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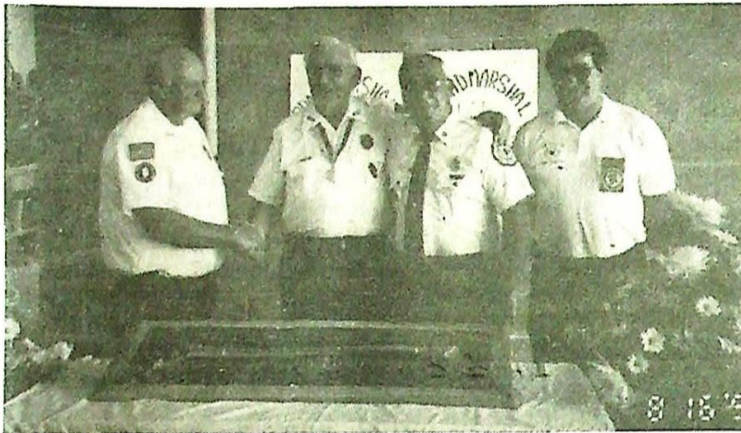
# THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

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## Don McCullough rewarded for 50 years of service



Pictured (l-r) Bill Powell, Hagerstown Fire Chief; Don McCullough; Jack Cox, IVFA President; and Dennis Spears, District 13B Chairman.

A grateful town showed its appreciation to one of its leading citizens, Donald C. McCullough, for 50 years as a firefighter at its annual "Jubilee Day" celebration on August 15, 1998.

Don joined the Hagerstown, Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department on July 1, 1948, and is an active member today.

He was Grand Marshal of the parade riding in the town's new fire engine, which was dedicated to him and will display engraved plates bearing his name. The engine stopped at the speaker's platform where Don was escorted by fellow firefighters to the podium and was surprised when presented with a framed golden fire axe commemorating his 50 years of faithful service. One of the rare occasions when Don was at a loss for words.

A reception was held for him in the afternoon at the fire station Open House, where family and friends stopped by to congratulate Don. It was at this reception that Jack Cox, incoming IVFA President presented Don with a gold card representing a lifetime membership.

Don was an advocate of firefighting education when it was virtually unheard of in rural area volunteer departments. Don was co-founder and the first President of the Wayne County Firemen's Association which provides educational courses & seminars throughout the county.

According to McCullough, the county has been a national leader in firefighter training. He has diligently lobbied for continual up-grading of equipment, which has kept the department up-to-date.

Don attended the John F. Kennedy School of fire investigation in the mid-1960s and became the region's foremost expert on fire causes. He's been an arson investigator, author, & instructor for the department and state.

Although the fire department is one of the most important concerns of Don's it's by no means his only one. Some of the honors that have most deservedly been bestowed on him are: the Distinguished Service Award; the Good Neighbor & Friend Award; title of "Mr. Hagerstown"; Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel; the "Sagamore of the Wabash"; the Melvin Jones Award; three time Paul Harris Fellows of the Rotary; and on November 4, 1986, was the first recipient of the Indiana Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award.

Don still does battle for his community and fire department, though now mostly with words. He remains a valued part of both.

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## Gene Stofer honored



(l-r) Duane Lantz, Township Advisory Board; Grace Lantz; Lucy Stofer, holding the plaque presented to her honoring the late Gene Stofer; Roy E. Richardson, President of Monroe Township Advisory Board; and Sherry Holder, daughter of Gene and Lucy Stofer.



Debbie Driskell, Vice President of the Indiana Trustees Association (left), presented Lucy Stofer with a plaque honoring her husband, the late Gene Stofer, for his outstanding service to the Indiana Trustees Association.

## Firefighter dies battling house fire

22-year-old trapped in  
burning house when roof  
collapses

By Jodi Burch  
Sunday Herald-Times  
Worthington - A 22-year-old  
Greene County firefighter was  
killed early Saturday when he was  
trapped inside a burning house  
after the roof collapsed.

Jason "Frog" Gouckenour of  
Worthington was pronounced  
dead at the scene, Greene County  
Deputy Coroner Frank Foley said.

An autopsy was scheduled at  
the Indiana University Medical  
Center by forensic pathologist Dr.  
Michael Clark.

Investigators are attempting to  
determine whether Gouckenour,  
a firefighter with the  
Worthington-Jefferson Volunteer  
Fire Department, died of smoke  
inhalation or injuries sustained

when the roof collapsed, Foley  
said.

Gouckenour was described as  
a "gung-ho" firefighter, who  
joined the fire service about a  
year and a half ago after a fire  
destroyed his residence, Assistant  
Chief Don Dupire said.

"He was real active, a real  
good kid," Dupire said.

Vern Spoor, who had known  
Gouckenour for years, recalled  
him explaining that he decided to  
join the fire department because  
he knew what people had gone  
through.

For Halloween, Gouckenour  
brought his son, Christopher, to  
Spoor's residence proudly

dressed as a fireman.

Since joining the department,  
Gouckenour had completed his  
first and second levels of fire-  
fighter training, as well as a first  
responder course.

A self-employed diesel  
mechanic, Jason was always  
anxious to work on the fire  
trucks, Dupire said.

Gouckenour graduated from  
White River Valley High school in  
1994, then attended the Lincoln  
Tech Mechanic's School in  
Indianapolis.

Reprinted from the Sunday  
Herald-Times  
January 9, 1999

## Firefighters face danger & death

Potential daily perils of the  
job should not be taken for  
granted.

The death of Jason  
Gouckenour is another tragic  
reminder that the job of a fire-  
fighter is fraught with danger.

We sometimes take these  
public servants for granted, as  
we do police officers and others  
whose work puts them in harms  
way.

Firefighters, whether they  
are full-time paid members of a  
department or members of a  
volunteer unit, face life-  
threatening risks every time  
they answer a call.

That kind of courage and  
selflessness should not be  
taken for granted.

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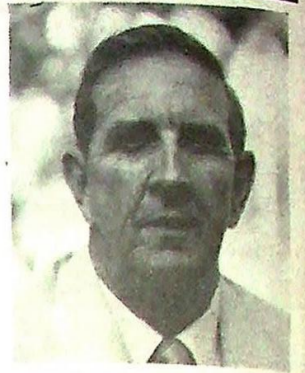
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**Prayer For Today**

*Lord, we approach Your throne of grace with prayerful hearts and penitent souls. You have given us lives with which to serve humankind in our chosen avocation, the fire and emergency service. We pray Your divine assistance in our walk of life and return to You our love, our reverence and our devotion. Forgive us when we falter or fail, In the Name of Your Son, Christ Jesus our Savior, we pray,*

Amen

**Minute Message**

His life's story reads like a movie script so it's no wonder that this fellow Moses became a part of the entertainment world in twentieth century America. Although the latest version is animated (*Prince of Egypt*), it nonetheless breaths life into one of history's most complex individuals. Born about 1400 BC, Moses was considered one of the scriptures' most able leaders and God's instrument for the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt to the threshold of the Promised Land.

Moses also authored the foundation of the Old Testament. The first five books of the OT (called the Torah by Hebrew scholars) are also called the Pentateuch. The stories from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy offer an excellent view of this period in history. From an incredible birth through manhood, this person, Moses, became a powerful and sometimes impulsive leader of his people at the age of eighty! He continued to lead the young nation another forty years.

*One of Moses' many duties is spelled out in the twentieth chapter of Exodus, the story of the Ten Commandments (Verses 1-17):*

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery,

- "You shall have no other gods before me."
- "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations, of those who love me and keep my commandments."
- "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."
- "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."
- "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."
- "You shall not murder."
- "You shall not commit adultery."
- "You shall not steal."
- "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."
- "You shall not covet your neighbor's house, You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Commandments have withstood the test of time; they have become the basis for much of our spiritual and common law to the extent that many legal statues have them as their foundation.

Jesus did not repeal them, but taught us to respect and obey them, adding one more: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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Now is the time to give the need for education assistance some very serious thoughts, cost of college is rising every year.

If you members have a child going to college, or yourself planning to enroll, please give some time to applying for this scholarship. Ask Amanda Marie Nelson of Crown Point, or Holly Sue Williamson of Evansville, if applying is worth the effort.

The deadline for applying for the 1999 scholarships is just around the corner. **(MARCH 1, 1999)** Applications are available from your district chairman or any elected officer of the IVFA.

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## From the President



Jack Cox

Hello Friends and Firefighters, The new year is well underway. I sincerely hope that each of you had a happy and safe holiday season.

For many of you, the 97-98 winter season was a very pleasant one, as far as the temperature and precipitation was concerned.

Well, I believe we are paying for it this year. The east central region of Indiana has had by this time enough snow, ice and cold for the balance of this winter season. All I can say is - THINK SPRING!

There is a new buzz term in the Fire/EMS Service these days. It is called "Domestic Terrorism." If you and your Fire/EMS organization are not planning for a response to a Domestic Terrorism report, you may get caught unprepared! Planning and training should be well underway,

if not complete, by this time.

If you have a school in your jurisdiction, you are at a greater risk for this type of incident than those that don't. Even if there are no schools in your jurisdiction, any large public building could be a target for the Domestic Terrorism threat.

If you of your Fire/EMS organization need more information on this subject, please let me know at the address listed in this paper (see page 2) and I will provide you with anything I have.

You may also want to contact your local or state Emergency Management representative for additional information.

Don't forget to get your registrations in for the Annual Meeting in June 1999.

Also, PLEASE, attend your district meeting. If you don't, YOU miss out on many things that are important to us all!!!

Have a safe winter season!

Nancy and I hope to see you soon.

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PHOTO - Kissinger, Parish

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1&2

November 18, 1998  
Independence Hill Volunteer Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman Bill Howe at 7:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Larry Stott.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests included John Wilson, Independence Hill Charter Member; John Kierzowski, from the Fire Marshal's office; Kari Fravel, District 1 Miss Flame; Martha Thomas, District 1 IVFAA Chairwoman; Ann Moss, District 2 IVFAA Chairwoman; Phyllis Vargo, Past IVFAA President; and Joe Shudik, Rick Bella and John Petallis Merrillville Town Board Officials.

Roll Call was answered by forty-four members from District 1 and twenty-three members from District 2. Attendance trophies were won by New Chicago, District 1 and Lake Eliza, District 2. Total attendance for the year was 363 members from District 1 and 335 members from District 2.

Independence Hill President Eli Sekoluski gave a history of the department and introduced his firefighters.

Lake County Sheriff John Buncich gave a talk on major disaster planning in Lake County involving police, fire and ambulance personnel.

He also reported on proposed 800 MHz radio system.

Treasurer's report was given. District 2 Chairman Larry Stott and District 1 Secretary Jim Bradford reported on the following items from the State Officer's meeting:

- Ivan Nevil needs five departments to take a survey for the Fire Marshal.
- Discussed changing name of organization to Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.
- Speaker Bill Miller from IOSHA gave a talk on air pak requirements, training and testing. Anyone using an air pack must have an evaluation done by a health care professional.
- History books should be ready in a month.

Bill Howe reported that the nominations for the Midwest Award must be in by January 15, 1999.

Bill Howe presented an IVFA clock to the Independence Hill VFD for their new station.

Larry Stott reported the Fire Institute Dinner next year will be on February 1st, which is a Monday. A motion was made by Kurt Reifon from Lake Eliza, and seconded by Jake Thomas, to buy one ticket for each district. Motion carried. Winners of the tickets were Bob Zott, District 2 and Ron Rogers, District 1.

One death was reported since the last meeting. Former chief Ewald Reitman from Dyer Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Jake Thomas, and seconded by Tom Orrell, to buy attendance trophies for next year. Motion carried.

A pancake breakfast at New Chicago is planned for Sunday, November 22, 1998.

Martha Thomas has raffle tickets for the 1999 convention.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Larry Crosby from Lake Eliza.

Our next meeting will be January 20, 1999 at Porter Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Kurt

Reifon, and seconded by Dennis Shavey to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jim Bradford, District 1 Sec.

## DISTRICT 3

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 4

November 12, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Freed, with prayer by Russell Peterson and the Pledge to the Flag.

There were five departments represented, with ten members and one guest present.

Greg Freed reported on the last meeting of the State Officers.

Russell Peterson reported on Baugo Township Volunteer Firefighters' anniversary ceremony. They now have forty years of service to the community.

Gene Goddard gave a short talk on up-coming events of the fire service.

Greg Freed discussed the new license plate information. He also talked about the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Penn North showed the new trucks they received in 1998.

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Paul T. Kunz, Secretary.

## DISTRICT 5

November 12, 1998

Plain Twp. Fire Department, Leesburg, Indiana

Our meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 1934 hours, with the Pledge to the Flag following.

Roll Call was answered by twenty-three members representing ten departments.

Guests included our district Miss Flame Candidate Jamie Pletcher and Richard Glant, PRNE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by district secretary Kissinger, with one question concerning IVFA dues and benefits. Chairman Kissinger reported that you have to be a member in good standing for three years. Richard Glant advised dues have to be paid on time for two consecutive years.

FEMA will be putting on a terrorism class at the Notre Dame Fire Department starting April 19-24, 1999 (see page 32).

Discussion held on OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard.

Chairman Kissinger advised former treasurer Gene Stofer passed away. He will be greatly missed.

Richard Glant informed everyone of a proposed amendment to the S.O.G. covering mileage reimbursement. Lenny Berkey made a motion for the district to accept the amendment and have Chairman Kissinger vote yes at the next quarterly meeting. Winona Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Glant advised that you may access the latest legislative proposals on-line at [www.ai.org](http://www.ai.org).

Chairman Kissinger discussed some of the rules and regulations concerning live burn training.

The convention will be held in Columbus, Indiana on June 16-19. Chairman Kissinger said when you call to reserve a hotel room, tell them you are with the convention and the code is FIR.

The Fire Service Institute will be holding their Annual Dinner on

February 1, 1999.

Richard Glant advised that there have been some personnel changes at the IVFA Central Office.

Jamie Pletcher will represent our district in the Miss Flame Contest.

Discussion held on why the meeting for Project Safety can't be scheduled to better suit volunteer departments.

Etna Green will be having an Open House for 50-year member Claude "Red" Davis on Saturday, November 14, 1998 at the Etna Green Fire Department.

Richard Glant said that a portion of the \$5 paid to receive your license plate goes toward the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and death benefits.

The next meeting will be held at the North Manchester Fire Department in North Manchester, Indiana on January 14, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2023 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cam Kissinger, Secretary

## DISTRICT 6

Hello and a very Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone is staying warm with all of the cold weather and snow we have been having.

At the November meeting held at Hometown Fire Department, the district Miss Flame was chosen.

I would like to congratulate Miss Kimberly Smith from the New Haven Adams Township who will represent us again this year at the annual meeting (convention) in June at Columbus.

The January meeting will be held at the Garrett Fire Department. The program presented will be on railroad crossing hazards.

In December, Bill Kinsey and I presented three 50-Year Life Member Gold Cards to Herman Armstrong, Glen Conkling and Lester Rice, all from Washington Fire Department Allen County.

I would like to congratulate these three members, plus four

other members, for their time and dedication to the fire service and their communities.

The March meeting will be at the Southwest Fire District Station #1 on Old Trail Road in Waynedale.

If you are planning on attending the annual meeting (convention), now is the time to get your registration and reservations in!

Stay warm and I hope to see you at all the district meetings!

Respectfully submitted by,  
Michael "Mike" Mackin,  
Chairman.

## DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 8A

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 8B

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 9A

November 19, 1998

Chairman Charlie Cline welcomed all to the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department.

Before the meeting, a demonstration was given by Cinergy on safety considerations needed when responding to electrical problems.

They had all the equipment on display that is in a neighborhood to run the electric service.

Always survey the scene before approaching a downed power line.

Don't use any wooden handled poles on the lines because they showed how tree limbs can close the circuit and we would, too.

Call your utility companies right away on structure fires. They do not want us to pull meters, one reason being that, that would not cut off the service with three phase meters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cline. Chaplain Baker gave the Invocation. The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Guests were State Chaplain Charles Baker and Father Frank Kilcline.

The minutes were read and approved.

There were six fire depart-

ments, with eighteen members, in attendance, answering fifty-nine alarms.

Old Business:

Charlie Baker had more information on the Hoosier Burn Camp. It will be May 30th to June 4th at Lake Tecumseh, in Delphi.

The main speaker at the Fire Caucus Dinner on February 1, 1999, will be a man who was burned at the age of two. (The dinner will be at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis).

The fire service needs to support this camp and volunteer to help out there. See the "Indiana Fireman" newspaper for the article on this.

Chairman Cline reported on the State Officers' Meeting. A speaker from OSHA stressed that the "2 in and 2 out" should be used on structure fires if you have the manpower present beyond the pump operator and Safety Officer. Standard Operating Guidelines for your department should include this requirement. Mutual aid will help fulfill this need.

Another topic discussed was having face masks for SCBA fit tested at your department. Those with beards would not be able to wear them.

The recent Anthrax threats were discussed and the letter from the State Fire Marshal was gone over.

Chairman Cline said that a procedure has been worked out with the local school district about what to do.

Your fire department should add a protocol to your HazMat guidelines for this.

FEMA says that domestic terrorism is a HazMat incident with additional complicating factors. *Since this is a crime, law enforcement officers need to be present.*

Letters with nominations for the Midwest Award must be in to the Chairman by January 1, 1999.

Ralph Luke is available for HazMat training. Call him at 765-643-4378.

The next meeting is January 28, 1999, at Twelve Mile, Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m., followed by a buffet.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dee Mauntel

## DISTRICT 9B

NO REPORT



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**DISTRICT 10**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 11A**

Hello and HAPPY NEW YEAR! We sure hope your holidays were as good as ours; and a big thank you to those of you who helped to make ours what they were.

It was good to see some new faces at the Merom meeting and also nice to see some faces we have been missing. Thank you all for joining us for the afternoon.

When you read this, our district Miss Flame will have been chosen and she will be preparing to represent us at the convention in Columbus.

How about you? Are you planning on being there to represent your department? I am certain you will find details in another part of this paper. (see pages 22 & 23)

The Posey Township/Staunton Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting our March 21st meeting. This location is very close to center so no one will need to travel the long distance to join in and let their voice be heard. Please plan on being with us.

If your department has had a

change in the name of who should be receiving mail from the district or the state IVFA, please call your district chairman, secretary, or the Central Office and let us change our mailing information. Or, if you are not receiving the mail you think you should be, check with one of us and find out what address we are sending mail to.

This is not a good time to be saying anything, but if we wait until next issue, it may be too late. Things are too uncertain as of this writing, but if you are reading this, you should make sure that your department will have their three votes at the convention this year and help to make your IVFA a better organization in the future than it is now. More on this subject when we see you at Staunton in March.

**DISTRICT 11B**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 12**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 13A**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 13B**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 14**

I hope everyone had a happy holiday! I had a very good time. Santa was good to me and my family, we are in pretty good health.

I attended the Indiana Trustee Association Convention held in Indianapolis in November. They had a great convention!

I would like to thank the Indiana Trustee's Association for the \$1,000 gift to the Bridgeport Fund. It was a great help to the scholarship fund for the young men and women going to college.

To all the firefighters and fire departments in District 14, as well as the state, please attend you district meeting and give the district chairmen your support.

We as state officers can do more for you and your department. I have heard some departments ask, "What does the IVFA do for us?" As state officers, we cannot help you if we do not know what your needs are. So, come on out to your district meetings and let us know what you would like to see done.

There's a lot of information

that your department needs from these meetings, so come on out to our next district meeting on January 20, 1999 at New Washington.

The 1999 IVFA Convention will be in Columbus on June 16-19, so plan to attend.

If you've moved, please give your district chairman your change of address to send to the Central Office, or send it directly to the office (see front page of this paper for address). If you don't, you will not receive your paper or other information you may need. Please, let us know. See you on January 20, 1999. Respectfully submitted, Roy E. Richardson, Chairman

**DISTRICT 15**

The November 17, 1998 district meeting was held at Wadesville Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moffett at 1934 hours.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave the minute message. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chairman Moffett.

Roll Call was answered by nine departments and thirty-two members.

Chairman Moffett thanked the Wadesville Fire Department for preparing the meal.

Guests included Tim Wargel of M&S Fire & Safety; Ken Boes from E-One/Sternberg International; Bill Ingle, IVFA Past President; and Jack Harker, PRSW.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the September 15 meeting at Owensville. A motion was made by Harmon Feather, and seconded by Ken Corbet, to accept the minutes as distributed.

The Treasurer's report was distributed. A motion was made by John Barr and seconded by Ken Corbet to accept the report as distributed.

Old Business: It was decided to form a research committee for the 2001 convention. Harry Logan will Chair this committee, along with Jack Kerney, Kevin Brown and Steve Anderson.

The 1999 convention will be held at Columbus with rooms available at the Holiday Inn.

New Business: Barbara Kerney stated that the Miss Flame judging will be held at the next meeting at Knight Township on January 19, 1999.

Jack Kerney gave a report on the last State Officer's meeting. There have been "people problems" at the Central Office.

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A new person handling the IVFA business is Stephanie.

All departments should check their membership cards and make sure you have cards for everyone you paid for. While changing from the old program to the new program, there were some problems.

The IVFA is working on some legislative work to increase the Death and Disability benefits for volunteer firefighters. The minimum now required by the State is \$150 per week. Language is being worked on to change it to 66 2/3% of the firefighter weekly wage of his/her vocation, for 260 weeks.

This would be mandatory and probably would have an onset date of the year 2000.

Jack reminded everyone that when you attend a sponsored IVFA fire school, you are entitled to a \$5 discount for each class you attend.

The Fire Service Institute Dinner will be February 1, 1999 at the Indiana Roof. Cost is \$100 per person.

PSTI will be visited by a IFSAC site team to look at accreditation for: Firefighter I & II; Fire Officer I & II; Airport Crash Firefighter; Investigator I; HazMat Technician & Operations; Instructor I, II, & III; and possibly Inspector I.

The new 29CFR 1910.143 Respiratory Standard now has provisions involving the fire service. Everyone needs to read the standard, it involves all fire departments. It also includes the two-in, two-out rule.

Discussion is being held on the cost to change the name of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to be gender specific. The name would change from firemen to firefighter.

The Vincennes sausage dinner and District 17A meeting will be January 16, 1999.

Our next meeting will be held on January 19, 1999 at Knight Township Fire Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

We would like to thank the Wadesville Fire Department for providing the meal.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack Kerney, Secretary

**DISTRICT 16**

NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 17B**

NO REPORT

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NO REPORT

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NO REPORT

**DISTRICT 21**

NO REPORT

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# Death holds no romance

By Larry H. Stevens

There's a forum on America Online under keyword Fire Rescue called "Paid vs. Volunteer." The paid guys attack the volunteers. The volunteers attack the paid guys. The debate is really about who's professional and who isn't. While watching TV recently I realized the real test of professionalism is the quality of firefighting, and the fire departments on TV failed that test miserably.

The programs showed an engine and truck company arriving on scene at a fully involved four-story building. It took them eleven minutes to get a ladder pipe in operation with eight firefighters. It looked as if the crews had never tried such an operation in training. How embarrassing.

Other programs also showed more wrong ways to do the job than right ways. When a building was fully involved and deemed unsafe to go in, crews simply surrounded the building with handlines.

The whole time, the narrator explained how badly the brick walls were bowed. When the building finally collapsed, crews went scurrying for safety.

So much for consolidating handlines into master streams and establishing a collapse zone.

During another incident, the narrator explained how easy it was to lose a block of buildings if you don't get in front of the fire. An hour later, the block was gone - one building at a time.

At another situation, a crew performed a ladder rescue in a blazing building in street clothes. That was followed by an engine company that didn't wear face pieces. They always wore the heavy 60-minute bottle as blast though. Give 'em credit for that.

Finally, a firefighter got steam burns and two days sick leave for not wearing a Nomex hood or face piece - both were hanging around his neck. The announcer said the cause of his burns was opposing handlines.

So who's more professional? The volunteer who has such contempt for paid fire departments because all he ever sees are the smoke-eaters doing stupid things he was taught never to do?

Or the career firefighter who says the volleys drive too fast with their silly blue lights and take away jobs?

I'd say neither. If you can't do the right thing in front of the public you serve and refuse to protect yourself, maybe you should be retrained.

Excuse me if I don't run a graph showing that firefighter deaths are going down or praise all the NFPA standards and OSHA rulings for saving us.

We all know there are not as many fires today, or as many firefighters. So of course the number of deaths is down.

When I entered the fire service roughly twenty years ago, the NFPA reported 12,000 Americans died each year in fires. That number included 120 firefighters.

Today, 100 firefighters go down for each 6,000 Americans who die in fires. The ratio used to be one firefighter for every 100 citizen deaths. Now it's one in sixty. Is the job more dangerous today?

Poor fitness was the leading cause of firefighter deaths twenty years ago; it remains significant today.

Look at what heart attacks did in 1996:

Three firefighters died turning fire hydrants on; two died operating a pump; one operating an aerial. One died breaking a window; two were directing traffic; two were sleeping in the station; one was fixing a fire truck.

Others died getting into a car, attending a fund raiser, an EMS drill and an extrication class; carrying drinking water at a non-emergency; and a whole bunch died while driving vehicles, treating patients in the back of an ambulance, hooking up hoses, operating chain saws, going for walks and testing hydrants. Two died pulling attack lines and another was putting equipment away at a station.

That list of line-of-duty deaths amounts to one-third of the firefighter deaths in 1996.

No amount of regulations, safety equipment or training can stop a firefighter from dying because of poor physical condition.

Last year, three officers told their crews to mask up, but didn't take their own advice. All three are dead.

If you don't wear your helmet or secure the chin strap, your next fall can be fatal, just as it was last year for one firefighter. Some of these needless deaths were volunteers, some were paid firefighters.

The same laziness we see on TV, magazine covers and on scene kills firefighters, both volunteer and career.

If you don't care enough to don the face piece, won't take care of yourself, don't extend the outriggers with pads, won't learn how to operate the equipment or you drive too fast on the way to a call, why would anyone want to fight fire with you, whether you are volunteer or paid?

There's nothing fun about pumping on the chest of a comrade who has been trying to die for years. Anyone who is careless will eventually cut enough corners and kill a member of his crew.

Don't just mumble under your breath that Joe drives too fast. Take action: Tell him to his face, and if that doesn't work, report him. If you don't take action, he may kill you, a fellow firefighter, and innocent family or himself.

If I've described you, do the service a favor: Either get with it or get out. No firefighters death is romantic, whether he or she works on a full-time paid or a volunteer basis.

The yearly statistics prove that the lack of personal responsibility toward one's own health and safety kills firefighters.

All of us, whether volunteer or career, must assume the responsibility.

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Several Howard County firefighters from Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department, Indian Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Harrison Township-Alto Volunteer Fire Department have been certified as Firefighter 2.

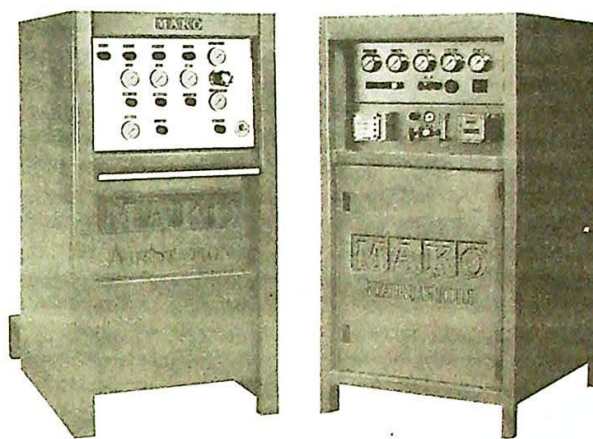
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# IVFAA President



Faye Sallee

Snow, snow, snow. How about more snow? Can you believe this? We all figured we were due when we had such a mild fall.

Hopefully, not too many of our firefighters had to be out in the cold weather.

Just remember - if winter is here, spring must be close at hand.

## DISTRICTS 1,2

November 5, 1998

Our meeting was called to order by Martha Thomas, District 1 Chairman, at 7:20 p.m., with prayer and the Pledge to the Flag given by Susie Haywood, President of the New Chicago Auxiliary.

Dinner was served by Susie Haywood and Teddi Burt.

Also attending were Larry Stott, District 2 Chairman; Clarence Moss, District 1 & 2 Treasurer; Dale Smith of Southwestern Fire & Safety; James Vargo; Dwight Rench; Jake Thomas; Phyllis Vargo, Past-President of the IVFAA; and our Miss Flame contestants Keri Fravel representing District 1, Amy Davis and Nicole Luebeke from District 2, and their parents.

The minutes were read by Marge Baumgardner, District 2 Secretary, and stood as read.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ann Moss, with no corrections.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The judging of our Miss Flame contestants. Judges were Karen Monroe, wife of a New Chicago Councilman; Sherie Hall, New Chicago Clerk Treasurer; and Ronnie Rogers, Fire Chief of the New Chicago Fire Department.

Announcements:

Lowell, Merrillville and Schererville have cookbooks for sale.

Merrillville will have a chili supper November 7th at the fire station on 73rd Avenue.

Crown Point has glass fire truck ornaments for sale.

Lake Dale will have a New Year's Eve party.

A silent auction was held during part of our meeting to help defray expenses for our district Miss Flames at the June convention.

The winner of District 1 was Keri Fravel from the Independence Hill Fire Department and the winner from District 2 was Amy Davis from the Lowell Fire Department. A special thanks to the girls that were running for our Mills Flame this year.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dale Smith of Lowell. Door prizes were given out and a great time was had. Again, we thank the ladies of the New Chicago Auxiliary for having us.

The traveling trophies went to Munster for District 1 and Lake Dale for District 2.

The next meeting will be held at Cedar Lake on March 4, 1999. Respectfully submitted by, Kim Gornik, Dist. 1 Sec. Martha Thomas, Dist. 1 Chmn Ann Moss, Dist. 2 Chmn

## DISTRICT 3

The November meeting was called to order by Chairman Leona Uryga at 7:20 p.m. at the Lincoln Township Fire Department, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Rose Stantz of Springfield Township.

Tricia Garwood gave the Secretary's report, with corrections made that Ruth Deutcher and Marie Moore are from Coolspring Township. The minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's report was given and will stand till audit.

There were no get well cards sent out.

New Business:

Attendance Award plaque was given to Springfield Township for 1997-98.

State news - Dues are going up next year to \$3.50 (from \$2.50). It was voted on and passed.

The Miss Flame ribbons have to be supplied by each district, the state will no longer furnish them due to the rising cost. Our district is good for about five more years.

The state is also selling 2-year planners, and the Doe Doll tickets are gone.

This year the state will be raffling off a collectable fire truck or you can get \$200. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We got the tickets early this year.

There are sixty-five department auxiliaries in the IVFAA membership.

We need to do the auction for the January meeting to make money for the auxiliary and we will also have our 50/50 tickets. We need to get our treasury built up.

Coolspring was asked to be ready just in case Kingsford Union cannot do the January meeting. If weather is bad, please make sure that you listen to the radio stations for any meeting cancellations. If weather is too bad, the meeting will be canceled to the next week.

If your area is bad, you are encouraged to call Chairman Uryga to tell her the conditions. Don't forget the Lois Boaz award nominations are due in February. GET YOUR LETTERS WRITTEN!

Kaye Kaufman received a certificate for 25 years of service. We received thank you cards from Kim Smith from District 6 for the ditty bags.

A thinking-of-you cards was sent to Rose Webb at the Fountain View Terrace. Chairman Uryga reminds everyone that if you do have someone in your department that has been sick or in a nursing home to continue to pay their dues so that families are eligible for the Bible and the services if need be.

Cindy Fessler from the LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department will represent our district in the Miss Flame contest at state.

A motion was made by Shirley Hall, LaCrosse, and seconded by Ruth Deutcher, Coolspring, to have the auction in January. Motion carried.

Lee thanked everyone for their cards during her recovery.

A paper from the Michiana Shores Fire Department Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was turned in to be added to the historical book. Everyone was asked to send cards to Craig Shurgold, who is 7 years old and has an inoperable brain tumor. He would like to be in the Guinness World Book of Records for receiving the most cards.

Coolspring is having a bake sale and craft sale on December 5 from 10 - 4, tickets are being sold by Coolspring.

Chairman Uryga gave everyone a recipe for Peanut Butter Crisp Bar.

A motion was made by Helene Froeling, Michiana Shores, and seconded by Bev. Fessler, LaCrosse, for everyone to take a raffle sheet, zerox it and pass them out for each department to sell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 20, 1999 at the Kingsford Union Fire Department.

Up-coming events: Coolspring, December 5, Bake Sale and Craft Show.

Springfield, Turkey shoots till the end of the month and serving the gun club twice a month.

Heather Garwood thanked everyone for their support during the last two years. She really enjoyed representing our district.

50/50 was won by Cindy Fessler, LaCrosse and Rose Stantz, Springfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a motion made by Dorothy Moffitt, Coolspring and seconded by Irene Childress, Coolspring.

## DISTRICT 4

NO REPORT

## DISTRICT 6

We met at Hometown Fire Station, Allen County, on November 19, 1998.

Roll Call was answered by six members and two guests representing four departments.

State Vice-Chairman, Mary Mackin continues to sell the 1999 state project tickets for the fire truck, so be looking for her to contact you. Or better yet, contact her and sell, sell, sell.

We enjoyed making Christmas crafts before joining the men for the announcement of our Miss Flame representative. Miss Kimberly Smith will again represent us at the convention this June in Columbus. Good luck, Kimberly!

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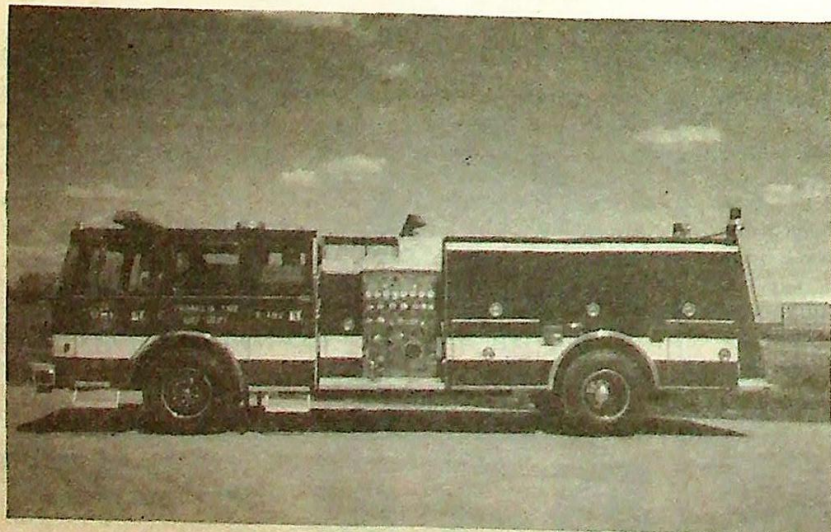
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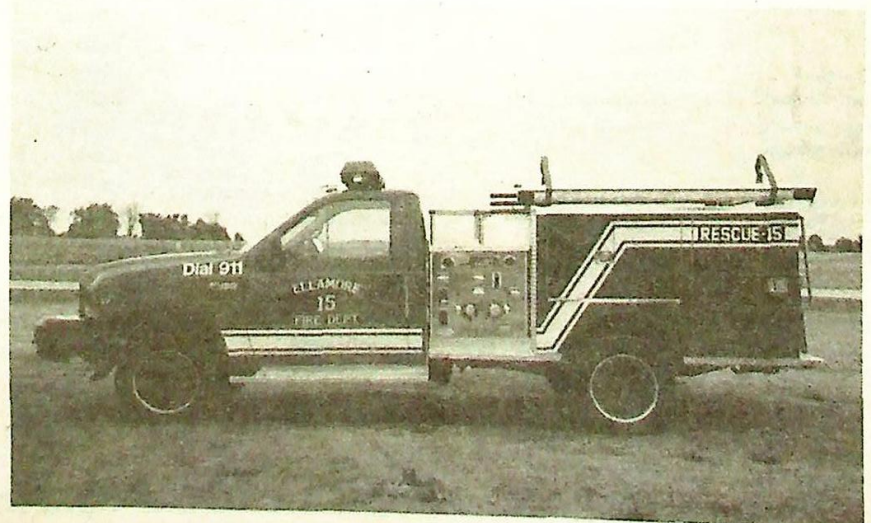
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## IVFAA Vice President



Mary Mackin

The holidays are over and I hope yours were as good for you as they were for us.

Winter has come with a vengeance. Remember to button up when you go out in this bitter cold. Hope this means spring is just around the corner!

I hope all that have tickets for the Franklin Mint 1965 Seagraves Ladder truck received their pictures. Look for the picture in this paper. (see page 23) It's a beauty. See your district chairmen for tickets.

If you haven't registered for convention, now is the time to get this little detail taken care of. Look for the forms in this paper. (see pages 20 & 21) The committee is working hard so you will have fun at convention.

Don't forget your Miss Flame contestant's name & picture need to be in Eula Bush's hands by March 10. Good luck to all the girls running this year!

Welcome to the NEW auxiliaries. We are glad to have you join us. Attend your district meetings enjoy the friendship with other auxiliary members.

The '99 Convention charm & tacs are in! They are selling for \$5 each. See E. J. Smith for

## District 6

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Our next meeting is on January 28, 1999 at Garrett Fire Station in DeKalb County.

I hope everyone had the merriest of Christmas and has a great New Year.

Respectfully submitted by, Marilyn Dever, Chairman

### DISTRICT 7

NO REPORT

### DISTRICT 10

NO REPORT

### DISTRICT 11A

NO REPORT

### DISTRICT 11B

Here it is January '99 already. The weather this year is certainly different from last. We have had more snow already this year than in at least the last two or three. I am ready for it to stop. Of course, I prefer 80 degrees and balmy year round.

I hope that all auxiliaries have paid their 1998-99 dues and are making plans to attend the convention to be held in Columbus in June.

While you are sitting in by the fire watching the "tube", fill out the registration form and send it in before you forget.

Then pick up the phone and call the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Columbus (812-372-1541) to reserve a place to lay your head down.

Then one more thing, compose those letters recommending someone for the Lois Boaz, Mr. IVFA and Ollie Sandburg awards.

This district is busy planning our annual Miss Flame Dance to be held Saturday, February 13 at the One Half Century Club in Clinton, IN. The "Road Rambler"

Band will provide the music from 9 - 12 midnight. Proceeds from the dance will help defray the cost of our representative at convention. Spend Valentine's Day eve with your "sweetheart". Put on those dancing shoes and come on down.

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 would like to tell you how to form an auxiliary and belong to the IVFAA. Even though you think you are doing fine without it, let's talk about it. My address and phone number are as follows: Eula Bush, 1419 W. 850 S., Dana, IN 47847, 765-665-3213. If you get that "darned answering machine", don't hang up. Please leave a message and I will call you back on my nickel.

Please attend your district meetings. This year's meeting schedule is as follows: March 14, Perrysville at 1 p.m.; May 12, Fairview Park at 7 p.m.; July 14, Hillsdale at 7 p.m.; September 12, joint 11A & B picnic at Raccoon Lake at 1 p.m.; and November 14, Reelsville at 1 p.m.

Well once more, I'm tired of thinking (I use the term loosely) and writing and pretty sure you are tired or reading. Check in the next issue for more to come.

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

August 11, 1998

The August meeting was held at Sunman near Brun's Lake. Marilyn Smith led the prayer and then invited us to enjoy their cookout and games. The cookout was delicious. The games were different, but fun.

The Pledge to the Flag was followed by Roll Call. There were twenty-eight members present. The minutes from the last meeting were amended inasmuch as it was Rosie Weisenbach who won the 50/50.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Marilyn reported whom she had visited with cards and asked if there was any she didn't know of to please inform her.

Beth Caudill, District President, reported on the convention and some of the changes coming next year. The Doe Doll is no longer a raffle item and has been replaced with a fire truck plus cash.

She also told us who won the elections and that Ann Moss was the winner of the Lois Boaz award. The letters for next year's Lois Boaz nominees need to be sent by February 1, 1999.

Viola reported on the State Officers meeting and the members were asked to consider the possibility of the dues being raised to \$5. Some discussion occurred, but it was tabled until the next meeting, after it had been discussed with the individual auxiliaries.

Next year's convention will be at Columbus, Indiana at the Holiday Inn.

Other Business - A nominating committee was appointed. They are Edie Zimmer, Viola Bruns, and Marilyn Gray.

The Miss Flame contest is November 19. Entrants should contact Beth.

Up-coming events include Sunman having a dance October 24; Delaware having a dance October 31, 7-1; and Morris having a breakfast November 8.

The next meetings are scheduled as follows:

November 10 - Batesville

February - Manchester

May - Morris.

The 50/50 drawing of \$16 was won by Kathy Braun. Beth Caudill won the door prize.

A prayer was given and the games commenced.

The November 10th meeting of the IVFAA was called to order by President Beth Caudill at Batesville. Chaplain Marilyn Smith led us in prayer and the Pledge to the Flag.

Secretary/Treasurer Pam Scheele then presented the minutes and the Treasurer's report, followed by Roll Call, which was answered by twenty-five ladies.

Marilyn gave a recap of the cards she had mailed since the last meeting.

Old business consisted of the Nominating Committee. The committee was comprised of Edie Zimmer, Marilyn Grey and Vi Bruns. They recommended the present officers be retained in office. After making the call for candidates, Vi declared the nominations closed and the vote unanimous (as there was no opposition).

Vi reported that at the State Officers Meeting, after she had presented the opinions from the 19th district auxiliaries, that the vote was made to raise the dues to \$3.50. There will follow another raise in the upcoming

years.

Beth presented the calenders that the state officers are selling and was successful in her sales. Also, she presented the various auxiliaries with the raffle tickets for the Vice President's raffle to be held at the next convention.

The Miss Flame contest will be on November 19 at Lawrenceburg No. 3. So far there are no contestants. Beth urged everyone to try to find one so our district will be represented.

She encouraged every auxiliary to submit a name for the Lois Boaz award and who it should be mailed to and that the letters should include the jacket size.

The convention was discussed and the Chinese auction mentioned. Convention forms were passed out to those who wanted them.

Upcoming events: Batesville, Christmas party; Manchester, Christmas dinner; Morris, Christmas dinner; Sunman, Christmas party; and Blooming Grove, Christmas in the Country (a fund raiser).

The 50/50 raffle was won by Karen Brandt.

The next meeting will be held at Manchester on February 9th at 7:00 p.m. In case of bad weather, they will contact Beth, who will call the various departments.

The meeting was adjourned by Edie Zimmer, with a second from Pam Gerdowsky. Marilyn had a closing prayer.

After the meeting, Batesville Fire Chief Dennis Schutte gave a tour of their newly renovated fire department and the ladies served a delicious repast.

Respectfully submitted by, Pam Scheele, Secretary

## IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

## From the Lois Boaz Committee

Congratulations to Ann Moss from Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Dept. Auxiliary, District 2, on being our 1998 award winner.

The past few years it has become very difficult, almost impossible, to find the Lois Boaz jackets. We found someone who can make them, but needs a little more advance notice of the size.

So at our Annual Meeting in June, we voted to change the deadline for ALL letters to FEBRUARY 1, 1999. Please send us your letters as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please send your letters to:

Phyllis Vargo  
7756 Durbin Street  
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As far as what the IVFA does for your department or company, it helps reduce the cost of fire schools and is a lobbyist to watch rules and legislation that affect volunteer departments.

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We aim to foster and promote unity and harmony among the many volunteer fire departments throughout the state of Indiana.

We foster and promote educational activities in fire prevention.

We cooperate with all law enforcement agencies pertaining to the upholding and enforcement of public safety laws with respect to the fire hazards.

We work closely with the State Fire Marshal's office with respect to training and guidance of all Indiana volunteer firefighters.

As any organization, you get out of it what you put in it!

At the last District 14 meeting, Roy had a program on Barricade, the fire blocking gel. Richard Geiger and company put on an impressive demonstration of this gel that suppresses and extinguishes.

At the District 19 meeting, Paul had a program on Critical Incident Stress Management and how you can get help or information for this problem.

The statement was made to me that the IVFA and the paper don't do anything to make one a better firefighter! If I was this person, I believe I would have asked myself what can I do to make me a better fireman. The best way to get more out of any department or organization is to get more involved.

Wise people don't wait for opportunity, they seek it out and grasp it.

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#### Renewal months by first letter of your last name

January-Corporations	February-A, B, Rental, Bus
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June-J, K, L	July-M, N, O
September-S, T	August-P, Q
	October- U, V, W, X, Y, Z

#### 3. Purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Central Office.

- a. **DO NOT** request more forms than you plan to use!
- b. The BMV may charge the IVFA for leftover plates you do not pay for!

#### 4. The application contains a space to write the number of plates requested, making it necessary to fill out only ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON NOT PER PLATE.

5. The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.
7. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
8. See additional instructions for BMV procedures. (Below)

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3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special Recognition License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

Please, do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, only to the BMV.

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # Plates Requested \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN - INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
NOVEMBER 8, 1998

President, Faye Sallee, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by asking Martha Thomas, in the absence of Chaplain Joann Hays, to say a word of prayer. Sergeant-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel then led the group with the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Barbara Kerney gave the Roll Call, which was answered by twenty-six members and five guests. She then read the minutes of the last meeting.

Barbara Parker made a motion to not read the district reports and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand August 6, 1998 \$8651.83

**INCOME:**  
Dues \$1780.00  
Interest 15.37  
Jewelry 91.00  
V.P. Project 50.00

**TOTAL INCOME +1936.37**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**  
Operating Exp. 407.29  
Mileage 318.60  
Phone & Postage 140.09  
Overpaid Dues 24.50  
Jewelry 619.34  
Awards & Gifts 44.55

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -1554.37**

Balance on hand November 6, 1998 \$9033.83

\*Subject to audit

Corresponding Secretary Diana Gray said there was nothing to report.

Membership - Barbara Kerney said we have 65 Departments, 46 Individuals, 22 Life Members and 908 members, with a total of 976 paid for 98-99. That is an increase of 542.

Chaplain's Report - Eula Bush said Joann needs Protestant Bibles. Joann also offered to have the entertainment at the February meeting.

Auditing - Phyllis Vargo said it was all done and in order.  
Installation - Barbara Parker said there was nothing to report yet.  
Financial Study - Phyllis Vargo said she has the two-year planners with her. They cost us \$.79 and we will sell them for \$2.00, giving us a profit of \$ 576.00. Easy money!!! They are for the years '99-2000. So pick yours up and bring the money in February.

Miss Flame - Eula Bush, said she has two girls so far. They will not get entered if we do not have the form. The only change this year is that each district will provide the sash for their candidate.

V. P. Project - Mary Mackin, said the new money making project will just go by V. P. Project....not Doe Doll anymore.

We have a very nice Ladder Fire Truck from the Franklin Mint, donated by T. R. Downey Insurance Co. and the value is \$250.00.

We are also giving a second place winner \$200.00 cash. This will be a choice of either to the winner and the next drawn will receive what is left. Mary said she has 3593 tickets to sell and they were donated by Emergency Books and Training, Inc. Please pick up your tickets and start selling!!!

By-Laws - Martha Thomas said there are none at this time.

Jewelry - E. J. Smith has the '99 charm. If anyone is interested, let her know.

Historian - Wanda Johnson said she is working real hard on the books. She still needs things for Book #1 from '87 Convention.

Presidents Advisory - Lou Bartlow said Faye was doing fine!

Lois Boaz - Phyllis said she has not received any letters yet. Remember, the deadline has changed to February 1st. So get those letters in. There are a lot of deserving women out there, and you must hand write the letter and send the jacket size. The more information you can give about that person, the better it is.

Parliamentarian - No report.

Old Business:

Miriam Schaeckel said we still have not gotten any new briefcases. So far, each chairman has one to use...some not in very good shape.

Eula said that Joann needs Bibles, so Barbara Parker made a motion to purchase twelve new ones and Martha Thomas seconded it. Motion carried.

Mary Mackin said that Ruth Fairfield had been moved to an assisted living apartment in Fort Wayne. She said her family has some pictures and articles from conventions that she will pass on. Her new address is: Ruth Fairfield, 2601 Covington Commons Drive, Apt. 64, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804 Phone: 219-432-2365 She would enjoy a note from you!!!

Barbara said when she received the registration from District 14...he listed his wife as Chairman. So we talked with him and he said they are trying to get an auxiliary going, but so far it is in the talking stages.

We sang Happy Birthday to Barbara and Melinda who were celebrating their days!!!

New Business:

We do have the computer from the fellows and Eula made a motion to purchase a printer and a case of paper. Miriam Schaeckel seconded it. Motion carried.

Concerning raising the dues, Martha Thomas read four or five letters from districts and most said \$ 5.00 was too high. Phyllis said maybe we should not increase it so much, but a slight increase. Eula made a motion to raise the dues to \$3.50 for '99-2000 and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

Miriam Schaeckel passed out the new committee lists for '98-'99. Barbara Parker said to bring your items in at the February meeting. She took the districts that plan to donate. She would like to have 12-14 gifts, for the Chinese Auction, this year.

BREAK

After the break, Faye Sallee passed out book markers from her daughter's wedding. They were very nice.

Faye said we do not know where our February meeting will be, but President Jack Zeeks is to get in touch with Diana and she will let us know. At the time of finishing these notes...I have not heard from him. So, I will go ahead and send the letter and will send a separate letter when I find out something.

Toni Sorg brought her new grandson, Terry, in to show him off!!! Proud grandma!! He is very precious! If he were around all us ladies, he would surely be spoiled!!!

Toni also brought along their famous peanut brittle from Poe Fire Department. So stock up!!!

Marilyn Dever made a motion to adjourn and Leona Uryga seconded it.

Martha Thomas closed with a word of prayer.

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Respectfully submitted by,  
Diana Gray  
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# IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

November 7-8, 1998

President Zeeks called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn Indianapolis North/East at 3:15 p.m. Chaplain Baker gave the minute message. Vice President Jack Cox led the Pledge to the Flag.

## OFFICER REPORTS

President Jack Zeeks - Introduced guest Jim Bradford District 1 Secretary and Dick Mackin sitting in for District Chairman Mike Mackin, who is working.

Jack Zeeks asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Jack Harker made a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed. Richard Glant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Zeeks read a letter from Governor O'Bannon proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Jack Zeeks has bumper stickers for departments to install on their fire apparatus.

Jack Zeeks asked Tim Downey to address the body concerning the Central Office.

Tim Downey stated that the computer system the IVFA bought is working. The problem the Central Office has is a "people problem" - people that were working the system.

When the office was rented originally, the IVFA and the Trustee's Association were to share administrative for both organizations with the same personnel. The problem is to maintain a sufficient work force to accomplish administration for both organizations.

The IVFA has two major issues to deal with per year, the mailing of dues notices and the mailing of license plate forms. These are very labor intense and time consuming, but does not take all year to do.

The Trustees Association has only one issue, and that is their annual Convention in January. The plan was to share the office equipment and office personnel between both organizations, and share expenses. Tim explained the membership information that is handed out can be corrected very quickly. Tim apologized for any problems that we have had, and that he has hired temporary personnel to help with the organizational load.

The recording of the membership is about completed, and that the license plate forms should go out on time. Anyone having problems with their license plate forms should call the Central Office, and if you do not get satisfaction, call his Kokomo office at 1-800-382-8837.

He stated that all financials are up to date.

Bob Fleener stated he has had a Gold Card ordered, for a fifty year member at Gas City, since the last meeting and has not received it as yet. Jack Kerney and Richard Glant also stated they also had Gold Cards ordered. Tim stated he will check on these Gold Cards. Larry Bartlow stated that J.U.G.A. Fire Department in District 11B paid for twenty members on July 15 and received twenty membership cards, but some are no longer members, and their names were not turned in on the membership sheets. The membership cards they received were from a 1994 roster, and some are deceased. Tim will contact Larry on Monday on what has happened to this departments membership.

Bill Kinsey read a list of departments that have paid on time, but has not been processed. Bill also read a list of departments that were received late. Tim announced that the contact person at the Central Office is Stephanie.

Tim gave a report on the Workmen's Compensation Insurance problems. On July 1, 1988 volunteer fire departments were brought under the Indiana Workmen's Compensation Statute to pay medical only bills, there are no death or disability benefits under Workers Compensation for volunteer firefighters in Indiana. Death and disability is taken care of under the accident and health statute. All volunteer fire companies that have purchased workmen's compensation insurance, which is mandated by law, are a part of the Indiana Assigned Risk System.

In January the twelve insurance companies that are a part of the Assigned Risk System will be down to four. None of these four insurance companies conduct any of there operations from Indiana. In August there was a bid process to bid for this class of business to solve the problem. Eight companies bid for the business, Downey won the bid, but the bids were thrown out. At this point we are now back to the starting point. There is a meeting on Monday to put them on notice to solve the problem or there will be a lawsuit.

Deputy Commissioner of OSHA William Miller - PRSW Jack Kerney contacted Mr. Miller to attend the November Officer's Meeting to explain the new OSHA respirator standard pertaining to fire departments and the part of the standard pertaining to the two-in, two-out rule. Mr. Miller explained the new OSHA Standard and handed out copies to all officers of the 29 CFR 1910.134 Respirator Standard, questions and answers for the two-in, two-out rule and acceptable fit testing methods for respirators, including SCBA.

President Jack Zeeks recessed the meeting for dinner at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

## OFFICER REPORTS CONTINUED

Jack Zeeks stated the past two years as President has been great and he has appreciated the support of the officers.

New emergency call lists were passed out. The Chairman of the Board will make back-up phone calls to the President through the PR Directors. The PR Directors responsibilities are to contact the District Chairmen.

Vice President Jack Cox reported he appreciated the support he has received the last two years, and hoped it will continue through the next two years. Jack thanked everyone who sent cards on the death of his father.

Chaplain Baker reported he has been very busy the last quarter, and thanked everyone that helped and attended the memorial service and funeral for Gene Stofer.

Sergeant-at Arms Bill Bush reported he had supplies if anyone needed them. Bill handed over to the 1999 Convention report to the 1998 Convention Chairman.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Kinsey reported that everyone should have a complete Membership Report, and a Financial Report, before the night is up. Bill also passed out the schedule of information that will be coming from the IVFA Secretary and Central Office.

District 11A and 11B did not receive renewal notices, and about

twelve more were returned with bad addresses. A motion was made by Bob Fleener, District 8A, to accept, on a one time only basis all departments that paid their dues before the November meeting, as on time, due to the problems that occurred at the Central Office. Larry Petro seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Bill reported total assets of \$527,830. Total liabilities & equity of \$527,830. Total income of \$248,375. & total expenses of \$223,343. Total income of the Bridgeport Fund of \$9,094.00 & total expenses of \$3,094. Total Equity in the Bridgeport Fund of \$83,074.

Bill asked everyone to review the membership report and determine what information they would like to delete or add.

Bill reported that last year the BMV reported the IVFA members purchased 7,700 license plates. Year to date IVFA members have purchased between 4,300 and 4,400 plates.

## PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR REPORTS

PRNE Richard Glant - Attended all meetings.

PREC Don Cushman - Made all but one meeting.

PRWC Don Johnson - Attended all meetings.

PRSW Jack Kerney - Attended three district meetings, three county meetings, one memorial service, two parades, one picnic, one awards presentation, and one Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education meeting.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers - Made all but one meeting.

PRNW Buzz Koehler - No report

## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Richard Glant - Pass

Mitch Parish - Pass

Jim Parker - Pass

Carl Bruns - Pass

## DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

District 1 - Pass

District 2 - Larry Stott thanked Chaplain Baker for the Memorial Service. Larry stated he attended all his district meetings and attendance has been very good.

District 3 - Bob Uryga thanked Lou Bartlow, Bill Kinsey, and Larry Stott for attending the dedication. He reported that there were two deaths in the district and that he attended Gene Stofer's Memorial.

District 4 - Greg Freed apologized for missing the previous meeting, and his next district meeting will be November 12.

District 5 - Don Kissinger reported he attended one dedication and a couple of county meetings. The next district meeting will be November 12.

District 6 - Dick Mackin reported Mike attended an open house and a dedication.

District 7 - Mort Sorg reported that there was one death in the district. The district voted to take the insurance proposal back to the individual departments for a vote. He stated the next district meeting will be November 18 at 8:00 p.m.

District 8A - Bob Fleener reported he had one death in the district and attendance at the meetings is decent. Bob will mail everyone a meeting agenda for 1999.

District 8B - Larry Petro reported one death in the district. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11 at Daleville, 7:30 p.m.

District 9A - Charlie Cline reported that turnouts for district meetings have been good. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 19.

District 9B - Don Skinner reported there was one death in the district. Don asked regarding the emergency call list, what to do about leaving messages on the answer machines? Jack Zeeks stated that if you leave a message on the answer machine, you should ask for a return call to verify that the message has been received.

District 10 - David Israel reported that attendance has been good. There has been one death in the district. The next meeting will be November 18 at Rushville Township at 7:00 p.m.

District 11A - Red Morris stated that there does not seem to be much interest in the insurance proposal.

District 11B - Larry Bartlow reported there was one death in the district and as stated before, there are problems with the membership cards from the Central Office. The next meeting will be January 10.

District 12 - John Ross reported there was one death in the district, and attendance has not been very good. The next meeting will be at Pittsboro on November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

District 13A - Tim Martin reported that there was one death in the district and attendance at the three meetings have been down. The next meeting will be at Green Township on November 19.

District 13B - Dennis Spears reported that there were two deaths in the district. Attendance at the last meeting was good.

District 14 - Roy Richardson reported that the turn out for the two meetings was good. There are some complaints of not getting their membership cards in a timely fashion. Next meeting January 20 at New Washington.

Roy reported that Districts 14 & 16 are interested in bidding on the IVFA Convention for 2001.

Roy would like to see an award given by the IVFA to members who have belonged to the organization for maybe every five years. This may do some good PR work.

District 15 - Don Moffett - Jack Kerney reported that Don was in Colorado Elk hunting for two weeks. Attendance at the last meeting was good. There were seven individuals interested in the insurance proposal. Next meeting at Wadesville November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

District 16 - Dale Scott reported he presided over his first district meeting and he had twenty members representing seven departments. He had a good reception on members interested in the insurance proposal. Dale visited eight departments and had four departments rejoin the IVFA. His next district meeting will be November 19 at Posey Township.

District 17A - Ron Bell reported that he had good attendance at the district meetings. He has attended six department meetings, one being a former member. Next meeting will be November 21 at Oden for the annual Turkey Bar-B-Q at 6:30 p.m.

District 17B - Luke Kluender reported that there were two deaths in the district. Attendance has been poor.

District 18 - Frank Daunhauer reported the annual district Fire Prevention Parade, at Dubois, had 128 pieces in the parade with good spectator attendance. District 1 announced their Miss Flame at the parade. The next meeting will be November 18 at St. Anthony.

District 19 - Paul Covington reported attending one firehouse dedication. Bruns did a training program for nineteen members

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## IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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representing six departments. The district election was held and Paul was re-elected. The next meeting will be at Lawrenceburg #3 November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

District 21 - Perry Martin reported he had a lot of calls about the membership cards. The next meeting will be the fifth Monday in November.

Jack recessed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1998

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Luke Kluender gave the minute message in the absence of Chaplain Charlie Baker.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Editor's Assistant - Bill Howe. Absent.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Mitch Parish reported the NVFC is working on five items for the legislation agenda: wild land firefighting; SLSA sleepwear; helping hand liability of used fire equipment; and the fallen hero act. Mitch reported some of the other items they are working on are the restocking of EMS equipment and wireless radios.

There are forty-one directors and twenty-two officers representing forty-two states. Douglas Rodenbeck from Washington Twp., Allen County received the NVFC Marc Mueller Award of Excellence.

Fire Service Institute - Mitch Parish reported there has not been a meeting since April that he is aware of. He stated the only thing he knew about the Institute Dinner is what was in the IVFA paper, which states the dinner will be February 1. Mitch hoped John Shanks can inform us during his presentation.

By-Laws - Jim Parker read the proposed changes to the SOG's which would read: Article XI Item 9 - Mileage shall be reimbursed, at the rate prescribed by the IRS Code, for officers and members driving to and from association business when authorized. Mileage reimbursement will not be made for travel to home district meetings.

Article XI Item 12 - Mileage shall be reimbursed, at the rate prescribed by the IRS Code, for one (1) delegate from each department dri-

ving to and from the Annual Meeting. The delegate representing his/her respective department shall be required to answer the first and second roll call of business meetings to receive reimbursement.

Article XI Item 15 - (This is a new item) Expenses for overnight sleeping accommodations for officers, district chairmen and those authorized, attending the quarterly Officer's Meeting, shall be paid directly by the Association Treasurer.

Bob Fleener, District 8-A suggested that everyone have a copy of the SOG changes before we can vote on the proposal. Bill Bush had copies made at the hotel office.

Jim stated he was checking on making the By-Laws and SOG's gender neutral. He is working with John Shanks towards this goal.

Public Safety Training Institute-Ivan Nevil apologized to the association for asking them to write a letter to the Governor, protesting his removal from the EMS Commission. He will not do this again. Ivan reported the PSTI office has been very busy getting ready for the IFSAC site team. They will be at the office on November 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. They will be looking at eleven different areas. Driver Operator will not be one that will be looked at for accreditation.

Areas that they will be looking at will be Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Officer I, Fire Officer II, Airport Crash Firefighter, Investigator I, Haz-Mat Technician, Haz-Mat Awareness, Haz-Mat Operations, Instructor I, Instructor II-III, and looking to see if they can be ready for Inspector I.

All areas must have practical skills and a matrix done to make sure everything meets the objectives of every NFPA Standard. All testing must be done to the Standard. They have to show where they are testing and the questions on the test to test too. An exit interview will be held on the last day, that will give an idea on what needs to be improved upon, if anything. They will not make a recommendation on whether accreditation will be issued on any of the levels. All accreditation will come from the Accreditation Congress when they meet the next time, based on the information from the site team visit.

On April 19-24, there will be an Emergency Response to Terrorism Incident Management. It is a six day course to be held at the University of Notre Dame. Applications must be filled out and sent to the National

Fire Academy. There is room for thirty-five students and there is no cost.

Ivan explained that the new OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.143 regarding two-in, two-out, one of the recommendations in this standard, and the Haz-Mat Technician Level suggests that to accomplish this, is to use a Rapid Intervention Team Concept. Ivan has information on the purpose, goal, mandate, where it comes from, responsibility, training, the tools and resources, conducting searches, search areas, search patterns, keeping the victim alive, extraction, self rescue and survival technics. If anyone is interested in a copy, Ivan needs your name and address along with a note that you are interested in the RIT team information. This needs to be made a part of your SOG's, it is OSHA law.

Ivan stated he needs five departments from this organization to help conduct a survey with in the next week. This will be a Fire Department Year 2000 and Fiber Terroism Vulnerability Assessment. They will be looking at the emergency communication system, fire department building systems and the public works system for the year 2000.

Ivan stated there is a bill in the House of Representatives, HR4229, that is asking for a bill to be passed to give the fire service \$5 billion over five years. The NVFC, IAFC, and five other organizations (the united seven) voted against this bill? The Instructors Organization is saying this bill may not be perfect, but it gives us \$5 billion over the next five years.

Larry Stott, District 2, asked what the other organizations have against this bill. Ivan stated he did not know, you would have to ask one of the other organizations.

Director Witt's Blue Ribbon Panel has made thirty-four recommendations addressing the problems at the National Fire Academy. If anyone is needing a copy, you can contact Ivan and he will send one to you. Included will be the response from Carrye Brown, U.S. Fire Administrator to the Blue Ribbon Panel Report.

John Shanks passed out new pamphlets on the Hoosier Burn Camp.

The Fire Institute Dinner will be held February 1 at the Indiana Roof.

John spoke on the changing of the By-Laws, SOG's and Articles of Incorporation. To amend our Articles of Incorporation, will take action from the Board of Directors. The rest of the changes we will only have to take items from the Articles of Incorporation and move them into the By-Laws.

John suggested that we consider changing the name of the organization to remove the gender specific fireman to firefighter. The cost of changing the name will be nominal regarding the filing of the documents. The cost incurred to change the logo would be nominal with the Secretary of State. Another change that the committee has discussed is establishing a Political Action Committee to help our lobbyists in his lobbying efforts. It is a separate organization and governing body, with its own chairman, secretary and treasurer.

The legislative committee is working on a bill to increase the Disability Insurance for volunteer firefighters. The minimum now required by the State is \$15 per week. A legislative study committee is looking at language to increase the millimum disability coverage 66 2/3 % of the firefighter's average weekly wage at his or

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# Misconceptions of Fire Scene Search and Seizure

by OSFM Investigator Frederick J. Sumpter, C.F.I.

For years the fire service has been under the misconception that once the fire has been extinguished and a Consent to Search was signed by the owner or occupant, the scene could be revisited as many times as necessary to complete the investigation.

Additional trips back into the scene could be made for "educational purposes" or just reinforcing information collected during the initial determination of the origin and cause for the fire.

The law enforcement community has been taught for years that once a Consent to Search has been signed, it is only good for that particular day to re-enter the scene, making the Consent to Search similar to a Search Warrant.

Returning to the scene after the Consent to Search has been executed, constitutes an illegal search and seizure of the premises.

Any evidence seized during this time is "fruits of the poisonous tree," meaning the evidence can be suppressed in any court.

A Consent to Search is a written waiver of the owner or occupant's rights guaranteed under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

And once the Consent to Search has been signed by the lawful party, it may be revoked at any time, even during the investigation.

The fire scene is the property of the lawful party, and not the investigative unit.

In cases where there is a renter, the owner has no lawful right to give consent to search. Only the occupant can waive his rights to a search of the scene.

In the past, it has been common practice when the occupant is not available to give this consent, the owner has given permission, since they own the structure.

With society being sue happy, this type of "old school" thinking will probably find you and your department explaining your actions in front of a criminal court or a civil action.

Recent case law has provided additional information about search and seizure involving fire scenes.

In *Michigan vs. Clifford* (1984) 104 S.Ct.641, the United States Supreme Court held "that the fire itself was an 'exigent circumstance' which allowed entry to extinguish the fire and authorized investigators to remain for a reasonable time to investigate the cause of the blaze."

The Court also held..."that subsequent visits require an administrative warrant."

In *Null vs. State* (1998) Ind. App., 690 N.E. 2d 758, the Indiana Court of Appeals held that the search and seizure was lawful.

In this case, the fire was extinguished shortly after 4:00 a.m.

The local fire chief and a neighboring department chief

started the process of attempting to determine the origin and cause of the fire.

In order to gain assistance in making the determinations, the local chief contacted the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office.

At around 10:00 a.m., an Indiana State Police Technician arrived at the scene to take a video and still photographs.

During this time, there was a fireman still at the scene. The investigator for the Fire Marshal's Office arrived around 10:45 a.m.

The investigator then left the scene to watch an interview of the suspect. The investigator had not yet formed a preliminary opinion as to the origin and cause of the fire." Several firefighters remained on the scene as the investigator left.

The investigator then arrived back to the scene approximately two hours later, following the interview, with a second investigator from the Fire Marshal's Office. Both investigators stayed together until 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.

At that time, the fire was determined to be incendiary in cause.

Once a determination of the origin and cause of the fire was made, this scene was a crime scene.

Additional entry into the structure by a governmental agency, police or fire officials, would have required a Search Warrant or a Consent of Search from the lawful party.

Private investigators, retained by the insurance industry, do not fall under the Fourth Amendment.

In *Sloane vs. State* (1997) 686 N.E. 2d 1287, the Indiana Court of Appeals held that the "private investigator was conducting an investigation of the residence at the insistence of the insurance company."

That the private investigator was never hired by the State to do any investigation in this case.

"The private investigator was in no way a government actor so as to come under the restrictions of the Fourth Amendment for search and seizures."

Since the forum does not allow an in-depth discussion about search and seizure, it is suggested that each department contact the local prosecutor and ask for more detailed information about search and seizure for fire scenes.

The following case cites should be obtained from your prosecutor. SS

*Null vs. State* (1998) Ind. App., 690 N.E. 2nd 758  
*Sloane vs State* (1997) Ind. App., 686 N.E. 2d 1287

*Moran vs. State* (1994) Ind. App., 644 N.E. 2nd 536, 540  
*Michigan vs. Clifford* (1984) 464 U.S. 287, 78 L. Ed. 2d 477, 104 S.Ct 641  
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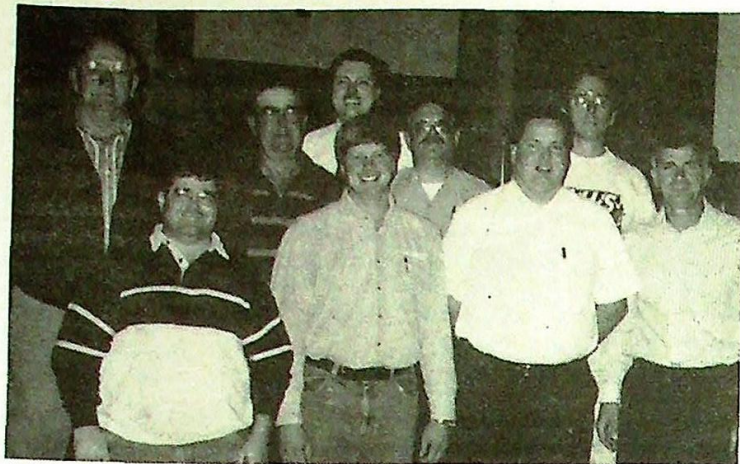
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# Church Arson Seminar Held in Seymour



Volunteer firefighters attack church arson in Jackson County. Pictured are L to R: Chief (retired) Marvin Wischmeyer, Grassy Fork Fire Department; Chief LeRoy Miller, Grassy Fork Fire Department; Chief Hinkle, State Fire Marshal's office; Chief Richard Blaker, Pershing Township Fire Department; and Lt. Robert Stone, Brownstown Fire Department. Front Row: Eddie Flynn, Hamilton Township Fire Department; Chief Don Schnitker, Hamilton Township Fire Department; Larry McIntire, Brownstown Fire Department; and Jerry Hounshel, Driftwood Township Fire Department.

Seymour City Fire Department, Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Seymour First Baptist Church teamed up to bring public

education to bear on the rising problem of intentional church fire setting.

Approximately thirty-five church leaders and firefighters met on Thursday, October 8, 1998 to hear about the crime of church arson in America and to learn prevention measures to curtail the activity.

Tom Hinkle, Chief of Investigations for the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office, addressed the group.

"We were very pleased with the turn out and the participation," said Pershing Chief Richard L. Blaker.

"Jackson County has been hit once by a church arson and we have great potential for more burnings.

"In our area alone we would be first, due to about ten church buildings.

"This is a serious threat to our rural houses of worship. Our only defense is public awareness and prevention."

## Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

Hope you had good holidays. Now is the time to give our new president all your support for the next year.

Hopefully some of the snow will be gone as monthly meetings start coming around. Please send me information when your department is planning things like fund raising, suppers, dedications, etc.

Hope to see more of you at convention in Columbus, with it being in the central part of the state. Get the Holiday Inn called now.

## MARSHAL'S MEMO

December  
I have a few things to bring to your attention.

One is a press release about how to get quick access to press releases from NASFM, the National Association of State Fire Marshals. The process will allow you to electronically receive all of NASFM's press releases on a wide range of subjects that maybe of interest to you or your department. I hope it is beneficial to you and your members.

As many of you know, a very frustrating issue we are facing in this office is that of church arsons. We have just recently investigated our 16th church arson in '98 and, sadly, this ranks us as one of the top 3 states in the nation in this tragic category.

This is something I'm sure none of us is very proud of and we must do everything in our power to stop or curtail this problem. There is something you may want to do as a community service to help churches in your area. You could contact your local rural churches and see if they would be interested in having members of your department observe their church late at night.

Please remember to just observe, because you need to contact law enforcement or our Arson Division to have suspicious activity investigated. I know this sounds a bit out of the ordinary, but this whole church arson thing is out of control, so please try to help in some way.

Also available, a list of all of the church arsons to date and noted that the reward total for each church on this list amounts to \$16,000. We need to spread this word around; maybe it will cause someone to start talking a little bit.

January  
I trust you all had a wonderful Holiday, and I wish you a Happy New Year for 1999!

Enclosed with this newsletter is a notice concerning volunteering for the children's burn camp, with a list of the different job descriptions for which the camp needs volunteers (see Page 21). These kids really need all our help, so please make sure that you read this information. Applications are available from this office.

The annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner will be held February 1, 1999.

The guest speaker is Joel Sonnenberg, an inspiring speaker of his experience as a severely burned child, and part of the proceeds will be donated to the burn camp.

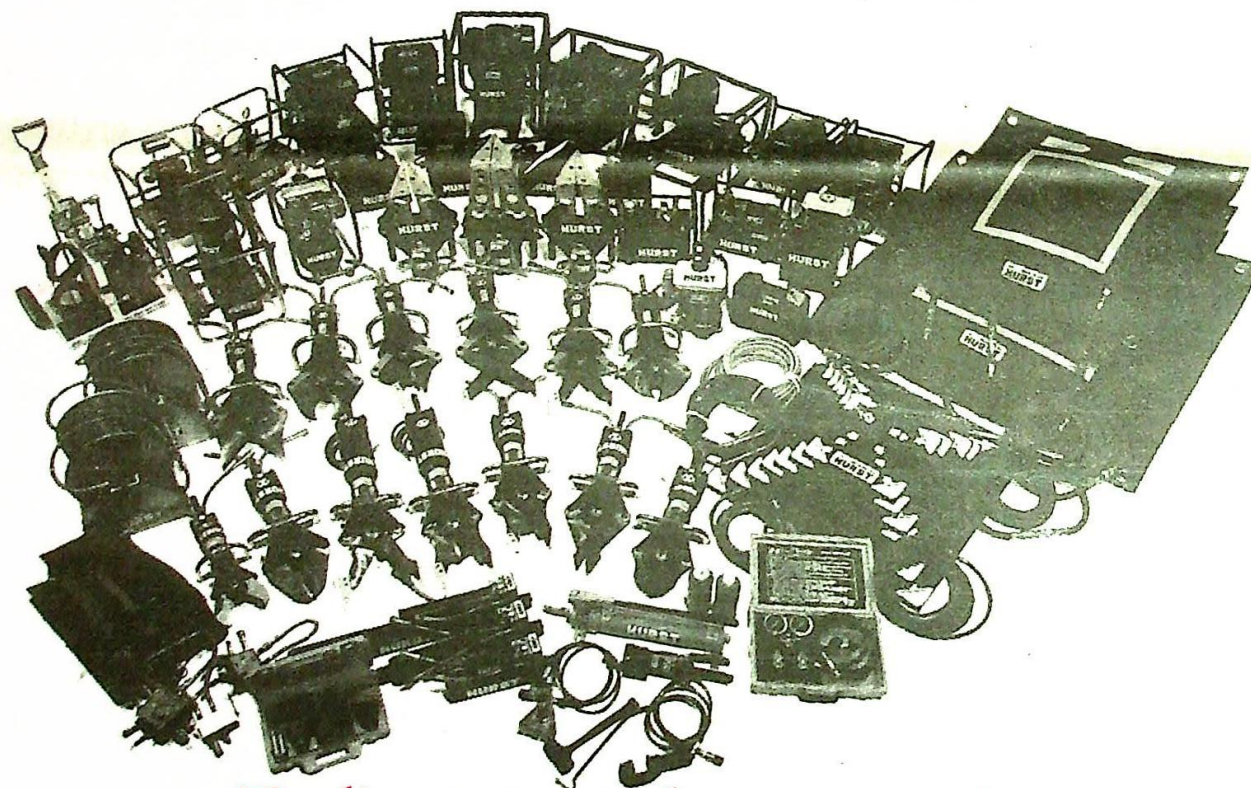
We have another recall. APSC, Kmart Corp. announced a recall of electric Angel Tree-Top Ornaments. (See page 36 for more information)

The 1999 Fire and Arson Conference will be held May 24-27, 1999 at the Omni Hotel in Indianapolis and will be well worth the effort to attend. For more details, contact our office.

Unfortunately, I must close on a very sad note. We've lost another firefighter. Twenty-two year old Jason "Frog" Gouckenour from the Worthington Fire Department in Greene County was killed in a house fire on Saturday, January 9, 1999. Ivan Nevil, Mike Bigler and I went to the funeral, which was very well attended by hundreds of firefighters, but I must tell you, that is the toughest part of my job.

Please, be careful out there! Until next time, Brothers and Sisters,  
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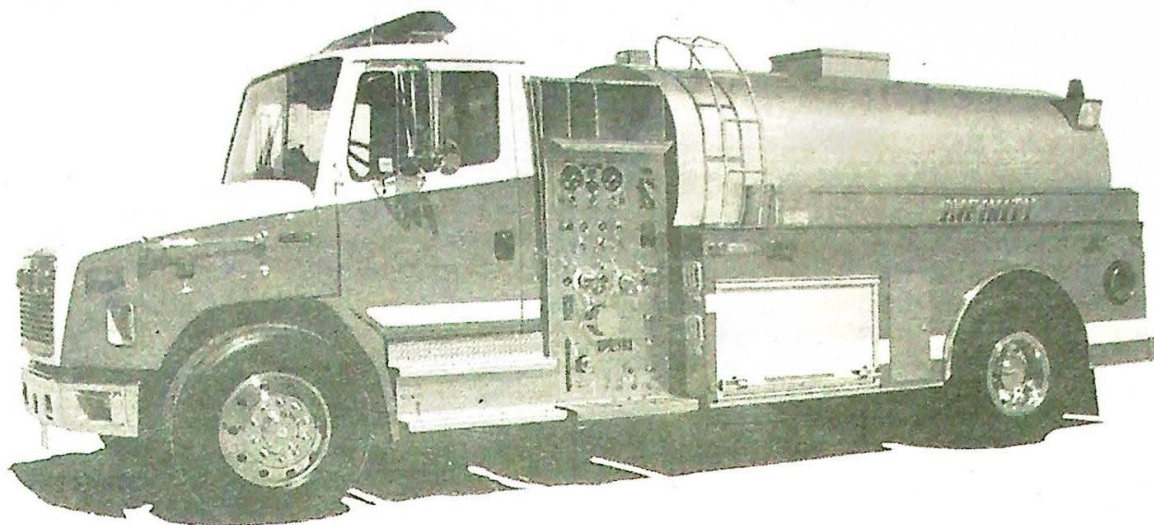
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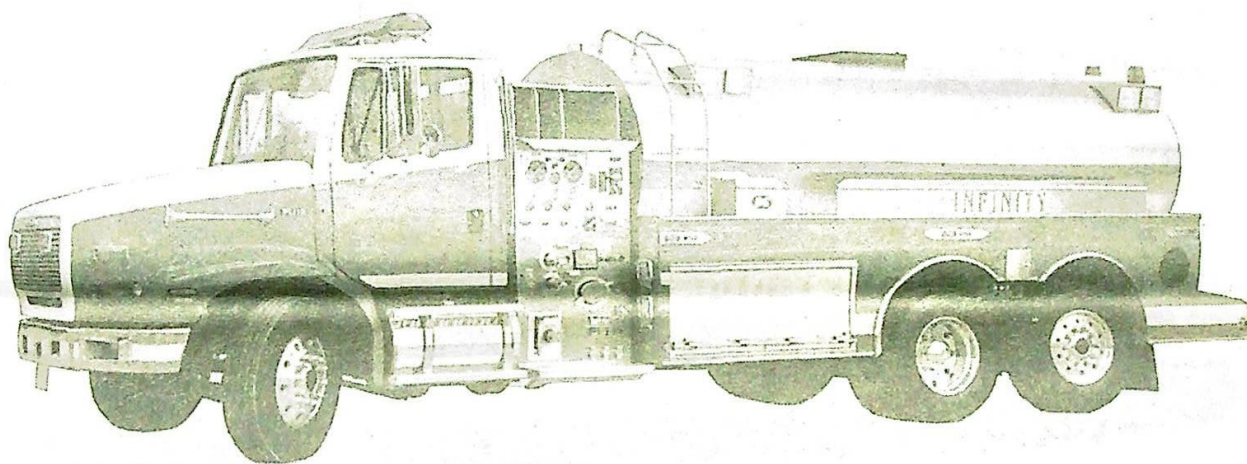
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**Scott Alkire at:**  
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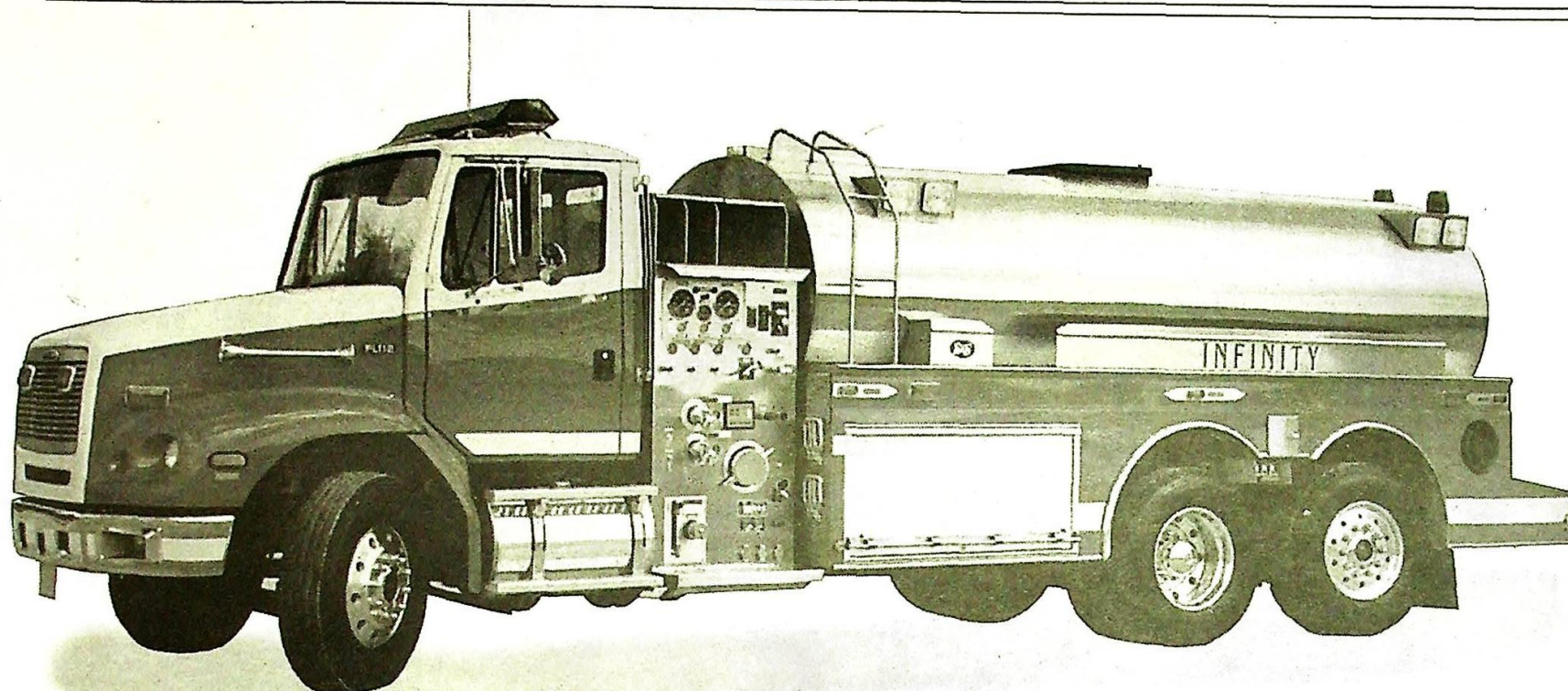
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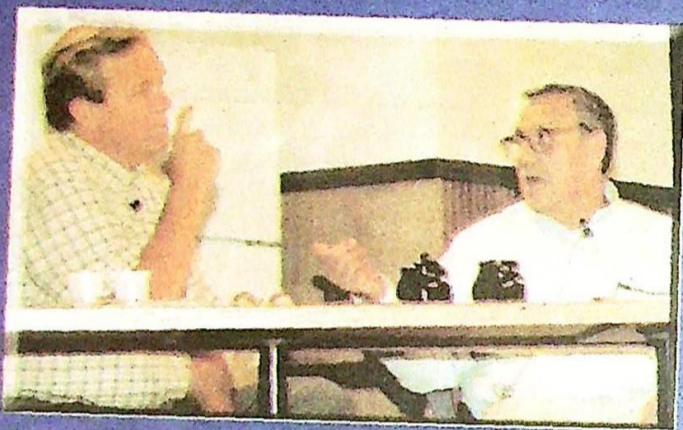
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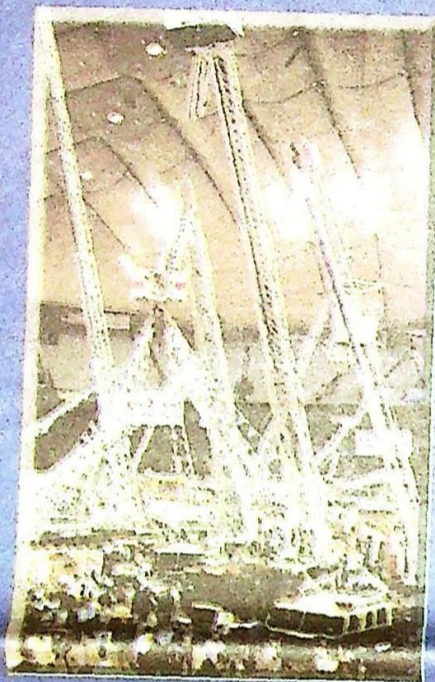
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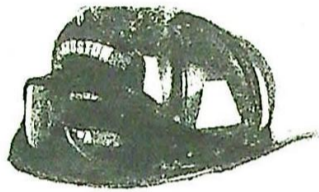
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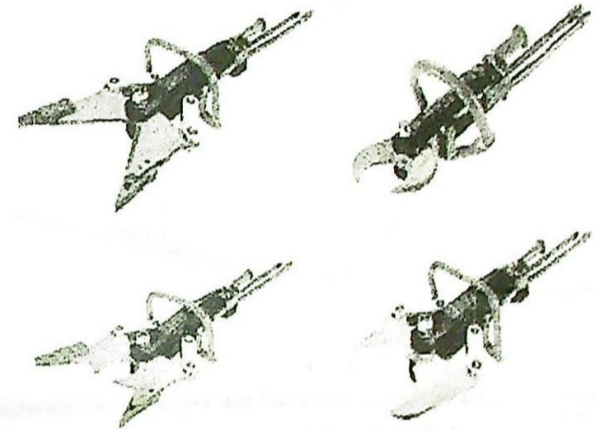
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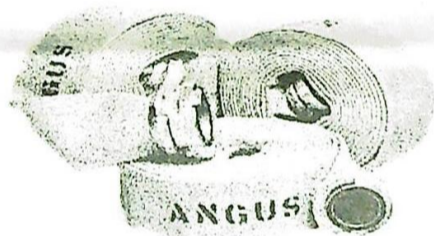
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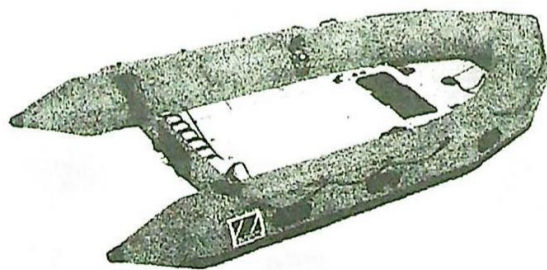
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# Burn Camp Volunteers Needed

Come and help us with the kids at the first  
Hoosier Burn Camp

The camp will be held at CAMP TECUMSEH on May 30 thru June 4, 1999. The camp is located twenty miles north-east of Lafayette, on State Road 18.

We will need lots of help to make this Burn Camp a success. Please sign up even if you can only work one day.

## Brief Job Descriptions

**Executive Director** - The Executive Director is responsible for the daily administration of Hoosier Burn Camp and represents the camp. During camp, she will be the person to whom all problems, complaints, requests, etc. should ultimately be directed unless otherwise stated. The Executive Director or her designee will be available 24 hours per day during camp. She will have access to all pertinent information regarding camp staff and campers.

**Counselor Liaison** - The Counselor Liaison is the link between the Unit Leaders and the Executive Director. Generally, in the event the Executive Director is not available, the Counselor Liaison is the next in command. He/She will be available to assist you if you have a camper who needs special attention such as discipline, homesickness, or any other special situation that may arise. If for some reason a situation arises and the Unit Leader is not available, the situation should be taken to the Counselor Liaison.

**Unit Leaders** - A Unit Leader is the liaison between the Cabin Counselors and the Counselor Liaison and Executive Director. They are responsible for making sure the counselors have what they need to do their jobs effectively, as well as for making sure the counselors are obeying all the rules and providing for camper safety. They may be called upon to distribute supplies to cabins, etc. Unit Leaders will keep an activity log throughout camp. Unit Leaders will sleep in cabins with campers. They may stay in one cabin the entire week or alternate between cabins in order to build more rapport with cabin staff and campers.

**Cabin Leaders** - Cabin Leaders should have previous camp (preferable burn camp) experience. They will be directly responsible to Unit Leaders. They should help train inexperienced cabin staff in their responsibilities, as well as supervise and coordinate participation of cabin and staff in all cabin-related activities. It is their job to insure completion of evaluation forms by staff and campers.

**Cabin Counselors** - Cabin Counselors must have the desire and ability to work with children outdoors and an ability to relate to one's peer group. Counselors will be directly responsible for campers at all times. Although all staff positions are vital to the success of the camp, the counselor's job is by far the most demanding and the most rewarding. The campers will carefully observe all you do. You will be responsible for the safety, happiness and welfare of your group.

**Medical Staff Coordinator** - The Medical Staff Coordinator is the link between the Medical Staff and the Executive Director. The coordinator will be responsible for assisting in securing the staff of the health center, scheduling of Medical Staff, and responsible for supplies and equipment needed in the health center.

**Medical Staff** - The Medical Staff will be responsible for the management of all illnesses, injuries, medications, wound care, physical therapy and any other medical needs of the campers and staff. The health center will be manned 24 hours a day. Any questions regarding a camper's or staff member's well-being should be addressed to the Medical Staff.

**Quartermaster** - The Quartermaster is the link between the Support Staff and the Executive Director. The Quartermaster is responsible for keeping a running inventory of supplies and supervising the Support Staff. Quartermaster is directly responsible for golf carts, communication equipment and the assignment of equipment.

**Support Staff** - Support Staff duties range from keeping drinks at all activity sites and cabins, delivering supplies, setting up for activities, maintaining golf carts and keeping supplies in order to running errands.

**Activities Director** - The Activities Director will be the link between the Program Staff and the Executive Director. Duties will include scheduling of activities and making certain needed materials are available.

**Program Staff** - Program Staff will teach the various activities and help counselors supervise the campers during the scheduled activities. Program Staff may be Hoosier Burn Camp volunteers, counselors, or Camp Tecumseh staff.

## Security

**Administrative Staff** - The Administrative Staff includes an Administrative Assistant, Photographer, and Official Host.

For any questions or an application, please call Ginger Shanks at 1-800-254-2878 or 765-649-2486.

# District 14 demonstration



At the October 21st District 14 meeting held at Hanover, Indiana, Paul Brewer (right) Chief of Barden Volunteer Fire Department and Dick Geiger, President of CKS Co., Inc., Barricade distributor, demonstrated the new product fire-blocking gel.



An employee of CKS Co., Inc. tried to burn this station wagon after it had been sprayed with Barricade fire-blocking gel. It did not burn.

# NVFC Offers Arson Detection Course for Volunteers

February 27 - 28, 1999  
National Fire Academy  
Emmitsburg, Maryland

**Arson Detection and Prevention in Rural Communities** is a two-day seminar that has been developed by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) in conjunction with the U.S. Fire Administration, to address the challenges facing the volunteer fire service in Arson Detection and Prevention.

After attending the two-day course, the attendees should be able to recognize the red flags of an incendiary fire, as well having the ability to institute prevention programs in rural communities.

The seminar will be held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland the week-end of February 27 - 28, 1999.

The course will cover the following topics:

- As a result of the church arson fires, the National Arson Clearinghouse, under the auspices of the U.S. Fire

Administration, was established.

A tremendous amount of information and contacts are available through the Clearinghouse. The National Arson Prevention Initiative Coordinator, Mr. Tim O'Dowd, will speak to the group about the clearinghouse.

- Agent Timothy Huff of the Profiling Unit with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, Virginia will outline how the serial arsonist is profiled and prosecuted.

Mr. Huff has worked with the NVFC on a firefighter arson project, he is also a member of the IAAI and is a past member of the Board of Directors.

- Mr. John McDermott, a former firefighter with the Morris Town New Jersey Fire Department and currently an investigator with the Morris Town Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will cover the other agencies who assist local fire and police as well as the red flags for the first-in firefighter in arson detection.

He will list the other agencies different from fire and police departments that can be of assistance in Arson Detection and Prevention.

The firefighter will re-learn his important responsibility in detecting the first signs of an incendiary fire.

Juvenile fire setter prevention, recognition and correction are a duty of the Juvenile Fire Setter Committee of the IAAI.

This committee will furnish the instructors to talk about the juvenile fire setter programs and the success rate of these programs.

The seminar fees are \$225 for NVFC members and \$250 for non-members.

However, this is a special offering from the NVFC - all fees for this seminar are WAIVED.

The NVFC will cover the costs of the seminar and meals for both days.

Participants will be responsible for travel and room accommodations.

For registration information, contact NVFC at 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).

# From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

Barbara and my prayers go out to the family and friends of Jason A. "Frog" Gouckenour. Jason was killed in the line of duty fighting a house fire on January 9, 1999.

The Worthington/ Jefferson Township Fire Department Chief Jeff Stahl and the Greene County Firefighters should be commended for the memorial and graveside service that was provided for Jason. This was a very appropriate farewell to their fellow firefighter.

I would like to thank Chief Doug Wilcox, and the City of Evansville, for allowing the Evansville Fire Department Honor Guard to participate in Jason's funeral. Their participation was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. Thanks fellow firefighters.

Barb and I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We spent Christmas with our families, and we spent New Years with some very close friends and had a very enjoyable time.

I hope everyone remembered to send in their letter for our various awards. There are numerous members of our organizations that are deserving of the Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg and Midwest awards.

As Barb and I have traveled through the southwestern part of the state, we hear of a lot of Miss Flame candidates. I hope every district can have a contestant.

The 1999 Convention Committee, I hear, is working very hard to give us a memorable convention.

I challenge every fire department to gather all of your delegates and bring them to Columbus for our "first convention of our second fifty years."

This is the beginning of the 1999 fire school season. As last year, if you are a paid up member of the IVFA, you are entitled to a \$5 discount for every fire school class you attend. This is one way to get reimbursed for your IVFA dues.

See you at the fire schools.

## FROM YOUR 1999 CONVENTION HOST

Dear IVFA and IVFAA Members,  
 District 10 will be your host at Columbus for your '99 Convention and annual meeting. We believe that you will be very pleased with the accommodations at the Holiday Inn and the various activities we have planned. If you want to have a good time, you will.

The convention schedule is printed on this page, as well as a map of Columbus on page 21, for your convenience. All of the activities, with the exception of the Memorial Service and the various tours, will be held at the Holiday Inn.

By the way, if you haven't made your hotel reservations yet, please do so soon! The Holiday Inn is almost sold out. If your unable to reserve rooms at the Holiday Inn, there is a Ramada Inn just across Indiana 46, and a Super 8 Motel approximately a block from convention headquarters. On the west side of I-65 are a Knights Inn, Days Inn, and Dollar Inn. Below are the phone numbers for the various hotels:

- Ramada Inn (800) 845-9832  
(812) 376-3051
- Super 8 Motel (800) 800-8000  
(812) 372-8828
- Knights Inn (812) 378-3100
- Days Inn (812) 376-9951
- Dollar Inn (812) 372-6888

We really hope you are able to make your reservations at the Holiday Inn, the accommodations are **GREAT!**

There are several restaurants at the intersection of I-65 and Indiana 46. (There's even a Dairy Queen just inside the Columbus city limits.)

Make that "STEP IN TIME IN '99" at Columbus, you'll be glad you did.

Your Co-Chairmen,  
 David Israel (812) 663-8952  
 Jim Parker (317) 783-9293

### 1999 CONVENTION PARADE APPLICATION

The convention parade will be Saturday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m. in downtown Columbus. Prizes will be awarded. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

There is no fee to enter. Applications must be postmarked by May 19, 1999. If you have any questions, or do not receive registration confirmation by May 30, call Dan Hadley at 812-372-2439.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Street City State Zip

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

PARADE '99 · DAN HADLEY  
 651 DELLA ROAD · COLUMBUS, IN 47203

**For  
 Miss Flame  
 Convention Information  
 See Page 29**

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE JUNE 16 - 1999 COLUMBUS, INDIANA

TIME	EVENT	HOLIDAY INN LOCATION
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH</b>		
Noon to 6:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv, Games & Tours)	Holidome
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Hog Roast	West Parking Lot
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Dance	Crystal Ballroom D
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Beer Wagon	Director
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH</b>		
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv., Games & Tours)	Holidome
8:30 a.m. to Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Gavel-Hearid-Directors
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Nashville Tour	West Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Seminar	Crystal Ballroom A/A2
11:00 a.m. to Noon	Men's Officers Meeting	Crystal Ballroom A
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Bartholomew Room
1:30 p.m. to Close	Miss Flame Final Judging	Crystal Ballroom A/A2
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Tours	West Parking Lot
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwestern Fire)	Crystal Ballroom
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Opening Meeting	Crystal Ballroom A & B
2:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Beer Wagon	
9:00 p.m. to Midnight	Dance	Crystal Ballroom C
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH</b>		
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Coffee Klatch - Firefighters and Auxiliary	Prefunction Area
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Men's Business Meeting	Crystal Ballroom
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Conv)	Holidome
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays (Outside)	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays (Inside)	Prefunction Area
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Women's Business Meeting	Bartholomew Room
11:00 a.m. to Noon	Memorial Service	
Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	On Your Own
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Beer Wagon	
1:30 p.m. to Close	Womens' Business Meeting con't.	Bartholomew Room
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Tour Prime Outlet Mall	Taylorville
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Pizza Party - Children & Teens	Bartholomew Room
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Convention Banquet	Crystal Ballroom
9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Dance	Crystal Ballroom
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH</b>		
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Registration (Games)	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to Noon	Convention Games	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to Close	Vendor Displays (Outside)	West Parking Lot
8:00 a.m. to Close	Vendor Displays (Inside)	Prefunction Area
8:00 a.m. to Close	Fire Department Flea Market	West Parking Lot
Noon to 2:00 p.m.	Parade Line-up	Cummins Engine Co. COB Parking Lot
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Parade & Award Trophies	Downtown Columbus

### 1999 IVFA PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 16-19, 1999

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00/PERSON (DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1999)  
 LATE AND ON SITE REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00/PERSON

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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FIRE DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_ IVFA DIST \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 MAKE PAYABLE TO 1999 IVFA CONVENTION)

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SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING: UNDER 12 YRS. \_\_\_\_\_ OVER 12 YRS. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION TO:

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 PHONE: 317-783-9293

### HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER

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NAME OF GROUP: Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

CONFERENCE DATES: June 16-19, 1999 \* RESERVATION DEADLINE: June 1, 1999

SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATES:	DOUBLE/DOUBLE	KINGS/QUEENS
Single Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00
Double Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00
Triple Occupancy	\$75.00	\$75.00
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ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ VISA/MC \_\_\_\_\_ DC/CB \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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5% SALES TAX AND 5% BED TAX IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED IN ADVANCE BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD OR DEPOSIT

CHECK IN IS AT 4:00 P.M.

CHECK OUT IS AT 11:00 A.M.

YOUR GROUP CODE IS **FIR**. YOU MAY CALL HOLIDAY INN WORLDWIDE AT 1-800-465-4329 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY USING THE GROUP CODE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL OR FAX THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO THE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. YOUR OVERNIGHT ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED ON JUNE 1, 1999. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE THAT DATE.

\*THESE DATES REFER TO THE OVERNIGHT ROOM RESERVATIONS

\*RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 6, 1998.

# Columbus '99 Convention Map

**MILEAGE CHART to Columbus, Indiana**

Chicago IL	220
Lexington KY	147
Louisville KY	73
Cincinnati OH	72
Cleveland OH	363
Dayton OH	137
St. Louis MO	289
Detroit MI	291
Indianapolis IN	43
Vincennes IN	116
South Bend IN	181
Lafayette IN	105
Evansville IN	152

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## Contestant Entry Blank

- Hose Replacing Contest     Waterball Contest     Cart Race

Our fire department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests:

**Waterball, Hose Replacement or Cart Race**  
Columbus, Indiana on Saturday, June 19, 1999

An entry fee of \$15.00 in each contest. The \$15.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Dept. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chief or Secretary

## NOTICE

All contest entry blanks should be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1999 to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$15.00 entry fee for each contest entered.

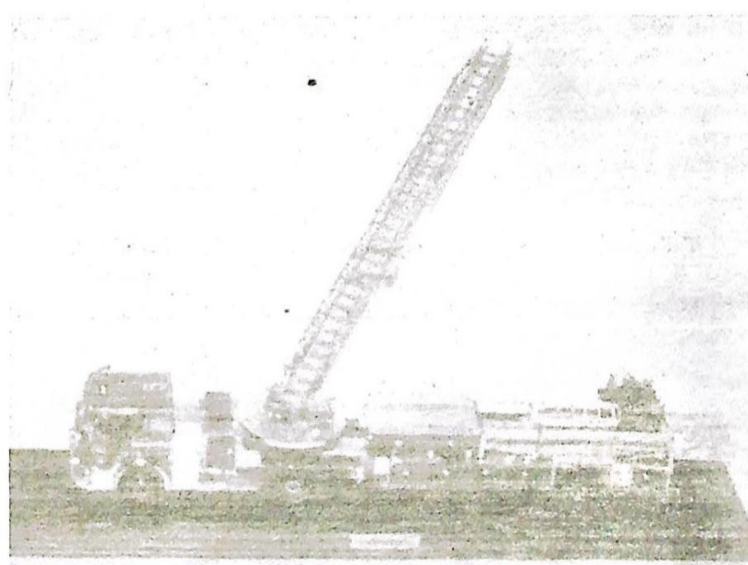
Send entries to:

**Al Mendel**  
6608 E. Country Road 151 N.  
Plainfield, IN 46168  
317-272-7932

Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Waterball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 1, after the opening meeting.

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

## Auxiliary money-making project



Franklin Mint 1965 Seagrave's Ladder Truck.

It's a beauty.

See your district chairman for tickets.

# See you at Convention '99 In Columbus

## Message from Ivan Nevil

As we venture into 1999, the staff of PSTI under the guidance of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education have been working to enhance our accreditation programs through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

In early December, IFSAC was in the office for a site visit to look at our programs. After their visit a list of recommendations was given to us for additional work.

As a result, the staff has been busy working on validating all of our test bank questions by fire service personnel in our office. They are charged with reviewing each test question as it relates to the NFPA standard objective.

Also new is that each level of certification will be required to complete practical skills. The staff & validation committees are working on these. After all work is completed, information will be forwarded to the site team members for approval and the site team will make a recommendation to the IFSAC Certification Board of Governors at the Spring meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

Levels of certification that we are seeking approval on are Firefighter I & II, Fire Officer I & II, Instructor I & II/III, Investigator I, Inspector I & II, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations, HazMat Tech (reaccreditation) and Airport Firefighter.

If all levels are given accreditation, this will be a tremendous boost for you the firefighter if you are participating in the new certification program.

If we may be of assistance please call us at 800-666-7784.

## New Haven Adams Township Fire Department



New Haven Adams Township Fire Department came into existence in 1990 after the merging of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department and the Adams Township Fire Department into one department.

The department covers a sixty square mile area. It has three stations with nine paid firefighters, a chief, and a deputy chief.

The nine paid firefighters are stationed at the Central Station, which was built in 1990.

The North and South Stations are manned by volunteers. The department has seventy-five volunteers between the three stations.

In 1996, the department purchased from S & S Fire Apparatus Company, two Harvester 4900 four door chassis, with a 500 gpm



Waterous pump, 2500 gallon Elliptical tank with a 10 inch dump on the rear and an 8 inch dump on each side.

Each tanker carries a 2500 portable dump tank. One is stationed at the North Station and one at the South Station.

These two tankers replaced a 1978 Harvester with a 1500 gallon tank and a 1982 Harvester

with a 3200 gallon tank.

The 1978 and 1982 tankers did not have pumps on them.

Then, in November 1998 the department took delivery of a 1998 Spartan Custom Cab Heavy Rescue from Marion Body Works, Inc.

Squad 18 is an eight-man, 21 foot Walk-In-Box Unit.

It has a 25 kilowatt PTO

generator, a 9000 watt telescoping light tower, 6000 PSI air cascade system, which can fill air bottles from the inside or outside.

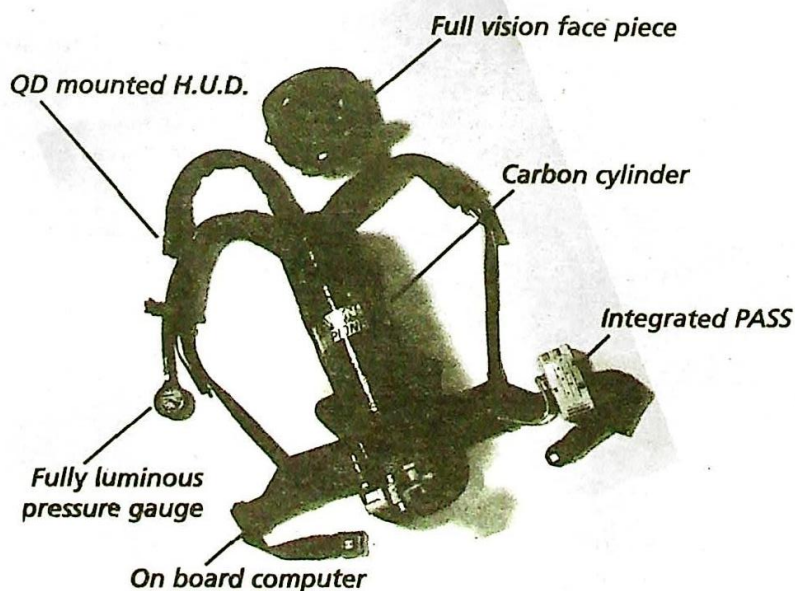
Squad 18 replaced a 1970 Harvester Metro van. Squad 18 is stationed at the Central Station.

All three apparatus are powered with diesel engines and automatic transmissions.

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# Church Fire Up-Close and Personal

by Richard L. Burrell and Rebecca D. Scott

Across America a troubling increase in church arson fires has created an alliance between firefighters and church members dedicated to stopping the arsonist before he strikes. The resulting damage from church fires goes beyond dollars & statistics, it reaches into the very heart & strength of a community and violates our souls.

This is not a story about arson, it is a story about a church lost to fire and about grief surrounded by ashes. It is told by a fire captain who fought against the odds, by an insurance agent who knew those odds were against him. But more importantly, it is written by a church man who struggled to make sense of it all.

If you meet Richard L. Burrell and his wife Barbara it won't take long to understand that they are "people" lovers. Always ready with a smile and a helping hand, the Burrells are found wherever a community project is underway. Whether singing in the church choir, responding to a fire call, or hammering away at a town building project, Dick Burrell is a happy man at his work.

As an insurance agent, Dick takes a hands-on approach to his work. He often responds in person to help and comfort his clients, sometimes he arrives on the Brownstown Fire Department unit that extinguishes their fire. He has seen quite a few tragedies in his dual career as an insurance representative and a firefighter. But this is the fire story that he tells with a personal sorrow.

December 18, 1993 was a busy Saturday night in Brownstown. Christmas was in full swing at Brownstown Baptist Church as the nervous choir met for one last rehearsal before Sunday's cantata. Dick Burrell was in his place in the choir, although it meant he would be late for the fire department Christmas party. The party afforded the firefighters and their families a rare opportunity to share a fun time together. Both the cantata and the Christmas party were big events on the Burrells Christmas schedule.

At 2:50 a.m. on December 19th, Jackson County Fire Dispatch struck the tones alerting Brownstown Fire Department of a fire "up the street from the Chevrolet dealership."

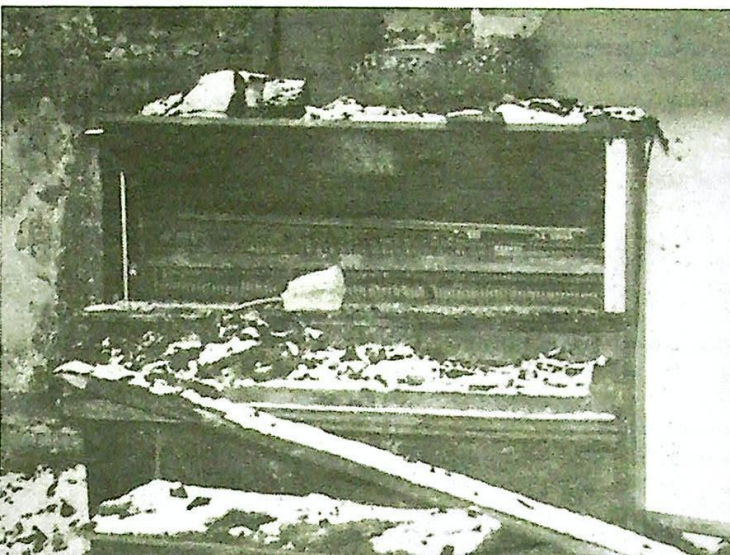
"I rolled out of bed without waking my wife," Burrell recalled. "I was trying to picture where the fire was and it wasn't making any sense."

"En route to the fire station, Dick monitored the county radio traffic as the dispatcher continued to summons firefighters. Advised that the fire was in a church Burrell began to dread the fight ahead. He knew that churches are very difficult buildings to save from fire—too many open areas for flames to race across and too many concealed spaces for it to hide. He also knew that the fight would be dangerous.

"I thought the dispatcher sounded unusually excited, so I expected that we had a good working fire. When I pulled my car onto the highway I could smell the smoke and I could see the glow in the sky. Then I realized that it was my church and my stomach became a knot. I could really feel the stress.

"Brownstown Baptist Church has a long history in the small county seat town. The congregation was established in the 1800s and the church was built in the early 1900s with extensive renovation and an addition in 1960.

"I am chairman of the Board of Trustees," Burrell continued. "I felt responsible for the condition of the church and we all spent a lot of time on the up keep. We were proud of that old building. "Brownstown Fire Department responded with two engines and made hydrant connections to attack the fire and to protect the exposed buildings endangered by the fire. Fire Chief Jim Renaker immediately called for mutual aid



from Hamilton, Grassy Fork, and Driftwood Twp. Fire Departments.

Large volumes of water began to flow toward the fire that had already roared out the roof and windows of the building. "We attempted to make an interior attack through the sanctuary which was not yet involved," Burrell explained. "We all knew it was dangerous and I think we all were willing to risk so much because it was a church."

Inside the structure, Assistant Fire Chief Roy Lee Fleetwood, his son Jeff, firefighter Mark Runge, and Lieutenant Robert Stone advanced hoselines toward the flames. As the Fleetwoods completed their rotation, bells on an air bottle began to sound and the team backed out to be replaced by Stone and Runge.

"The most frightening time in the entire incident for me was when I heard that Bob had fallen through the floor. They didn't know that the fire had burned beneath them and weakened the floor. Bob dropped straight down into the basement with fire burning above him."

"The guys reacted immediately to get me out," Stone recalled later. "Mark lay on his stomach on the floor and Roy and Jeff secured his legs so he didn't fall through also. Mark burned his wrists reaching for me. They formed a human chain and pulled me back up."

The interior attack was abandoned when the fire flashed over the high vaulted ceiling of the sanctuary.

"We could see a huge fireball run the length of the peaked roof on the outside of the building. The roof eventually dropped into the center. I knew when it flashed over that the church was gone.

My job was to concentrate water on the exposures. Fortunately we prevented any major damage to adjacent structures."

"Everyone was so sad and apologetic. Chief Marvin Wischmeier of Grassy Fork Fire Department put his big arm around my shoulder and

told me how sorry he was that the church was lost. He is a churchman himself, he understood how I felt. We put our feelings aside so we could finish our job. I was grateful for the moral support that all the firefighters offered that night and into the following weeks.

"When the main body of the fire was extinguished it became apparent that the entire structure was beyond salvage.

"I thought about the wooden manger in the nativity scene. I had made that out of old wood from my grandma's barn. It was just one of the memories that started to flood into my mind.

"I was baptized in that church. Barb and I were married in the sanctuary. The cantata would never be sung there again.

"Someone came to tell me that we could save some of the pews, I thought that there was no way. The whole roof was dumped on top of the rows.

Amazingly we did save twelve pews, eighteen of the twenty-four choir robes (not mine of course), the heating plant, a sound system, and the air conditioner. And the straw in the manger wasn't even singed!

"Offers of help began to pour in from neighboring churches and groups. Brownstown Central Schools loaned the congregation a room for that days service. Brownstown Presbyterian Church gave the group the use of their church until a new Brownstown Baptist Church could be built.

"Most churches don't keep an inventory of what they own. That makes the replacement very difficult. The process took a long time.

"Burrell stayed on the scene throughout the following day. The week that followed was consumed with the fire investigation and insurance reports.

"It was determined that the fire originated in a void between the original wall and a false wall constructed during the remodeling in 1960. An electrical short created the fire which remained concealed until it had extended up the walls and into the roof area.

"The old building was balloon construction which meant there were no fire stops, nothing prevented the fire from going where it wanted.

"The church's large stain glass window was spared. Even with heavy roof timbers resting next to the glass, it did not break.

"Out of our misfortune we were able to help a congregation that actually had less than we did. Our heating system, air conditioner, and choir robes all went to another church."

"I have been a firefighter for many years, but I have never felt the impact of what fire can do as deeply as I have in the loss of the church. I felt like I had lost a friend.

"Our minister was supportive and focused on the future. He didn't let us dwell on the past. He said over and over again that the church did not burn, because we are the church. Only the building was gone, the church was still here and unharmed.

"Brownstown Baptist Church rebuilt on land outside of town. The congregation is thriving. Firefighters who fought the blaze attended the dedication of the new church. "We certainly don't want other people to go through what we have."

If, in my work as a firefighter and as an insurance agent, I can convince churches how important fire safety and crime prevention measures are, it won't happen again to our community.

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# Lowe's Home Improvement donated 1,100 smoke alarms



Warehouse to distribute to low-income area residents

Indianapolis - If there is a fire in a home, a working smoke alarm can reduce the chance of dying almost in half, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). To help Indianapolis residents beat the odds, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse donated 1,100 smoke alarms valued at \$6,600 on December 16.

This donation is part of a nation-wide program in which Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse is donating 20,000 smoke alarms to fire departments

in many locations across the country.

"Smoke alarms are an essential tool when preparing a home for fire safety," said Greg Nell, store manager of Indianapolis' Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. Early detection of a fire can save a life, which is why it is so crucial to have a smoke alarm and more importantly, one that works properly."

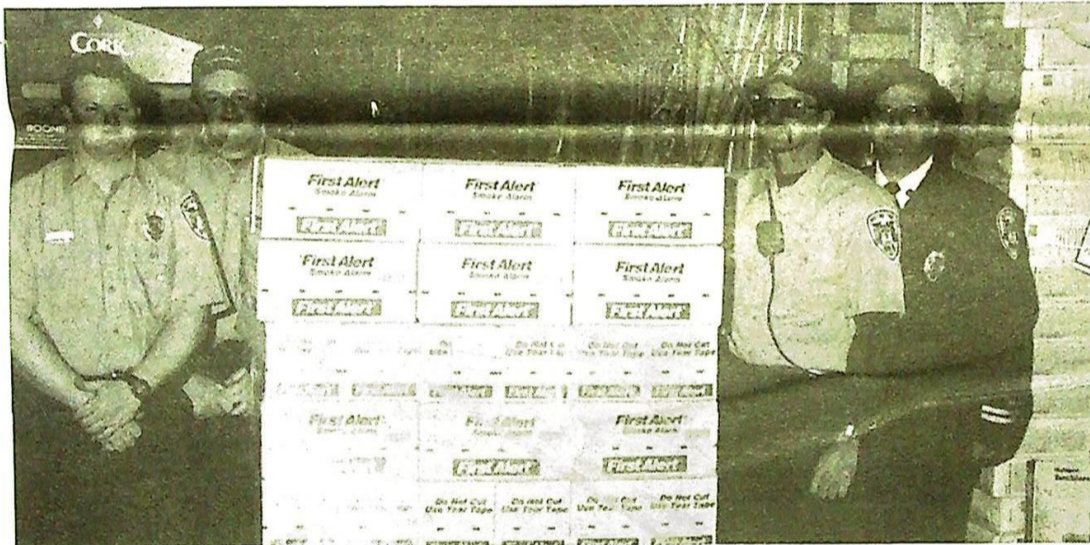
The alarms were split evenly between the Wayne Township Fire Department (WTFD) and the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD). Both departments have established methods of getting

these alarms to the consumers who need them most. The IFD has a phone that consumers can call to request free alarms (327-6006).

"Our top priority is fire prevention," said Keith Smith, Fire Chief of Indianapolis Fire Department. "Lowe's donation helps us arm Indianapolis residents with a tool that helps us meet this goal."

The WTFD will visit area low-income neighborhoods to distribute the smoke alarms and help residents install them to make sure the alarms are working correctly.

## Lowe's, firefighters give community gift of safety



"A large number of deaths have been attributed to the absence of a working smoke detector" Debbie O'Neal, fire department.

By Greg Hodnett  
For The Flyer

Wayne Township residents who can't afford smoke detectors are included in the Wayne Township Fire Department's smoke alarm blitz beginning on December 16, 1998.

Thanks to the West Side Lowe's Hardware store, the smoke alarms will be free to those who qualify.

About 500 smoke detectors are Lowe's Christmas gift to the community, according to store manager Greg Nell.

The Fire Department's gift is a house-to-house smoke alarm installation and awareness campaign beginning with lower income households within the township. Together, the team hopes to make a difference in some very troubling fire safety statistics.

Six percent of American households do not have a working smoke detector. That may not sound like a large number, but six percent of Wayne Township households without smoke alarms could translate into thou-

sands of residents in danger of fire related injuries or deaths.

The Lowe's Home Safety Council is providing the smoke alarms for Wayne Township and the Wayne Township Fire Department will provide all the labor and explain all instructional materials.

It is definitely a labor of love for area firefighters, who are all too often grief-stricken by the untimely death of an area resident in a house fire. The grief is multiplied when the victim is a child or when the death could have been prevented by a working smoke detector.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, low-income families are especially at risk for devastating house fires and the deaths which accompany them. That's because bread winners in lower end housing areas are often so focused on the struggle to pay for food, shelter, and clothing that a smoke detector is seen as a luxury they cannot afford.

In reality, smoke detectors are a life saving necessity costing less than \$6.00 to buy and less than \$2.00 per year to maintain.

"A large number of deaths have been attributed to the absence of a working smoke detector," said Debbie O'Neal,

spokesperson for the Wayne Township Fire Department.

"Tragically, even some homes that have smoke detectors aren't safe. Many of them don't work, usually because they don't have good batteries. Every home needs at least one smoke alarm that works."

O'Neal said one of the fire department's goals is to make people aware of the life saving power of smoke detectors and the importance of testing them and changing their batteries every year.

Each year in the U.S., more than 400,000 residential fires claim the lives of approx. 3600 people and injure approx. an additional 18,600, according to The National Center for Injury Prevention & Control. They say the fire-related death rate has gradually declined over the past 10 years, but the U. S. has the highest overall fire-related death rate of all industrialized countries outside the former Soviet Union."

The good news is that something can be done about the death-by-house fire rate.

Currently, fire departments across the country are planning or conducting awareness campaigns.

Information is the key to saving lives. Campaigns extol the

virtues of multiple smoke alarms and household fire escape plans.

Fire prevention experts say it takes surprisingly few minutes for a person to be overcome by smoke. They say a smoke detector in each bedroom, one in each common area, and one in the kitchen can add an additional layer of safety to any home.

The Wayne Township Fire Dept's labor of love will not be completed overnight. and after the fire alarms donated by Lowe's are delivered and installed, the fire department plans to continue the awareness campaign until the township is saturated with life-saving information.

## Public Relations Northwest



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### POSITION ADVERTISEMENT FIRE SCIENCE & SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Vincennes University is a comprehensive community college located in Vincennes, Indiana, which is situated on the Indiana-Illinois border, approximately 50 miles north of Evansville, and two hours from St. Louis, Louisville, and Indianapolis. Vincennes is a community of 20,000 population and the University has an enrollment of over 5800 on the main campus.

The Public Service Division of Vincennes University seeks applications for an innovative leader and faculty person for the Fire Science Program. This is a nine-month renewable position for an instructor/assistant professor of Fire Science beginning fall semester, 1999. The Fire Science Program is a new program and is housed in the Public Service Division with other public safety type programs, which includes Corrections, Conservation Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement, Loss Prevention & Safety, and Legal Assistant/Paralegal. The person selected will be on the ground floor for the introduction of this new program. This person will be responsible for coordinating the program and teaching fire science classes. The teaching assignment will include some off-campus coordination and teaching initially until the program is fully implemented on the main campus.

Applicants should possess demonstrated experience in the field of fire science, National Fire Protection Association Fire Instructor II or higher, degree in Fire Science. A Masters degree in a comparable area of study is preferred. The teaching load is 15 credit hours or 22 contact hours per semester, or this average over two semesters. This is a nine-month contract with the potential for teaching summer school. Advising of students is an important part of the duties. Applicants must have a strong commitment to the community college mission and philosophy.

Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with the credentials of the candidate. Applicants should submit a letter of intent, vitae, all college transcripts, and a minimum of three reference letters to Personnel Office, Vincennes University, 1002 N. 1st Street, Vincennes, IN 47591. Application deadline is April 1, 1999. Interviews of candidates may be scheduled concurrently with the advertisement period.

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#### FIRE SCIENCE COORDINATOR/FACULTY JOB DESCRIPTION

- Teach course in the Fire Science & Safety Technology curriculum (minimum 15 lecture or 22 contact hours or this average over one school year, two semester).
- Advise Fire Science & Safety Technology students (fall, spring and summer).
- Coordinate the Program.
- Develop working agreements with local fire departments for use of equipment and facilities.
- Work with Distance Education in establishing Fire Science courses to be offered in the fire houses.
- Aggressive activity in student job placement.
- Aid in recruitment of students.
- Chair annual advisory committee.
- Assist in articulation of program with other institutions.
- Responsible for course syllabi, outlines, class assignment, tests, evaluations and grades.
- Adherence to regular University rules and policies.
- Responsibility for seeing that fire science facilities are in proper repair and maintenance.
- Be available for teaching courses at night or off-campus sites.
- Assist with a professional fire science student club.

# IVFA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

## Continued from Page 13

her vocation. This would raise the disability benefit from \$150 to \$465 per week. This coverage would be for 260 weeks, and be mandatory. Individual fire departments would have the option to extend the benefits for life.

Departments having only a minimum policy, could increase their premium 30%. For most departments, this would have no impact because they already have a policy of this nature.

If this was to pass, it would probably have an onset date of the year 2000. Another bill will be filed again to give volunteer firefighters a tax deduction.

John will explore the possibility of putting the legislative report on their "web page" and "e-mailing" the legislative reports. John's toll free phone number is 1-800-548-9325.

Public Education - Jim Parker. Passed.

EMS - Larry Stott reported he was not able to attend the last meeting. He has no report.

Membership - Carl Bruns. Passed.

Fire Schools - Jack Cox reported he had nothing other than what was reported on the financial report.

Historical - Mitch Parish reported the pages have been printed for the historical book and are ready to be bound.

Insurance - Bill Kinsey. Passed.

Awards - Jack Cox. Passed.

Photography - Mitch Parish reported he will wait and see how the pictures turn out

Standards and Education - Paul Covington reported he had nothing to add to Ivan's report, other than the rule changes and public hearings

will be held in June, 1999.

Convention - David Israel passed out reservation lists. Check and see if the information is correct. The next convention will be at the Holiday Inn on November 15 at 3:00 p.m. in Columbus.

### OLD BUSINESS

Larry Stott, District 2, asked that we table the proposal for the health insurance until the February meeting.

Mitch Parish reported that the items for the games trailer from Richard Glant, Jack Harker and Jack Kerney need to be brought to the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jack Kerney asked if everyone found the information from William Miller informative? The reaction was positive. Jack will contact Indiana Department of Environmental Management for a speaker on practice burns. Jack passed information out on what needs to be done before a practice burn can be conducted.

Don Kissinger made a motion to adjourn the Officers Meeting and move into the Board of Directors meeting. Nelson Ehlers seconded. Motion carried.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mitch Parish called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Bob Uryga made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Roy Richardson. Motion carried.

Mitch reported that he has tried to get a 1997 Convention report from Larry Curl. He has called three times with no success. Mitch will contact Jack Winkler.

Larry Petro made a motion to allow Bill Kinsey to pay the bills from January 1999 to our February meeting. Bob Uryga seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Petro made a motion we pass SOG Article XI Item 9 for first

reading - Mileage shall be reimbursed, at the rate prescribed by the IRS Code, for officers & members driving to and from Association business when authorized.

Mileage reimbursement will not be made for travel to home district meetings. Seconded by Jack Harker. Motion carried.

Bob Uryga made a motion we pass SOG Article XI Item 12 for first reading - Mileage shall be reimbursed, at the rate prescribed by the IRS Code, for one (1) delegate from each department driving to and from the Annual Meeting.

The Delegate representing his/her respective department shall be required to answer the first and second roll call of business meetings to receive reimbursement. Seconded by Frank Daunhauer. Motion carried.

Roy Richardson made a motion we pass the addition of Article XI Item 15 for first reading - (This is a new item) Expenses for overnight sleeping accommodations for officers, district chairmen, and those authorized, attending the quarterly Officer's Meeting, shall be paid directly by the Association Treasurer. Seconded by Nelson Ehlers.

A question was asked by Jack Zeeks if a limit was going to be set on the room rates?

Nelson Ehlers suggested we pay whatever the price states in the contract for that year for the hotel.

Mitch Parish asked what will happen to the Auxiliary?

Bill Kinsey asked the Auxiliary to provide him with a number of officers affected by this action. The estimated number of auxiliary officers affected was ten to fifteen.

Bill Kinsey stated that prices he has obtained for downtown hotels range from \$89 to \$109 plus 11% tax.

Jack Cox stated he has already made a commitment for May at the Holiday Inn at Columbus, the 1999 Convention site. The cost is \$69 per night.

A vote was called for on the motion and seconded to add SOG Article XI Item 15 for first reading. The motion carried 20 for and 6 against.

All items passed the first reading. A second reading and vote will be taken at the February meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Uryga that any room rate charged this weekend over \$52 be paid by the IVFA. Seconded by Paul Covington. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Zeeks that the IVFA pay for any officer that wants to attend the Fire Institute Dinner on February 1, 1999. Bob Uryga seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Glant made a motion that the IVFA purchase a credit card processing machine for Visa and Master Card. This machine will be used for convention registration, with the potential of being able to pay your annual dues. The purchase price will be \$295.00. Motion seconded by Larry Bartlow. Motion carried.

Jack Cox announced that the next quarterly meeting will be held on February 6 & 7. The location will be announced.

Roy Richardson will research the cost of his proposal to give award pins for years of service to members, and present it at the February meeting.

A motion was made by Don Cushman to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Bill Bush. Motion carried.

Luke Kluender gave the minute message.

## DUNELAND SCHOOL OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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COURSE	TITLE	DATES	HOURS	FEES
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103	Firefighter I Review & Test-Out	3/27	6	\$30
203	Firefighter II Review & Test-Out	3/28	6	\$30
301	Vehicle Firefighting	3/27, 3/28	12	\$75
404	NFPA Instructor II	3/27, 3/28, 4/10, 4/11	32	\$130
405	NFPA Instructor I/III	3/27, 3/28, 4/10, 4/11	32	\$120
406	Technical Confined Space Rescue	3/27, 3/28, 4/10, 4/11	32	\$145
407	Wildland Firefighting & ICS - Basic	3/27, 3/28, 4/10, 4/11	32	\$120
502	Fire Prevention for Fire Suppression Crews (NEW)	4/10	6	\$40
503	Real World Fire Streams (NEW)	4/10	6	\$40
504	Annual Fire Pump Testing	4/10	6	\$35
508	Investigation of Vehicle Fires	4/10	6	\$40
511	Getting Out Alive/Firefighter Rescue (NEW)	4/10	6	\$40
512	Fire Officer I Review & Test-Out	4/10	6	\$30
513	Confined Space Entry (NEW)	4/10	6	\$35
514	Forcible Entry, Ventilation & PPV (NEW)	4/10	6	\$40
515	First In Officer (NEW)	4/10	6	\$30
601	Fire Officer II Review & Test-Out	4/11	6	\$30
602	Foam Technology Update (NEW)	4/11	6	\$40
603	Customer Service for Fire Departments (NEW)	4/11	6	\$30
604	Rending a Fire Building	4/11	5	\$30
606	IOSHA Regulations for the Fire Service	4/11	6	\$40
607	Youth Fire Prevention & Safety 1 (6-10 years)	4/11	8	Free
608	Youth Fire Prevention & Safety 2 (11-15 years)	4/11	8	Free
610	Emergency Scene Accountability	4/11	6	\$30
611	Examining Electrical & Fuel Gas Materials in Investigations	4/11	6	\$30
613	Confined Space Entry (NEW)	4/11	6	\$30
701	Pandora's Box (NEW)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
702	Self Defense for Emergency Responders (NEW)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
703	ISO Grading Schedule (NEW)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
704	Aerial & Quint Strategies/Tactics	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$70
705	Strip Mall Tactics	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$65
706	Truck Company Operations w/Truck & wo/ Truck	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$70
707	Introduction to PC Operations (NEW)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
709	Structural Firefighting Rescue & Tactics	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
710	Trauma Techniques for the EMT-B	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
712	Arson Detection for the First Responder	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$70
713	EVOC Instructor Course "Train the Trainer"	4/10 & 4/11	16	\$75
715	Introduction to Fire Prevention	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
716	Fire Chief's Responsibilities	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$60
717	School Bus, Semi & Heavy Extrication	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$80
718	Vehicle Extrication (Amkus)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$75
719	SCBA Safety & Survival	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$70
720	Rail Safety & Rail Tanker Emergencies	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$70
721	Vehicle Extrication (Intermediate) Hurst	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$75
724	Incident Safety Officer	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$70
732	Leadership & Administration for Vol. Fire Depts. (NEW)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$80
733	Strategic Management of the Fire Service Ground Water Delivery System (NEW)	4/10 & 4/11	12	\$80

### REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE)

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## Monroe Twp. VFD Fireman of the Year



District 14 Chaplain Mike Wimberly, (center) accompanied by his wife Debbie, receives the 1998 Fireman of the Year award from President Rick Pyke.

Mike Wimberly, Chaplain of the IVFA, received the Monroe both Monroe Township Volunteer Township Volunteer Fire Department and District 14 Department 1998 Fireman of the

## Working Together For Home Fire Safety

### FACTS ON HOME FIRE PREVENTION

More than 5,000 Americans die each year in fires and more than 25,000 are injured. An overwhelming number of fires occur in the home. There are time-tested ways to prevent and survive a fire. It's not a question of luck. It's a matter of planning ahead.

### EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE WORKING SMOKE ALARM

Buy a smoke alarm at any hardware or discount store. It's inexpensive protection for you and your family. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. A working smoke alarm can double your chances of survival. Test it monthly, keep it free of dust and replace the battery at least once a year. Smoke alarms themselves should be replaced after ten years of service, or as recommended by the manufacturer.

### PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRE

Never overload circuits or extension cords. Don't place cords & wires under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas. Immediately shut off and unplug appliances that sputter, spark or emit an unusual smell. Have them professionally repaired or replaced.

### USE APPLIANCES WISELY

When using appliances follow the manufacturer's safety precautions. Overheating, unusual smells, shorts and sparks are all warning signs that appliances need to be shut off, then replaced or repaired. Unplug appliances when not in use. Use safety caps to cover all unused outlets, especially if there are small children in the home.

### ALTERNATE HEATERS

- Portable heaters need their space. Keep anything combustible at least three (3) feet away.
- Keep fire in the fireplace. Use fire screens and have your chimney cleaned annually. The creosote buildup can ignite a chimney fire that could easily spread.
- Kerosene heaters should be used only where approved by authorities. Never use gasoline or camp-stove fuel. Refuel outside and only after the heater has cooled.

### AFFORDABLE HOME FIRE SAFETY SPRINKLER

When home fire sprinklers are used with working smoke alarms, your chances of surviving a fire are greatly increased. Sprinklers are affordable - they can increase property value and lower insurance rates.

### PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

Practice an escape plan from every room in the house. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and never to open doors that are hot. Select a location where everyone can meet after escaping the house. Get out, then call for help.

### CARING FOR CHILDREN

Children under five are naturally curious about fire. Many play with matches and lighters. Tragically, children set over 25,000 house fires every year. Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching your children that fire is a tool, not a toy.

### CARING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

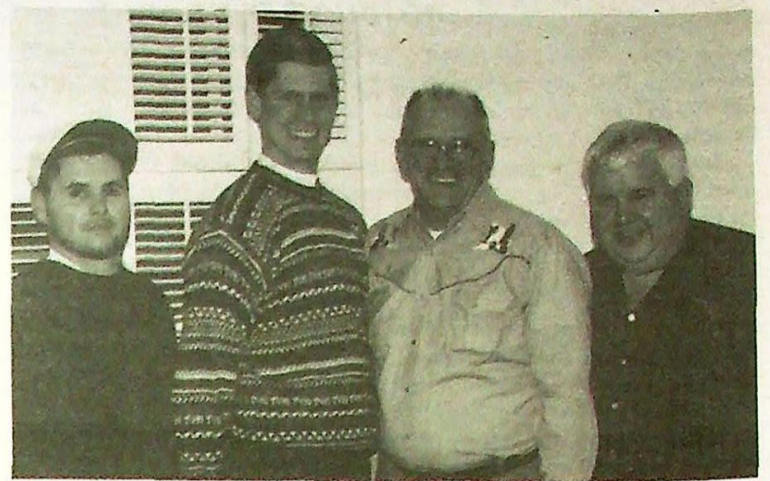
Every year over 1,000 senior citizens die in fires. Many of these deaths could have been prevented. Seniors are especially vulnerable because many live alone and can't respond quickly.

For more information contact:  
The United States Fire Administration  
Office of Fire Management Programs  
16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Or visit the USFA website: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

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## Years of Service awards



At the December meeting of the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Glen Kissling presented Years of Service pins to four department members.

(l-r) Firefighter Keith "PeeWee" Ingram, 5 years; Fire Investigator John "Bull" Smith, 5 years; Fire Captain William "Bill" Moesner, 30 years; and Fire Investigator Kenny "Pooch" Lau, 25 years.

Also receiving an award, but not present was Fire Captain Frank Lindeman, 30 years.

Year Award at their annual Christmas Party that was held on December 19th.

Mike is not only a compassionate spiritual leader, but is also an active volunteer fireman.

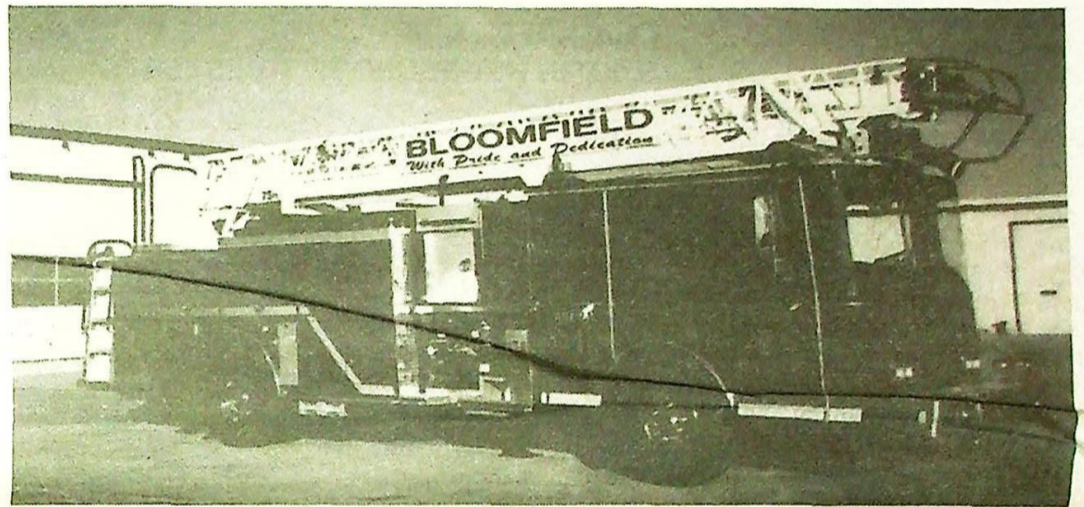
Mike and his wife Debbie moved their family to Henryville in 1994 when he became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henryville.

Mike is always available to volunteer his time for the community.

He became an active volunteer fireman and Chaplain for Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1994.

He is a member of the West Clark Ministerial Association, is very active with the annual June Crusade for Children and became the IVFA District 14 Chaplain in 1997.

## NEW DELIVERY



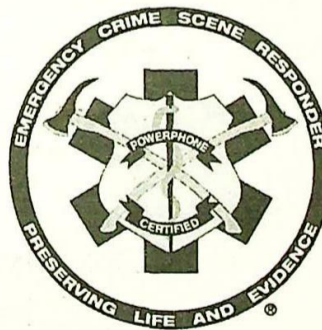
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# MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

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, 1999.

Districts, have you selected your contestant to represent you at convention in Columbus in June? If not you had better hurry. The Miss Flame Committee 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, 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 (812-372-1541), 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 for \$40 each, but after that the cost is \$50 each. You can use the form provided in this paper (see pages 20 & 21) 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 Chairman

### PLEASE NOTE

MISS FLAME APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN:

EULA BUSH  
1419 W. 850 S.  
DANA, IN 47847  
317-665-3213

ONCE THE FORM IS FILLED OUT, IT 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 EULA BUSH BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN MARCH 10.

THE I.V.F.A. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

### ATTENTION DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

The Miss Flame Committee is requesting that each district provide their contestant with a sash with the district number on it to wear to the convention during the competition.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Eula Bush  
765-665-3213

# Pershing Twp. Officer recognized



Pershing Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott celebrates her 20th Anniversary as an EMT with a reunion with her first partner, Russell Sanders, a former Poe Twp. firefighter.

Pershing Township Fire Department's Deputy Chief Rebecca Scott was recently recognized for twenty years continuous service as an Emergency Medical Technician.

She received a certificate of appreciation from the Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Scott became an EMT in January 1978, completing Indiana requirements at Ivy Tech in Sellersburg.

She obtained a Kentucky EMT certification in 1977 at Kings Daughters Hospital in Ashland and college credit from Morehead State.

Scott became Jackson County's first female firefighter in June 1977 and has served as part of the departments Medical Rescue team since that time.

She is a certified Master Firefighter in Tactics, Fire Arson Investigation, Instruction, and Management.

She is a past secretary of the Jackson County Fire Academy and has served as an instructor since 1983.

Scott is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, Kentucky.

She is employed with Dickson, Inc. in Seymour, Indiana.

Scott celebrated her 20th anniversary with a reunion with her first partner. Russell Sanders, a former Poe Township firefighter, teamed with Scott for two years on a volunteer ambulance in Brown County.

"He made me look good," Scott commented.

"Russell's fire department experience and law enforcement training made our partnership work."

Sanders, a teacher at Switzerland County Schools and a Vevay Town police officer, has assisted throughout the years

with Pershing Township's medical training program.

"I have been extremely fortunate in my career," Scott commented.

"I have been blessed with mentors and team members that were above average. They taught me and kept me from getting myself killed in the process.

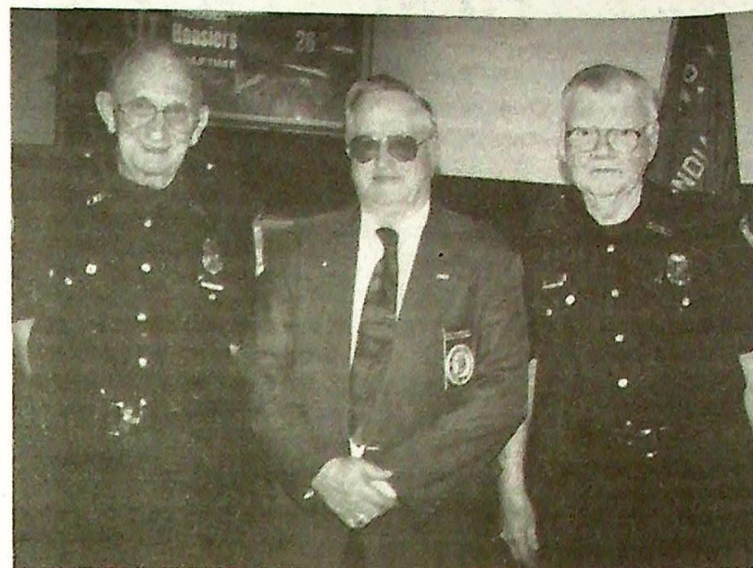
"I firmly believe Chief Richard Blaker and the people at Pershing Township were braver than most firefighters when they accepted women twenty years ago.

"It wasn't popular, or an easy decision, and they put their reputations on the line to do it.

"We've seen so many changes in EMS and the fire service, and things have never been dull for our department as we struggled to develop a quality program with no money or equipment.

"I just hope that we have made a difference," Scott said.

# Lifetime Memberships Presented



On November 14, 1998, Roy E. Richardson, District 14 Chairman (center), presented Lawrence Trump (right) and George Moran of the Charlestown Fire Department Lifetime Membership cards at the Charlestown Fire Department Awards Banquet.

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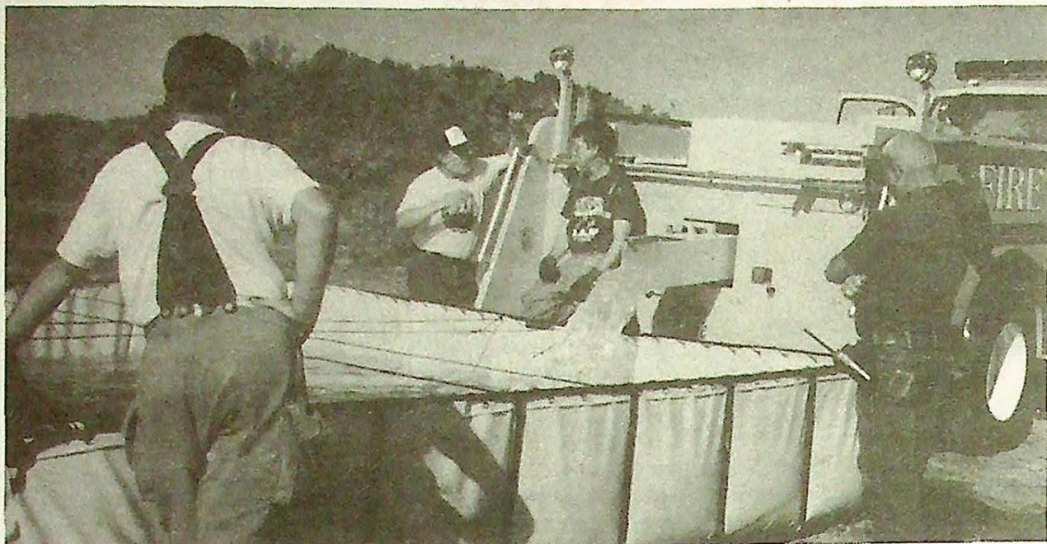
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# Jackson County joint training exercise a success



Jackson Washington Fire Department utilizes a dump tank supplying Brownstown Engine 10 with sustained water flow during a timed exercise.

Jackson County Firefighters came together for a unique hands-on training session dealing with rural water supply. The program was hosted by Brownstown Fire Department and instructed by Lt. Robert Stone.

Firefighters and officers from Brownstown Fire Department, Pershing Township Fire Department, Vernon Township Fire Department, and Jackson Washington Fire Department

participated in tanker shuttle and dump tank operations. The crew supplied Brownstown Engine #10's deluge gun with a sustained water flow of 1000 gpm.

"We were very pleased that Brownstown invited us to attend," said Pershing Chief Richard Blaker. "It was a good experience and an exercise in team work."

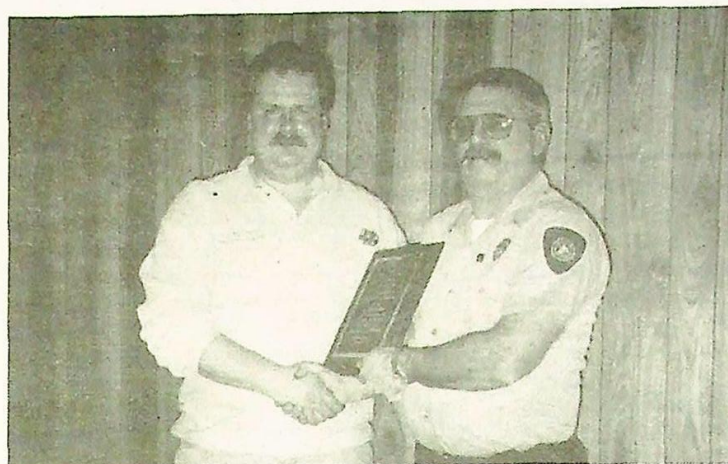
"Cooperation is everything," commented Vernon Chief Dennis

Goble. "Jackson Washington, Vernon, and Brownstown supplied tankers and we were able to look at the operations of each type of unit and dove tail the entire operation into a smooth exercise."

"The best part is the sharing of ideas between departments," said Lt. Stone.

"That sharing and dialog makes it a rewarding experience for everyone."

# Blaker named Firefighter of the Year



Richard Blaker, Sr. (right) receives Firefighter of the Year award from Pershing Township Fire Department President Joseph McDermid at their annual dinner.

Pershing Township Fire Department has named Chief Richard Blaker, Sr. as 1998 Firefighter of the Year at ceremonies on January 16, 1999. The presentation was made by department President Joseph McDermid at the group's annual dinner.

Blaker joined the department as a rookie on May 14, 1966. He rose through the ranks to assume the Chief's Badge in 1983.

Blaker is certified as a Master Firefighter in Tactics, Fire/Arson

Investigation, Instruction, and Management.

He is a certified Indiana EMT and Haz Mat Technician. Blaker retired from Cummins Engine after thirty years, during which time he served with the in-plant Emergency Response Team.

He is a past chairman of the Freetown July 4th Committee; a member of the Washington Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite, Indianapolis; Murat Shrine, Indianapolis; Jackson County Fire Chief's Association, and is a reserve deputy with the Jackson County Sheriff's department.

He is a past recipient of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service award presented in recognition of his efforts in the establishment of the Jackson County Fire Academy.

Blaker began the department's Emergency Medical Rescue operation serving as the first firefighter EMT commander in Jackson County.

He has attended a multitude of specialized emergency rescue seminars and programs throughout Indiana. Blaker is a charter member of the Pershing Township Search and Rescue Unit and works with the county Search and Rescue organization.

Blaker's responsibilities as fire chief include the organization and utilization of all departmental assets in emergency preparedness and response. He directly supervises all emergency scene activities and equipment. He appoints line officers, oversees equipment repair & purchases, assists in training, reviews programs, and serves as an agent of the Indiana Fire Marshal when necessary. He supervises the 29 firefighters under his command and manages the firefighting fleet of vehicles.

Blaker lives with his wife Sarah in Freetown. They are parents of two children, Lisa and Richard Blaker, Jr. He is owner and operator of Blaker Electric.

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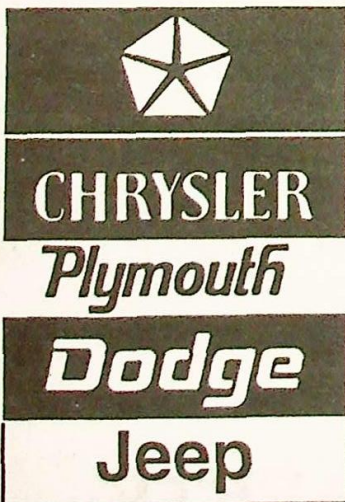
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## Wayne Twp. FD's Annual Awards Banquet

Wayne Twp. Fire Department hosted its annual Awards Banquet on Sat., November 21, 1998 at its new Training Conference Center.

This banquet was a special one, as well as, an emotional one, since we dedicated the new Training Conference Center in memory of Harold "Gene" Stofer.

Gene was a Lifetime Member of the department, a board member and the Wayne Twp. Trustee. One of Gene's dream for the department was to have a state-of-the-art training conference center. This dream came true.

A plaque in his memory will be placed in the training center. Gene was not only a family man, but a friend to all in the department.

Though he is sadly missed, he will never be forgotten. As Gene looks down at each and every one of us every day, we will do our best to make him proud of the department, one he helped to build and be what it is today.

On a more happy note, at the banquet the department gave out Length of Service Awards, as well as awards for Firefighter of the Year, EMT of the Year, Officer of the Year and the Pioneer. The Pioneer Award is for the person that has helped the most in the training of the department through the years. The following received these awards for 1997:

Firefighter of the Year - Tim Smith, Station 1

EMT of the Year - Troy Clements, Station 4

Officer of the Year - Byron Jones, Station 9

Pioneer Award - Chief Larry Curl, Station 1

Congratulations to these people and to all of the firefighters and EMTs for an outstanding job.

The department received a letter from Royal Royce Allison Engine commending the department for their response to their facility on Sunday, September 13, 1998.

The letter stated the department responded in a timely manner. The quick actions made a difference in decreasing the damage to the building and minimizing the impact to business operations.

The department and the Rolls-Royce personnel on duty during this incident, worked very well together. This cooperation certainly helped to minimize injury to all of the people involved.

## Driftwood Twp. firefighter becomes Jackson Co. Sheriff

Driftwood Township Volunteer Fire Department had a special reason to watch the polls in Jackson County on election night 1998. Jerry Hounshel, a veteran firefighter and long-time deputy sheriff, was elected to head the county's police force.

Hounshel, a Republican, defeated his opponent a retired

Indiana State Trooper by a decisive majority. Hounshel will succeed out-going Sheriff and former Driftwood Fire Chief Hershel Baughman. Hounshel had previously held the position of detective for the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Hounshel is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Leadership Jackson County, South Central Indiana Emergency Response Team Academy, and Reid School of Interview and Interrogation. He is a graduate of the Jackson County Fire Academy and an ardent supporter of fire service training programs.

He is a 21-year veteran officer with specialized training in the areas of jail management, courtroom security, inmate behavioral control, hostage negotiation, arson investigation, DUI detection, vehicular speed control, fingerprinting, photography, first aid, distinguished expert in firearms proficiency, evidence collection & preservation, sudden infant death syndrome, ritualistic crime scene investigation, defensive tactics, and domestic violence prevention and intervention.

Hounshel lives in Vallonia with his wife Linda.

## 911: "Help! There is a fire at the high school and people are everywhere. Hurry!"



This type of call sounds all too familiar to Wayne Township Fire Department. The department conducted a mock disaster drill on Saturday, November 14, 1998 for the EMT and fire students. The drill is to prepare the students for these types of runs before they graduate from school, and are released on the street. Mock disaster drills require a lot of planning, organization, and preparation to make this drill as real as possible.

The Ben Davis High School Drama Class participated in the drill as victims as well as the EMT students from Brownsburg High School and the fire department cadets. They were moulaged and instructed to act as injured people. The fire and EMT students were sent to the Training Tower where they discovered smoke coming from the building and people laying everywhere. The fire students did a search and rescue and put the fire out in the building while the EMT students triaged and treated the injured.

The Department would like to thank the Ben Davis High School Drama Class for their participation. You were fantastic!

Also a thank you goes to the Brownsburg EMT Class and the Wayne Township Fire Department Cadets. Everyone did a great job.

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# Costs to fight fires a hot topic

Ever-changing safety standards put financial strain of fire depts. to keep pace.

By Scheffie Sarver  
Staff Writer

Volunteer fire departments are caught in a bureaucratic web of safety standards that threaten their financial stability.

Those standards are often set by fire equipment companies that directly benefit from them.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has more than 300 fire standards on it books.

Coupled with standards by the Occupational Health & Safety Administration, these measures regulate everything from fire hose nozzles to how a firefighter enters a building.

A small volunteer department finds itself caught in the middle. If it ignores national standards, it could face a liability problem. If it adheres to each one, it faces a financial crisis.

Fire departments are not required to adhere to NFPA standards, but most of them try. "It's kind of the unwritten bible of fire departments," said Union Twp. firefighter John Kephshire.

The vice president of a Valparaiso fire nozzle manufacturer is critical of the standard-making process.

"Most of these standard-making things are heavily laden with manufacturers," said Rod Carringer. "I think there's a lot of

scare tactics thrown out to get people to buy their product. It's a two-edge sword at NFPA. It's about money some days."

Critics say volunteer departments have little input in developing the standards. They also claim the committees that set the standards are skewed.

"The NFPA standards are set by the gurus on the East Coast, although it's supposed to have national representation," said Bill Kinsey, Treasurer of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

"It's really not a true voice, but they say it is."

Kinsey points to the organization's standards for high-end certification of firefighters as an example. If the NFPA requires 60 to 80 hours of training to attain a certification, volunteer firefighters are hard pressed to put in the hours, Kinsey said.

In Indiana, more than 23,000

firefighters have received high-end certification over an 8-year period, Kinsey said, but, "the voluntary certification program in Indiana is on a downhill slide."

It's important for a dept. to have some members with high-end certification and training so they can provide leadership for the department, Kinsey said.

The incentive is safety, said Gary Tokel, Assistant Vice President for the public fire protection division of the NFPA.

"One of the key things is to provide a level of safety for the individual," Tokel said. "The community, at the very least, should be willing to give these firefighters the best possible protection."

Any department, any firefighter can take part in the process, Tokel said.

State or regional associations can serve as the voice of smaller volunteer fire depts, he said. "If they pool their resources, then the impact is not very significant on any of them," he said.

"People can have input, and a lot of people do without directly participating on the committee," Tokel said.

But Kinsey countered by saying, "Unless you're independently wealthy or you're being paid to do it, there's no part for you in the standards-making process."

It's costly for smaller departments to participate, Kinsey said.

Technical committee members meet 3-4 times a year, often in expensive hotels, he said, and most volunteer depts don't have the money to participate.

Mike Orlich, Assistant Fire Chief in Chesterton, considered serving on a NFPA committee and then dismissed the idea.

"The town or department has to absorb all the cost," he said.

Fire protection officials, manufacturers and laboratory experts all help form committees, Tokel said.

The NFPA sells copies of the standards it develops to fire departments and fire protection officials across the country. Prices range anywhere from \$18.50 for "Wetting Agents" to \$750 for a "National Fire Codes Subscription Service."

Indiana does not mandate a fire department's equipment, said Alden Taylor, spokesman for the State Fire Marshal's office.

The average cost of outfitting a firefighter with equipment and protective clothing is about \$2,000, said Bill Lundy, Assistant Chief of South Haven's VFD.

Taking \$2,000 and multiplying it by 38, the number of South Haven's volunteers, adds up to a \$76,000 investment.

There are additions to the regalia, as in the rule requiring every firefighter to carry a personal alarm alerting others if they're injured and where they are in a burning building, Lundy said.

The device costs about \$100, which adds up to an extra \$3,800 that must be located in the budget or raised through donations.

"A lot of times, we have to scrape for the money," he said.

The average helmet & shield costs \$225. If NFPA standards change, then most volunteer fire depts feel obligated to meet those demands despite the blow to their budgets.

The NFPA helmet committee develops a new set of helmet standards about every 1 1/2 years, said Carringer, who served 25 years on LaPorte's VFD.

"It's getting expensive to be in our business," Carringer said.

"They don't provide us with money or incentives to comply with all these different things," said Bob Casbon, Assistant Chief for Boone Grove Fire Dept.

Liability is an issue, too.

While the standards set by the NFPA are not law, they are treated

as such by both the fire protection industry and the courts.

"They're only recommendations, until you get in a court of law," Carringer said.

Reprinted & condensed from the Post-Tribune, Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

## Public Relations Southwest



Jack Harker

First of all, I want to thank all the firefighters in Districts 15, 17A, 17B and 18 for letting me serve them in 1999.

I do ask that you as a district, and as a department, keep me informed of your meetings and events that are going on.

I'm closing for now, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Union Twp. plans for new firehouse

By Steve Walsh  
Staff Writer

Union Twp. - When the fire department rolled a new tanker into the old station this summer, there wasn't room for much else.

Built in 1963, Station One is no longer large enough for modern tankers & engines, Captain John Kephshire said.

"We basically have one person pull the truck out of the station so the rest of the guys have room to get their gear on," he said.

But he hopes that will change soon. The dept. is set to replace the aging station next year. The plan is to construct a building behind the existing station on Ind. 130, east of Wheeler.

"It'd be nice to do it in the spring," Kephshire said.

Construction would begin after the department gets permits and a bank loan.

Taxpayers will not pay for a bond issue. Unlike other volunteer fire departments, Union Twp. is a private corporation.

Rather than a bond, it plans to take out a mortgage on the land around Station One. The loan would be repaid through donations and money left over from its contract with the township, Kephshire said. The township hires the department through a contract to fight its fires.

Firefighters are estimating the new station will cost \$170,000.

The department already has \$40,000 left from this year's donation drive and from paying off the loan early on Station Two.

Station Two, on County Road 600 West, was built in 1990. The department finished paying the loan last year.

After more than thirty years, the site of Station One near Wheeler is still centrally located for a fire station, Kephshire said.

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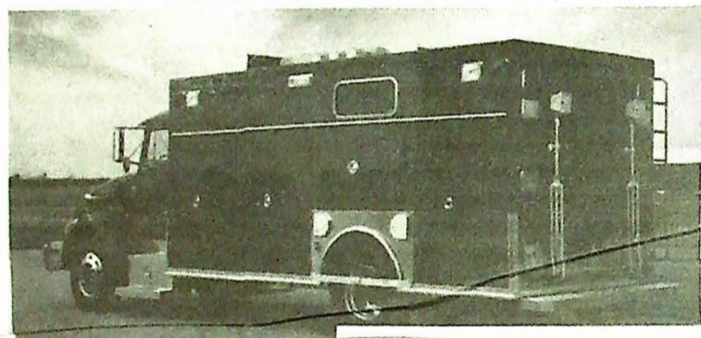


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# East Central Emergency Services School

The East Central Emergency Services School is moving to warmer weather! No, not to Florida, to November.

The East Central School has been very successful and well received over the past five years. For this, we would like to thank all those who have participated in

the past.

But more importantly, we would like to thank the emergency service workers who have been inconvenienced by Indiana's January weather for their understanding.

We have taken note and in order to make a good annual emergency school into a great emergency school, we know we need to reduce the possibility of class cancellation due to weather conditions.

For this reason we are going to move the school to November - November 13th & 14th, in 1999.

For those who did not participate in this year's school, we have changed motels. We have moved to the Richmond Holidome.

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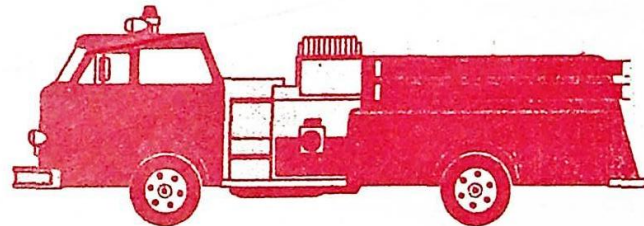
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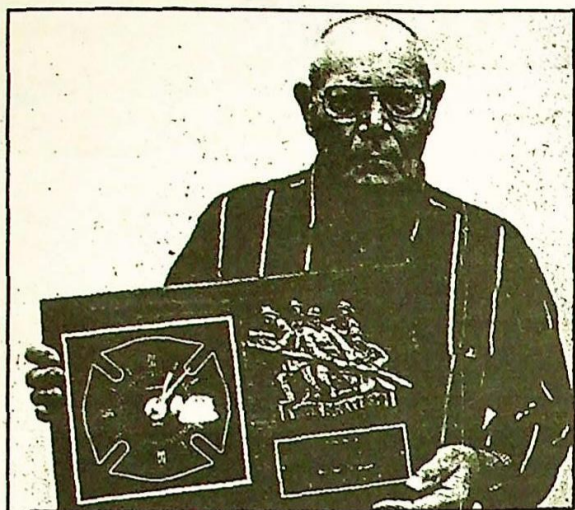
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# Life-saving efforts being recognized



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Long time firefighter: Baugo Firefighter Russell Peterson displays a special award presented to him at the fire department's recent awards ceremony. Peterson has served on the department since it started 40 years ago.

**Baugo Twp. Volunteer Firefighters awarded for selfless duty at 40th anniversary ceremony**

Elkhart - They get called out at any time of the day or night. Sometimes, they risk their lives to save a life or property. The pay is usually a thank you and maybe a cold drink or a hot cup of coffee.

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One of the departments, the Baugo Township Volunteer Fire Department, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with an awards ceremony.

During the ceremony some firefighters were recognized for going beyond the selfless duty requirements of all volunteer



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**Awarded for Efforts:** Current and former Baugo Township Firefighters (l-r) Ray Gamble, Doug Ryman, Jamie Wenger, Chris Baker, David Watterson and Steve Kamp were recognized for going beyond the call of duty to save lives during a recent awards ban-

firefighters.

Several firefighters were recognized for saving the lives of others over the years.

After 23 years, former firefighter Ray Gamble was honored for saving the life of a 3-year-old boy.

Gamble and other firefighters responded to a house fire at 2710 La Rue Street on January 16, 1975, according to Baugo Assistant Chief Brian Kamp. Gamble and another firefighter went inside a smoke filled

basement and found the boy.

They took him outside where they administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until the boy was taken to the hospital, Kamp said.

The next two life-saver awards were for more recent incidents.

On July 15, 1998, Baugo firefighters responded to an alarm at 30278 Tower Road.

Firefighters were told someone might be trapped in the house. A search team, made up of Lt. Jamie Wenger, Doug Ryman and

Chris Baker, went into the burning house. They found an elderly woman slumped over in a chair and carried her to safety.

She was taken to the hospital and released a couple of weeks later, Kamp said.

The final life-saver award went to two firefighters who rescued a woman injured in a car accident last fall. Kamp said his brother, Steve Kamp, and Dave Watterson, responded to an accident off U.S. 33, near the Conrall yard, described by the dispatcher as a fatal.

They found a woman trapped in a van who was unconscious and not breathing. She was freed from the van and Kamp and Watterson continued CPR until the woman was taken to the hospital. Kamp said to his knowledge the woman made a full recovery after she was hospitalized.

One of the highlights of the banquet was the special award given to a firefighter who has been on the department for all of its 40 years.

Russell Peterson served as the first chief of the department and is so highly regarded by his fellow firefighters that he has an annual award named after him.

Carl Wright was also the recipient of a special award. Wright served as the Baugo chief from 1973 to 1980, the longest term of any chief in the department's history.

Current Chairman of the Board of Directors and Captain Robert Kamp was also given a special award for his many years of service.

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CPSC is aware of two incidents where plastic on these angel ornaments melted from the heat of the bulbs.

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Kmart stores nationwide sold the angel ornaments from Sept. - Dec. 1998 for about \$11.

Consumers should immediately stop using these ornaments and return them to Kmart for a refund. For further information about this recall, contact CPSC's Hotline at 1-800-638-2772 anytime.

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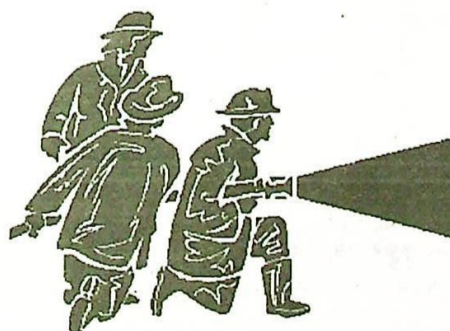
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