.

Charlie just asked me about the Institute Picnic scheduled for July 13th. I think we are going to forget it this year, unfortunately. We've just not had the support and the participation we need. This thing needs to be a state event, not just one or two associations. If the IVFA wants to have a picnic, I'll be happy to work to help you do that, but until we can get the full support from all the state associations, there's really no reason to call it a state picnic.

Seriously, we've tried to provide all we could. The problem, I think in conventions today is the things that you need and are critical to make a good convention you forget from year to year. We'll try to write notes and pass them on, so Bill, get ready.

We'll see you in a few minutes at the Memorial, thanks.

Thank you, Larry. Meeting adjourned.

Pershing Twp. Firefighter in Who's Who

Rebecca D. Scott, Deputy Fire Chief of Pershing Twp. VFD has been selected to appear in the 1999-2000 edition of Who's Who in the Midwest.

Scott became Jackson County's first female firefighter in June 1977. She is certified as a Master Firefighter Tactics, Fire Arson Investigation, Instruction, and Management. She is a 20-year veteran Emergency Medical Technician and is currently serving as Medical Officer and Training Officer for Pershing Twp. Fire Department. Scott also serves as Public Relations Officer.

Scott, a free lance writer with articles appearing in various professional journals, inspirational publications & newspapers, is an inspirational speaker specializing in women's programs.

Scott was Firefighter of the Year in her dept. in 1993, a two-time recipient of the Midwest Fire & Safety Award, Past Sec. of the Jackson Co. Fire Academy and serves as an instructor for the annual county-wide training project. She is a CPR Instructor with the American Red Cross.

Scott, the daughter of Winfred & Kathleen Cornett of Freetown, is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, KY. She is employed with Dicksons, Inc. in Seymour, Indiana. She is a member of Medora Christian Church.

State Fire Marshal's Office hires 2 investigators.

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) Investigation Division has recently hired two new investigators, Dave Lepper and Andy Long.

Investigator Long transferred to the Investigation Div. from the SFMO Inspection Div. Andy has been in the fire service several years. He is a Master Firefighter in Arson Investigation. He was a former member of the Ramsey VFD, and is currently attending the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He will be assigned to the SE corner of the state.

Investigator Dave Lepper worked as a process server for the Marion Co. Sheriff's Dept. He retired from the Indpls Fire Dept. Arson Squad, is certified in Strategy & Tactics, Fire Investigation and has attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA. Dave has investigated over 1000 fires and testified many times in civil & criminal proceedings. He's assigned the center of the state.

The Investigation Division welcomes them on board. Both are very dedicated to their jobs and have outstanding characteristics that will be very beneficial to helping the office and you.

Thomas C. Hinkle, Chief Investigator, Investigation Div.

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Landmark home destroyed

It was obviously a lost cause Thursday morning, November 13, 1997 as flames roared from the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gillespie at the intersection of State Road 135 and old Vallonia Road, just south of Brownstown, Indiana.

Fire Chief Jim Renaker said the fire apparently had been smoldering for some time before it broke out at 8:52 a.m.

He said the exact cause of the fire will never be known because "the area where it started was so totally destroyed," although he said the cause most likely was electrical wiring or baseboard heaters that were in use in the upstairs of the large home.

Firefighters were at the scene from 8:52 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. Thursday and then were called back at 4:23 when the remains of the structure rekindled.

Another rekindle sent them to the scene again on Friday morning.

"Something that big, it's hard to get it all out," Renaker said.

No one was at home at the time, and no injuries were reported.

The house, which was built in 1913 and estimated at \$250,000, was a total loss.

Dr. Gillespie's veterinary clinic next door was not damaged.

Brownstown Volunteer Fire Department was assisted at the scene by Driftwood Township Firemen.

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 The Jackson County Banner
 Tuesday, November 18, 1997

Gaston Volunteer Fire Department teams up with others on spill



Several agencies worked together to contain the spill and remove the semi-trailer on I-69.

On December 10, 1997 at 4:30 a.m. the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department was toned out for a 10-50 PD on I-69 at the 42 mile marker.

Upon arriving, firefighter Ted Dobbs noticed the ruptured fuel tank and quick action was taken to build an earth dam to deter the contamination of the Little Killbuck Creek.

Assistant Chief Mike Dobbs arrived and containment booms were placed in the creek at three different locations downstream.

The Madison County Haz-Mat team arrived and assisted in spreading napkins and oil-dri on the spill.

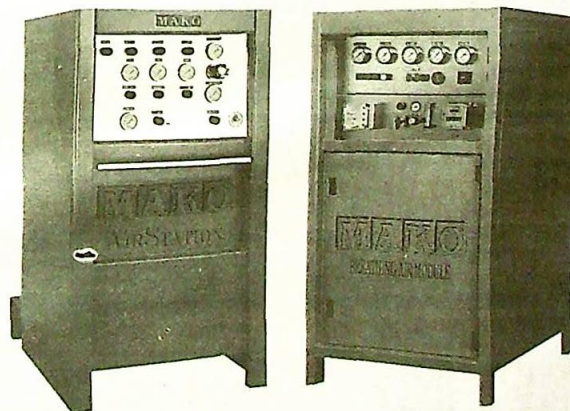
It took about ten hours to finally get the semi back onto the shoulder of the interstate. In doing so, three heavy wreckers were used and over forty personnel were involved.

Agencies that teamed up included the Delaware County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police, IDEM, Madison County Haz-Mat, Delaware County Health Department, Northwest Wrecker, Spill Recovery of Indiana, Gaston Volunteer Fire Department and the Delaware County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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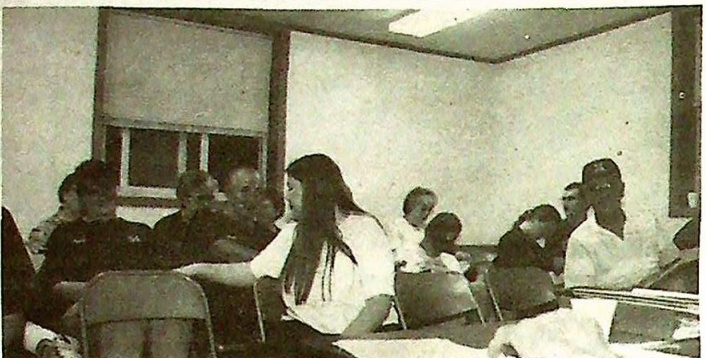
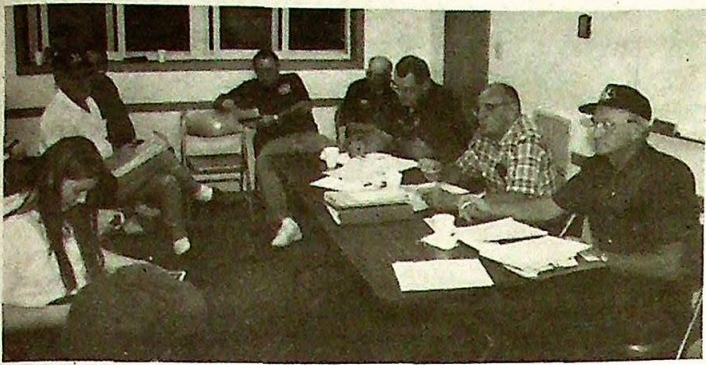
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1998 Convention Committees



Convention '98 Committee meeting with lots of very dedicated people working very hard to make the convention a success and fun for everyone. We are hoping for a large crowd to reap the benefits of the committees' efforts.



The Banquet Committee is (l-r): Brent Bush, Laurie Bush, Debbie and Don Vermillion



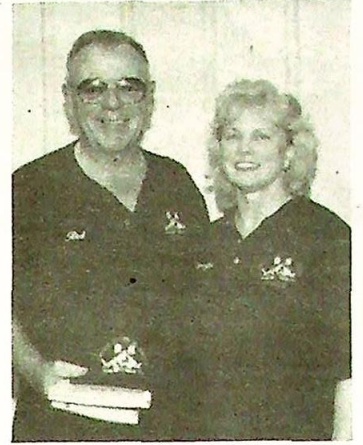
These hard workers are (l-r): Harold & Diane Harrison, Rob Solomon, and Sherry & Jack McFarland. They are working on Vendor Displays, Registration Packets/Bags and the Games Committees. Busy people!



The Registration Committee is hoping that everyone will get their reservations in early before the pre-registration deadline of June 1st. \$10 per registration can be saved.

This photo was taken late last summer. Pictured (l-r): Beverly Taylor, Don Wells, Eva Gottche, Bob & Joann Hays. We are saddened to report that Eva passed away in November after a long battle with cancer.

Our sincere sympathy to her family and thank you for sharing her with us. She was a dear friend.



Red & Carolyn Morris will be more than happy to sell you a souvenir at convention. You can order t-shirts, caps & attaché bags ahead if you like. You'll find Red's address & phone number on page 2 under District 11A.



The Convention '98 Committee officers are (from l-r): Larry Bartlow, Treasurer; Diane Harrison, Secretary; Bill Bush and Bob Meyers, Co-Chairmen.



The Convention '98 Parade Committee is hoping that you will get your entries in early. You will find an entry form on page 22 of this paper. They are working really hard to have the best one yet. There will be trophies awarded. Wouldn't one look good in your firehouse?

The committee is as follows (l-r): Jerry Lankford, Jason Ryan, Tiffany Lingenseler, Chairman Dave Miller, Kenny Ryan and Gary Lingenseler.

Departments respond to single engine plane crash

The McCutchanville Fire Department and German Township Fire Departments responded to a single engine plane crash on December 17, 1997.

According to McCutchanville Fire Chief Jack Kerney, the 1952 Beechcraft Bonanza C35 crashed around 2:45 p.m. about 80 feet from passing cards on Diamond Avenue. The crash site was on the north side of Diamond Avenue and east of St. Joseph Avenue.

The pilot Charles "Chuck" Keown, 53, of Evansville was extricated from the aircraft with facial injuries and broken legs. He was talking to fire department and emergency personnel during the extrication.

He died at 7:40 p.m. at a local hospital from heavy internal bleeding caused from "multiple blunt impact trauma."

The cause of the crash is unknown and will be investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation & Safety Board.

Keown had just taken off from a private airport a few miles away. His aircraft lost altitude for some reason and crash landed on a grassy hill after hitting some treetops.

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Charlie and Linda Baker

Tank Ruptures ... But Nobody is Hurt

By Chief Robert Larr, Jr., Hopkins Fire Department

Thursday morning, September 4, 1997, Lt. Larry Areaux from the Hopkins Fire Department brought five (5) SCBA tanks to be refilled at the Allegan City Fire Station.

Lt. Areaux has routinely done this many times before. Chief Joel Merchant from Allegan City Fire Department was going to fill the tanks as he has done in the past for most of the Allegan County Fire Departments.

While filling the last two tanks, one of the tanks unexpectedly ruptured. The force of the blast was one that many of us hope we would never have to experience.

The tank that ruptured, split into two pieces, the concussion was tremendous within the room in which the tank was being filled.

The force of this ruptured tank was enough that in test results a full size automobile has been tossed more than 100 feet in the air.

Even with two of the three doors open that go into the filling room, ceiling lights were damaged and blown around the room.

Now the good news, Chief Merchant and Lt. Areaux, both were uninjured or even scratched.

WHY?

In 1994, the Allegan County Firemen's Association approved and purchased an explosion proof filling station to be used for the filling of SCBA tanks for Allegan County Fire Departments.

This explosion proof filling station is the reason both Chief Merchant and Lt. Areaux are alive today.

However slight the risk of a SCBA tank rupture is, it is worth the chance?

Are we the fire service in our ever pressing issue of fire fighter safety doing enough for these routine tasks which must be done?

Are we doing enough in education on the proper use, storage, filling, and day to day handling of SCBA tanks?

I urge you as individuals regardless of what rank or role you may have in the fire service to ask yourself or your department the questions I presented to you, are we doing enough?

Do you still fill SCBAs without any type of containment system?

Do you use an open end type of containment system?

Do you fill SCBAs at the scene of an incident?

And do you still 'hot load' a SCBA while it's on a fire fighter's back?

Do we still stand SCBAs in the corner without support to prevent them from falling?

Do we carelessly toss an "empty" SCBA to the ground at a fire scene?

Do you transport SCBAs in private owned vehicles to be filled without securing them?

The answers to some or all of these questions will be yes from time to time.

And we may be satisfied with that, however I tried to briefly

describe the force of the explosion which occurred, but believe me words cannot begin to describe the force exhibited.

The explosion proof filling station did it's job for what it was manufactured for.

The filling station weighs approximately 1,500 pounds, and it was lifted off the floor and moved three (3) inches in one direction.

The walls on two sides show the force of the impact where the ruptured tank slammed into them.

The filling station was completely destroyed along with the second tank being filled at the same time as the one which ruptured.

Any one of your firefighters, who when given the chance could see the damage demonstrated to the filling station, would have a different view and respect for pressurized SCBA tanks the next time you tell them, just bend over and we will fill it while it's on your back.

I challenge you to take the time and look around your station, am I doing the best we can?

Can we do better; the answer is always yes.

The explosion proof filling system was purchased from Air Source One, at the time of purchase the filling station cost several thousand dollars and since that time of purchase the system has been used to fill the majority of SCBA tanks within Allegan County.

However, you can ask both Chief Merchant and Lt. Areaux about it and it's the best purchase the Allegan County Firefighter's Association has ever made.

Submitted by Robert Larr, Jr.
Chief Hopkins Fire Dept.
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The tank which was manufactured in 1975, with a 2216 PSI rating, and last hydrotested in the month of January of 1994.

At the time of rupture the two tanks being filled were approaching 2,000 PSI.

Specific details regarding this ruptured cylinder are pending USDOT investigation.

Due to the fact the filling process was done in a certified containment fill station, both officers in the area were unharmed in this incident.

The only thing that might have prevented the cylinder from rupturing would be visual cylinder inspections regularly.

Traditionally there are two ruptures in the United States per year, in 1996 there were six, and currently in 1997 this is the fifth. Such an increase cannot be ignored.

Although, the only real solution is to always keep the safest conditions in and around the work place as the Allegan County

Firefighter's have done and provide proper training.

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Brownstown VFD gives Career Day tour for students

Brownstown Central Middle School students recently toured the Brownstown Volunteer Fire Department as part of Career Day activities.

Firefighter Andy Lockman told the group what it takes to be a firefighter, then the students went outside to see the fire engine and new fire rescue van.

Andy also showed the students the "Jaws of Life" which are used to free trapped victims from vehicles.

"We could make a convertible out of a van in five minutes with the "Jaws of Life," Lockman told the group.

The jaws and other rescue equipment are carried in a van which was donated to the department by a local car dealership.

Other businesses donated paint, tires and lettering for the 1978 van which still requires light and sirens.

Firefighter John Sweeney showed Jane Weisman's students the "ready pack" which is worn on rescue missions.

Today's firefighters must be trained in many different areas, Sweeney said.

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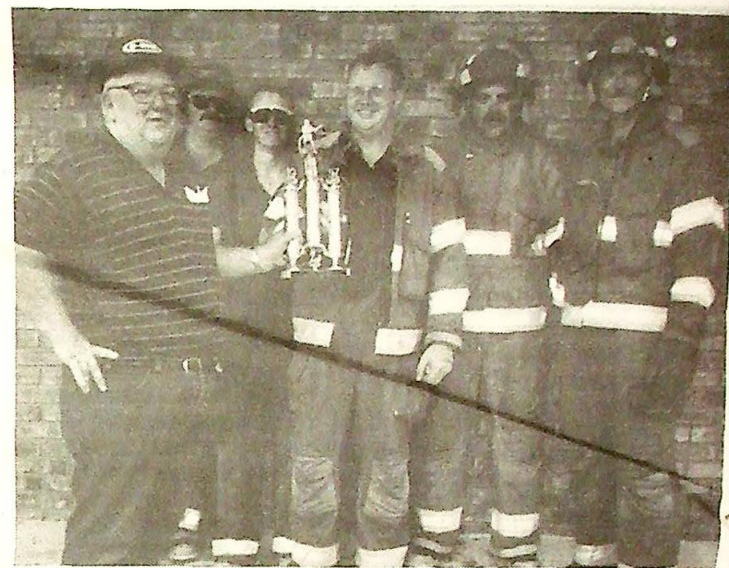
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District 15 Waterball Contest



First Place went to the Marris Township Fire Department.



Second Place was won by the Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Department



Third Place went to the Knight Township Fire Department of Evansville

The District 15 Waterball Contest was held in Owensville, Indiana on Saturday, August 2, 1997.

District Chairman John Barr awarded the trophies to the winning teams pictured above.



MARION TWP. RURAL FD TAKES DELIVERY

The Marion Township Rural Fire Department in Mitchell, Indiana, recently took delivery of the Danko GRU vehicle. This vehicle is on a Ford Chassis, Rescue Style Body with a large rear slide out tray, a generator, 4 Quartz Lights, PTO Pump, and water tank.

This apparatus was purchased through Southwestern Fire & Safety, Inc., of Jasonville, Indiana

IVFA State Officer's Meeting

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August bill is \$4,468.05. There are five outstanding accounts totaling \$1,062. Expenses include; commissions \$967.01, postage \$49.94 and mileage of \$42.00 for a total of \$1,059.95.

Guest Don Schroeder, from the State EMS Office, announced that 54% of all certified providers are fire depts., and 208 are volunteer fire depts. Of those, 130 are BLS non-transport providers, which means they use defibrillators. According to State Statute, if you use a defibrillator you are required to be certified by the EMS Commission. If you're a certified EMS provider, you are required to collect and report data to the State EMS Office. It can be collected on scannable form, using the state's software or you own. This must be sent to the EMS office monthly. You must only report if you are a certified provider. You may call 1-800-666-7784 to receive the EMS reporting software.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Mitch Parish reported last meeting will be held on Sept. 4-6. NFPA will re-visit the 1200 document probably in Kansas City in Nov. 1997. The recipients of Federal Death Benefits will no longer have to pay Federal Taxes on that benefit.

Public Education - Jim Parker passed.
 By-Laws - Jim Parker passed out up-to-date By-Laws and SOG's in red binders. Jim asked everyone to discard all old copies. Each dept. will receive a copy of the IVFA By-Laws. Up-dates will be placed in the rear of the book. The only way you will receive an up-dated page will be to turn in the old page. Larry Bartlow was thanked for providing the red binders at no charge to the IVFA.

EMS - Larry Stott reported attending the Sept. 11 meeting and the EMS for Children Committee will be requiring more data collection for stats on children, looking into what equipment is to be carried on ambulances for child care & mandated changes for skills for children. The EMS Education Committee is working on PI course up-date, also a 1st Responder course. The Dec. meeting will be looking into the transition from RN to PN. The Commission also appointed a new administrative law judge, William Teegarden. Next meeting Dec. 12.

Membership - Carl Bruns reported the membership stands at 16,186. Active 14,402; Inactive 1,553; Individuals 63; Associate 37; Past Presidents 13; Armed Forces 33; & Life Members 86.

Bridgeport - Lawrence Swartz passed out new cover sheets for the Bridgeport Scholarship Forms.

Fire Schools - Jack Cox reported working on the reduced rate to IVFA members to schools sponsored by IVFA & IFIA. Report will be available at Feb. meeting. District fire schools are still available.

Awards - Jack Cox reported he needs the awards applications ASAP. Historical - Mitch Parish starting to process historical book.

Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards & Education - Jack Kerney reported PSTI hired 6 new people to fill office vacancies. There will be work session at Dec. meeting to start process to get IFSAC accreditation. Hope this will be finished by end of 1998.

Fire Service Institute - Mitch Parish reported there will be a burn camp at Camp Teucumsia in Delphi, Monticello and Lafayette for the summer of 1999, it will be set up for 45 children between ages of 8-16.

The camp can hold up to 99 children. Mitch has heard that this has been changed. He will make a report at the next meeting. There was talk of a picnic in 1998 if there is enough participation. All district chairmen are to find out if there is support for brick & mortar academy and report back at Feb. meeting. Need numbers for and against.

Games - Mike Mackin reported for Al Mendel the possibility of having the games include a combat challenge. Al wants to build a new and larger trailer to store & haul the game equipment. The old trailer is becoming too small. Estimated cost is \$1300. Size would be 13'6" long, 7' wide & 6' high. He would like to include an on board public address system. Mike suggested maybe we could get a trailer donated. He will report back at next meeting. Ivan reported the 1998 combat challenger rules have changed to a "tag team event."

Fire Department Survey Sheets - Jim Parker reported all sheets are to be returned to him. He will see they get to the Central Office.

IVFA Flag - Tim Martin can get a silk screen flag 3'X5', one side for \$80; silk screen on both sides \$90. This will take board action.

IVFA Shirts - Don Cushman reported Dist. 13A would take on distributing & selling shirts for \$23.75 with no set-up charge. Larry Stott reported Dist. 2 would sell the shirt for \$22.50, with the district paying the set-up charge. Buz Koehler said Dist. 9B would sell shirts for \$13.75 plus \$180 set-up fee. John Ross reported his price was same as last meeting and his set-up fee is \$195. President Zeeks said he would table this until the Feb. meeting and everyone wishing to quote should bring written quotes to the meeting.

Insurance - Bill Kinsey passed

Legislature - Bill Kinsey reported the deadline has passed to submit any new legislature. A discussion was held on the possibility of forming a lobbying group from this organization with a Republican and a Democrat. Both would work with Gene Stofer to learn the ropes. Anyone wishing to possibly perform this role should present their name & party affiliation at the Feb. meeting.

Computer Purchase - Bill Kinsey reported the software has been purchased.

PSTI - Ivan Nevil reported the new NIFR's reports are being tested and will probably not be available until the year 2000. PSTI will need to add more personnel to support a permanent academy.

New Business - President Zeeks reported next meeting will be at same location on February 7 & 8.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Larry Petro and seconded by Mike Mackin. Motion passed by voice vote.

Board Action - Board Pres. Mitch Parish called the meeting to order. Bob Uryga made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Richard Glant. Carried by a voice vote.

Don Cushman made a motion we give the old computer package to the IVFAA for disposal. Motion seconded by Buz Kohler and carried by a voice vote.

Motion made by John Ross to purchase a new flag & preserve the old one. Motion seconded by Larry Petro. Carried by a voice vote. The old flag is to be turned over to the Sgt.-At-Arms.

Motion made by Bob Uryga that \$5 be taken off each class registration fee to IVFA members who attend IVFA supported schools, put on by the IFIA. Motion seconded by Red Morris. Roll Call vote asked for

by Bill Howe, Sr.

Dist.	Dist.
1 - N	11B - Y
2 - N	12 - Y
3 - N	13A - N
4 - N	13B - Y
5 - Y	14 - Y
6 - N	15 - Y
7 - N	16 - Absent
8A - Y	17A - Y
8B - Y	17B - Y
9A - Y	18 - Y
9B - Y	19 - Absent
10 - Y	20 - Absent
11A - Y	21 - Y
PRNW - N	PRNE - Y
PREC - Y	PRWC - Y
PRSW - Y	PRSE - Abstain
Pres. - Y	
V. Pres. - Y	
Treas. - Abstain	
Chaplain - Y	
Sgt.-at-Arms - Absent	
Board Pres. - Y	
Motion carried by a vote of 24	
yes to 8 no votes.	

Motion made by Richard Glant to accept the \$299,500 budget as printed & seconded by Charlie Cline. Motion carried by show of hands vote, with one no vote.

Motion made by Larry Stott to advance '98 convention site \$2000. Seconded by Jack Harker & carried by show of hands vote with one no vote.

Motion made by Richard Glant to pay vouchers presented for 2 Legislative Liaisons. Motion amended by Bill Howe, Sr. to read to pay vouchers approved by the Pres., Chmn of the Board & Treas. Amended motion seconded by Larry Stott. Carried by show of hands vote.

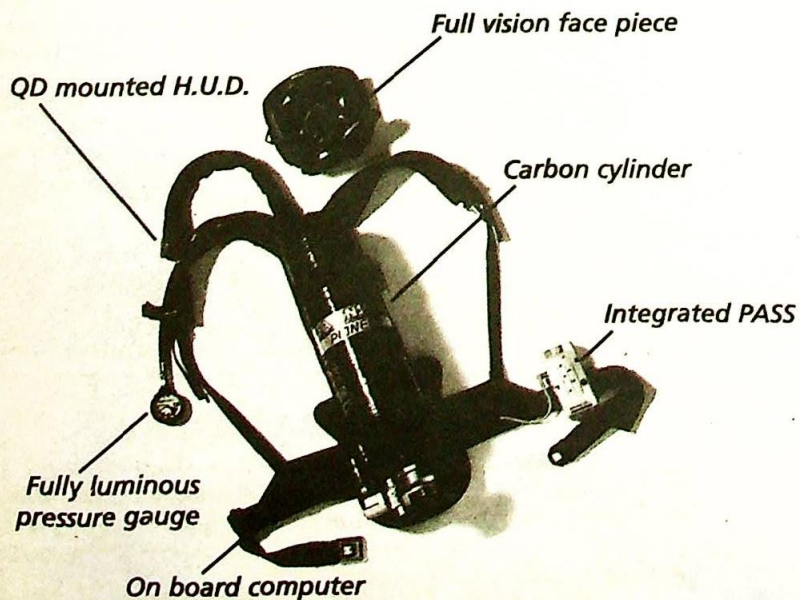
Motion made by Charlie Baker to allot \$3500 for purchase of new grave markers to recognize women in the fire service. Motion seconded by Jack Zeeks and carried by show of hands vote.

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Nelson E. Ehlers

Hello firefighters,
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I would like to encourage everyone to be especially diligent about safety when driving to and from fires. More accidents claim the lives of firefighters than do fires. We all have a tendency to have a great deal on our minds during this time.

Let me know if there are any events in your fire department that you would like me to attend. I'll try to make as many as possible.

We still need a District 14 Chairman.

**LaCrosse fire
leaves seven
homeless**

80 firefighters from 13 departments join battle against blaze that drains town's water supply.

By Frank Wiget
Staff Writer

LaCrosse - Fire swept through two adjoining buildings early Wednesday at the northwest corner of U.S. 421 and Indiana 8, destroying four apartments, taking the lives of two cats and nearly claiming the life of one tenant.

Eighty firefighters from thirteen departments in three counties battled the blaze, and the battle drained the town's 50,000-gallon water tank.

And while residents will have to boil their water for several days, the town did get an early holiday present.

No one was killed or seriously hurt.

Seven people were left homeless by the blaze, but most had friends and relatives providing temporary shelter and emergency clothing.

Diana Maack said she just started a resale shop three months ago. "I was just getting customers when this happened," she said.

She and her father lived in a back apartment in the building owned by Archie and Rebecca Risner of Monon.

Roy Wright, 32, lost his two cats, and was almost trapped after his fiancée, Tammy McCombs, 34, and her 13-year-old son, Michael McCombs, got out safely.

"A man in a chemical truck forced open the back door and got me out after I was overcome by smoke.

I wish I knew who he was," Wright said.

Another upstairs tenant, Karen Cowger, woke about 3 a.m. to find her apartment filled with smoke and banged on other apartment doors.

The upstairs renter, Gary

"Zeke" Allen, 50, called 911 before leaving the building.

The tavern at the highway intersection, The Draft Choice, had been closed more than six months. Building owner Chuck Meyer from Appleton, Wisconsin, said he had planned to convert the tavern into two apartments.

"I don't think we'll be able to save the building," Meyer said.

LaCrosse Fire Chief Arden Arndt said the fire department was called at 3:04 a.m. and the fire was under control by about 6:30 a.m.

The fire started at the west end of a tavern building and spread south into a resale shop structure, Arndt said.

Town residents have been told to boil water for at least a couple of days as a precaution against possible bacterial infiltration into the water supply of the LaPorte County town of 670 eight miles east of Kouts.

The warning was issued by Nathan Howell, Operations Manager from Midwest Control Corp. of Valparaiso, which oversees the town's water and sewer utilities.

He said the water tower was emptied by 4:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Firefighters used tankers from many departments and snorkels from Valparaiso and Westville Fire Departments.

Valparaiso Fire Department Captain Tom Steinler said his department alone poured 80,000 gallons of water onto the fire from its tower truck 2 1/2 stories above the building.

Providing mutual aid were Kouts, Valparaiso, Lake Eliza, Boone Grove, Hebron and Washington, Morgan and Union Township Fire Departments from Porter County, along with Wanatah, Hanna, Westville and Noble Township departments in LaPorte County and San Pierre in Starke County, Arndt said.

Arndt has requested help from the State Fire Marshal's Office in determining the cause of the blaze.

Condensed and reprinted from the Post Tribune, Thursday, December 4, 1997

Students' efforts end with visit by puppies

By Karen Snelling
Staff Writer

Merrillville - It only took a few seconds for Lucky and her seven, 6-week-old puppies to win the hearts of the fourth-graders at Joan Martin Elementary.

The plump, fuzzy puppies names Binky Bear, Chunk, Goober, Lilly, Yahtzee, Chip and Dale, drew soft "ooohs" as the 9- and 10-year olds gathered around them.

Cynthia Bishop and her family brought the dogs to the school Monday to thank the four classes of students who used their allowances to raise \$200 for Lucky's medical bills. The German Shepherd was rescued from a 20-foot-long tunnel near Turkey Creek in September and had to be treated for heartworms and other conditions.

School officials, who were worried that the puppies might bite the students, told them not to touch the puppies, but a few slipped in gentle rubs anyway.

"I really like Bear. He's so adorable," 9-year-old Maggie Hall, said of the largest of the litter of the brown and black mixed-breed pups.

News accounts of Lucky's ordeal caught the students' attention, fourth-grade teacher Jaime Brandenburg said. Each year her class looks for projects to help the community. "The idea was to get students to think 'What can I do to help?'," she said. The 100 fourth graders raised money by doing extra household chores, she said.

Reprinted from the Post Tribune, November 11, 1997

**District 9B
Midwest
Award**

The Midwest Award for District 9B has been presented to Denny Risner for his unselfish contributions to the IVFA and the volunteer fire service.

Denny served as the district Secretary/Treasurer for eleven years.

Denny is currently a member of the Whitepost Township Volunteer Fire Department in Medaryville, Indiana

**From the
Vice
President**



Jack Cox

**Pershing Township FD
Auxiliary Award**



Pershing Township Fire Department in Freetown made special awards presentations to members of their Auxiliary Unit during the annual departmental awards dinner on December 27, 1997.

Each Auxiliary member received a Certificate of Appreciation from Fire Chief Richard Blaker and President Greg Sutton.

"We would be so lost without our Auxiliary," said Blaker. "They help us in almost every aspect of our work here. They provide rehabilitation services for our firefighters during emergency incidents, assist in maintenance of our building and grounds, and help with fund raising. Our hats are off to each one of them, they are in the background never seen and never mentioned—that is true commitment.

"Auxiliary personnel with Pershing Township are Sarah Blaker, Lisa Blaker, Kathy Rudolph, Debbie Rouse, Donna Rouse, Missy McKinney, Karen Fleenor, Jane Edwards, and Joanne Fish.

Also recognized for services rendered to Pershing Township Fire Department were those individuals who donated time as training instructors during 1997.

Guest instructors who received plaques were: Timothy Deckert, EMT-P, instructor for Fundamentals of Search and Rescue; Debbie Cummings, EMT-P medical inservice instructor; Duane Davis EMT-P, medical inservice instructor, and David Wright, RN medical inservice instructor.

David Rouse was acknowledged for his contributions of time and service to the fire department's June Jamboree event.

"We owe David for all the miles he ran for us on errands and details," commented Blaker.

"He has always been a great asset to whatever we are involved in. David is one of those rare people who never looks at the obstacles in his way, but finds the path around them. He doesn't complain or criticize he just rolls up his sleeves and asks how he can help. We are very blessed to have his friendship and caring."

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The Jasonville Fire Department in Indiana, recently took delivery of this Smeal 55 foot Aerial Quint.

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The Quint makes a nice addition to the city's arsenal of firefighting vehicles.

This Quint was purchased through Southwestern Fire & Safety, Inc., also of Jasonville.



Fire Chief Vern Pahl of Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, Inc. presents a check to Jeffrin Lynn Griffith, winner of the Midwest Banker Group Fire Service Scholarship Award.

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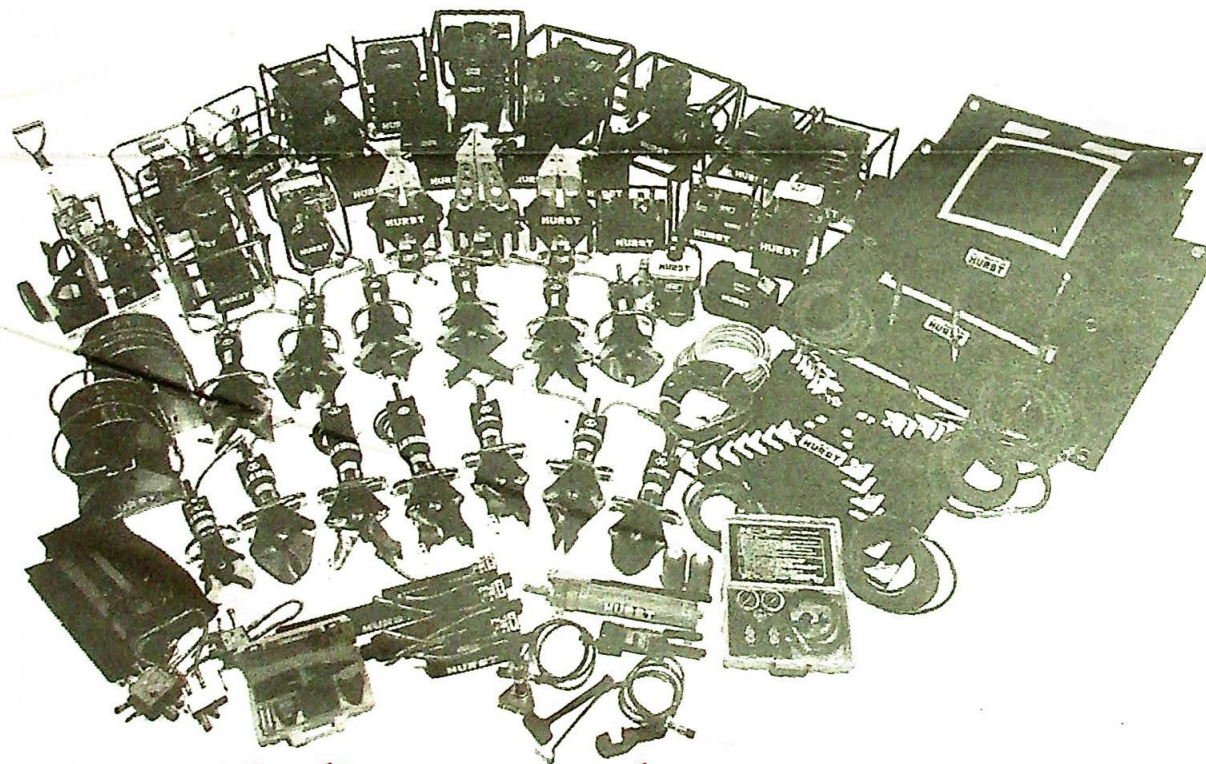
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District 9A



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Dave Rice of IDEM explains the "Open Burning" laws at the District 9A meeting on December 4, 1997 held at the Kempton Volunteer Fire Department.

Chairman Charlie Cline and Secretary Dee Mauntel are pictured at left.

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LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler

Marshal's Memo for December

Well, Ivan's getting on me about getting the Marshal's Memo done so we can get it out before the holidays, so here goes.

Included in this mailer is a story reprinted from the Michigan Fire Service News about SCBA tanks that ruptured while being filled. (See page 28 for article)

This is a serious issue that everyone needs to be aware of and concerned about. I would like to thank the Michigan Fire Service News for allowing us to reprint this important article.

Also, before long, each fire department in the state will be receiving a terrorism awareness video, absolutely free, provided by a grant from the federal government and put together by the Indiana Terrorism Task Force.

The whole thrust of the video is that it's no longer business as usual, so check it out.

By the way, you may see some familiar faces in this video, including one short, stocky, State Fire Marshal. Before you know it, Hollywood may be calling, ha!

CONGRATULATIONS! The 1997 Indiana Fire Code has been adopted by the Fire Prevention

and Building Safety Commission. It is expected to be in effect starting around April 15, 1998.

My sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this a reality.

There is one other issue that I want to bring to your attention.

As you may know, this office has been interpreting Section 87.104 (c) of the Fire Code to permit construction-related obstructions, modifications or changes of exits in existing buildings to be in place for six (6) weeks, so long as the local fire chief agreed.

If the situation would last for longer than six weeks, we have required them to get a variance.

Last month, the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission refused to allow that interpretation. The Commission stated that, since the local fire chief also has the authority to approve "temporary" exiting deficiencies, my office cannot require a variance for situations lasting more than six weeks.

In view of the Commission's decision, I have instructed my inspectors to request that the fire chief put any approval in writing.

The reason that I am requesting this in writing is that, since the Commission has stated that a fire chief can give an approval that can last for the entire time of the construction project (months or even years), I want to be sure the chief has given the approval for the life of the project.

We all know how misunderstandings can develop, and I feel it is important that everyone is clear on who approved what and for how long.

If the fire chief does not want to give approval, the owner will have to get a variance because I certainly would not approve any situation where the local chief was not in complete agreement.

Well I'm going to close this for now. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and enjoy the holidays especially with your families, both your personal family and your fire department family.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters,
Tracy M. Boatwright

IVFA State Officers Meeting Continued From page 29

Motion made by Jack Zeeks to make all fire school advertising the same format and size in the IVFA paper. Motion seconded by Richard Glant and carried by a show of hands vote.

Distribution of the donated smoke detectors tabled until Feb. meeting. The committee will be Larry Stott, Jack Harker & Mike Mackin.

Motion made by Don Cushman to allow all directors, that want to attend the Fire Services Institute Dinner to attend. Motion seconded by Bob Uryga and carried by show of hands vote.

Motion made by Don Cushman to supply all IVFA member fire depts. with a copy of the By-Laws, seconded by Bob Uryga and carried by a show of hands vote.

There being no further business, motion was made by Nelson Ehlers and seconded by Bill Howe, Sr. to adjourn. Carried by a voice vote. Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Sec.

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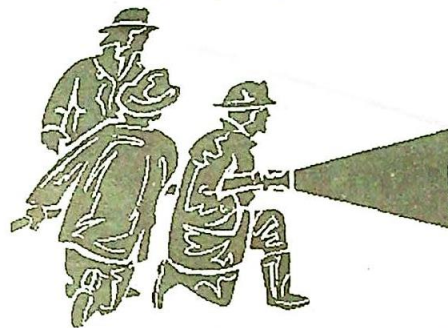
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