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From the President



Jack Kerney

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. As we start the new millennium the IVFA Board of Directors will be addressing the declining membership of the Association. Our District Chairmen are so busy contacting departments and individuals that have left the organization for some reason or another. So far we have had positive results from their actions, and are hoping this will continue. You, as members of the IVFA, can help also by promoting our Association to firefighters and departments that are not members. Vice President Buz Koehler has put together an overhead and power point presentation to give all District Chairmen and PR Directors. This presentation, promotes the Association, and lists the advantages of being a member of the IVFA. If you know of a department that would like this presentation, call your District Chairman or myself and we will make arrangements to bring it to them.

We are making some changes in the way that you receive your $5 discount from IVFA sponsored fire schools. After looking over last year's attendees, we found out that 10% of those attending were not IVFA members. The Central Office will be supplying the fire schools with electronic membership data. They will be checking your request for a discount to be sure that you are a member. When you sign up for a fire school, and ask for your discount, you must supply them with your 4 or 5 digit IVFA membership number, not your social security number. Your membership number will be found on your IVFA membership card. These cards were sent to your department after your dues are paid. If you have any problems please call the Central Office and we can help you.

We will be participating and attending all IVFA sponsored Fire Schools during 2001. We will be able to process your memberships, license applications, and make address changes. We will be able to check your beneficiary designation and also make requested changes. Please look us up at the Fire Schools.

Barb and I have been trying to see and visit as many Districts and Departments as possible. The last quarter we attended the Greene County Firefighters' Association meeting at Owensburg Fire Department in District 17A. We helped Chief Dave Winkle and the Sommerville Fire Department with their fish fry fundraiser in District 15. We participated in the District 18 Parade in Dubois. Attended the New Washington Fire Department District 14 meeting. We visited Highland Township and Chief Jim Abrams for their Hog Roast in District 17A. We attended the Convention meeting at Ft. Wayne. Traveled to Marion Township Rural Fire Department Chief Jack Zeeks for their annual Soup Cook. We attended Oden/Madison Fire Department District 15 meeting, and Marion Township Rural Fire Department District 17B meeting. We would like to visit all Districts if at all possible. Please keep the meeting notices coming so we can work your District into our schedule.

I had the honor of presenting our Past President, Jack Cox, with his Past President's Gold Card at his Fire Department's Awards Banquet. Jack received many awards that night from his department and the Fire Marshal's Office. Jack is getting around relatively well and is looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

The schedule for the 2001 Board Meetings have been mailed to all Directors. We will be returning back to the Martin House for our meetings. The dates will be: February 3 & 4, May 5 & 6, August 11 & 12, and November 3 & 4. We will not be going to our Convention City for our May meeting, due to not being able to reach an acceptable agreement on guest and meeting room rates. The IVFA Convention will be in Ft. Wayne on June the 14 thru the 16.

I hope to see all Board Members in February, we have a lot of business to attend to.

I would like to acknowledge the passing away of a longtime friend and Fire Chief, Larry Grimes. Larry has been a friend of the Fire Service for many years, teaching a lot of us firefighter laws and records. He was Chief of the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department, a Lawyer and had just been elected to serve as Warrick County Circuit Court Judge. Larry was a lawyer that always returned his phone calls and you could always expect an answer to any legal question regarding the fire service. He will be truly missed in Southern Indiana.

IVFA 25 Year Service Pins Available

TO ALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE OF INDIANA

I have the 25 year service pins and the District Chairman also has them. If you have a firefighter that has been in the fire service for 25 years or longer, get with your I.V.F.A. District Chairman in your District and give him the list of firefighters, including their addresses and phone numbers. He will work with you to get the 25 year service pins to you. We would like the pins given out at your regular meetings or at a special meeting. The District Chairman will give these pins to the members for 2000.

The firefighters that joined the Department in 1976 will be getting their pins in 2001.

There is a list of Fire Departments in the State that have not received their pins. Please get with your I.V.F.A. District Chairman (their names and phone numbers are in the I.V.F.A. newspaper).

Thank you,
Roy E. Richardson
District 14 Chairman and
25 Year Service Pin Chairman

McFadden Named 2000 Lois Boaz Winner



Marilynn McFadden

Pictured at left is Marilynn McFadden, 2000 Lois Boaz winner, of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department. Marilynn is very deserving of this award. She was one of the charter members of the auxiliary. She has served on many committees and all offices of her local department. She has made fire runs, loaded watertanks on pickups, during a blizzard she walked to aid a neighbor who was in labor and later rode with her in the back of a pickup through fields to get to the nearest road. She has helped sandbag during the floods in Fort Wayne and is always ready with a helping hand when someone is in need. She is also active in many other organizations.

She has been married to Ellis McFadden for over 50 years. They ahve five daughters, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Congratulations, Marilynn!!

Winona Lake VFD Owners Of New Tanker

Since the Winona Lake Fire Department was founded in the early 1900's, it has seen a total of three water tanker trucks. The first truck came from The Department of Natural Resources. The truck was used, yet still effective for the town's use. In the 1970's the original tank was moved to another truck chassis and used for many years. In the early 1990's the department built another tanker from a reconditioned truck chassis, and an old milk tank. All three trucks served the department well and were treated with respect and care during their stay in Winona Lake.

Now that the 21st century is upon us the fourth department tanker has arrived. It's a new International 4800 series truck. It holds 3000 gallons of water, with a 500-gallon per minute PTO driven transfer pump on board. The truck measures 29'4" x 96" x 113". It has a left and right side air operated 10" damps, along with rear 10" dumps as well. It arrived with red steel wheels, but each department member chipped in and aluminum wheel covers were purchased to dress up the red steel wheels.

(see 'Winona' page 14)



I.V.F.A. Benefits

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER

Four times each year members receive The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter, the association newspaper which highlights happenings around the state, with articles about fire departments, fires and information about the association.

The newspaper features:

- Listings of all association officers with addresses and telephone numbers;
- Products and services for sale;
- Classified ads placed by fire departments (which is at no cost to the department up to 1 column inch);
- Minutes of meetings (state officer's and district meetings);
- Articles written by Officers and District Chairmen;
- Procedures for I.V.F.A. license plates;
- Information about the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Assoc. Ladies Auxiliary and their officers;
- And many more items.

This is provided as part of your membership and is covered by your dues. But we do ask that you keep your mailing address up-to-date.

To the Members of the I.V.F.A.,

The Allen County Fire Chief's Association extends a warm welcome to the I.V.F.A. members attending the 2001 Convention in Fort Wayne. We are proud of the historical heritage of Allen County, the City of Fort Wayne, and the City of New Haven. We invite you to tour the sixteen fire departments in the county.

Hope to see you at the Convention.

Garry W. Marquardt
President
Allen County Fire Chief's Association

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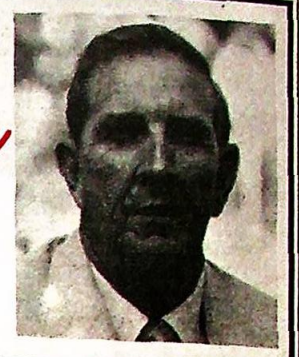
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Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker

Prayer For Today

Father,

With gratitude we pause to give our thanks to you, O God, for the many privileges we have in the life that you have given us.

We pray for others less fortunate, that they too may receive your blessings. We pray for the sick and injured, that your healing powers be placed upon them.

And, we pray that, in moments of self-centeredness, we may reflect upon the message of this day.

Amen

Minute Message

A friend sent me this e-mail message recently and I found it to be chock-full of personal insights to be exercised when our thoughts turn inward. It is titled "A Memo From God" and I think you may like it, especially if you've never read it before.

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MEMO FROM GOD

TO: YOU
DATE: TODAY
FROM: THE BOSS
SUBJECT: YOURSELF
REFERENCE: LIFE

I am God.

Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put in the SFGTD (Something For God To Do) box. It will be addressed in my time, not ours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it. If you find yourself stuck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this word for whom driving is a privilege.

Should you have a bad at work; think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be them!!!!

Should you decide to send this to a friend, you might brighten someone's day!

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Please pass this on. Someone you know may need it.

Your Chaplain,
Charles J. Baker

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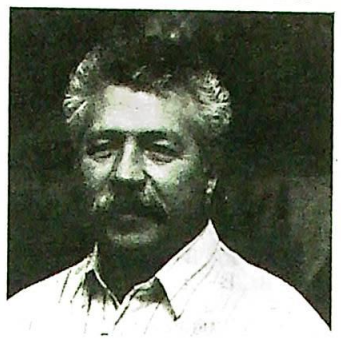
Applications sent by Certified Mail MUST have a postmark no later than March 1, 2001.

Applications are available from all district chairmen, elected officers of the IVFA, or the Scholarship Chairman.

Please send all applications to:

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From the Vice President



Buz Koehler

Well, here we go into the new millennium. I am excited about visiting departments around the state. I did get to visit with a few folks this fall as I went to several places I had never been before.

Indiana hospitality is second to none and nowhere is it more evident than at the fire stations around our state.

Our association is getting stronger and stronger and as the legislators go back to work we will be working with a new lobbyist and will keep everyone informed as to legislation that is in the works.

We will be visiting many, many departments during the year and I encourage each of you that may have questions of any kind, please allow us to help. Also your district chairmen will be making visits to your departments as a regular basis to help keep you informed as to things that are going on and they may ask for your help to address items that are important to all of us as volunteer firefighters.

See you at the district meeting. Until then, stay safe!

L.E. "Buz" Koehler
Vice President

The Sound of Bagpipes Can Be Heard Coming From John C. Smith

A ghostly, reedy drone can be heard echoing around southern Indiana church sanctuaries, funeral homes and, yes, even festivals.

Every listener is mesmerized when John C. Smith, 42, fire investigator with the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department, plays his bagpipes.

"I have always enjoyed hearing them," says Smith, a Cynthiana (Posey Co.) native. He ordered one of the musical wind instruments from a local music store a year ago, then south out a piper with the Scottish Rite Masons who took him on as a student.

It didn't take long for the public to become infatuated with the new sound they were hearing. He is routinely asked to play the national instrument of Scotland for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day details, Fraternal Order of Police memorial services, and for Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association District 18 memorial services.

Smith's renditions of Amazing Grace and Nearer My God To Thee leave church congregations dabbing teary eyes. Strains of the Marine Corps Hymn or Scotland the Brave draw festgoers to fire department displays during Dubois County-area festivals.

The married father of a 10-year-old fourth-grader says he is honored

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June 16, 2001

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1&2

Ogden Dunes Fire Department
September 20, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by District One Chairman Jim Bradford. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by P.R. Northwest, Dennis Schavey.

Guests included: Past President & 2000 "Mr. I.V.F.A." Mitch Parish, P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford, District 2 Chairman Curt Reifon, Past District 2 Chairman Larry Stott, District 2 Secretary Tom Orrell, District 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, I.V.F.A.A. Corr. Secretary Martha Thomas, I.V.F.A.A. District 2 Chairperson Ann Moss, Porter Co. "Fire Investigation Strike Team" Ass't. Director John Kepshire, "5-Alarm" Sales Representative Dale Hensley, "Hoosier Fire" Sales Representative Dan Bowers.

Ogden Dunes Assistant Fire Chief Larry Bornstein introduced his department members and gave a history of the Ogden Dunes Fire Department.

Assistant Director John Kepshire gave a presentation on the Porter County "Fire Investigation Strike Team".

The roll call was answered by 29 members (from nine departments) from District 1 and by eight members (from three departments) from District 2. The attendance trophies were won by Union Fire from District 1 and by Lake Eliza Fire from District 2.

*MOTION was made by John Kepshire and seconded by Bob Zott to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the last month's meeting. -Passed unanimously-

P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey advised that the deadline for the I.V.F.A. Newsletter is October 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised that our current balance is: $982.09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Force is having a Pancake Breakfast on October 1 at the "old fire station".

The Merrillville Fire Department is having a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM to noon and an "Open House" from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on October 8 at the Fire Station at 18 West 73rd Avenue in Merrillville.

The "50/50" was won by Dan Bowers of Hoosier Fire Equipment. A pair of goggles, donated by Hoosier Fire Equipment was won by Wally Cook of Merrillville Fire Department. A shirt, donated by "5-Alarm" Fire Equipment was won by Ann Moss of Lake of the Four Seasons Auxiliary.

*MOTION was made by Wally Cook and seconded by Keith Austin to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Tom Orrell,
Secretary
District One

Lake of the Four Seasons
Fire Force
October 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Curtis Reifon. The 'Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag' was led by P.R. Northwest, Dennis Schavey.

Guests included: Vice President Buz Koehler, Former District 2 Chairman, Larry Stott, I.V.F.A.A. Corresponding Secretary Martha Thomas, I.V.F.A.A. District 2 Chairperson Ann Moss, Miss Flame-2000/2001 Nikki Luebcke, "5-Alarm" Sales Representative Dale Hensley, "Southwest Fire" Sales Representative Dale Smith, Trustee George Pence, P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford, District 1 Secretary Tom Orrell, District 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Lake of the Four Seasons Chief Mike Parks, and former Lake of the Four Seasons Chief Vern Paul.

Lake of the Four Seasons Chief Mike Parks introduced his department members and gave a history of the Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Force.

L.O.F.S.F.F. Chief Mike Parks presented Vern Paul with a plaque for his dedicated service to the department. Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Force Cadets also presented Vern Paul with a plaque.

District 2 Chairman Curtis Reifon presented Vern Paul and Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Fire Department with an I.V.F.A. 25 year service pin.

John Mac and Jerry Bennett of R.E.M.C. provided a demonstration of safety procedures dealing with electrical hazards.

Roll call was answered by 14 members (from six departments) from District 1 and by 33 members (from eight departments) from District 2. The attendance trophies were won by Merrillville Fire Department from District 1 and by Crown Point Fire Department from District 2.

*MOTION was made by Ronnie Good and seconded by Clarence Moss to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the last month's meeting. -Passed unanimously-

P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey reminded us that the deadline for Mr. I.V.F.A. was April 1, 2001, Ollie Sandberg was April 1, 2001, Midwest February 1, 2001 to District Chairperson and the Bridgeport Scholarship March 1, 2001.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised that our current balance is: $1018.09.

*MOTION made by Ronnie Good of Lake Station F.D. and Jason Rippe of Boone Grove F.D. to purchase a replacement attendance trophy for District 2.

*MOTION made by Ronnie Good of L.S.F.D. and Jason Rippe of B.G.F.D. to buy trophies for 2001.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice President Buz Koehler reports that this quarter's newspaper will be 36 pages and will be out by November 5, 2000. January 10, 2001 will be the deadline for the next issue.

District 2 Chairperson Ann Moss advised the applications for 2001 Miss Flame Contest and the Lois Boaz nominations are being accepted at this time.

Miss Flame - 2000/2001 Nikki Luebcke thanked everyone for their support.

The Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Department will be having a Pancake & Sausage Dinner (All-You-Can-Eat) on October 21, 2000 from 4:30-7:30 PM. Adults $3, Child $2, pre-school free.

The Shelby Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be holding an auction on October 28, 2000 from 11:00 AM to ?, food will be available.

*MOTION was made by Ronnie Good of Lake Station F.D. and seconded by Jake Thomas of Merrillville F.D. to adjourn. - Passed unanimously-

Tom Orrell,
Secretary
District One

Burns Harbor Fire Department
November 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by District One Chairman Jim Bradford. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Vice President, Buz Koehler.

Guests included Vice President Buz Koehler, P.R. Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford, District 2 Chairman Curt Reifon, District 1 Secretary Tom Orrell, District 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Former District 2 Chairman Larry Stott, I.V.F.A.A. District 2 Chairperson Ann Moss, Sergeant Bill Gardner, Porter County Sheriff's Police, 17th Battalion Chief Paul Martin, Chicago Fire Department, District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Baumgardner, Cell Tech Dave Kaufman, Burns Harbor Fire Chief Ray Poparad, "5-Alarm" Sales Representative Dale Hensley, and Burns Harbor Council Member Cliff Keppen.

Burns Harbor Fire Chief Ray Poparad introduced his department members and gave a history of the Burns Harbor Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Ed St. Louis, Bourbonnais Fire Protection District, and David Verkler, Bourbonnais Police Department spoke of the "City of New Orleans Crash", a truck/train crash that occurred on March 15, 1999 in Bourbonnais, IL.

Roll call was answered by 44 members (from eight departments) from District 1 and by 12 members (from five departments) from District 2. The attendance trophies for November and the year 2000, were won by New Chicago Fire from District 1 and Crown Point Fire from District 2.

*MOTION was made by Bob Szot and seconded by Paul Watland to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the last month's meeting. -Passed unanimously-

District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford spoke on items from the State Officer's meeting.

Vice President Buz Koehler spoke on the Bi-Law Change-Gender Specific Languages & "Reserve" Member definition, Convention-Color Guard Competition, and advised the deadline for the I.V.F.A. newsletter is January 10, 2001.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised that our current balance was $1274.09, with $103.00 going for patches and $59.97 for trophies, leaving a new balance of $1111.12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Clarence Moss going to the Fire Institute Dinner.

Build Indiana Funds - Contact your State Representative.

Next meeting at Boone Grove Fire Department on Jan. 17, 2001.

Ann Moss needs nominations for the Lois Boaz Award.

PMH/EMS Education Director Fred Martin thanked all departments for their assistance and support for the family and co-workers of Bob Samanis.

The "50/50" was won by Cliff Keppen. A pair of fire gloves donated by 5-Alarm was won by Chief Ray Poparad.

*MOTION was made by Bob Szot and seconded by Paul Watland to adjourn. -Passed unanimously-

Tom Orrell
Secretary District 1

DISTRICT 5

November 9, 2000
Rochester Fire Department
Rochester, Indiana

Meeting was called to order at 1935 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 21 members representing 10 departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, Northeast Public Relations; LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler, IVFA Vice-President; Richard Glant, IVFA Past President.

Minutes were read by District Secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

Chairman Kissinger advised that Indiana University will be doing a random survey on a "Brick and Mortar" Academy, and then held a discussion.

Chairman Kissinger turned the meeting over to Vice-President Koehler.

Vice-President Koehler advised the members about several topics:

- the EMS license plate has been discontinued;
- discussed how important the membership is to the Association;
- discussed the IVFA newspaper ... if you are going to send photos, please send regular photographs or photos by e-mail;
- the IVFA pays 50-cents per returned newspaper. (48 cents to print and mail);
- the IVFA is working on a web site;
- Vice-President Koehler will be appointed to the PSTI Board;
- the Fire Caucus dinner will be February 5, 2001;
- at the next quarterly meeting, a discussion will be held about including spouses for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. If passed, it will not take effect until 2002;
- when you send for a new plate request form, please send it to the new Central Office's address in Evansville;
- Richard Glant praised Jack and Barb Kerney for doing a wonderful job at the new office;
- talked about the IVFA discount when attending fire schools and how you can save money on your dues'
- the IVFA now has a new lobbyist;
- went over legislation going through the State;
- you can still get the IVFA history books for $25 from your District Chairman;
- any Midwest Award nominee needs to be turned in by the February quarterly meeting. Bridgeport Scholarship needs to be postmarked by March 1, 2001. Ollie Sandburg and Mr. IVFA nominees need to be in by May 1, 2001;
- talked about the Central Office having a booth set up at fire schools.

Mike Mackin talked about next year's Convention.

District Chairman Kissinger has a list of all 25-year members of the IVFA, and he will present them with a pin.

District Chairman Kissinger reminded everyone to make sure your beneficiary is current.

Good of the Order:

Lenny Berkey discussed the blue light law, and what it will do to auto insurance if it changes.

Mike Blair discussed the new fire code that should be coming around the first of the year. If anyone would like to see some changes to the fire code, let him know.

Bremen has a 105-ft. aerial that will travel if needed. North Manchester has a 100-ft. aerial ladder that will travel if needed.

Mike Mackin advised that if any department would like to start a ladies auxiliary to contact his mother (president of the IVFAA).

The next meeting will be held January 11, 2001 at North Manchester Fire Department, North Manchester, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2046 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

DISTRICT 6

November 16, 2000
Albion Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Jones at 19:36 hours.

Roll call was answered by 25 members, one guest from eight departments.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Tim Jones told about the proposals for the new legislator. Tim also covered the Web Page for the I.V.F.A. Tim talked about the newspaper, that the articles need to be sent in by the tenth of the month, before publish date (January, April, July, October). Tim also reported that the I.V.F.A. representative on the E.M.S. Commission will be Paul Covington and the representative on the P.S.T.I. Board for the I.V.F.A. will be LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler. Tim then covered the convention, which will be held in Ft. Wayne on June 13-16, 2001.

Old Business:

Tim did advise that the three By-Laws & S.O.G.'s changes did pass.

New Business:

Johnson Twp. and Ligonier Fire Depts. will have a Pancake Breakfast on December 9, 2000 at 07:00 - 11:00 hours. Chairman Jones then presented to Raymond Adams and Galen Gilbert, both from Thorncreek Twp. their 25 year service award pin, from the Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:25 hours.

The training program was on image cameras.

At 20:28 hours Chairman Jones called the meeting back to order so we could have a joint meeting with the Auxiliary so that we could meet the three girls running for Miss Flame.

Congratulations to Amanda Conley as the District #6 Miss Flame for the year 2001. Ashley Harris as the first runner-up, and to Cassandra Campos as second runner-up.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Mackin
District Secretary

DISTRICT 7

November 20, 2000

Chairman Mort Sorg called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. with members giving Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were: Mike Mackin - Northeast Public Relations Director, and Gene Smith and Scott Schroeder, both from Poe.

The first roll call was answered by 29 members from 10 departments.

Chairman's Report:

1. Mort described high honors accorded former Warren Fire Chief Forrest Pond at his funeral on October 21, 2000. Forrest will be missed by all.
2. Mort presented a report on the possibility of $400 million in grants that may become available to the fire service.
3. It was announced that a firefighter from Madison, Georgia was named the National Fire Council Firefighter of the Year.
4. Mort reported on selected articles from the National Fire Council newspaper.
5. Mort told members that nominees for the Midwest Award must be submitted by February 1, 2001.
6. Quarterly meeting of the IVFA discussed the adoption of NFPA 1910 and 1920. This deals with the separation of full time firefighters and volunteer firefighters. This was vigorously opposed but, it was adopted by NFPA anyway. This demonstrates how our voices are heard by the NFPA.

NORTHEAST PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mike reported that the EMS license plate has been discontinued due to low subscription.
2. Mike informed us that Buzz Koehler was a new PSTI appointment.
3. Mike reported that there will be further restrictions on live burning training exercises.
4. The State of Indiana may be improving grant funding in the future.
5. The IVFA is still trying to secure legislation for the $2,000 deduction for volunteer firefighters.
6. Mike reported on the current status of the fight over the blue light law.
7. The Bridgeport Scholarships

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Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

Hope everyone had a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Does not seem like 20000 should be over, and it is 2001.

October 14, 2000 I attended the Barton Township-Somerville Volunteer Fire, Rescue & Medical Assist Department, Jonah Fish Fry, was held at the Barton School, Mackey, Indiana. Events, rescue tools and fire equipment display, smokehouse display, face painting, Gibson County ambulance service, ID-A-Kid. Had a very enjoyable time.

October 15, 2000, I was invited to join in the 2000 Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association 18th District Fire Prevention Parade. Hosted by the DuBois Vol. Fire Department, at DuBois, IN. Had a great time.

Oct. 21, visited with Elnora/Elmore Township Vol. Fire Department, they cooking food for an auction, this is just another way they make their money for equipment and things for the fire department.

Oct. 21, attended Highland Township Vol. Fire Department's hog roast.

October 28, helped Union Vol. Fire Dept., with their bean supper, Jack Harker and his wife Bev, along with myself, my wife, and other firefighter's wives, and firefighters, helped Chief Archie Sapp get everything done and ready on time. Had a really nice turnout.

November 10, attended Elnora/Elmore Vol. Fire Dept. for their annual Chili Supper. Also was given the privilege to help with a presentation for volunteer Barbara Holder, who has prepared the food for this annual event for the past 20 years.

November 16, attended the District 18 meeting at Lockhart Twp. Community Center, Stendal, IN hosted by Lockhart Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

November 18, Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. held their annual BBQ Turkey and District 17A meeting. 25 Year pins were handed out to 11 firefighters from different fire departments. Helping with the presentation was I.V.F.A. President Jack Kerney, I.V.F.A. Vice President Buz Koehler, and myself. Ivan Nevil from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, presented Bud Mallette, Plainville firefighter, Russell Burris, Washington Twp. firefighter, and myself, the Governor's Meritorious Service Award. This was a surprise for all of us. Seems this was done behind their backs. Sarah Davis, District 18's Miss Flame contestant for 2001 was in attendance.

November 21, I attended District 15's meeting at New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department. I attended District 17B's meeting at Marion Township Rural Fire Dept.

Dec. 9, had the pleasure of attending Elliotsville Fire Dept. Christmas supper and helped District 17B's Jim Zeeks give out 25 year pins.

Hope to be able to still attend meetings, any memorial services, and anything any fire department may be having. Just let me know.

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DISTRICT 7

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which provide two $1,500 scholarships per year will now add spouses to eligibility for the year 2002.

The second roll call was answered by 29 members from 10 departments.

The next meeting will be at Decatur on January 15, 2001.

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

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 8-A

I wish to thank all departments that had invited my wife, Joan and myself to your meetings to award the 25 Year Pins.

I thank all my departments in my district for a good year of 2000.

I wish a good year for "2001". I still have 25 year pins to award, so please see me at the district meetings so I can get with the departments.

Please don't forget to get your dues paid. The notices will be arriving in April-May. Chiefs, please see me at the meetings if your officers have changed.

Don't forget to make plans for the convention in Ft. Wayne this June.

Please don't hesitate to call me if there are any questions.

See you.
Bill Pape
District 8A

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle at 7:30 PM on November 16, 2000 at Lucerne, IN. Harrison Twp. Vol. FD was the host. The invocation was given by Rev. Frank Kilcline and the pledge to the flag was said. ROLL CALL: Nine fire departments with 27 members present reported 60 fire runs and four EMS. From now on separate the fire and EMS runs.

GUESTS: Buz Koehler, Bruce Yonkers, Mitch Parish, Rev. Kilcline and Jean Randle. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Some departments still need to report their monthly meeting day and time to the Chairman. He would like to attend in order to hand out the 25 and 50 service pins.

NEW BUSINESS: Please submit an updated list of all department personnel with their addresses to the chairman or secretary. Chairman Randle reported on the November state officers' meeting. The possibility of a state fire academy was discussed. Input from all members is requested as to if this is needed and where it would be located. Randomly selected members will receive a survey to fill out and return. 24 hour training changes will be geared to a survey coming from the state fire marshal's office. Nominees for the Midwest award presented at the June convention are to be turned in to the Chairman by February. These will be individuals who have done outstanding work for their community or fire department. If you have a cadet program or junior firefighter program in your fire department, they may be IVFA members with all benefits if they have had the 24 hour training.

No communications.

Dee Mauntel reported on the LEPC program in Howard County that addressed Mercury spills. Perform at your operations level HazMat, secure the area and contain. Don't move the mercury around but stand by and wait for a spill recovery team if it is a jarful or more. Thermometers, thermostats, etc., can be doubled bagged and left at your solid waste district. Mercury spill kits are inexpensive. Mercury is an inhalation hazard. Decon is not necessary if the mercury has not been spread.

Chairman Randle commented on an fire incident with a battery powered car. No information has come out yet on how to suppress these fires, just don't cut the orange cable!

State Representative Rich McClain spoke on securing funding from the state. Apply for Build Indiana Funds to your state rep. Each rep gets $250,000 for their district and each senator gets $500,000. Try for $100,000 to $150,000 for your department he recommended. You can reapply over and over. Bob Cree told of the fund raising efforts at Lucerne. He said the PR is important to let the public know what you need. Trustee Cathy Cree said that the townships' fire fund needs to build up and also get help from the state with an accum fund. Loans should not be needed to for equipment if township owned fire departments will work with their trustees.

Chairman Randle asked for names for candidates for Miss Flame next year. These girls must be 15-18 years of age. This information is needed by March 10, 2001.

Buz Koehler reported that the IVFA is presenting legislation for a relief program from insurance companies that would give every fire department $5,000. EMS license plates have been discontinued. Deadline for newspaper articles if January 10th and Printco of Rensselaer has the contract for next year. Spouses of firefighters are now eligible for the Bridgeport Scholarship. The 24 hour standard may add fire behavior and building construction in another year. Increase in membership in the IVFA is needed. Some ideas were to have district chairmen attend fire department meetings and bring someone with you to the district meetings. Mitch Parish asked that new member's enrollment be sent in so that they can receive the paper. Jon Randle presented 25 year pins to the following: Robert F. Skinner, Frederick F. Skinner and J.R. Slifer - Twelve Mile Fire Dept., Isadore Davis and Lowell E. Goltry - Royal Center, Ward Lesh and Kenneth E. Deitrich - Clinton Twp. Clymers.

J.R. Slifer won the 50/50 and Bruce Yonkers won tickets to Rensselaer's banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 followed by a nice meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel
Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 11-A

Hello, Firefighters:

Hope you had a safe and happy holiday season.

I would like to thank Hymera Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for hosting our November meeting. As usual they did an excellent job. A special thank you to Vice President Koehler for presenting the new program "Recruiting New Departments and Members Into The IVFA" to us, and to Linda Fowler from the Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children for her program. They have teamed up with Kiwanis Clubs across the state to provide a training program for children care in emergencies. Upon completion of the course, your department receives a fully stocked pediatric bag. Anyone wishing to participate or for more info, contact Linda at 888-452-5083.

As you read this our Miss Flame dance will be over, and a new young lady will be representing District 11A. I would like to take a moment and thank Brianna Husband for representing us for the past year.

Unfortunately we had to cancel "Abbotville" training course due to lac of participation. This is a quality course that travels all over the world. We have not gave up on sponsoring the class at a later date.

I would like to welcome Sullivan Fire Department and four new members from Seelyville to our Association.

I was very honored to present five members from Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department for their 25 year service pins. The recipients were John Fagg Sr., Harold Harrison, Bryan Husband, Max Husband and Jack McFarland.

I would like to thank Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department for inviting me to their Christmas party and congratulations to those firefighters receiving the 25 year pins - Jerry Jones, John Wade, Pete Peterson, Gary Lawrance, Carl Lynch, James McKenzie, Chuck Wiley and Clearance Smithe. Also a big congratulations to those receiving the Governor's Awards.

We are still working on training courses - any suggestions, please let me know.

Chiefs, if you have members eligible for the 25 year pins, please contact me so we can give them the recognition they deserve.

March 18 meeting will be at Poland. May 20 meeting will be at Van Buren.

Keep safe.
Diane Harrison

DISTRICT 12

It is time to start another year and to get all the information out to all of the departments in District 12.

We have some bad times with the fallen firefighters in the state but it is time to train all new firefighters and the old also so that we might make this year of 2001 a better year.

In District 12 we have had new station built and some remodeled and we have had new equipment delivered to many of the stations that needed the equipment to replace the old.

I hope to this year to get more information out to all the departments in District 12, but it is up to you to ask for the information that would help your department needs. I can find out what you need to know if it is asked of me as your District Chairman. I try to get the information out to the departments as soon as I get it and more is talked about at the District meeting every other month on the third Monday at 07:00.

As your Chairman I would ask your department to send just one firefighter to the meetings so that information can get to your department. It takes you as firefighters to want questions answered right. Your department member can help bring back some of the information that is given at these meetings.

Any department that has something happening should let me know so that it can be put in the paper so that other departments knows what is happening and they can get involved.

As the District Chairman of the IVFA we are honoring the members that have been in firefighting service for 25 or more years of service with pins. I hope to give some of these pins at your department this year.

In closing hope to see you at the District meeting this year.

District 12 Chairman
John Ross

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DISTRICT 11-B

Washington Twp.-Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department
November 12, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem. The introduction of guests present made by Chairman Ketchem and Chairman Patti Miller of the District IVFAA. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Con Mankin. The pledge to the flag was led by Dist. Sgt-at-Arms David Miller.

The guest speaker was introduced by the host fire chief, he was Shaun Little, local 911 dispatcher who was awarded the title of, EMS Dispatcher of the Year in the State of Indiana this past summer. He gave a very interesting program. He spoke about his training as a dispatcher and a volunteer firefighter and how he related the two positions in making the system work.

Roll call was taken with 20 members from six departments in attendance. Question and answer session was held on the subject of how we can increase our meeting attendance. Chairman Ketchem introduced the guests who included the IVFA Vice President, IVFA Secretary, IVFA Sgt.-at-Arms and West Central Public Relations Director (elect) all of whom gave short comments that were very well received.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report.

Chairman Ketchem presented Dorman Owen of the Reelsville VFD his twenty-five (25) year pin. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary, District 11-B

DISTRICT 14

I would like to thank Rev. Giles, Chaplain of District 18 for his service at the death of Daniel Bower of New Washington Vol. Fire Dept. He did an outstanding job.

I have had a good response to the 25 Year pin. It is a good public relations for District Chairmen can get to meet some of your old and new friends and talk about old times.

Also, I would like to thank Jack Kerney Sr., our president for all the work he and Barb are doing to help keep our I.V.F.A.'s good records. He has helped me a lot.

My next meeting of District 14 is January 17, 2001 at Henryville, Monroe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Please don't forget if you change your address or move, please let Jack Kerney know. His number is 1-877-606-4832 or let me know. Also, if your department changes chiefs, secretary, treasurer, let us know.

Thank you,
Roy Richardson
District 14 Chairman

DISTRICT 17A

I was unable to attend District 17A November 18th meeting hosted at Odon Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Scott Byers presided. The meeting was well attended by approximately 86 present.

The Governor's Award was presented to Russell Burris.

Ivan Nevil was guest speaker. He spoke on NFPA-1720.

We want to remember Jason Gouckenour, our fallen firefighter from Worthington-Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department, and his family. It has been two years since his passing.

Twenty-five year pins have been presented to the following: John H. Johnson and John B. Hardesty from Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department, John Doane and Larry L. Shute from Eastern Volunteer Fire Department, Cameron Lemont Wolf of Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department, Ronald N. Bell, Madison Volunteer Fire Department, Dennis G. Eaton, Garland E. Killion, Bernard R. Mallett, Harold E. Shafer, Plainville Volunteer Fire Department, Peter M. Carter, Jack N. Harker of Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department, and Russell C. Burris, Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department hosted the January 20, 2001 District 17A meeting. Information concerning this meeting will be in next issue of this paper.

I will be visiting all of the Volunteer Fire Departments in the 17A District in the next few months. I will pass out the 25 year pins that have not yet been presented at this time.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Abrams
17A District Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

District 17B met on November 29, 2000 at the Marion Township Fire Department.

Despite the weather, there was a pretty good turnout. A soup supper was enjoyed before the meeting commenced. We had 27 members from five different fire departments. In attendance were IVFA President Jack Kerney and wife Barb, IVFA Vice President Buzz Koehler, Secretary Red Morris and wife Carolyn, Treasurer Jack Harker and wife Bev, and PR Southwest Ron Bell.

Buzz Koehler gave a presentation of the IVFA membership benefits. If anyone needs information on the benefits, please give me a call and I will be more than happy to end you information. As we all know, District 17B has not been too active in the past. I think I can turn it around and make it very active. It will take time, but with everyone helping we can do it. If anyone has any problems or if they would like to have a district meeting at their fire station, let us know and we will make arrangements. Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting and let's make this a successful year.

Twenty-five year pins were awarded at three different departments in November and December. At the Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department pins were awarded to William Conley 30 years, Gearry Hancock 29 years, Larry Tyler 28 years and Larry Caudell 27 years.

Marion Township rural firefighters honored were: James Carnes 29 years, Robert Mundy 29 years, Jack Zeeks 29 years, and Don Wedgewood 26 years. These gentlemen were honored at the annual Christmas party on December 2. At this annual event Firefighter of the Year honors went to Skippy Phipps.

On December 9th my wife Myra and I along with Southwest PR Ron Bell and wife Melinda, attended the Ellettsville Fire Department Christmas party. We enjoyed a fantastic meal and had a great evening. Twenty-five year pins were awarded to Jack Baxter 31 years, James Davis 31 years, Richard Landgrebe 29 years and Roy Wever 28 years.

Jim Zeeks
District 17B Chairman

DISTRICT 3

November 16, 2000
Michiana Shores
Fire Department

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 15 members representing seven departments along with one guest present. Chief Jim Imes led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all of the firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Dennis Schavey - PR Director NW.

The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of $210.51. (A copy is enclosed).

Communications:

1. Comments from Dennis Schavey -

a. Announced that the IVFA will continue to have license plates and anyone having problems getting them should contact the Central Office;

b. Announced that the IVFA will be represented at fire schools to promote the Association;

c. Announced that departments will be receiving surveys on the Indiana Academy;

d. Announced that the deadline for Bridgeport applications is 3/1/01 and the deadline for Ollie Sandburg and Mr. IVFA is 5/1/2001;

e. Announced that the 24 hour training is being tested throughout the state and the results will be forthcoming;

f. Announced that the Fire Institute Dinner is 2/5/01 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis;

g. Announced that deadline for articles to the next edition of the paper is 1/10/01.

2. Comments from Chairman Tim Sandy -

a. Tim led a lengthy discussion on the loss of membership to the Association. He stated that the state officers are brainstorming for ideas for improvement. PR presentations have been developed showing the benefits of membership and will be presented at meetings in an effort to enlist more members;

b. Announced that he had no legislative information to relay;

c. Announced it is time to think about nominations for Midwest Awards. Last year the form was sent with the minutes and no nominations were received, therefore the committee had to make their own nomination. Please submit your nominations to Chairman Sandy as soon as possible;

d. Announced that the Edith House has been painted and was used during Fire Prevention Week. The paint was donated by Wheatbrook Home Center in Rolling Prairie so the $100 allotment for paint was used to buy a tarp. There is still some work to be done on the inside and the locks have been changed. The house will be stored at Springfield Township and Mike Starr has volunteered to oversee the repairs and scheduling. He may be contacted via Springfield Township Fire Department;

e. Announced that Vice President Buz Koehler met with Bass Lake and stated they are considering rejoining the Association, however, they would lose their Bridgeport eligibility for now;

f. Announced that he still needs 25 year membership lists from departments. Departments can be presented the pins at the district meetings or Chairman Sandy will attend department meetings to award them.

Convention Committee: Co-chairmen Tim Sandy and Dave Kaufman

1. Announced that the last check had cleared and our balance is just over $2000.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Ed Ritter of Kingsbury asked some questions about the tax levy and there was some discussion on obtaining funds for the fire departments.

Good of the Order:

1. Walkerton FD will be hosting a CSX railroad training on 12/18 at 5:30 (LaPorte time). The class is free and food will be provided prior to the start of the training. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jeff Hamilton by 12/14.

2. Chairman Sandy announced that there are going to be some changes made at the Duneland Fire School in 2001. There is going to be a Sunday morning speaker and a free breakfast will be provided. The Rural Metro Training Division Burn Chamber will be available for three weekends and will be made available for training of departments on a first come/first serve basis. The departments can share the cost. If interested, contact Chairman Sandy.

Training:

Tom Thode of 5 Alarm showed a video on the MSA Fireslayer and another on fire gear burn tests. Both videos are very informative and led to some discussion on the NIOSH alerts and safety issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Dave Kaufman, hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S being won by Dennis Schavey and Dan Malec and a 5 Alarm hood donated by Tom Thode being won by Chairman Sandy.

Next meeting: January 18, 2001, 7:30 PM. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) Hanna Township Fire Department (LaPorte County).

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 13A

Greetings from District 13A

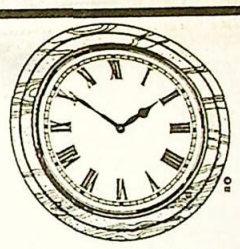
During the last quarter of 2000 we had one meeting. It was at Ingalls Volunteer Fire Department in Madison Co. Business meeting was held and was followed by a great dinner and fellowship.

As of Jan. 1, 2001 about 75% of the 25 year pins have been distributed in my area with the remainder to be passed out in January and February.

Starting in 2001, District 13A will hold quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings. Meetings will be in February, May, August, November. The February meeting will be at Fortville Volunteer Fire Department on February 15th at 7:30 p.m. Let's start the year off right and have your department represented at the district meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings for fun and fellowship.

District 13A Chairman
Tim Martin



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IVFAA President



Mary Mackin

Hello Everyone!

The Holidays are over and Old Man Winter has made himself felt this year. So bundle up and let's hope we have an early spring. I think we will be glad to see the spring flowers peek through the snow.

If you haven't chosen your Miss Flame yet, remember you only have until March 10th to have their name, application and two pictures to Patty Miller, District 11B Chairman who is also the Miss Flame Chairman. Don't delay! We would like to have every District represented this year.

The Auxiliary main fund raiser is a Franklin Mint ladder truck. See your District Chairman or Barbara Kerney for tickets. They are only one dollar each. The second prize is one hundred fifty dollars and third prize is fifty dollars. We would appreciate your support of this project. We will also have the Chinese Auction again at Convention. Barbara Parker and Martha Thomas thank you for your support in the past and hope you will support it again this year.

E. J. Smith has the Tacs and Charms for this year. They sell for five dollars each. She has marked down other pieces of jewelry.

2001 Convention is hard at work trying to make this a good Convention for you. If you haven't registered or made your hotel reservations, now is the time. Forms are in this paper. The main hotel is fully booked, but the Holiday Inn is only three blocks east of the Grand Wayne. Tours are planned for Thursday as well as the vendor booths. Hotel check in time is 3:00 P.M.

I would like to welcome our Auxiliary five new District Chairman to the group. If you have questions, please call your Chairman of any officer and we will try to help you. They are listed in this paper and hopefully I have updated the names, addresses and phone numbers for you.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Convention or at the Officer's meeting.

Sincerely,
Mary L. Mackin
Auxiliary President

2001 Convention
June 13-June 16
Fort Wayne, IN

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Marten House
Indianapolis, IN
November 5, 2000

President Mary Mackin called the meeting to order at 9:10 asking our Chaplain Joann Hayes to lead us in prayer and followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Mariam Schaekel, Sgt.-At-Arms.

Mary asked for a few moments to have new pictures made of our officers.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray, Recording Secretary with 22 members and eight guests present. Diana stated that we have 58 departments, 34 individual, 22 life, and 734 members paid at this time.

Diana read the minutes from the August meeting and the only corrections were with spelling errors.

Mitch Parrish asked to speak for a few minutes about the new newspaper and if everything was going fine. He was asked about the Lois Boaz award winner's picture not in the paper because a picture and an item were supposed to be sent to the paper. He asked that future items be sent to him and he will see that they reach the newspaper. He also had with him items and pictures that he would like everyone take what was important to people and see that they got to where they belong.

Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer gave her report as:

Balance on hand August 13, 2000 .....$9307.07
Income:
Dues = $1991.50
Interest = 15.01
Jewelry = 142.00
Unrelated = 29.51
Total income.....+2178.02
Disbursements:
Operating expenses = $291.38
Mileage = 411.60
Phone & Postage = 69.74
Jewelry = 465.86
Total disbursements.....-1238.58
Balance on hand.....$10247.01

Joann gave her Chaplain's report. She gave a memorial for Dist. 13B. Also she wants everyone to make sure the Funeral Director is aware of a service by the IVFAA so that she has the time to have one with their help. She sent four get well and 2 sympathy cards. Districts gave reports of how many Bibles they have and if needed please let her know when you need one. Also let her know if there is an illness. She can't send cards if she doesn't know about it.

Wanda Johnson reported she has a new granddaughter, Victoria Jean to go along with that special grandson born this year.

Martha stated that she had no correspondence but she said that Jean Kensey, wife of Bill Kensey is ill so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Auditing: Faye Sallee no report.

Installation: Barb Parker not present.

Financial study: no report.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller wanted everyone to make sure that all entries are in to her by March 10th.

Vice-president Barb Kerney showed the Franklin Mint Firetruck and the tickets donated by Jones Associates. They also donated $200.00 but they had to have two prizes which are $150.00 for 2nd prize and $50.00 for 3rd prize. GOOD JOB, BARB.

By-laws: Phyllis Vargo says okay so far.

Jewelry: E. J. Smith states that the jewelry is in and marking down previous items.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate also says everything is okay.

Historian: Wanda Johnson is still *looking for BOOK 1 and would also like to have any items that you can* find for her.

President's advisory: Faye Sallee - Okay.

Lois Boaz: Anne Moss says she has only received one letter at this time. Please try to get more in before Feb. 1st. It would be nice if we could have at least one from each District.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow not present.

Old Business: All Districts were to take back to their meetings about increasing the amount of mileage for the Officers attending the four state meetings and the convention. They reported on their findings and it was decided to raise the amount to 27¢ a mile and for the Chaplain 32.5¢ for all the memorials that she does all over the state as this is a lot of miles that she has to travel.

Diana told about the computer that was previously bought. She bought a printer and still could not use the computer because it was not working properly. She was to get estimates from a number of stores. Gateway seems to be the most affordable price with what she needed to do the secretary's job. A new one would be $1444.80 with a computer and printer. Patty Miller made a motion to buy the computer and printer with a second made by Susie Stout and all in favor so motion passed.

2001 Convention: E.J. Smith passed out a schedule but some changes have been made. It will be in the newspaper also. Headquarters are fully booked at this time and the next in line is the Holiday Inn.

Phyllis Vargo of the Schererville Vol. Dept. Auxiliary states that her Auxiliary has disbanded and they would like to pay their dues for the next 20 years. We greatly accepted them.

Maxine Davies told us about having license plates showing the IVFAA logo to be used on the front of your vehicles. Let her know if you would like to have one. They are $10.00 for each one.

We have new District Chairmen, *Dist. 1 Phyllis Vargo, Dist. 3 is Marcie Killingbeck, Dist. 4 is Jane Ferro and Dist. 12 is Sharon Bray. Welcome aboard and we need all the help that you can give us.* THANKS.

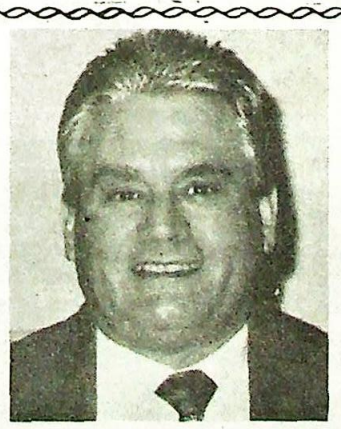
Our officer's meeting in Feb. 2001 will be announced later as we do not at this time know where it will be. The Saturday evening get together for the ladies to sit and talk about everything and anything would be a good idea so try and join us with the impromptu gab fest. As soon as I hear about the Sunday meeting I will send letters confirming the location.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wanda Johnson and a second made by Jean Ferro with all in favor.

Joann gave a parting prayer to all of us to have a safe trip home and remember the sick with thoughts and prayers that they will get better soon.

To those birthdays in Nov. thru Jan. Barb Kerney, Melinda Bell, Joann Hayes, and Phyllis Vargo. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

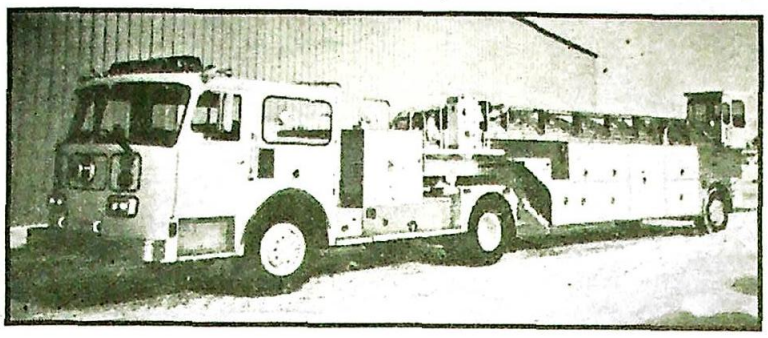
Respectfully submitted,
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
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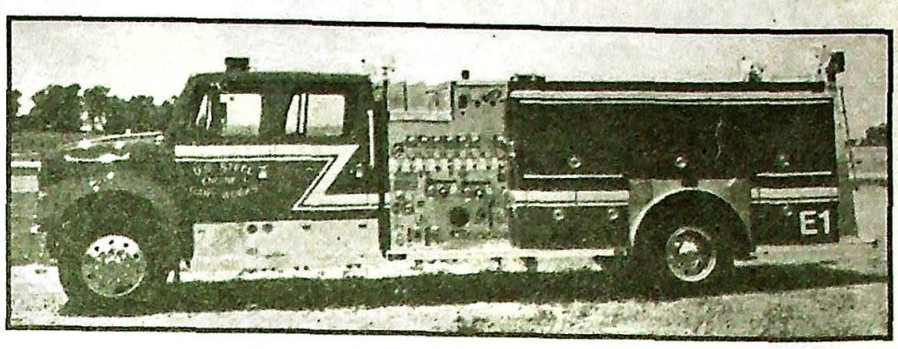
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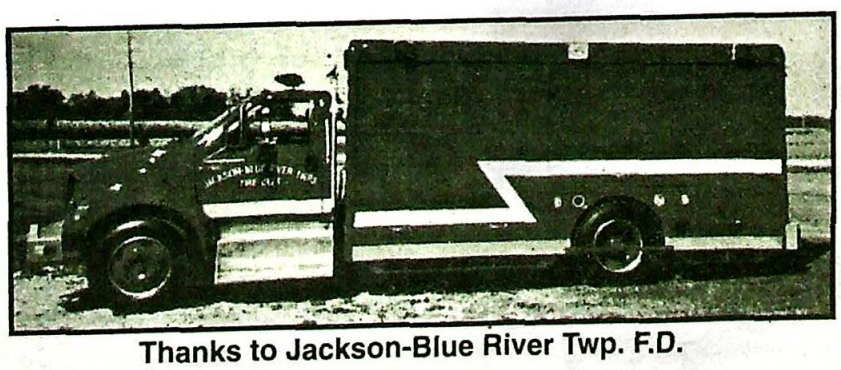
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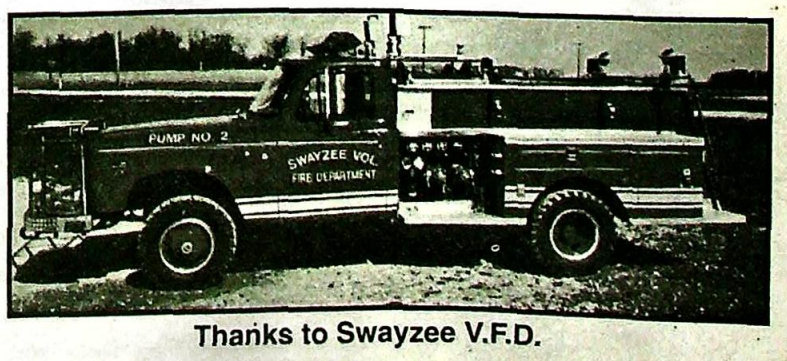
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IVFAA Vice President

Barbara Kerney

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With start of the new year we need to be thinking about increasing our membership and promoting our fund raising activities. Without the help of the District Chairmen and our membership supporting our fund raising activities, we could not survive on our membership dues. As members of the IVFAA, please support our District Chairmen and purchase the tickets for the drawing for the Franklin Mint Fire Truck. We will also be having our Chinese Auction at our Convention in Ft. Wayne. Each District should be thinking about an item to donate to the auction. We still have 2001 pocket planners available from your District Chairman. If you do not have yours as yet see your chairman.

I would like to thank Jeff Stanfield of Jones and Associates Insurance Agency and Troy Fornof of Provident Insurance Agency Midwest for donating the Franklin Mint Fire Truck and printing the tickets for the IVFAA fundraiser. Without their support we would have had to purchase these items out our proceeds. Please support our sponsors that support us.

DISTRICT 3

District 3 held their last meeting at Coolspring Twp. Fire Station on November 29th. Meeting was opened with prayer and a pledge to the flag. Roll call was given and the minutes read.

Mary Nowatzke led the meeting by initiating into office our newly-elected Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. Leona Uryga was thanked for her many years of service being our Chairman. Marcie Killingbeck of Kingsford Union Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary is our newly-elected Secretary/Treasurer for District 3.

I.V.F.A.A. license plates that were displayed at the state meeting were shown for those interested in purchasing.

Discussions were made concerning our need for a Miss Flame for our District and announcements will be sent out to each department asking again if anyone is eligible or interested. Thoughts were also discussed for ideas for the Chinese Auction during State Convention.

Refreshments were served and door prizes given out.

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Chapman
District 3 Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 6

The sixth district auxiliary met at Albion Fire Department on November 16, 2000. We had an enjoyable meeting, with twelve auxiliary members and seven guests present representing seven departments.

We had three contestants for the district Miss Flame. They were Cassandra Campos from Johnson Township, Wolcottville; Ashley Harris, from St. Joe Township, Allen County; and Amanda Conley from South Milford. The judges tell me they had a difficult time as they had close scores. The young lady who will represent our district is Amanda Conley.

By the time you get this we will have hopefully had the January meeting. The next meeting will be March 15 at Johnson Township, Wolcottville. Remember a light supper will be served. Hope to see you all there.

Remember convention is June 13 to 16 in Fort Wayne. Have you sent in your registration yet? I hope so, if not the blank form is in this paper. See you then!

Marilyn Dever
6th District Chairman

DISTRICT 7

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met on November 20, 2000 at the new Andrews Volunteer Fire Station.

Meeting was opened by chairperson Suzie Stout with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 11 ladies from four departments and three guests. Miss Flame candidates Brittany Evans of Berne and Stephanie Schroeder of Poe were introduced.

Treasurer's report was given

Highlights of the State Officers' meeting were discussed.

Convention highlights were discussed. Motion made by Bev Lockwood, seconded by Dianna Gray to purchase a door prize for convention. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dorothy Reiter, seconded by Jane Velasco to purchase an item for the Chinese Auction. Motion carried.

E.J. Smith had brought the jewelry to the meeting for the ladies to see and buy.

We had our auxiliary Christmas exchange. Many nice gifts were received.

We later joined the men for introduction of the Miss Flame candidates and judges. Spokesman for the judges stated that both girls were very deserving but one must be selected to represent District 7 at the 2001 convention. They selected Brittany Evans of Berne. Congratulations, Brittany!

The next District 7 meeting will be held on January 20, 2001 at the Decatur Fire Station.

Toni Sorg
District 7 Secretary

DISTRICT 11-A

The new year came in with a lot less fanfare than last year, but I hope yours was just as happy. As we enter the new year, please plan to attend the upcoming events.

Our March district meeting will be held at Poland VFD on March 18, at 1:00 p.m. Please try to attend and enjoy the fellowship. The next meeting will be held May 20 at VanBuren VFD at 1:00 p.m.

Convention is being hosted by Allen County at Fort Wayne, IN from June 13 thru June 16. Registration forms in paper. Come join with us for a great time.

I still have a few 2-year planners for anyone who needs them at $2.00 each.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Morris
District 11A Chairman

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Bagpipes...

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to have been invited to play at the 2002 IVFA Convention in Evansville. Because Huntingburg is close to Evansville, Vincennes and the New Albany areas, Smith said he would be glad to perform at IVFA District 14, 15, and 17 functions, as well.

Smith began in the Fire Service in his hometown of Cynthiana with the Smith Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1980. His father, Robert "Red" Smith, was a founding member who retired after 32 years of service. His brother, Joe Smith, is the department's assistant chief.

A job with Touch of Class Catalog, Inc. brought Smith to Huntingburg in 1993. He immediately joined the HVFD, where he serves as Secretary, Fire and Arson Investigator and, in one of his most visible posts, as Public Education Officer, where he teaches fire safety to children at school and in day care centers. He also serves as Cubmaster for Huntingburg Cub Scout Pack 184.

(Article by Bill Powell, Dubois Co. Herald)

IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Happy New Year to you all,

I pray you had a nice holiday and a safe one.

I know the weather has been awful, but just think we are closer to spring than to another winter.

Time is getting away, and it's rolling around toward Convention. Hope you all get a chance to attend this year. It's in Fort Wayne in June.

I would like for all of us to still keep Jack Cox and his lovely wife in our prayers. He is better, but he still needs us to think of him and see him thru his awful time of illness. Folks, its' been a year.

I would like to leave you with a few phrases that means so much to me.

Thru your gifts of giving to others, the greatest gift you could have given was a good example ...

Speak kind words and you will hear echos ...

Those who walk with God always reach their destination ...

Faith is believing that after the winter comes the spring.

My dear friends and their families, you are a great bunch of volunteers. Your communities could not keep on going without you all, so I pray you will all stay well and safe, and take good care of those fire departments.

There's one thing about your halo will be ready for you in heaven through your great compassion for each other. You're a wonderful bunch and I praised you all and say thanks.

Enclosed is my prayer for all of you.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

See you at the Convention in June or maybe at your district meeting or maybe at the state meeting. Remember what my motto is, "I'll always be there for you."

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA Chaplain

I Said a Prayer For You Today

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word
I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind,
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was for His loving care
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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)

BMV Procedures

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time, it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail one (1) plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.

2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).

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.

From "Barb" at the Central Office

I would like to thank everyone that has helped in trying to correct the bad address report. We have made progress, but we still have a lot more to correct. If have moved, or planning to move, please fill out the address correction from this paper and forward it to our office. Each returned newspaper costs the Association $.50. We receive about 200 returns each quarter. This equates to $500 per year that we could save.

We are making some changes in the way that you receive your $5 discount from IVFA sponsored fire schools. After looking over last year's attendees, we found out that 10% of those attending were not IVFA members. The Central Office will be supplying the fire schools with electronic membership data. They will be checking your request for a discount to be sure that you are a member. When you sign up for a fire school, and ask for your discount, you must supply them with your 4 or 5 digit IVFA membership number, not your social security number. Your membership number will be found on your IVFA membership card. These cards were sent to your department after your dues are paid. If you have any problems please call the Central Office and we can help you.

We will be participating and attending all IVFA sponsored Fire Schools during 2001. We will be able to process your memberships, license applications, and make address changes. We will be able to check your beneficiary designation and also make requested changes. Please look us up at the Fire Schools.

After 16 months, we are finding that mail is still being sent to the old address on Capitol Ave. This mail is no longer being forwarded, and mail is being lost, or not delivered. Please send all correspondence to IVFA Office, P.O. Box 4797, Evansville, IN 47724.

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Michael Mackin

HELLO NORTHEAST:

Since the holidays are over, I hope everyone had a good holiday.

Hopefully nobody has been buried in, with all the snow that we have received here in the northeast. Just take a little time to think about spring, it will be here before we know it.

I have been advised that a benefit of the Association will be covered in each issue of the paper, so I will not cover any more of the benefits.

With this year's convention committees working hard to make this year's convention one that you will not forget. I hope to see you at convention, or if not at your District meeting.

Mike Mackin

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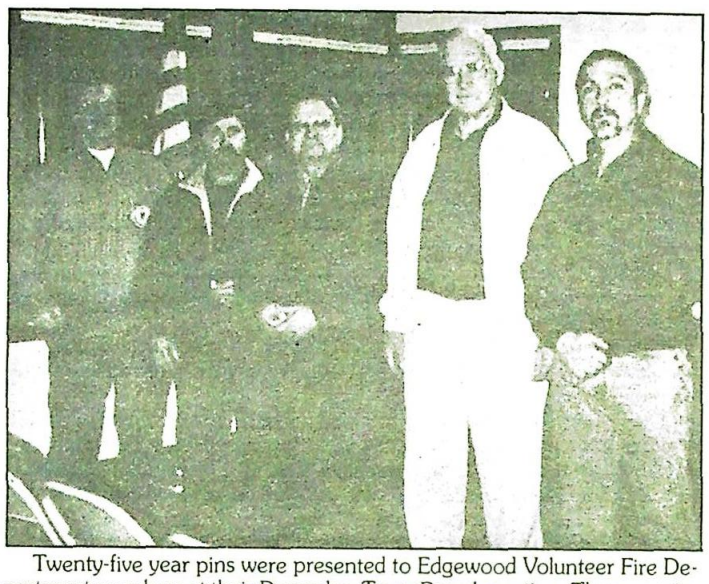
Five From Adams Twp. Fire Dept. Receive 25 Year Pins

Twenty-Five Year Pins were awarded to five members of the Adams Township Fire Department at their October meeting.

Those receiving pins were: Morris Franklin - 25 years, Jeffery Gernand - 26 years, Alan Heath - 26 years, Harold Markle - 42 years, Charles Muterspaugh - 34 years.

Congratulations to these men for their devotion to their department.

Edgewood Firefighters Receive 25 Years Pin



Twenty-five year pins were presented to Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department members at their December Town Board meeting. Those receiving pins were: Jerry Hardacre - 42 years, Jack House - 40 years, Edward James - 39 years, Dennis Kelly - 26 years, Stanley Wilson - 26 years and Wilbur Wood - 38 years. (Photo submitted by Bill Pape, District 8-A).

Marshall Earns 25 Year Pin



Center Township Volunteer Fire Department 25 Year Pin was given to David L. Marshall for 31 years by Chairman Pape at the Christmas Dinner held on December 2 and the Holiday Inn in Marion.
(Photo submitted by Bill Pape, District 8-A Chairman)

St. John Fire Department Responds To Vehicle Crash

ST. JOHN - The St. John Fire Department responded to a vehicle crash involving a pick-up truck and juvenile on a bicycle on Oct. 27, 2000. The scene location was the southbound lanes of US 41, Wicker Avenue, just North of 93rd Ave. Jim Funk, SJFD EMS Director requested a medical helicopter to transport the patient to the nearest trauma center.

A total of nine personnel responded with two units from the St. John Fire Department. Co-Med Ambulance Service arrived on the scene with two ambulances. St. John Police were assisted by units from Schererville Police Department and the Lake County Police. US 41 was closed to all traffic to allow the landing of the helicopter. The helicopter landed on US 41 and the patient was loaded and then transported to a local trauma center in Illinois. The patient was stabilized and secured on a backboard.

The call was received at 12:56 PM CDT and the final fire unit returned to quarters at 13:59PM CDT.

When asked for her impressions of the call, EMT Donna Mullins responded, "It was hectic but everything went well. This was my first helicopter transport."

Two Members of Rensselaer VFD Receive 25 Year Pins





Michael Hudson, (left), a 26 year veteran of the department has served as an officer and an instructor for many of those years. Harold Lakin, (right), a 51 year member serving as Deputy Chief for many years is the most senior member of the department and recently received the Governor's Award for service to his community.
(Photos submitted by Buz Koehler, Rensselaer Vol. Fire Dept.)

25 Year Pins Awarded To Four Firefighters



Awarding of 25 year pins to Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. members was held at the December 8 Christmas dinner. Those receiving pins were Paul Strickland - 39 years, David Pickett - 31 years, Verlin Coomler - 40 years, David Barley - 33 years. They are pictured above along with District 8A Chairman Chief Hix.
(Photo submitted by Bill Pape, District 8-A chairman).

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NOTICE

See page 2 for information on NEW IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE and NEW SECRETARY

IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

QUARTERLY OFFICER'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2000

Vice-president Jack Kerney called our meeting to order and called upon Chaplain Baker for the Invocation before asking Buz Koehler to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kerney then introduced the guests: Troy Fornoff and Jeff Stanfield. He then called for the minutes of the last meeting.

The Secretary indicated that everyone should have received a printed copy of the minutes from the previous meeting and that he hoped the Chair would accept a motion to approve the minutes as distributed to the officers. Mr. Reifon made the motion and the Chair accepted it and the second by Don Kissinger. A vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion carried.

The treasurer indicated he had been doing some traveling the past quarter and was enjoying seeing some new faces here and there. Jack handed out the report and indicated we would discuss it along with the proposed budget under new business. Curt Reifon moved that we accept the report as printed and Bill Pape offered the second. The motion carried.

Sergeant-at-arms: Bill Bush advised us he has the larger clocks with the larger letters in the works now and has a limited supply of the new decals available now and that more are on order and will be available in the near future.

The Chair then asked our guests to speak. Jeff and Troy gave us a brief on the relief act and filled us in as to where it stands now. They asked us to now get involved and start making contacts and writing letters letting the members of our state legislature know we need this passed and ask all our departments to get involved and get the interest moving.

Mr. Kerney informed us that he has asked Jeff to come up with some specs for the insurance we carry so we can get them out for bids before we need to renew in February. He also advised us we now have a check to help with the convention expense we incurred on behalf of the ladies in the IVFAA.

The President reported he has traveled over 5200 miles this quarter attending meetings and representing the IVFA.

Buz Koehler reported has has been getting to some of the meetings, but, nothing like what he is going to be doing in the near future. He and Mr. Kerney have talked and they are going to be very visible throughout the state this year.

Chaplain Baker informed us he has been rather quiet this past quarter. He will be going on vacation and the Central Office will have names and numbers of people to fill in. He also thanked Mr. Covington for all his assistance in supplying the adhesive for the grave markers for the past several years. All of us joined in thanking Paul with a round of applause.

PRNW: Dennis made all but one meeting and relayed a 'hello' from Father Lance.

PRNE: Gene Smith filled in for Mike Mackin. Mike made all his meetings and has a shift change and will be better able to make the meetings.

PRWC: Don Johnson was missing so Larry Bartlow reported he had made all the district meetings so far and is meeting a lot of new people.

PREC: Don Cushman has had some conflicts and not been able to make any meetings this quarter but things will change and he will be back to traveling.

PRSW: Ron Bell followed Jack Harker around to several stops. He has enjoyed getting into his new position very much.

PRSE: Nelson Ehlers was wasn't there yet.

Past-presidents:

Parker passed.

Bruns passed.

Parish passed.

Glant passed.

Zeeks advised us his old E-mail it not good any longer.

District Chairman reports:

District 1: Jim Bradford had 37 people from 12 departments at the last meeting. He also had one death. He's also visited a station which has dropped out, presented a gold card, been to six department meetings, and one IVFAA meeting. Buz gave us a fill-in on the Bass Lake situation.

District 2: Curt Reifon has visited all 18 departments since becoming Chairman. They had 47 people from 12 departments in the meeting, he will be presenting some gold cards, and will also work the 25 year pins.

District 3: Tim Sandy was missing the action.

District 4: John Ferro has made some department visits and is looking forward to again getting started on being a Chairman.

District 5: Don Kissinger reported he had visited eight or nine departments and almost had to cancel the last one but it turned out all right.

District 6: Tim Jones found 10 members from six departments at the last meeting, has been at three funerals, five department meetings with the pins, attended the fire school with Mike and manned a table for the convention and answered questions about the IVFA, and set up a table at the vendor's show and think they have a department interested in rejoining the IVFA.

District 7: Mort Sorg advised of one death and memorial, one dedication, and the next meeting will be in the new firehouse at Andrews.

District 8A: Bill Pape reported they had 12 members from nine departments at their meeting, have had one death, are going to be presenting pins at Christmas parties, and has visited five other departments.

District 8B: Larry Petro was missing the action.

District 9A: Jon Randle reported 13 people from nine departments were present at the last meeting where they presented some pins, gave a plaque to Charlie Cline for his nine years as Chairman, and listed to Buz.

District 9B: Randy Denton was found to be missing the action.

District 10: David Israel held one meeting in a newly affiliated department where he had 10 people from six departments and presented the host with a clock. His next two meetings were held with 30 members from 10 departments at one and 18 people from six departments at the other. He has been presenting the pins and has several meetings set up for more pins. He has three departments not paid as of now but he is working on them.

District 11A: Diane Harrison reported two deaths in the District; a training with the EMS and NIFRS folks both bringing us up to speed on reporting; the joint picnic with District 11B was attended by 80 people with some state officers finding out where Brazil was, also our State Miss Flame gave her HEAL presentation; Bleemel days in Terre Haute had seven games for the kids, smoke house tours, eight teams playing water-ball, and an equipment display; the District held a farm safety class; Diane attended the Fire Prevention parade in West Terre Haute; and, she announced some of the upcoming events. She relayed a question as to why the IVFA doesn't publish names of politicians who do and those whoi do not back bills we are interested in.The Prez commented that we as firefighters need to get involved in the game and let our voice be heard.

District 11B: Larry Ketchem agreed with what Diane said about the joint picnic and had a good thank you for the officers that attended. He indicated he has presented and pinned on several pins, he announced the next meeting and invited the officers. He then filled us in on the new windshield logos. We won't have the small ones for the inside because they cost twice as much and too many cars are using the tinted windows. All in all, by shopping, we saved several dollars.

District 12: John Ross apologized for not making our last meeting and told us they had 20 people from seven departments at the last meeting which was short because the host department had too many runs that evening. He advised us we'll lose about 500 from Wayne Twp. but don't give up. He is still working on it.

District 13A: Tim Martin says he's been doing some traveling; called on five member departments, one non-member department, held three district meetings that ended as roundable discussions for lack of quorum, and got to give functions by five other departments.

District 13B: Dennis Spears reported eight people from five departments at the last meeting, one death/memorial, and that he had visited seven other departments.

District 14: Roy Richardson indicated they have had two deaths, 18 people were at the last meeting, and he will have the pins ready for the Chairmen tomorrow.

District 15: Steve Anderson reported 16 members from eight departments attended the last meeting, his next meeting will have Gary Robison as speaker, he has attended four chief's meetings where he had contact with 23 of the departments, and has made 18 department functions.

District 16: Dale Scott was not present.

District 17A: Jim Abrams advised he has attended two memorials, the Green County games, and the Washington meeting. He also assisted as a judge at the Games held in Terre Haute.

District 17B: Jim Zeeks says he is new, but thinks he can get some life back into the District. They'll have the first meeting later this month and he is going to concentrate on getting some of the new ones that have dropped out to come and hear Buz give the benefit presentation.

District 18: Charles Parker was missing.

District 19: Paul Covington found 22 people representing nine departments at the last meeting, attended the Board of Firefighters meeting, and the EMS Commission meeting. Their next meeting will be the Miss Flame selection.

District 21: Don Fultz has attended a county meeting and had 12 people from five departments at the last meeting.

Committee Reports:

Legislative - Parker, they have had one meeting with the new lobbyist. They will be in attendance at our meeting whenever the sessions are in progress. Jim gave us a rundown of the items given them to address this year:

1. Firefighters being reprimanded if late to work after a call.
2. Relaxing the requirements of IDEM for training burns.
3. Equalize the fee for special license plates for all groups.
4. Resubmit the bill passed last time to make grants instead of revolving loans.
5. Tax deduction of $2000 for a volunteer firefighter.
6. Relief Association proposal.
7. Watch for any bluelight law changes.

Convention - Tim Jones said he thought all necessary information and forms were in the paper, the schedule is still subject to change, they'll have a color guard competition as something new this year, the headquarters hotel is already sold out, and we'll have a "muster" instead of a parade.

Web page - Tim Jones filled us in as to what he knew and it started a lengthy discussion which brought up some questions which need answers. Mr. Kerney and Mr. Jones will both make some calls and report back to the next meeting.

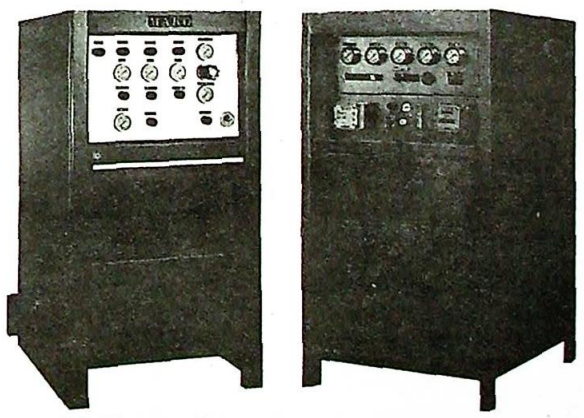
Editors - Buz tgold us the cost of paper has gone up, so we will see a slight increase in the cost of printing the paper. Bill Pape moved we renew the contract with the current printer for another year and Jim Zeeks seconded. The motion carried.

Ad taker - Parish, we have two outstanding bills totaling $355 but he knows they will be paid in the near future. The August issue brought in $4974.20 and he thinks the November issue will go over

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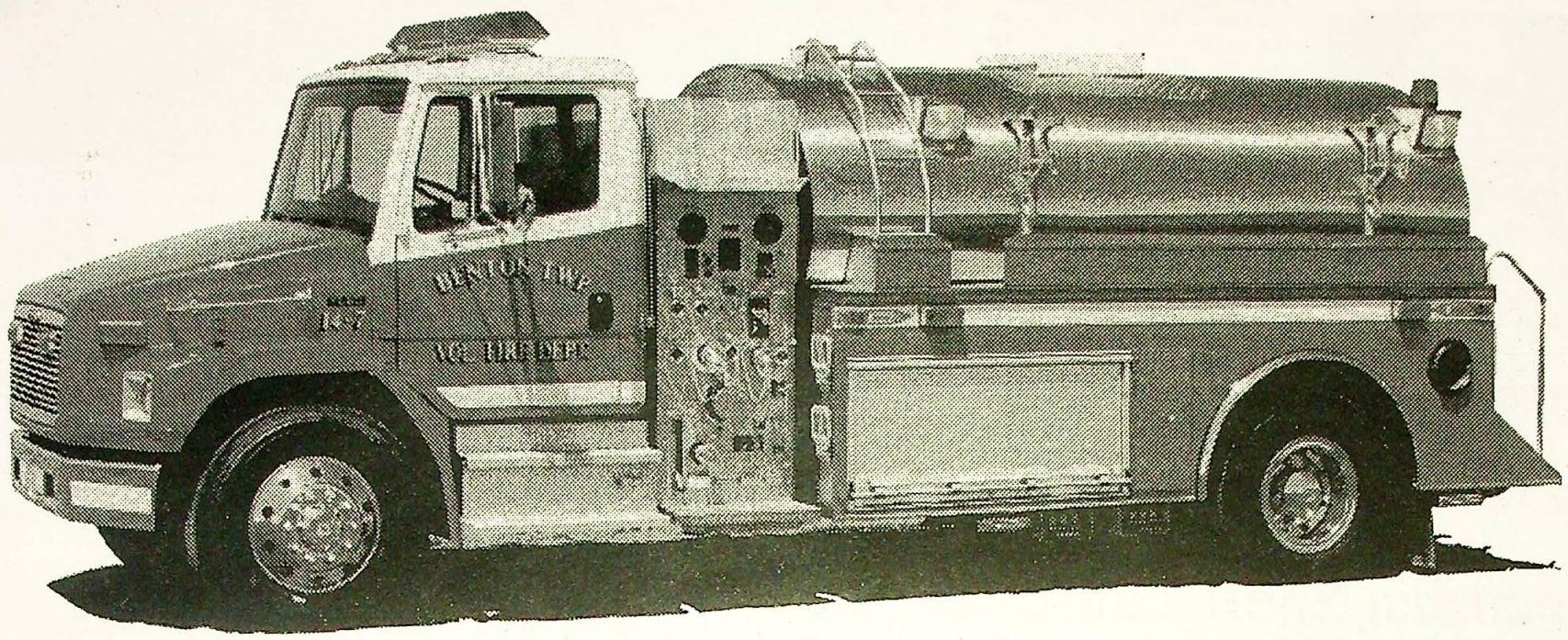
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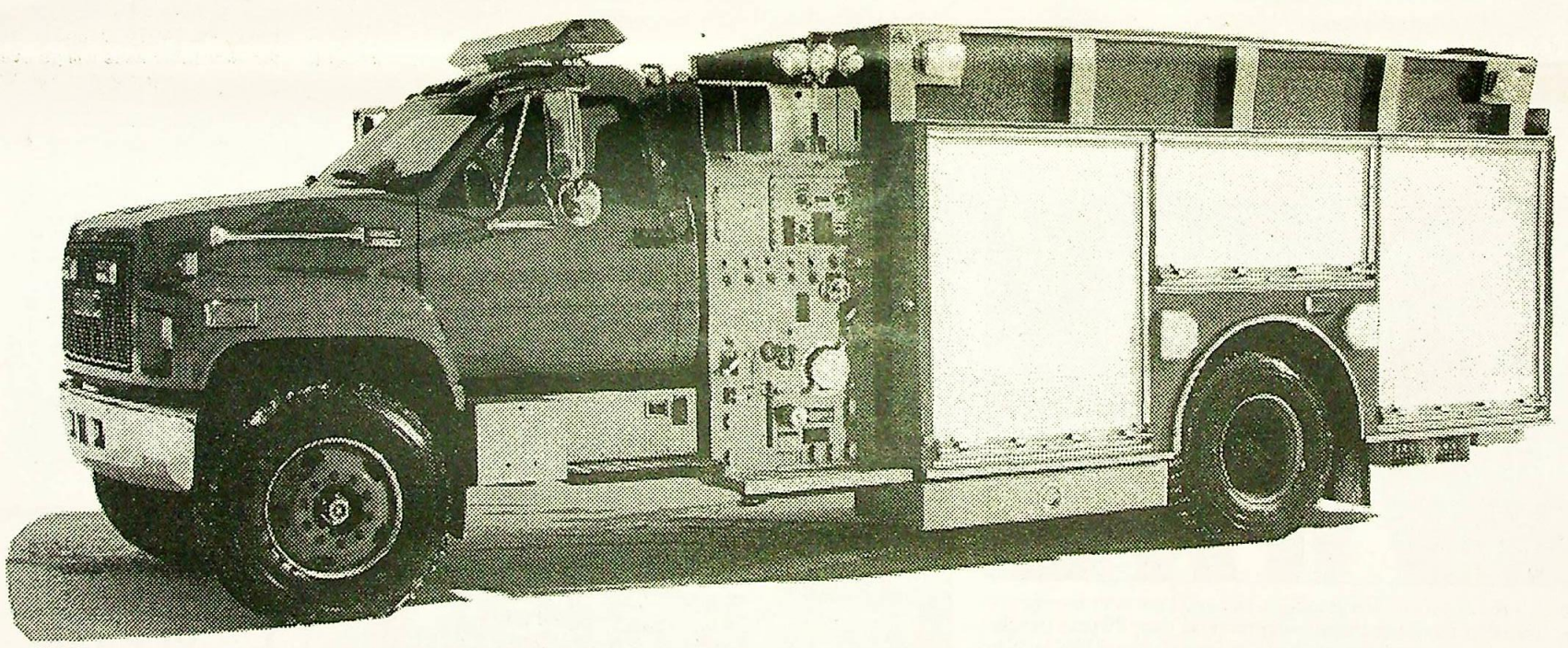
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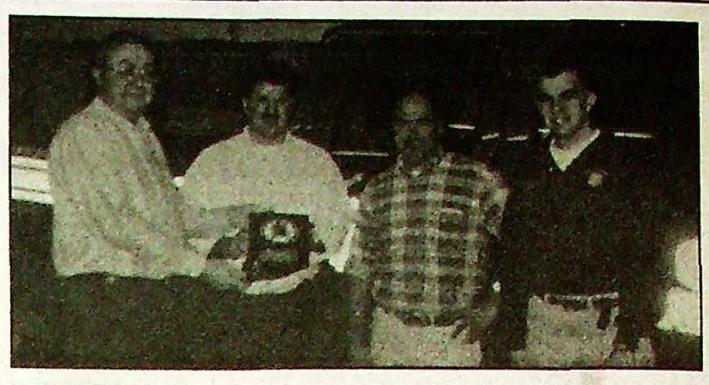
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S & S Fire Apparatus out of Fairmont, Indiana built the tanker. It was ordered in February 1999 and delivered in May 2000. However, the process started much earlier than that. The tanker committee consisted of chairman and Assistant Chief Mike Cox, Chief Roger Gelbaugh, Assistant Chief Kip Shuter, First Lieutenant Dan Harstine, Kevin Gelbaugh, Mitch Titus and Jack Keirn. In February 1998, this committee began to study, spec, dream, and check out other department tankers in our county. As the first specifications were being drawn up, in October 1998, an application was submitted to The Build Indiana Fund. This fund comes from lottery proceeds and it is dispersed to municipalities for items that their regular budgets do not allow for. In December 1999, the Indiana State Budget Committee recommended this grant be issued to the department and in January 2000 the department received the confirmation letter from the committee. Oh yes, the check for $100,000.00 was received in April 2000!

The total cost on the new tanker was $166,614.00. An additional $11,000.00 was raised with the help of the community to purchase needed equipment for the tanker. After delivery work continued by department members with the installation of radio communications, fire communications headsets, and mounting additional equipment. This is the first new tanker the department has ever purchased, but with staying with tradition, many man-hours and "elbow grease" were still used to make the tanker a reality. Tanker 155 is a reflection to the community of the commitment, desire, and dedication this department brings to the Town Winona Lake. Thanks to The Build Indiana Fund, The Town of Winona Lake, and its residents, for helping us to secure our first new tanker, and in doing so making the Town of Winona Lake just a little safer.



IVFA Station Clock Presented to Union VFD

District One Chairman Jim Bradford is shown presenting Union Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Bucy, Board of Directors President Jack Runion and Board of Directors member Tim Beach an IVFA station clock. They are standing in the new addition to the original fire station. The old station was built in 1964 and contained 1300 square feet. The addition brings the station size to 5500 square feet.

The station will be manned 24 hours a day with an ambulance crew from Porter Memorial Hospital.

At the department Christmas party held that night, 25 year service pins were presented to George Jacobs - 37, Floyd Naillieux - 49, Jack Runion - 26, Charles Stowers - 33 and William Stowers - 29.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman.

Electrical Short Causes House Fire

Article submitted by Ronald Bell, IVFA Public Relations Southwest, Odon, Indiana.

The following comes from reports provided by the Knox County and Vincennes police departments and the Vigo Township Fire Department. Charges not involving warrants are preliminary and may be changed before formal filing by the prosecutor's office.

An electrical short-circuit has been blamed for a fire Saturday morning in the attic of a one-story house at 1023 Durbin St., which is in Vigo Township outside the Bicknell City limits.

Chief Michael Brock of the Vigo Township Fire Department said the fire was reported at 10:23 a.m. Saturday by neighbors who lived across the street.

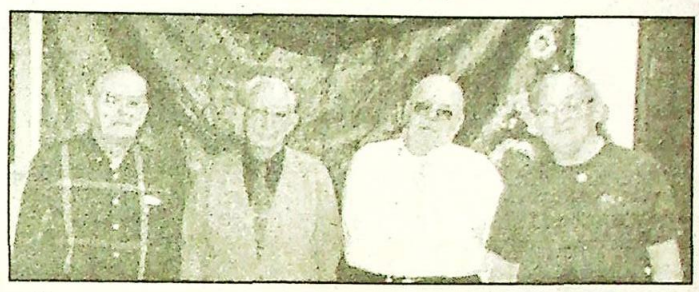
He said the fire was extinguished in 20 minutes, but firefighters were on the scene for two hours. He said a thermal imaging camera was used to find and extinguish hot spots in the walls. No one was home at the time of the fire and no one was injured putting it out.

Catherine Pearce, who lives at 1103 Durbin St., owns the house. Her son, Jeffery Pearce, lives there. She said her son was in Bicknell buying electrical fuses at the time of the fire. He had told her earlier in the day that six fuses had blown Saturday morning.

Brock said fire and smoke damage were contained to the attic, but the kitchen and lower areas of the house had water damage. He said the ceiling above the kitchen had to be removed. The chief guessed there was $10,000 to $15,000 damage. He believes the cause of the fire was a short in a junction box for lights in the attic. Brock said all three of his trucks and 14 firefighters were at the scene of the fire. His department was aided by one truck and five firefighters from the Bicknell Fire Department.

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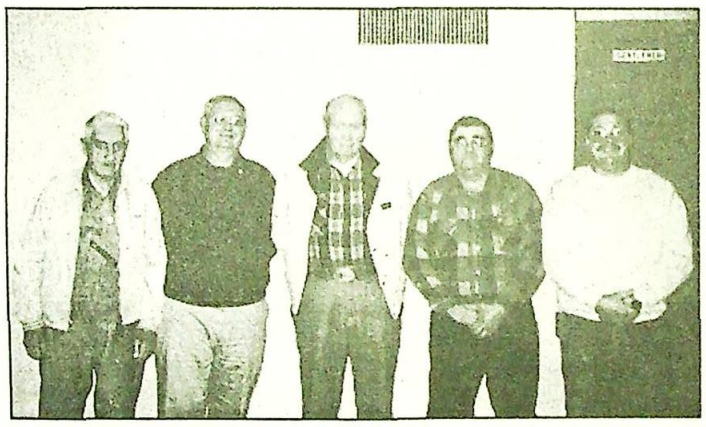
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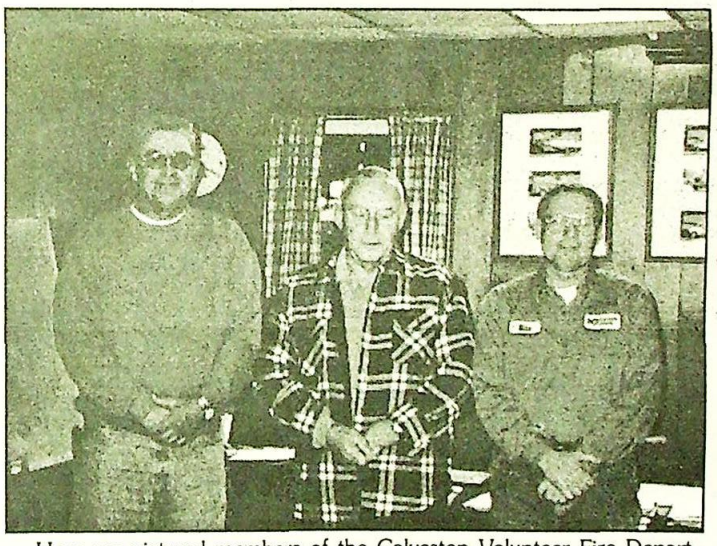
Twenty-year pins were awarded at the Pipecreek Vol. Fire Dept. on December 3 at their Christmas Pitch-In. Pictured are: District Chairman Pape, David Burton - 40 years, David Burton - 30 years, Robert Fesler - 40 years, Dale Hare - 40 years, Robert Fleener - 40 years.

(Photo submitted by Bill Pape, District 8-A)

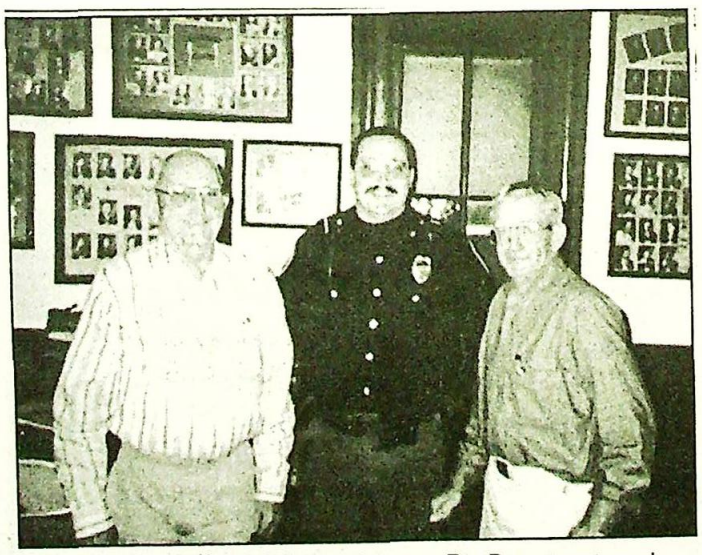
District 9-A Members Receive 25 Year Pins



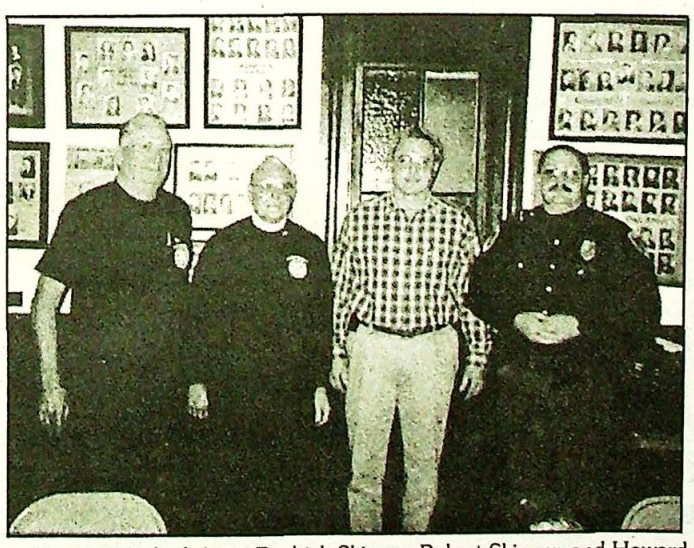
District 9-A Chairman, Jon Randle is pictured here with members of Clinton Township Fire Department who received their 25-year member pins. Members who received pins are Kenneth Dietrich, Kevin Hinkle, Ward Lesh, Gary Michael, Michael Porter and Everett Sailors.



Here are pictured members of the Galveston Volunteer Fire Department. They received their 25-year member pins from District 9-A Chairman Jon Randle.



Members from the Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department are shown as they receive 25 year member pins from District 9-A Chairman Jon Randle. Pictured (left to right) are: Isadore Davis, Chairman Randle, and Lowell Goltry.



Twelve Mile firefighters Fredrick Skinner, Robert Skinner, and Howard Slifer are shown with District 9-A Chairman Jon Randle, as they received their 25-year member pins.

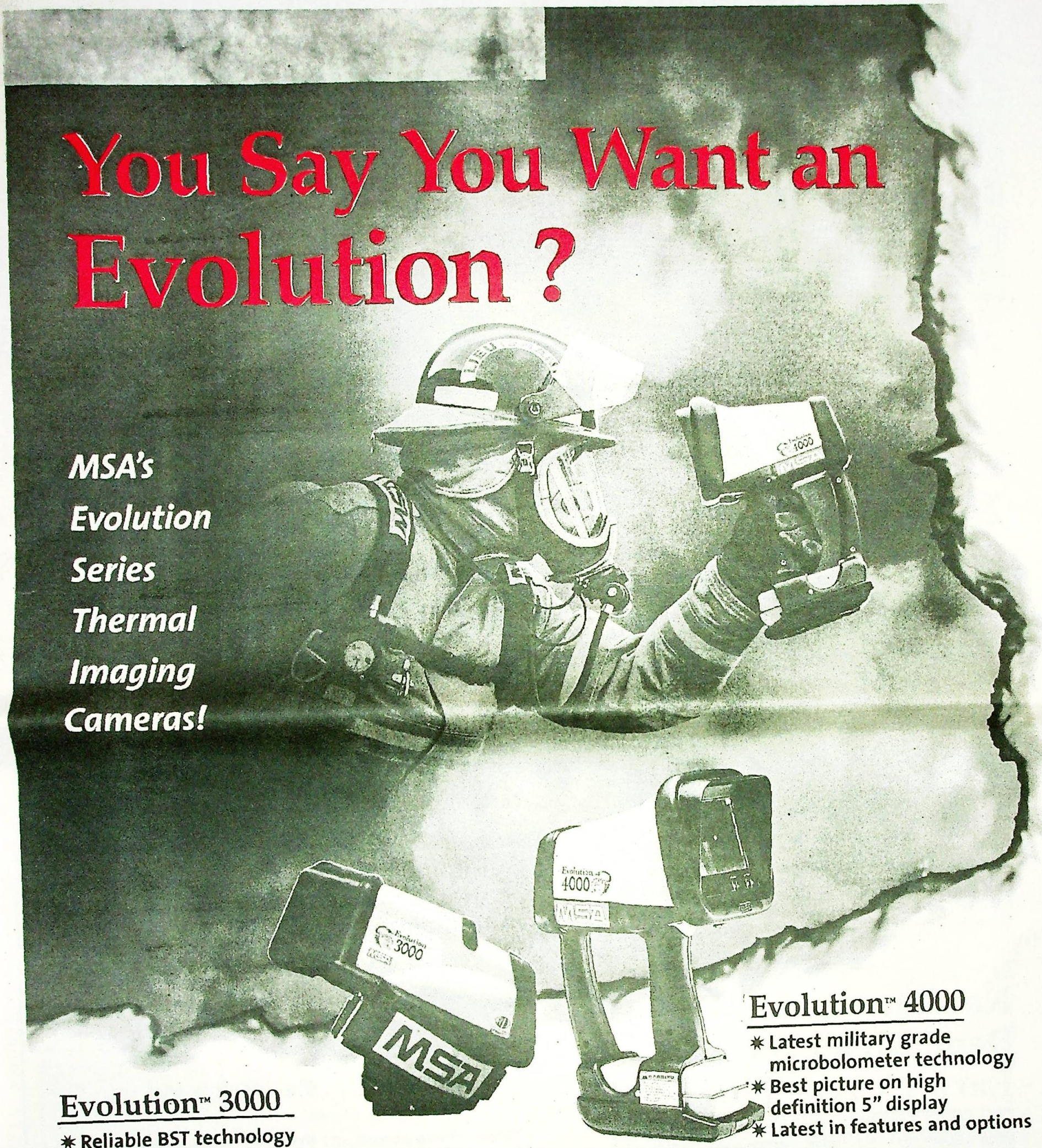
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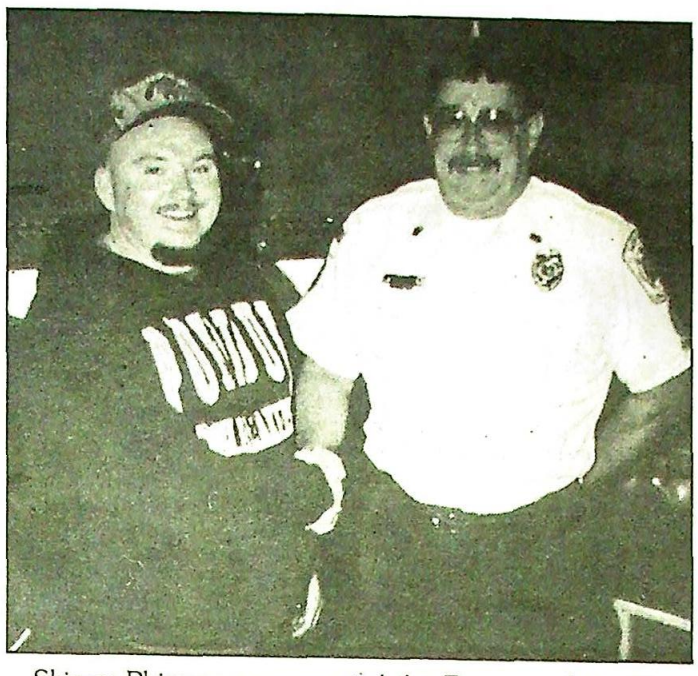
I have visited alot of places from District meetings, to 25 year pins and Gold Card recipients. And wherever I went and the people I have come into contact with, have treated me as part of their department.

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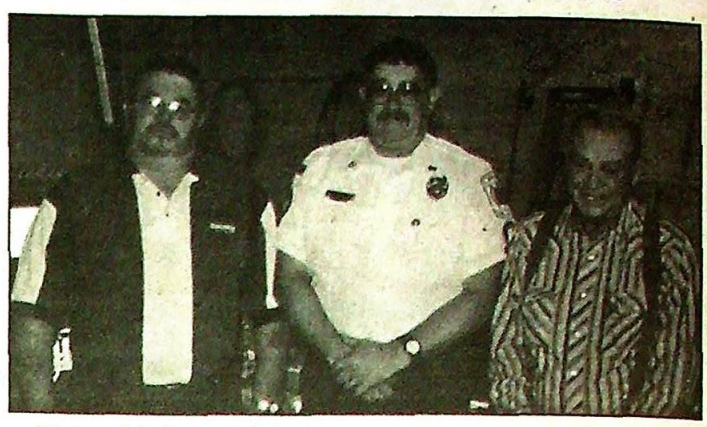
Fireman Of The Year



Skippy Phipps was presented the Fireman of the Year Award by Marion Township Rural Fire Department Fire Chief Jack Zeeks.

(Photo contributed by Jim Zeeks, District Chairman 17B)

25 Year Members



Pictured (left to right): District 17B Chairman Jim Zeeks, Marion Township Rural Fire Department Fire Chief Jack Zeeks, 29 year IVFA member and Don Wedgewood, 26 year IVFA member.

(Photo contributed by Jim Zeeks, District Chairman 17B)

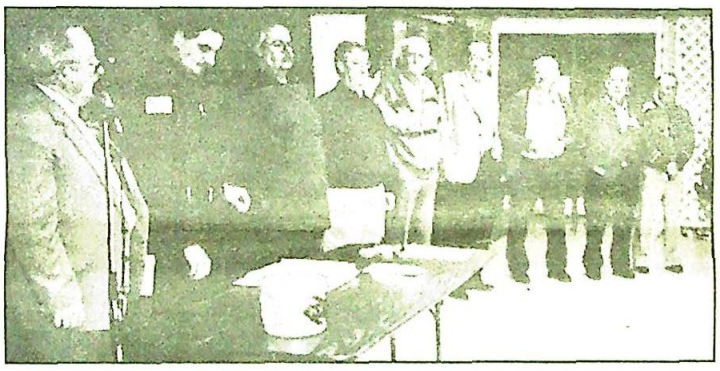
Firefighter Earns Gold Card



From left to right is Roy E. Richardson, District 14 Chairman of the IVFA presenting a Gold Card to Paul L. Brown for 50 years in fire service at the Christmas party of the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Roy *Richardson, District 14 chairman)*

25 Year Service Pins Awarded



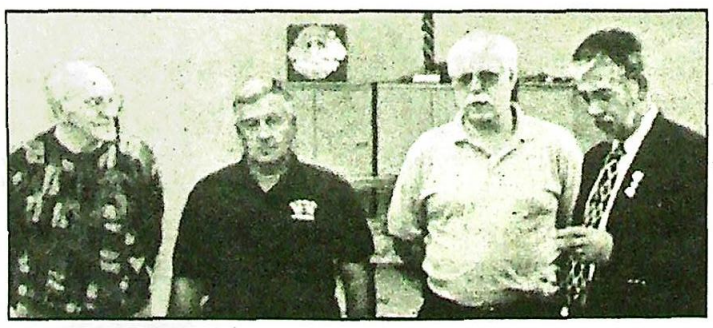
Pictured above is Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman of the IVFA presenting 25 year service pins to those having been in fire service. Left to right is Roy Richardson, District 14 IVFA Chairman, Mark Furnish - Chief, Marvin Jay Clevland - President, Francis G. Furnish - retired, William C. Hughes, Elmer R. Master - Treasurer, Emmett L. Mull - retired, Bill E. Wininger - retired, Paul L. Brown - retired. Not pictured are Willie D. Staffregen, William G. Noel, Thomas Murphy, Ferris Mull, Leroy L. Morris, John A. Cleveland. Also not pictured, but receiving a Gold Card for 50 years service was William R. Greene of the Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman of the IVFA)

St. Patrick's Day
March 17, 2001



Kewanna Union Fire Dept. Members Earn 25 Year Pins



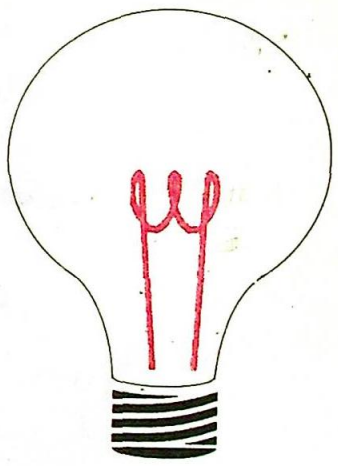
On December 10, 2000, Kewanna Union Fire Department held their Christmas dinner with invited guests IVFA 5th District Chairman Don Kissinger and wife, Linda.

After the meal, Chairman Kissinger presented Chief Larry Kimble, First Assistant Larry Baldwin and Firefighter Clifford Fisher with IVFA 25-year pins. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger).

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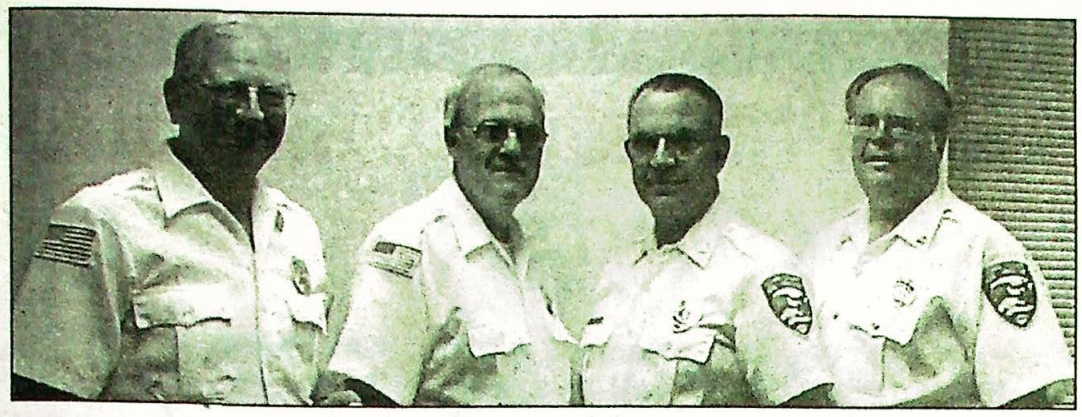
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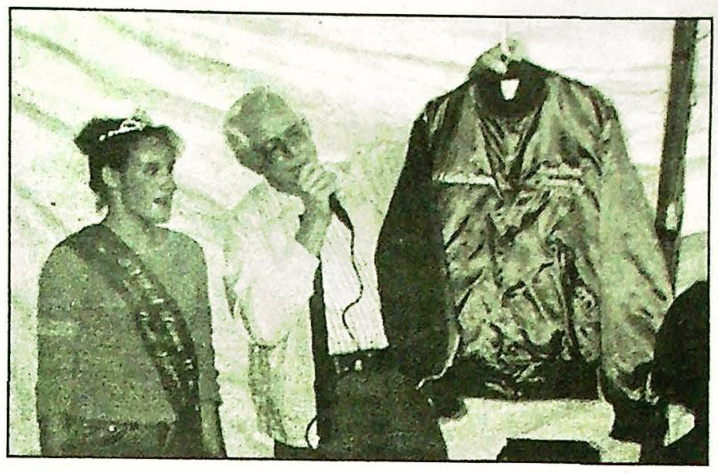


Members Earn 25 Year Pins

Pictured from left to right is Bub Wise, Paul Watland, Assistant Chief Gerard Abraham and Chief John Gettler. These four firefighters were presented 25 year pins from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association from District 2 Chairman Larry Stott at a recent meeting for their dedicated service. Wise has 41 years in the fire service, Watland 28 years, Abraham with 25 years and Gettler with 30 years. Combined the men have a total of 124 years of firefighting experience.

(Photo submitted by Larry Stott)

Amanda Davies Receives Award



During the annual fundraiser for the Fillmore Vol. Fire Dept. held in September, District 11-B Chairman, Larry Ketchem presented Amanda Davies with the district's award for her participation in this year's Miss Flame Contest. The award was a beautiful blue lined jacket with her name and Miss Flame 2000 Runner-Up embossed on the front of the jacket and the IVFA logo on the back of the jacket.

Amanda participated in the local and district levels and was named 1st Runner-up at the state convention held in June in Michigan City. She is the daughter of Mike and Kim Davies of Fillmore and the granddaughter of John and Maxine Davies, also of Fillmore.

She is a sophomore at South Putnam High School, active in sports and FFA.

(Photo submitted by Larry Ketchem, District 11B Chairman)

William (Bill) Martin Receives 25 Year Pin



Bill Martin is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 11B Chairman, Larry Ketchem. Chairman Ketchem presented the award at the annual fund raiser in September of the Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department.

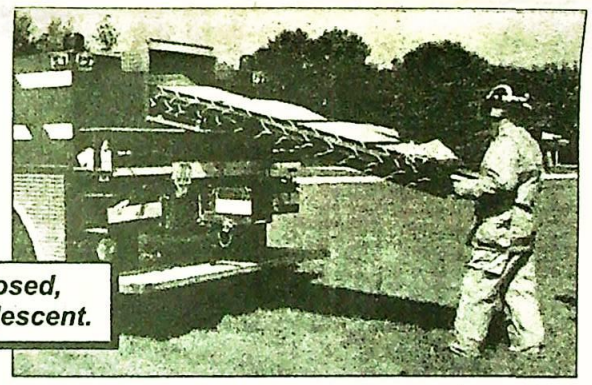
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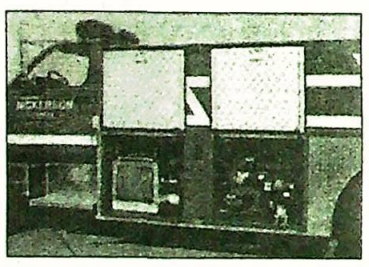
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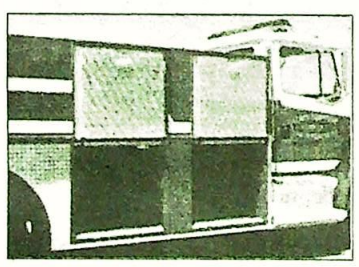


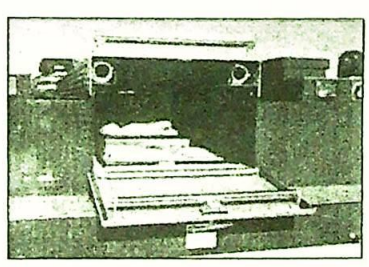
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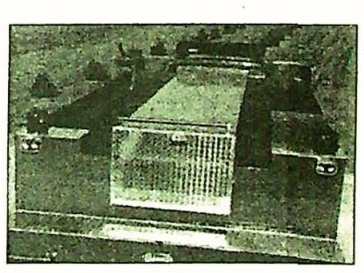


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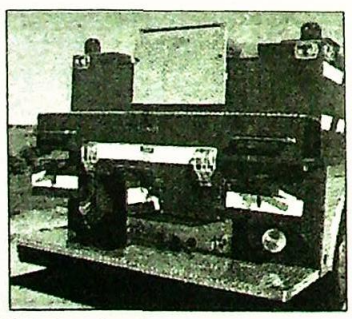




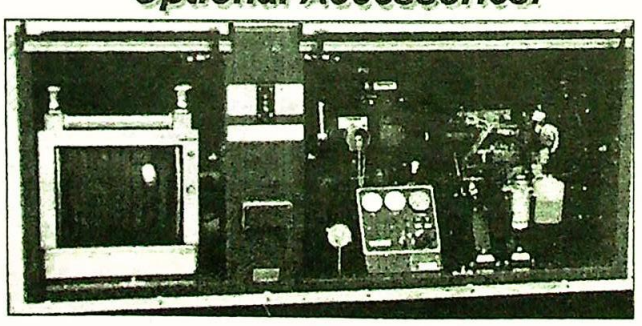
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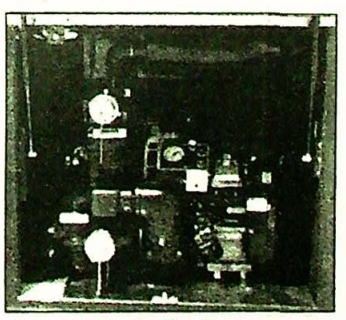
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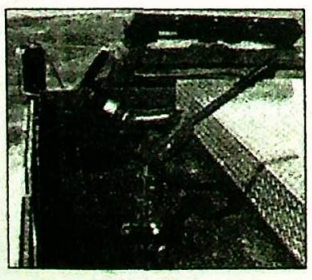
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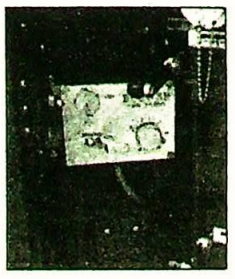
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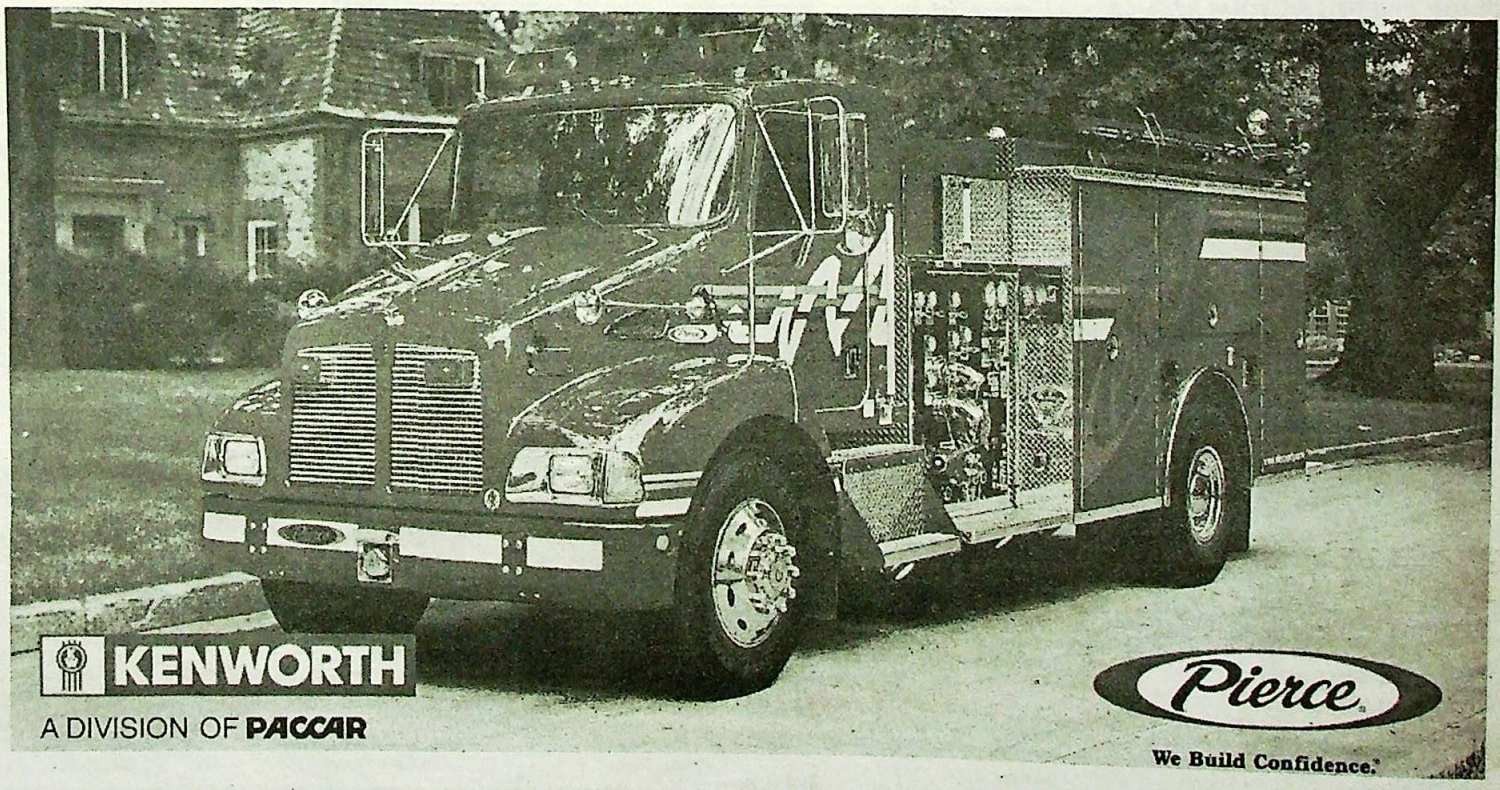
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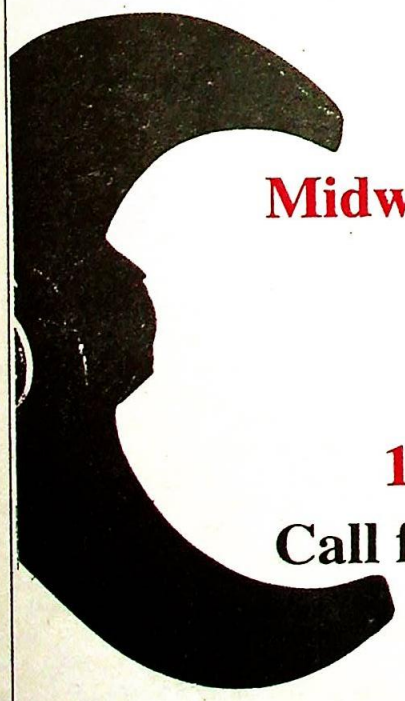
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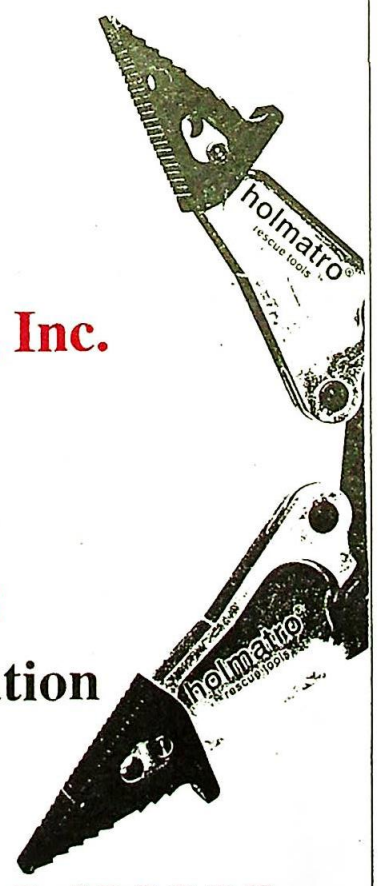
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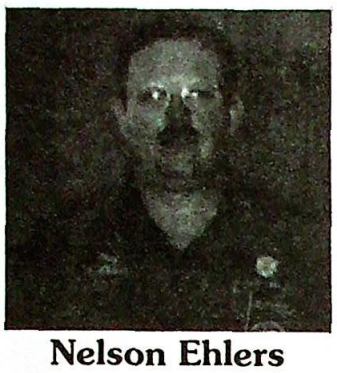
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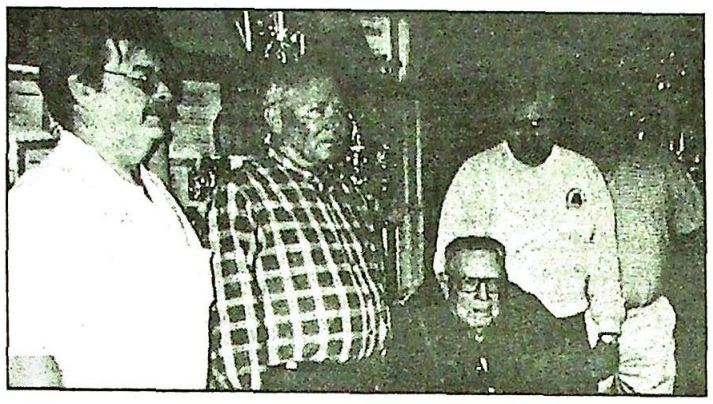
Besides old trucks here are some of the deficient equipment that firefighters are forced to use: Air packs, outdated air systems not being tested for harmful pollutants, or outdated bottles or air packs; radios, the buttons on many radios are so small that they can't be used with the thick gloves firefighters wear. And because the radios are hand-held, firefighters must remove their masks to use them. Personal safety systems; National safety standards call for firefighters to wear personal alarms that alert their fellow firefighters if they collapse, fall through a floor or get buried under rubble while battling a fire. Their hose and nozzles, too, this is just a small list of equipment some fire departments need.

I have sat in on some trustee meetings that would love to give fire departments more money but it is just not there.

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Gas City Firemen Earn 25 Year Pins

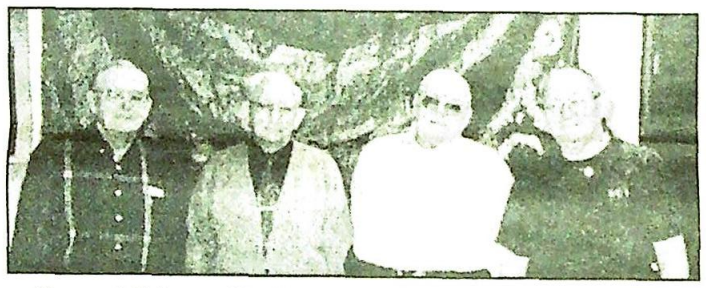




Gas City Volunteer Fire Department 25 Year Pins were presented to the members on November 8, 2000. Those receiving pins were: William Miller - 36 years, Donald Barker - 40 years, Robert Chapman - 35 years, Steve Dawson - 28 years, Donald Leach - 38 years, Joseph Mitsch - 41 years, David Pattison - 33 years, Lowell Roach - 32 years, Ronald Shepperd - 40 years, and Harold Smith - 51 years.

(Photos submitted by District 8-A Chairman Bill Pape)

Pipecreek 40 Year Members Honored



Pipecreek Volunteer Fire Department 40 Year members were honored at their Christmas Pitch-In which was held on December 3, 2000.

Pictured are Dale Hare, Adam Burton, Robert Fesler and Robert Fleener. Thanks for the time with their department!

(Photos submitted by District 8-A Chairman Bill Pape)

Lapel Firefighter Earns Pin



Twenty-five year pin was presented to Kenneth B. Bourke from Lapel Volunteer Fire Department by Chairman Pape at their September meeting.

(Photo submitted by District 8-A chairman Bill Pape).

Don't Forget Valentine's Day February 14th



Ainsworth Members Honored with Pins



On November 7, 2000, PRNW Dennis Schavey and District One Chairman Jim Bradford attended a meeting of the Ainsworth Deep River Volunteer Fire Department to honor members with 25 Year Service Pins.

Pictured are (back row) with years of service: left to right - Roger Niksch - 27, Earl Cochran - 32, Leonard Fasel - 39, Roger Carter - 43, Tim Nelson - 32.

Seated (left to right) Floyd Carter - 43, Roxie Herzog - 26, Alwin Wesley - 43.

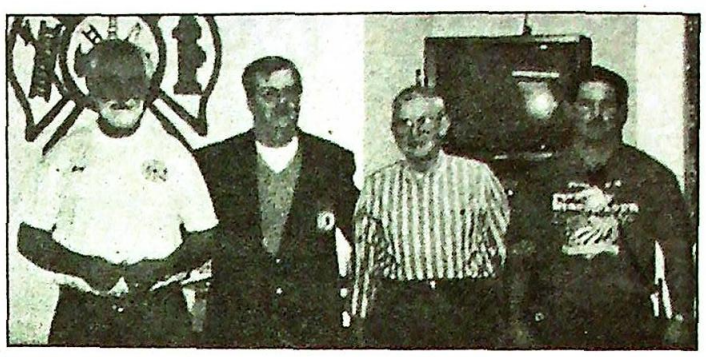
The following were unable to attend: Ted Bruszewski - 41, Donald Buchfuehrer - 27, Herman Buchfuehrer - 47, Harold Crowder - 40, Walter Cummings - 48, Julius Herzog - 48, Michael Herzog - 26 and Edward Nelson - 43.

These sixteen firefighters have a total of 598 years of service.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman).

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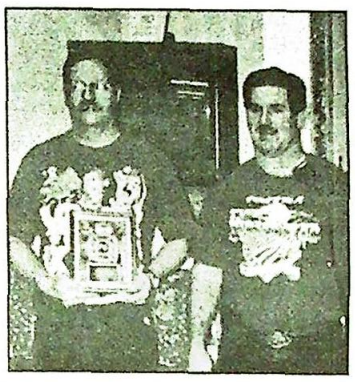
25 Year Pins Presented to Jonesboro Firefighters



Twenty-five year pins were presented to the Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department members at their Christmas Pitch-In held on December 6, 2000. Pictured above are Ray Soultz - 35 years, District Chairman Pape, Gerald Foustnight - 34 years and Fire Chief Quinten Shipley. Those not in attendance were Charles Smith - 29 years, Charles Soultz - 36 years and Lynn Hutchison, 34 years.

(Photo submitted by District 8A Chairman Bill Pape)

Fireman Of The Year Named



Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department Fireman of the Year for 2000 is Mike Miller. He is shown with Fire Chief Quinten Shipley.

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0800 - 1200	Miss Flame Judging	
0800 - 1200	Tours TBA	
0800 - 1200	Color Guard Competition	
TBA	Men's Officer's Meeting	
1100 - 1800	Tours - Firefighters Museum	
1200 - 1700	Vendors (inside)	
1200 - 1300	Miss Flame Luncheon	
1300 - 1600	B.F.F.P.S. & E. Meeting	
1330 - Close	Miss Flame Judging	
To Follow	Woman's Officers Meeting	
1600 - 1800	Hot Dog Bust	Firefighters Museum
1900 - 2100	Joint Opening Meeting	
2100 - 2400	Entertainment - DJ	
2100 - 2400	Beer Wagon	

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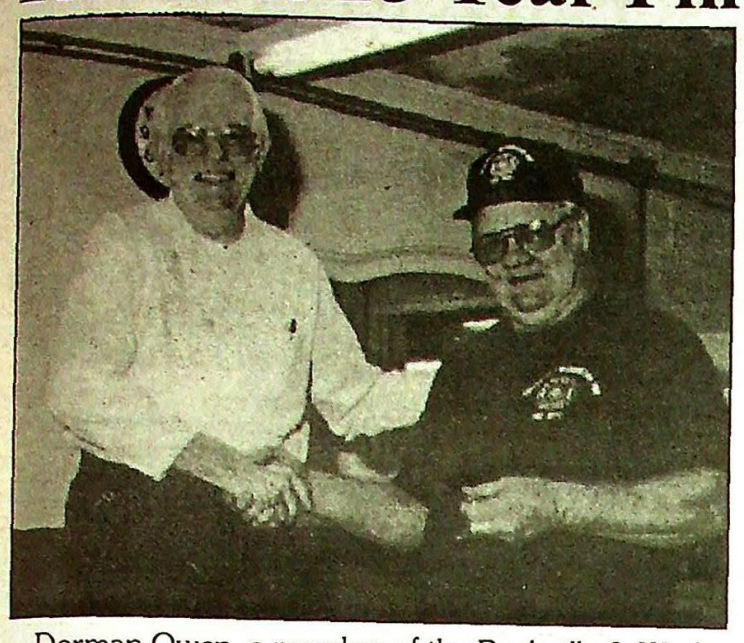
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0800 - 1030	Women's Business Meeting	
1000 - 1600	Vendors (inside & outside)	
1100 - 1200	Memorial Service	Cathedral Church
1200 - 1400	Lunch Buffett	
1200 - 1600	Beer Wagon	
1330 - Close	Men's Business Meeting (if needed)	
1330 - Close	Women's Business Meeting (if needed)	
1730 - 2130	Children's Party	
1800 - 2100	Banquet	
2100 - 2400	Entertainment (Spike and the Bull Dogs)	
2100 - 2400	Beer Wagon	

Saturday, June 16th

0700 - 0730	Game Registration
0800 - Close	Games
0900 - 1400	Muster
1100	Hotel Check-out

Locations will be provided in future schedules. Some items may change as needed.

Dorman Owen Receives 25 Year Pin



Dorman Owen, a member of the Reelsville & Washington Twp. F.D. was presented his 25 year pin by District 11B Chairman, Larry Ketchem at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Reelsville. (Photo submitted by Larry Ketchem, District 11B Chairman)

Firemen Recognize Barbara Holder

Members of the Elnora Volunteer Fire Department paused during their November 10, 2000 recent chili supper/fundraiser to recognize another volunteer, Barbara Holder, who has prepared food for the annual event for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Holder was surprised when called from behind the food counter to accept a plaque from the department during the meal.

"I never thought what I was doing was that much," she said, adding that she has always enjoyed working with the firemen, a great organization that gives so much to the community.

The plaque, decorated cake, and basket of flowers were presented to Mrs. Holder by Fire Chief Brian Wesner, Lt. Charles Stedman, and fellow firefighters, and I.V.F.A. Public Relations Southwest Ronald Bell.

Wesner said Mrs. Holder, a cook at the Elnora School, has prepared the fire department meal after working all day preparing breakfast and lunch for school kids.

"She has done that for 20 years, and on behalf of the fire department, I would like to thank her for dedicated service to the community," he added.



Pictured above is Barbara Holder along with members of the Elnora Volunteer Fire Department.
(Photo submitted by Ronald Bell, I.V.F.A. PR Southwest)

The surprise was arranged with the help of her husband Darvin Holder and other family members.

Money raised from the suppers has gone to pay for miscellaneous equipment and additional training.

The focus at the present time is to raise money to help pay for a new fire station. The department has applied for a $75,000 grant from the State's Build Indiana Fund to make the project possible.

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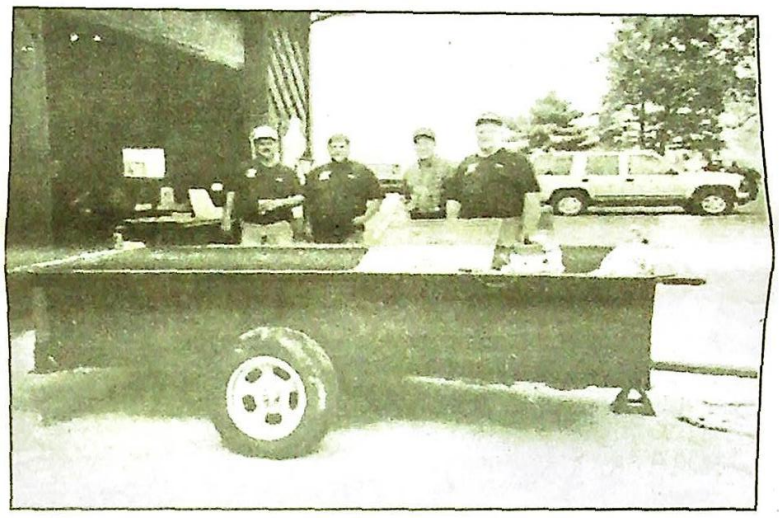
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This was taken during their fundraiser working at Stiles Auction on October 21, 2000.

(Photo submitted by Ronald Bell, I.V.F.A. P.R. Southwest)

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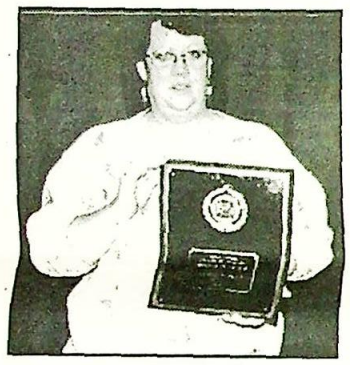
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Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the Year is Penny Clevland, Secretary.
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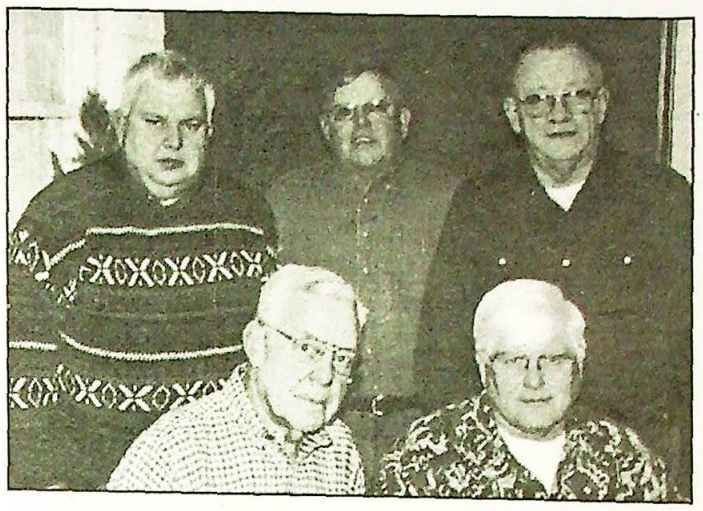
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Huntingburg Fire Department Members Presented Service Pins



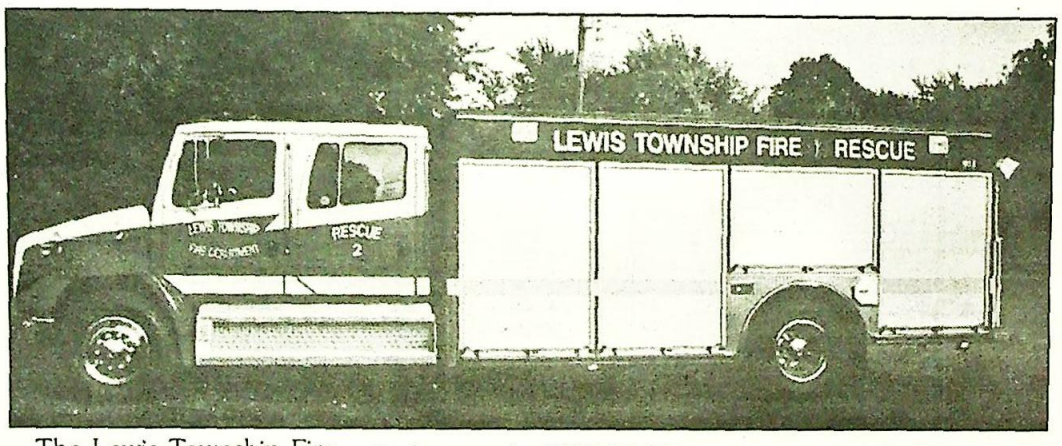
At the December meeting of the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Glen Kissling presented service pins to four department members. Recipients are pictured. Front row: (left to right) Firefighter Roger Kissling 5 years, First Assistant Chief Bill Bland 30 years. Back row: (left to right) Firefighter/EMT Bob Veatch 10 years, Firefighter/EMT Ken Merriman 15 years.
(Photo submitted by Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.)



Following that presentation, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 18 Secretary Ken Lau presented the IVFA 25 year service pin to five HVFD members. Pictured are recipients front row: (left to right) Safety Officer Marvin Boeglin, First Assistant Chief Bill Bland. Back row (left to right) IVFA District Secretary and Department Investigator Ken Lau, Fire Captain Ray Kissling and Fire Captain Bill Moesner.
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Lewis Township Fire Department Receives $75,000 from Lilly Endowment, Inc.



The Lewis Township Fire Department has received a grant of $75,000.00 from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. to equip this fire department with a 1999 Freightliner Rescue Truck. The grant is a part of the Endowment's GIFT IV (Giving Indiana Funds For Tomorrow) initiative, and it is one of several community option project grants approved recently by the Endowment's Board of Directors.

During the last year the Endowment allocated up to $153 million for the GIFT IV initiative. The GIFT IV program makes available up to $1.5 million for each Indiana county, served by a viable community foundation. In addition, Indiana's 15 most populated counties will be able to recommend uses for an additional $1 million for their counties. Up to $300,000 of the $1.5 million may be used for operations.

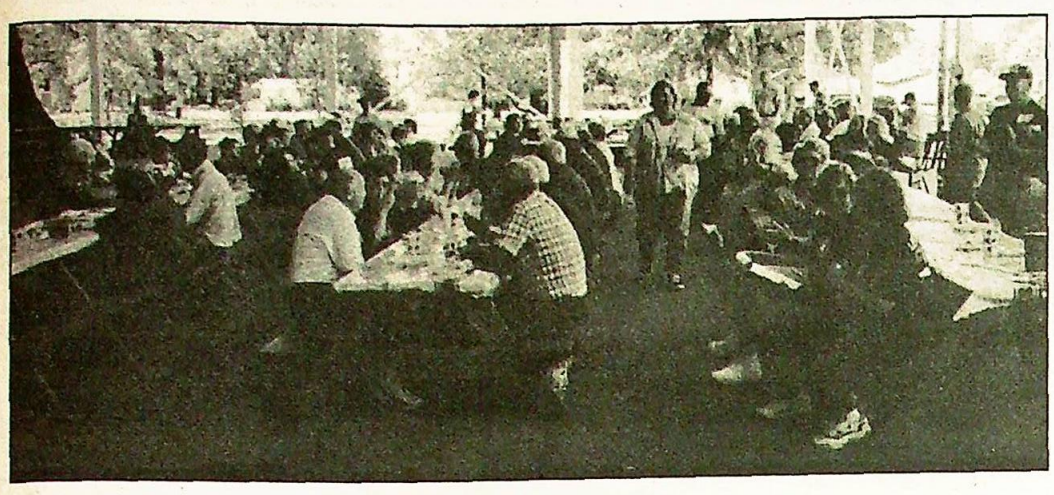
The Clay County Community Foundation subsequently dedicated from its $1.2 million allocation $970,000 for projects of various charitable organizations in Clay County. Of that $970,000, a recommendation of $75,000 to the Lewis Township VFD came after much community discussion, and was subsequently approved by the Endowment.

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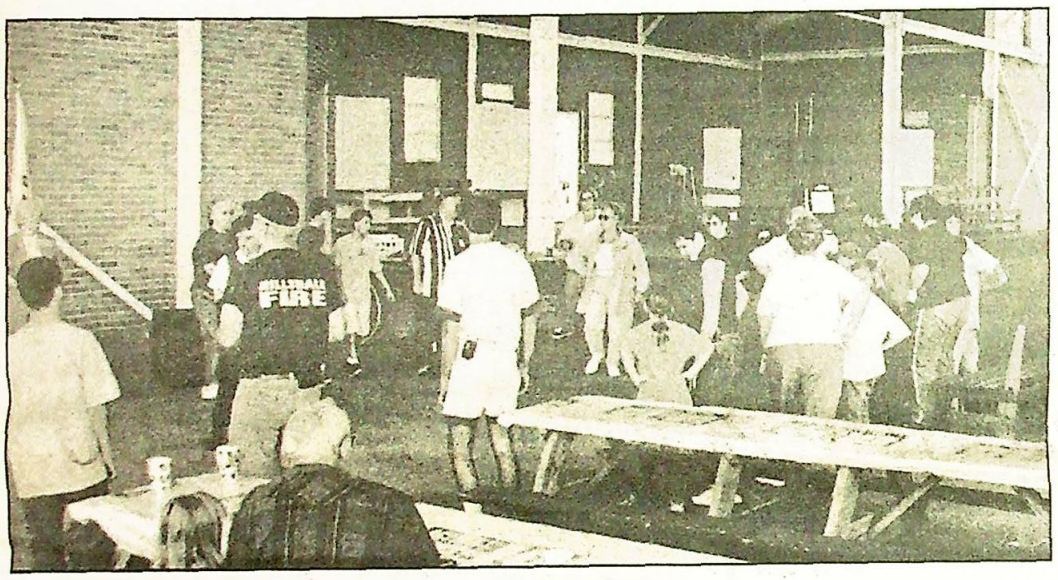
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District 11-A, 11-B Hold Picnic

On September 17, 2000, eighty were in attendance at the annual 11-A, 11-B picnic. It was 11-A's turn to host it. It was held at Brazil City Park. Many enjoyed dancing, participating in the games and the good fellowship.

(Photos submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)



Lewis grant . . .

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entire Lewis Township area as well as surrounding communities. The rescue unit could be dispatched anywhere from south of State Highway 46 to the southern tip of Clay County, we also have mutual aid agreements with some Greene County departments as well as Sullivan County agencies. Equipped with an Automated External Defibrillator, Genesis rescue tools, as well as necessary medical supplies for almost any emergency this will be a life saving tool for many.

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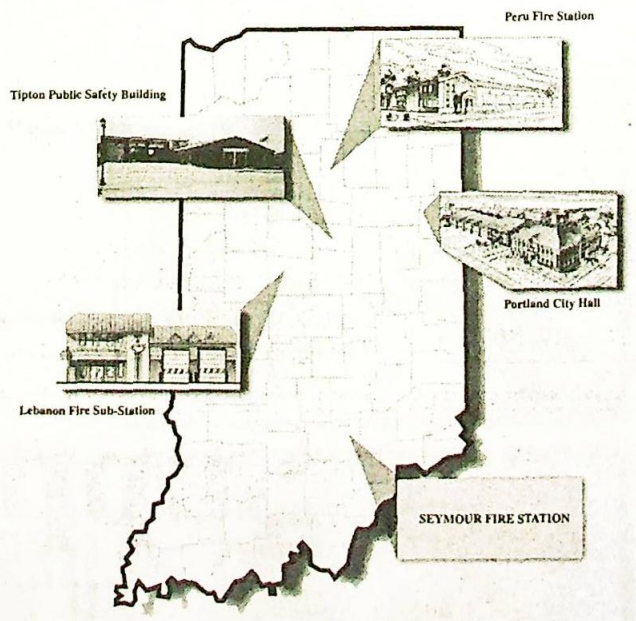
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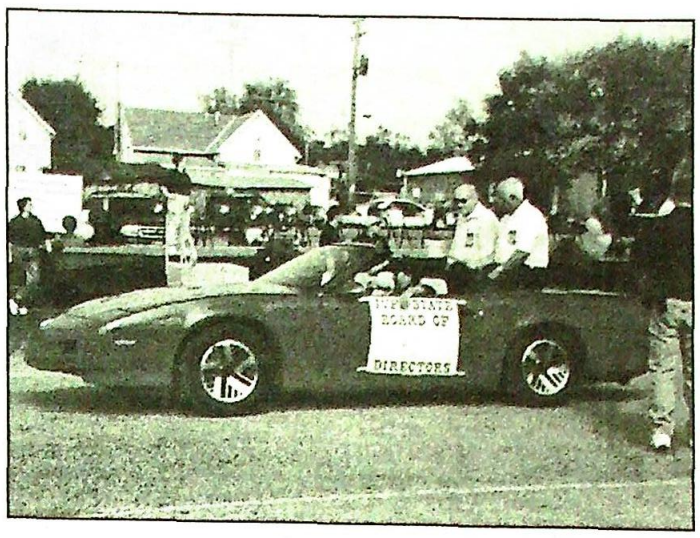
New Fire Truck



October 1, 2000 - St. Meirand's Volunteer Fire Department's new E-One truck. Fire Chief Tom Click showing I.V.F.A. P.R. Southwest Ronald Bell the new fire truck.

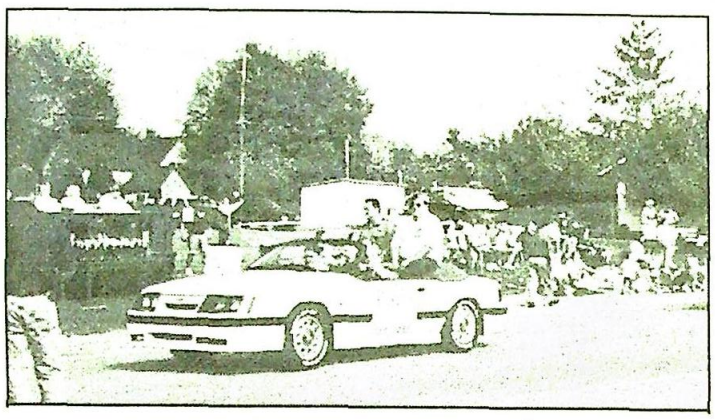
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Fire Prevention Parade



October 15, 2000 - 18th District Fire Prevention Parade hosted by the DuBois Volunteer Fir Department. I.V.F.A. President Jack Kerney and I.V.F.A. Treasurer Jack Harker riding in the parade.

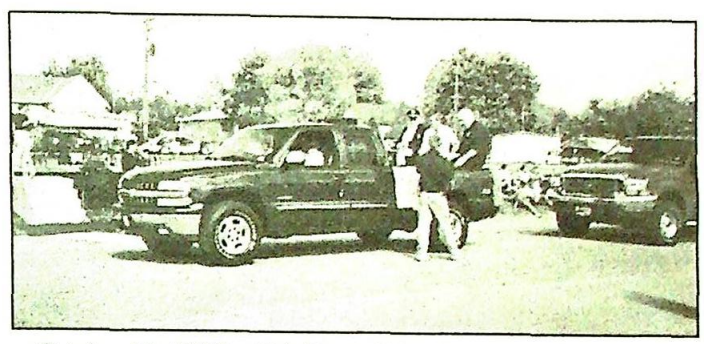
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Fire Prevention Parade

October 15, 2000 - Fire Prevention Parade, hosted by the DuBois Volunteer Fire Department, I.V.F.A. P.R. Southwest Ronald Bell, District 18 Chairman Chuck Parker and District 15 Chairman Steve Anderson riding in parade.

(Photo submitted by Ronald Bell, IVFA PR Southwest)



October 15, 2000 - 18th District Fire Prevention Parade hosted by the DuBois Volunteer Fire Department. I.V.F.A. District 18 secretary Kenny Lau, I.V.F.A. Assistant Director Chairman and District 18 Chaplain, riding in the parade.

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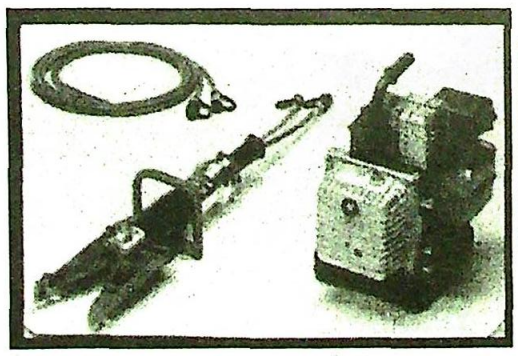
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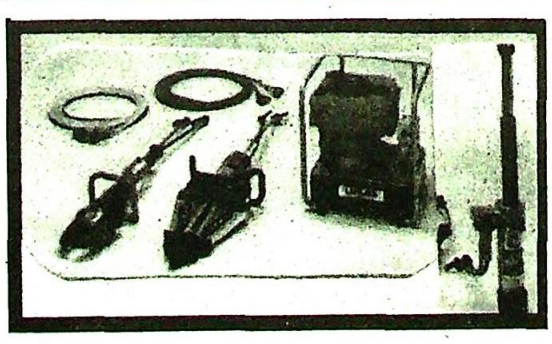
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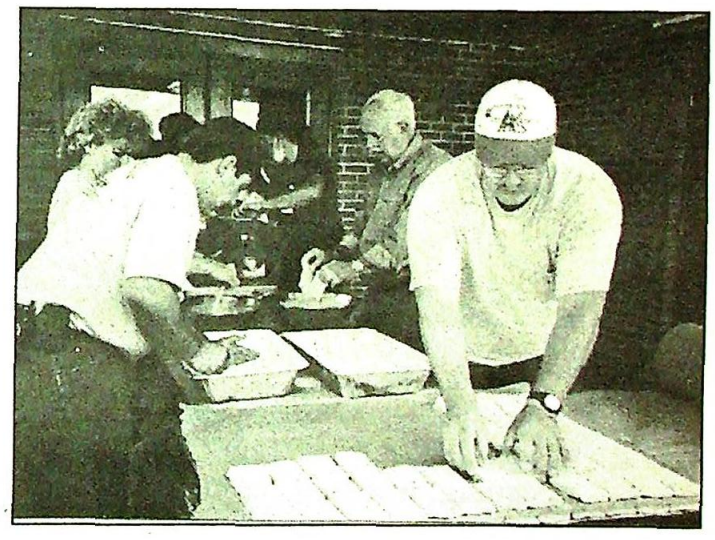
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Jonah Fish Fry



October 14, 2000 - Jonah Fish Fry at Barton School, Mackey, IN sponsored by Barton Township-Somerville Volunteer Fire, Rescue & Medical Assist Department. I.V.F.A. President Jack Kerney helping fellow firefighters to prepare the fish.

(Photo submitted by Ronald Bell, IVFA PR Southwest)

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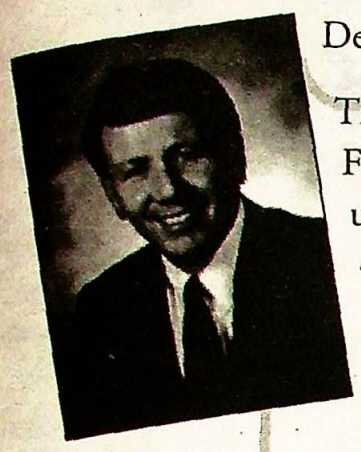
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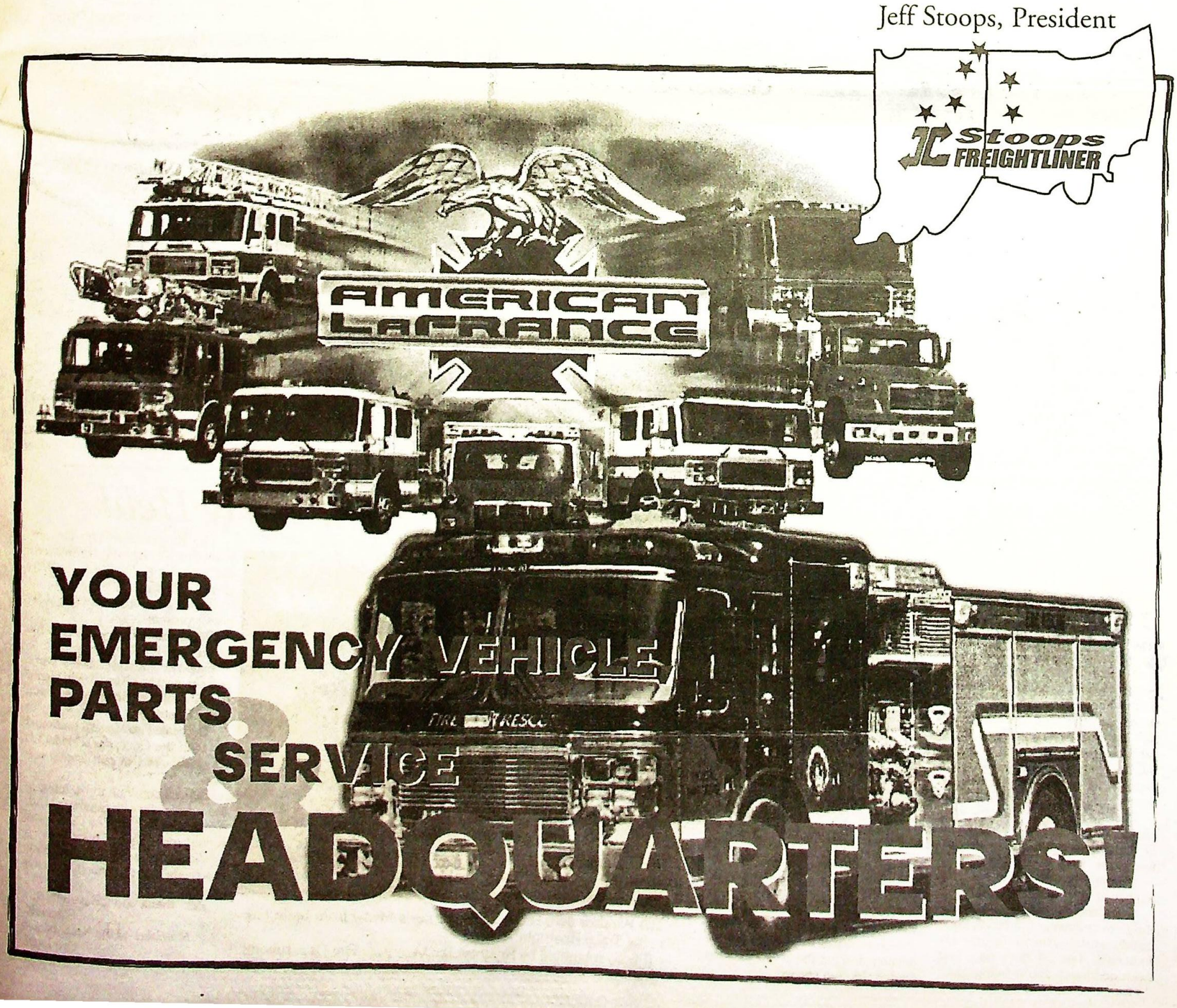
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State Officer's Meetings ...

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$5000. Give any leads to Mitch and he'll follow up.

The President recessed the meeting until 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Mr. Kerney gaveled the meeting back to order and called upon the Chaplain. Mr. Baker took us back to 1863 and read Mr. Lincoln's first Thanksgiving proclamation about having forgotten God and the need to turn back to Him and to do so at the Thanksgiving feast. Charlie then gave the invocation.

NVFC - Mitch attended the meeting in Dayton Beach Oct. 12-14 and had five sessions to be involved in. He advised there had been 112 line-of-duty deaths in 1999; 49% heart related, and 32 while enroute or returning. The National Fire Caucus Dinner is set for 4/25/01. We still have no answer on attending committee meetings.

The Chair broke from committee reports and introduced Mara Snyder of the Fire Marshal's office. She spoke with us about the survey being taken on the State Fire Academy. She explained to us that since the volunteers make up 82% of the fire service, they need to get the survey to the members. They need the membership list. We were assured it would be used for no other purpose. Don Kissinger moved to furnish what was needed and Bill Pape seconded. ALL votes cast were for the motion. We should use whatever means we can to encourage our members to fill the survey out and send it back so the volunteers can be heard.

A short recess was called so we could get our pictures taken.

By-Laws - Parker, read for the second time Article 3 Section 2 but it was held for the Bd.

Public Ed. - Parker, nothing at this time.

EMS - Paul was absent but Jack pointed out he had three pamphlets we each needed to have for our information. 1. Do no resuscitate orders. 2. What is public information on an EMS run report. 3. Long term foster parent status.

Membership - Bruns filled us in on the power-point presentation on benefits and asked Buz to cover it asking for changes needed. Buz complied and changes were noted. It was the consensus to hold on making a video at this time.

Bridgeport - Bruns, applications must be in by March the first.

Fire Schools & Training - Kerney, the dates for the fire schools have been set except for New Albany.

Historian - Mitch, still has about 76 books left which we all need to be trying to sell.

Insurance - Mr. Kerney advised us that Bill could not be with us because Jean is sick and that we should keep them in our prayers. He further advised that he has asked Jeff to put together the specifications for our insurance needs.

Awards - Buz reminded us that he has to have names for Midwest by the February meeting. He also stated that the Ollie Sandberg letters have to be in by May 1. Mr. IVFA must be in by May 1 also and the Committee needs to make their decision soon after so the jacket has time to be made.

Photographer - Kissinger, suggested everyone bring a coat and tie to the next meeting in case a picture needs to be taken over.

Clothing - Bartlow, needs to have a meeting as soon as this one is over.

Standards & Education - Kerney, they are reviewing the NFPA standards and working to update Indiana's. The 24 hour issue has been addressed and is being given to about a dozen departments for a year trial. He is putting together a list of what is mandatory to be covered by OSHA e.g. SIDS & Hazmat. He did comment that for a firefighter SIDS is a one time, for the EMS providers it is every year.

Fire Services Institute - Parish, announced the dinner will be Monday, February 5th at the Indiana Roof and Curt Weldon will be there but not be the keynote speaker.

Games - Mendell, nothing to report at this time.

PSTI - as soon as we can get Buz on the board he'll make the reports.

25 Year Pins - Richardson, the Districts all have their pins and should be making the presentations as they can.

Budget - Harker, gave a detailed report of the Committees' proposed budget for the next year. He answered a couple of questions and it was held for board action.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Parker had contacted the firms which had bid on the lobbyist slot and informed them of the decision we'd made. He had further asked each one their rates for doing other legal work for us. He felt we would probably be best served if we stayed with John Shanks. Some discussion was covered on who and how to contact Mr. Shanks. All contact with John will go through the President.

Jack Kerney informed us he did not use Association funds to purchase a scanner as we had authorized. He needed a scanner anyway so he purchased one and owns it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kerney talked about the problems he is having in locating a place for meeting next year. He will advise everyone by mail of where we will be in February.

The Chair assured everyone the IVFA license is alive and well and is not going to be discontinued as some have heard. The EMS plate is gone. The Fire Marshal's plate may hurt our numbers but we'll be in the business.

Our attention was called to the proposed NFPA 1720. Jack feels there'll be little if any changes in the final draft. We should be able to find ways to live with it and live up to it.

The contract with the lobbyist has been signed and one of them will attend in February.

Jack Kerney spoke about the proposal to take the office to the fire schools. We'll need a larger lap top to do the job. His estimate is $6000 to cover all the expense. He asked for comments from the group. He feels it will pay for itself in three years. It will also be a tool we could use at our meetings. It's on the Board agenda.

With our apologies for not being timely, gold cards were presented to Mitch Parish and Richard Glant. Be it noted that Mr. Zeeks paid for one of the two the records show he was given..

It was brought to our attention that the IFIA didn't attend last year's convention because they were going to be charged for booth space. It was restated that all fire related not-for-profit corporations will be provided booth space free of charge.

We have had a request from a member of the IVFAA to purchase an IVFA license plate.

Pro and con discussion produced a motion by Curt Reifon and a second by John Ferro we not extend the privilege beyond IVFA members. The motion carried.

The bad address lists have been give to the District Chairmen but have not been getting back to the office. Please contact the people soon and we'll be able to save money.

The assignments to commiteees for the year 2001 will be put together and mailed to the officers when they are completed.

There being no further business, Curt Reifon moved and Roy Richardson seconded the motion that we adjourn and get the board meeting started. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

The Chair, Jack Zeeks, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Jack called for the reading of the minutes but Bill Pape made a motion we accept them as printed and Curt Reifon seconded. The motion carried with one no vote heard.

Bill Bush indicated we need to get about 2000 more small decals. Curt Reifon gave the motion and Ron Bell did the second. Motion carries without any no votes.

Jim Parker did the second reading of the By-law and SOG which makes then gender neutral. By-law Article XVI, section 1 and SOG Article XIX, section 1. He also read the Proposed By-law change of Article III, section 2 which will allow the volunteer members of a combination department to be members of the IVFA. Roll call votes were taken on each question. PRSE, District 6, 8B, 13A, 16, 18 and 19 were absent. ALL votes cast on each question were yes votes; therefore all three changes were approved.

Mr. Zeeks said that we had all heard the proposed budget report and if there were not further questions he would accept a motion to approve it. Don Cushman made the motion and Curt Reifon seconded. The proposed budget was accepted without a single vote against being heard.

The question of Mr. Kerney taking the office to the fire schools was the next item put on the floor for consideration. The fact that we expect it to cost $6000 was again stated. We heard John Ferro move to do the project and Bill Pape second the motion. All votes except one were yes; motion carried.

The next question was on the Fire Institute dinner on February 5. Jack Kerney moved we pay for up to two tables, which would be up to 20 people. Roy Richardson did the second. The vote was unanimous in favor. Everyone was cautioned that if we turned in to go and didn't, we would be responsible to pay.

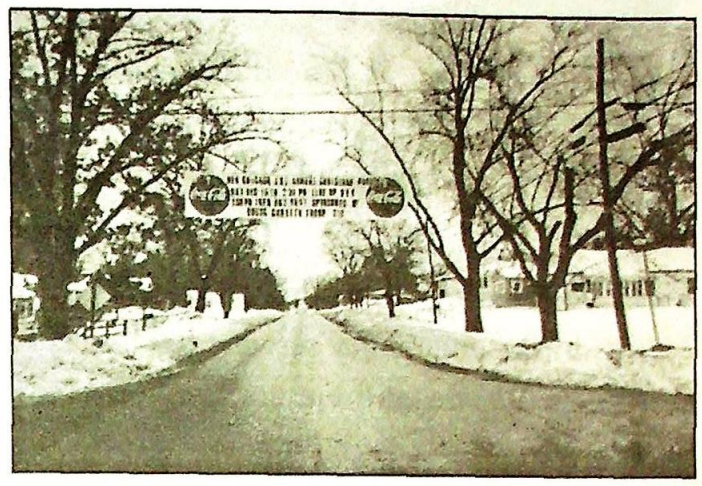
Red Morris reported on the long distance telephone service. The present charges show we could save monies by changing to AT&T. We will still be dialing several digits if we do not have AT&T as our carrier at home. Don Cushman moved we change to AT&T. Larry Bartlow made a second. Motion carried.

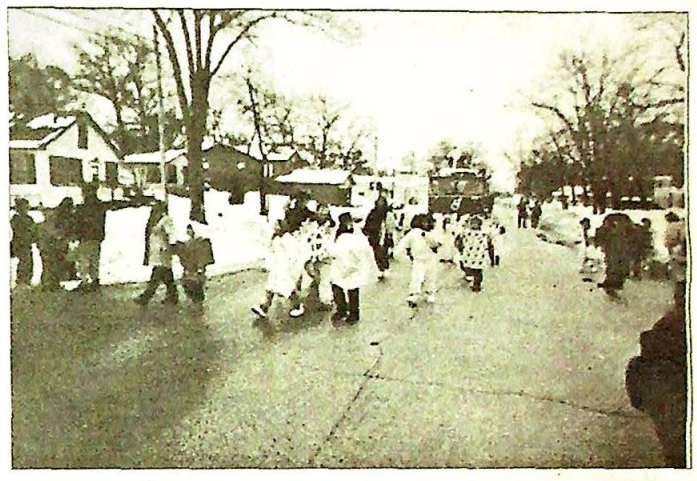
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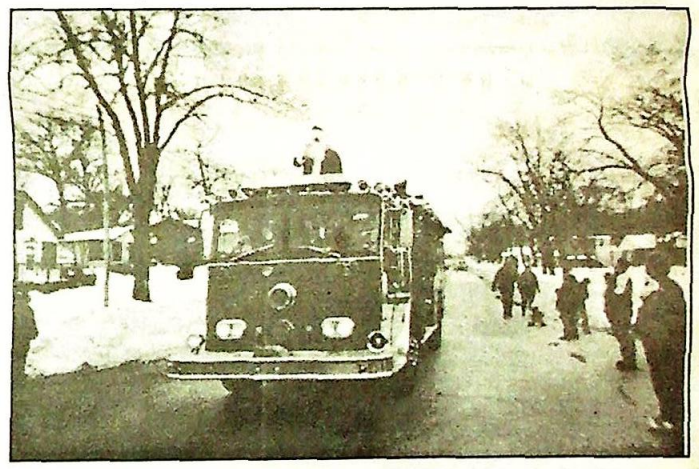
Chaplain Baker gave the Benediction.

PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

New Chicago Holds First Annual Christmas Parade







This combined effort between the New Chicago Volunteer fire Department, Boy's and Girl Scouts of America, and all the other participants turned out to be a great success despite the cold day and heavy snowfall two days prior to the event. The first annual Christmas Parade was held on December 16, 2000. 200-300 people braved the cold to watch the floats, fire trucks and marcher.

(Photos submitted by New Chicago Volunteer Fire Department, Hobart, Indiana)

Surprise Retirement Party Held



Bill Windsor (left) receiving Governor's Medal from State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatright.

(Photo submitted by Knightstown Volunteer Fire Department)

The Knightstown Fire Department held a surprise retirement party on Sept. 23, 2000 for William W. Windsor.

There were approximately 130 guests present.

Bill served the fire service and his community for 48 years.

Several guest speakers were present including Kim Cronk, Henry Co. Sheriff and State fire Marshal Tracy Boatright.

The State Fire Marshal presented Bill with the Governor's Medal for his many years of outstanding service.

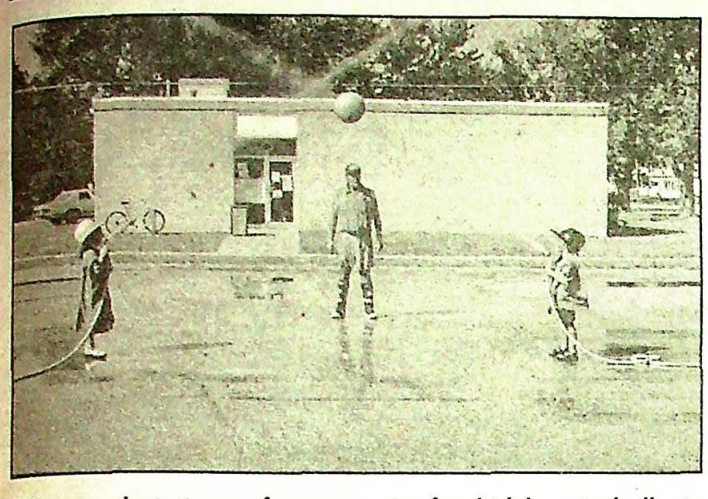
Bill will continue to be active in the community with Southwest Dist. Ambulance Service and the Knightstown Town Council.

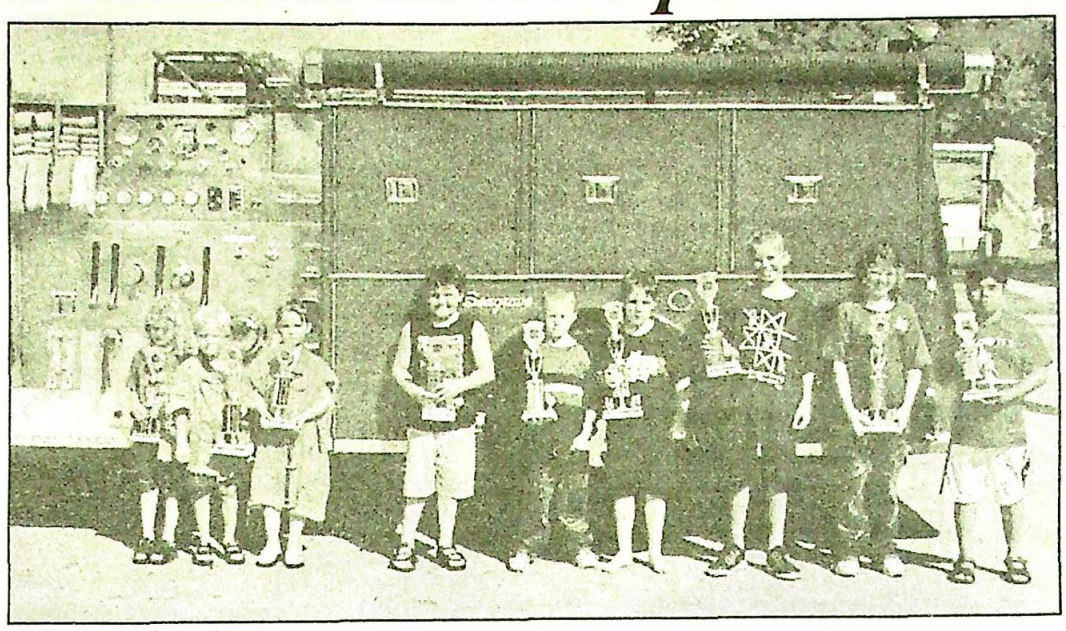
Bill's hard work and dedication has made our community a better place to live.

Bill - thank you for everything!

Sincerely,
Members of the Knightstown Fire Dept.

Kid's Waterball Event Held At MDA Open House





It was that time of year again for kids' waterball at New Chicago Annual MDA Open House. We were very pleased with the turnout of children, along with their parents.

There were three age groups that the children were categorized in: 5-7 year old, 8-10 year old and 11-12 year old.

After a long and wet day of competition three children from each group took home trophies.

Age group 5-7 - 1st place Drake Wertz, 2nd place Hayley Morris, 3rd place Mackenzie Hanenkraft.

Age group 8-10 - 1st place Tony Squires, 2nd place Andrew Vild, 3rd place John Russell.

Age group 11-12 - 1st place Julia Russell, 2nd place Ulises Ayala, 3rd place Dean Gregory.

We will be looking forward to another year of kids' waterball at next year's open house.

(Photos submitted by the New Chicago Volunteer Fire Department, Hobart, IN)

May 2001 Deadline is April 10, 2001 for news

Rate Schedule For Indiana Volunteer Firefighter

EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 1994

The Paper is of tabloid size. Publisher & Editor Morris A. Barlow, 116 N. Cullen Street, Rensselaer, Indiana 47978-2644.

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

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$6.25 per ad for 25 words or less, over 25 words will be charged at the column rate. The above word limit includes name and address of advertiser.

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New advertisers will be required to submit payment with ad copy. Advertiser MUST have their account pair prior to the next issue of the paper or their ad will be deleted until payment is received, unless prior arrangements are made.

All checks are to made payable to INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION.

All checks and ad copy are to be mailed to:

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Bruce Brown Honored For 16 Years of Service

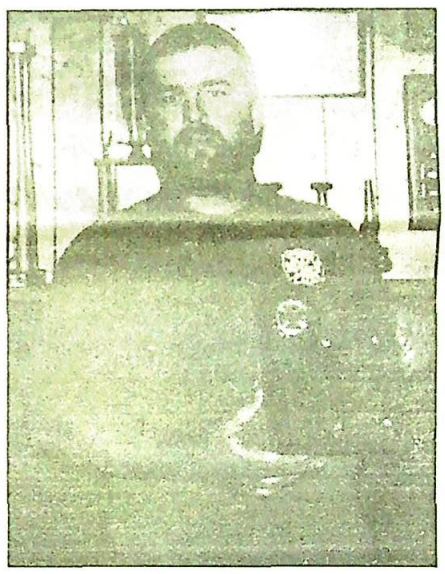
The Knightstown Fire Department honored Bruce Brown after 16 years of service with the fire department.

Bruce retired from the department and was recognized at a department business meeting.

His department number was also retired and he will be carried on the roster as an honorary member.

Bruce did an excellent job as a member and will surely be missed.

Sincerely,
Members of the
Knightstown Fire Department
(Photo submitted by the Knightstown Volunteer Fire Department)



Bruce Brown

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FOR SALE

THE MORGAN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT has the following items for sale: 22 Cairns Helmets, models 662C & 660C; 1 white "Chief"; 1 white "Assistant Chief"; 1 red "Captain"; 1 red "Lieutenant"; 18 yellow "Firefighter". If you are interested in any of these helmets, please contact the MTVFD station at 219-462-1665.

Firefighters Honored With 25 Year Pins



The IVFA honored Lewis Township firefighters with their 25 year pins. Pictured are Harold Harrison, Bryan Husband, Jack McFarland and Max Husband.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Happy Easter Sunday, April 15th



State Miss Flame Speaker At Picnic

State Miss Flame Nikki Luebcke was a very special guest speaker at the annual 11-A, 11-B picnic which was held September 17, 2000 at Brazil City Park.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Day Care Learns About Fire Prevention & Safety

Lewis Township host Guarding Angle Day Care for a morning of learning about fire prevention and safety. They watched a video, were talked to, participated in stop, drop, cover and roll and went thorugh the Smoke House.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)



2001 IVFA Convention Hotel Reservation Form

Please Rank Your Hotel Preference . . .

Hilton Fort Wayne Convention Center
Headquarter Hotel, attached to Convention Center
____ $78.00 single - quad occupancy plus tax

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Downtown
3 blocks from Convention Center
____ $72.00 single - quad occupancy plus tax

Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association
June 13 - 16, 2001

All room reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or a deposit equal to one night's accommodations. Guarantees will be credited to the last night of your confirmed reservation. Deposits will be refunded if cancellation is received 72 hours prior to arrival.

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Cut Off Date May 14, 2001 Check In Time: 3:00 p.m. Check Out Time: 11:00 a.m.

At the cut off date, Hotel will release the unreserved rooms for general sale. Any reservations received after the cut off date will be accepted on a space or rate available basis

A Deposit Enclosed_____

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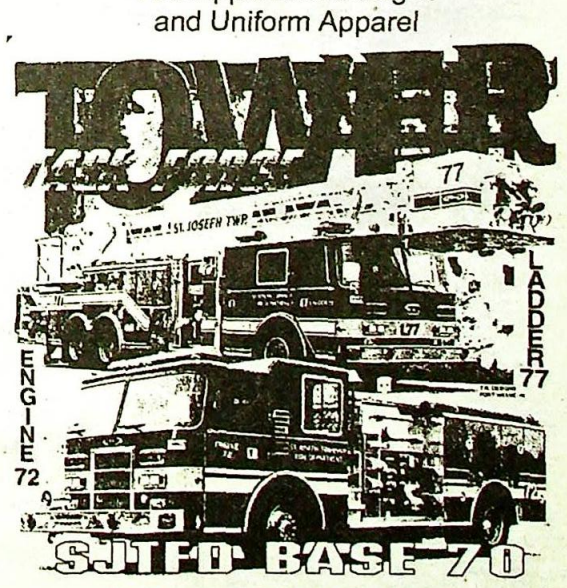
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You will receive confirmation of your arrangements via US mail

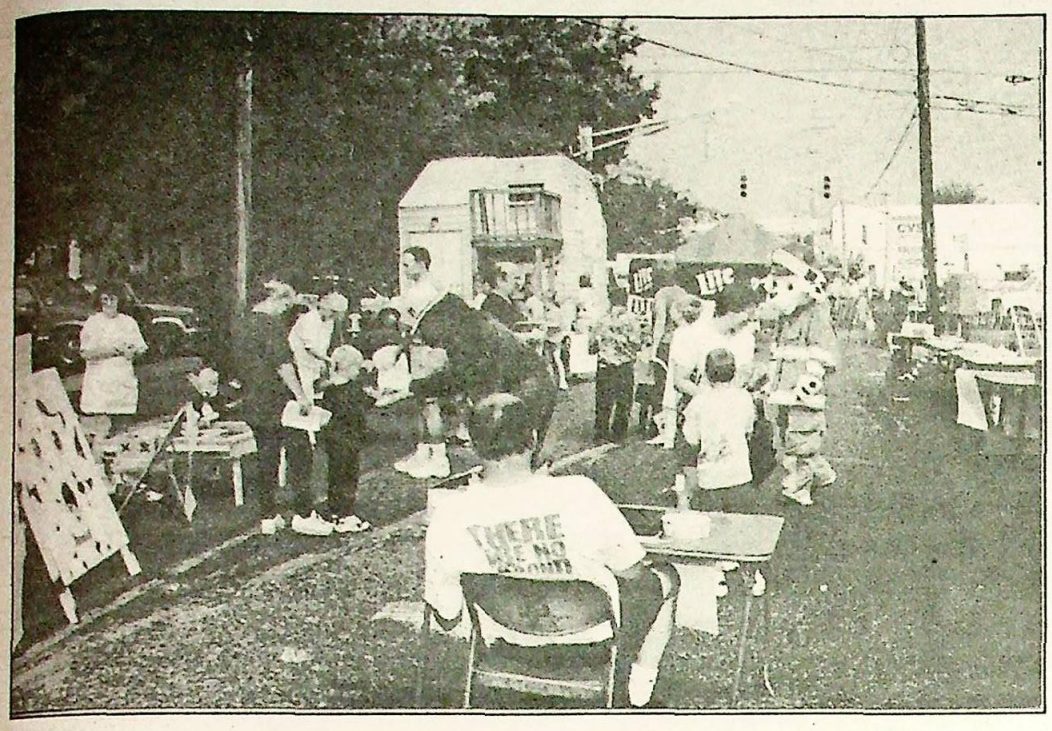
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District 11-A Participates In Bleemel Days

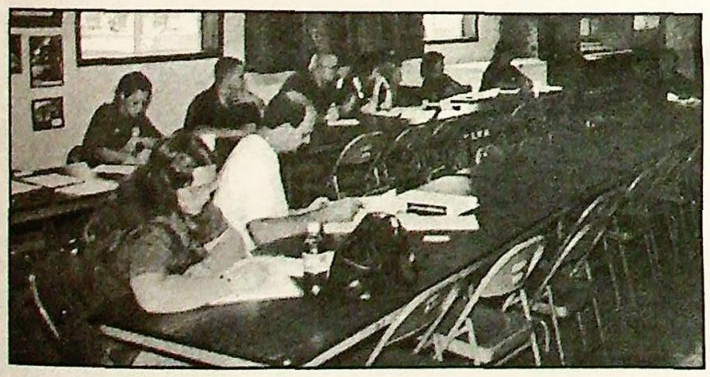
District 11-A participated in Bleemel Days which were held September 22 and 23, 2000.

There were games for the kids, tables full of information and equipment displays and the Save A Life House.

Smokey and Sparky also made appearances.

(Photos submitted by
Diane Harrison,
District 11-A chairman)

District 11-A Hosts Training Session



District 11-A hosted a training session at Cory Fire Department with Becky Blackenfrave, EMS Commission and Gary Robison, NIFERS Program.

Many questions were answered and a lot of information learned.

(Photo submitted by
Diane Harrison,
District 11-A Chairman)

IVFA CONVENTION 2001 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hotel Registration Information

Listed below are your lodging options:

HILTON HOTEL at the CONVENTION CENTER
Convention Headquarters

(219) 420-1100
$78.00 Single or Double Occupancy plus tax
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HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
3 blocks east of Convention Headquarters

(219) 422-5511
$72.00 Single or Double Occupancy plus tax
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Johnny Appleseed Park & Municipal Campground

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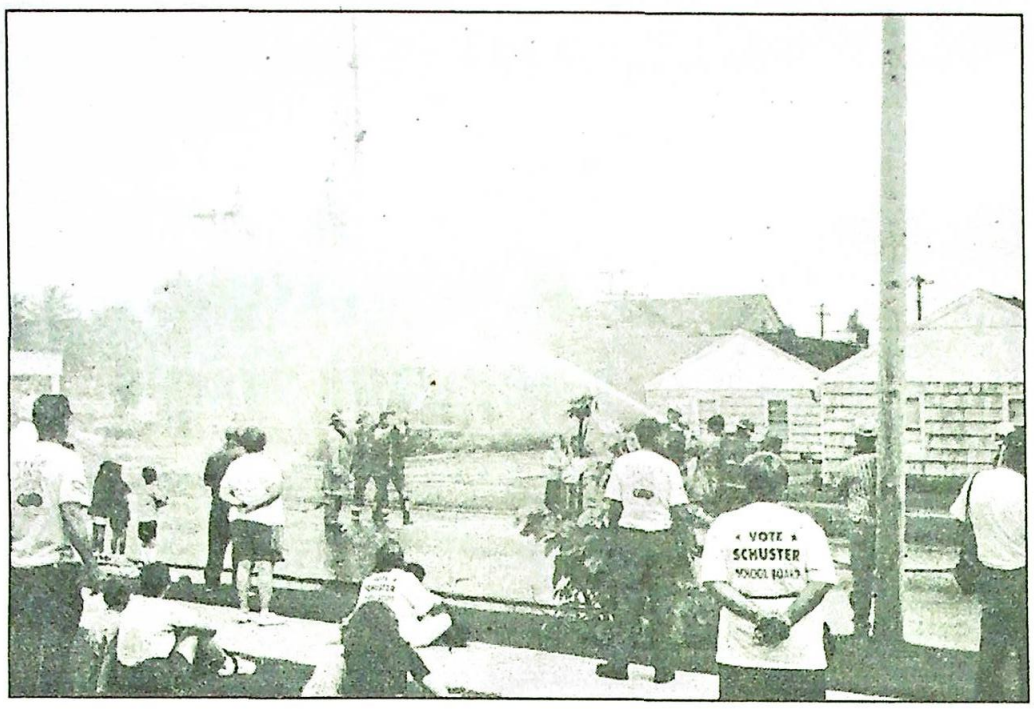
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FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4, 2001



Waterball Tournament Held During Bleemel Days

A waterball tournament was held during the Bleemel Days Festival which was held on September 23, 2000. A total of 10 teams participated.

(Photos submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

***District 2* Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001**

***District 6* Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001**

***District 18* Term - January 1999 to December 31, 2001**

***District 21* Term - January 2000 to December 31, 2002**

***District 13-A* Term - Jan. 2000 to December 31, 2002**

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information

Winners of the Bleemel Waterball Tournament are: (front row, left to right) Lacey Lane - Fairview Park, secnd place women's; Laurie Bush - Dana, first place women's; Mike Curry, Jason Cox - Clinton City, 3rd place men's.

Second row (left to right) Don Cling - Fairview #2, second place men's; Doug Curry, Steve Lane, Robbie Solomn - Fairview #1, first place men's; Bob Myers - chairman of the Waterball Tournament.



Fire Service Letter for Manufacturers from Aldan Engineered Coated Fabrics

November 3rd, 1999

Jimmie Baker
Morning Pride
#1 Innovation Court
Dayton, OH 45414

RE: BREATHE-TEX® Moisture Barrier

Dear Jimmie:

We are writing to inform you that some of our BREATHE-TEX® Moisture Barriers used in fire fighters' turnout garments are showing signs of degradation. The degradation, not readily observable by routine visual inspection, is primarily in the form of film cracking. A degradated moisture barrier film will allow the passage of liquids, thereby reducing the level of protection in proportion to the degree of degradation.

Our investigations suggest that the garments may have been subject to attack possibly resulting from storage conditions, length of service, care, and/or maintenance. We have striven to determine the cause of the degradation, but have not been able to replicate the condition. We are of course continuing to investigate the cause/s of this issue and will keep you fully informed of our progress.

For any of your customers currently using a BREATHE-TEX® moisture barrier, we recommend advising them of a potential problem and to have their gear checked. Where there is evidence that breakdown has occurred, we recommend the moisture barrier be replaced.

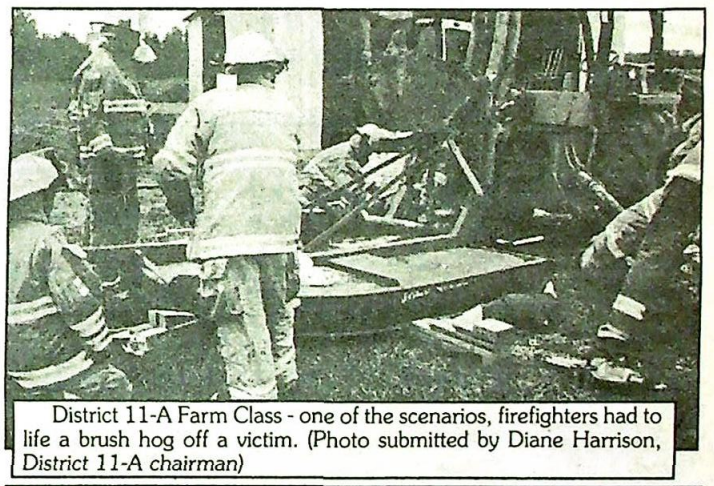
We regret any problems caused by this unforeseen condition.

Sincerely,

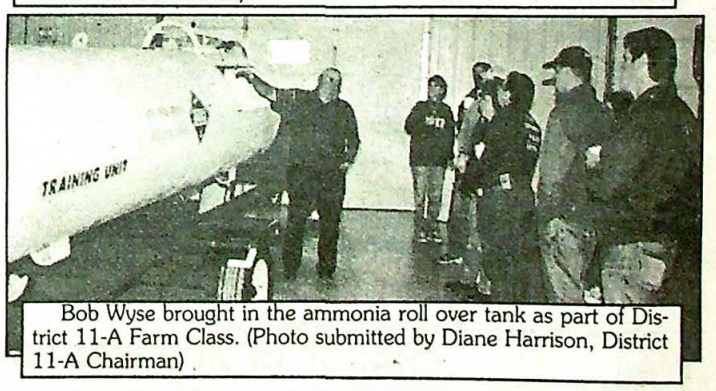
Edwin T. Winter
Chairman/CEO

The NVFC advises that you contact your own manufacturer for resolution of this safety issue. NVFC has received information that the third party testing is not valid.

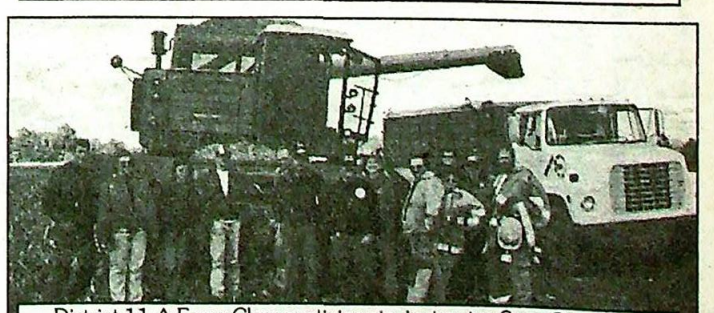
Farm Classes Held



District 11-A Farm Class - one of the scenarios, firefighters had to life a brush hog off a victim. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, *District 11-A chairman*)

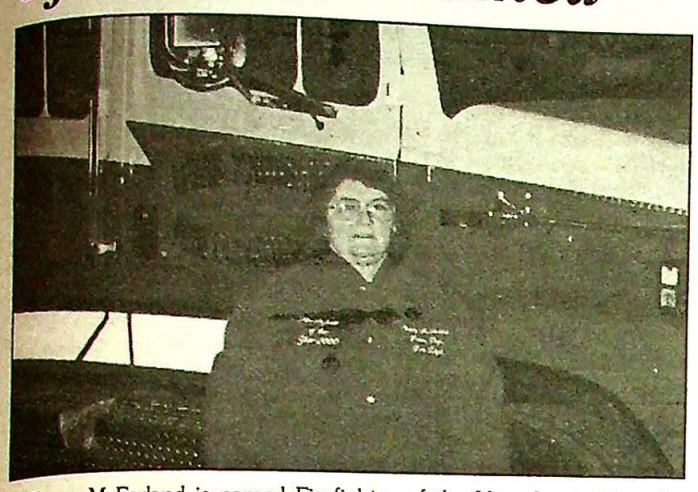


Bob Wyse brought in the ammonia roll over tank as part of District 11-A Farm Class. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)



District 11-A Farm Class participants: instructor Stan Capabianco, Diane Harrison, Cindy Husband, Joe Lofton, Don Wells, Max Husband, Shane Husband, Gerri Husband, Clay Shidler, Sherry McFarland, Randy Compton, Jack McFarland, Bryan Husband.

Lewis Twp. Firefighter Of The Year Named



Sherry McFarland is named Firefighter of the Year. Lewis Township firefighers voted Sherry Firefighter of the Year 2000.

Since moving back and rejoining the department, Sherry has been very active. She has painted signs, worked many fundraisers and attended training classes.

Sherry is Firefighter First Class and a First Responder. Even while living an hour away, Sherry kept up to date on everything happening at the department and often helped at fundraisers.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Kiwanis Club Makes Donation To Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Clay County Kiwanis Club donated $250.00 to Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department and Vigo County Kiwanis Club donated $250.00 to put 19 firefighters through the Indiana Emergency Sevices for Children course. After completion of the course, the department received a fully stocked pediatric bag.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Earns 25 Year Pin

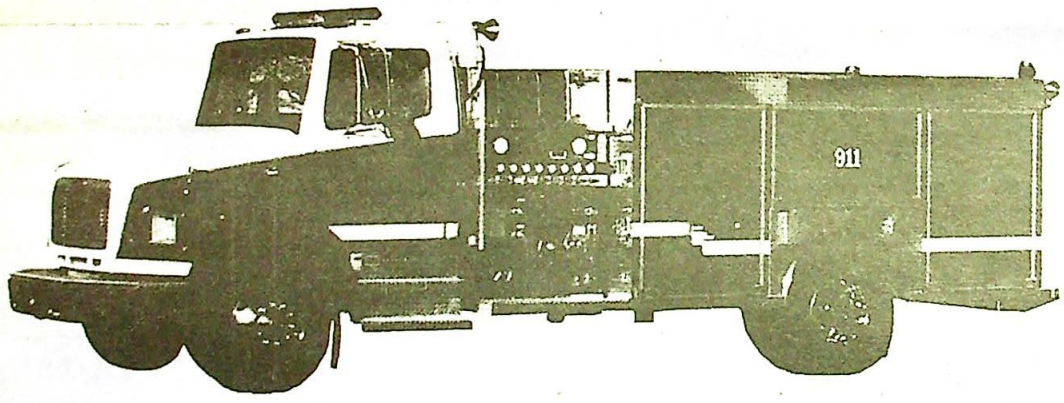


The IVFA honored Lewis Township firefighters with their 25 year pins. Pictured above is John Fagg Sr.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Driven to be the Best!

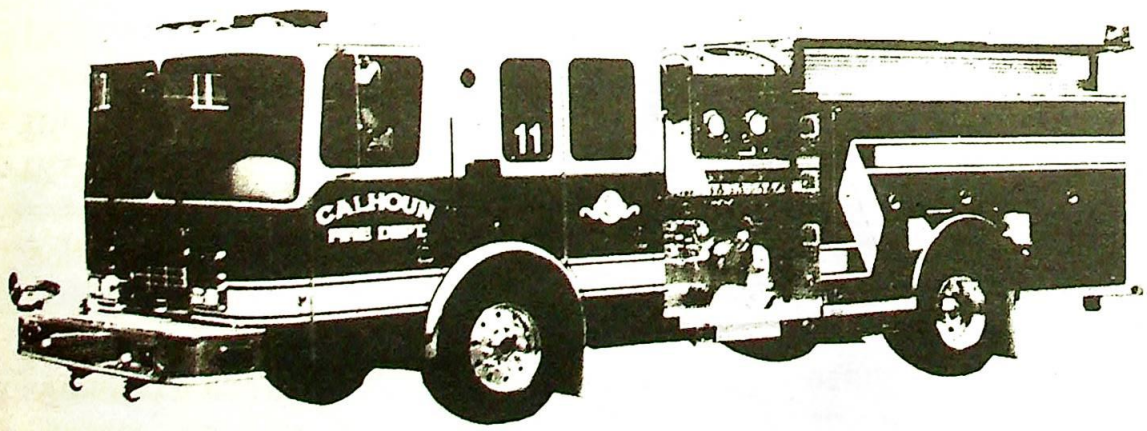
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Second Quarter Federal Fiscal Year 01 Training Announcement

Emergency Training Branch

The State Emergency Management Agency Training Branch is instituting quarterly training announcements in order to better serve Emergency Management Agencies throughout the state with their training needs. These announcements will cover three-month segments which started in October and proceeding through September.

The Emergency Management Training Branch will provide lodging through direct bill arrangements (not to exceed $65.00, plus state and local taxes per night) with hotels that will be listed in the acceptance letter to be sent out upon registration for a course or workshop.

Any questions? Contact Robert W. Darnell, Manager, Emergency Management Training Branch at (317) 232-3984 or by e-mail: bdarnell@sema.state.in.us.

February 9-11, 2001 Mass Fatalities Incident Management, Vincennes, IN: This three-day course is designed to prepare emergency response personnel and other responsible agencies and professionals to handle mass fatalities effectively and to work with the survivors in an emergency or disaster. ***Participants should be advised some materials used in this course are of a graphic nature.***

February 16-18, 2001 Incident Management System Course, Lafayette, IN: This three-day course designed for intermediate and senior level leadership personnel of all types of emergency response agencies that have the responsibility to use, deploy, implement and/or function within an Incident Management System. This program addresses the need for an Incident Management System, and provides an overview of the structure and expandable nature of an IMS. During the course, skills will be enhanced to effectively apply the Incident Management System guidelines through scenario practice in application of the system.

February 27-28, 2001 Emergency Operations Planning Course, Bloomington, IN: This two-day course is designed to provide basic information with hands on application of an emergency management planning process. The course covers material on a variety of topics including: an overview of the evolution of emergency management planning, local, state, federal laws and regulations, the "Problem Need, Task, Resource" process, use and support of Emergency Operations Plans. This course is part of the Professional Development Series (PDS).

March 9-11, 2001 Incident Management System Course, Muncie, IN: This three-day course is designed for intermediate and senior level leadership personnel of all types of emergency response agencies that have the responsibility to use, deploy, implement and/or function within an Incident Management System. This program addresses the need for an Incident Management System, and provides an overview of the structure and expandable nature of an IMS. During the course, skills will be enhanced to effectively apply the Incident Management System guidelines through scenario practice in application of the system.

March 13 - 15, 2001 Exercise Design and Evaluation Course, Peru, IN: This three-day course is designed to enable the participant to develop comprehensive, progressive community exercise programs that will lead to the capability of a jurisdiction to conduct a variety of exercises. It addresses five elements of a community exercise program to include: orientation seminars, drills, table top exercises, functional exercises, and full-scale exercises. This course covers topics including the management of exercise evaluation activities before, during and after an emergency management exercise and implementing a Plan of Action/Correction after the exercise. **This course is part of the Professional Development Series (PDS).**

Fire Chiefs' Orientation Dates Set

Attention all fire chiefs and chief officers!! Dates have and locations have been set for 2001 Fire Chief's Orientation. This program is designed to give you valuable information about your responsibilities and duties. The Marshal's Office will also have a general overall presentation on what we can do to help you as a fire chief or chief officer. Each of the different divisions will have a presentation on their duties and how they can respond to your needs when asked to do so. Each participant will receive a packet of useful information that will help you understand and deal with your new responsibilities. Remember, the Marshal's Office is here to help you in ways you may not have even considered. Mark your calendars for one of the dates and locations below.

February 10, 2001 - Gas City Fire Department - Grant County - Held at the Gas City Park.

February 17, 2001 - Cedar Lake Fire Department - Lake County - Held at the Cedar Lake Fire Station.

February 24, 2001 - Dubois Fire Department - Dubois County - Held at the Dubois Fire Station.

Help Needed In Gathering Information On Larger Wildland Fires

The State Fire Marshal's Office along with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and several other state agencies need your fire department's help in gathering information on larger wildland fires.

As these state agencies work to develop an operational plan to address major wildland fires, one of the key parts is information from the fire service. Normal reporting procedures do not provide timely fire occurrence information. Without this information being forwarded to us, we have trouble pinpointing the affected areas. The quicker we can obtain this valuable information, the better we can allocate state resources to assist.

If your fire department has a large grass, brush, woods, or field fire of 10 acres or more, please notify our Emergency Operation Center as quickly as possible. The 24 hour emergency phone number is: 1-800-669-7362.

You will be asked eight questions about your fire:

1. Fire Department Name?
2. Your Fire Department State I.D. Number?
3. Were there any fatalities or injuries?
4. Your county?
5. The type of fire?
6. The size of the fire?
7. The cause of the fire (if known?
8. Were any structures threatened or damaged?

This information will be forwarded daily to all of the agencies tracking the fire problems throughout Indiana.

Fourth Annual Governor's Summit To Be Held Feb. 21

The Integrated Public Safety Commission invites you to attend the fourth annual Governor's Summit on Project Hoosier SAFE-T on Wed., February 21, 2001. These events have been extremely well attended. At the first summit over 300 public safety and government officials were present and each year since, the numbers have increased to reach more than 500 at the last summit.

There will be two focuses: providing information on how to become part of the system which is under construction right now; and giving input into how the legislature decides to fund the Project Hoosier SAFE-T integrated communications system. Construction has begun. The first units should be operational in June.

To be held in Indianapolis at the historic Indiana Roof Ballroom, the summit will also discuss the following topics:

- Who is going to govern the system and what issues face the decision-makers?
- How was public safety affected by the lack of communications during recent national events?
- What is the status of system construction?
- How does the new system work?
- What are the benefits for my department?
- How does my agency become a part of Project Hoosier SAFE-T?
- What funding sources are (or may be) available?

Additionally, the vendors, who are providing voice and data solutions, will be present to demonstrate their latest equipment and software solutions.

Legislative Luncheon: For the second year, one of the highlights of the summit will be the legislative luncheon. There will be a special guest speaker and all of the legislators have been invited. There will also be a video discussing the need for Project Hoosier SAFE-T.

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CPSC Urges Seasonal Furnace Inspection, Replacement of Recalled Vent Pipes to Prevent CO Poisonings

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the home heating season approaches, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urges consumers to have a professional inspection of all fuel-burning appliances – including furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers and space heaters – to detect deadly carbon monoxide (CO) leaks.

These appliances burn fuels -- typically gas, both natural and liquefied petroleum; kerosene; oil; coal; and wood. Under certain conditions, these appliances can produce deadly CO. However, with proper installation and maintenance, they are safe to use.

CO is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fuel. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to flu, and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. Exposure to high levels of CO can cause death.

CO poisoning associated with using fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends more than 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for treatment," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown.

CPSC recommends that the yearly professional inspection include checking chimneys, flues and vents for leakage and blockage by creosote and debris. Leakage through cracks or holes could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue. These stains can mean that pollutants are leaking into the house. In addition, have all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances checked to make sure they are not loose or disconnected.

Make sure your appliances are inspected for adequate ventilation. A supply of fresh air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney, stovepipe or flue, and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel. Never block ventilation air openings.

CPSC recommends that every home should have at least one CO alarm that meets the requirements of the most recent Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 standard or International Approval Services 6-96 standard.

Recall Program to Replace Vent Pipes.

Consumers should also have the vent pipes on their heating systems inspected. In 1998, virtually the entire furnace and boiler industry together with the manufacturers of high-temperature plastic vent (HTPV) pipes joined with the CPSC to announce a vent pipe recall program. The program's purpose is to replace, free of charge, an estimated 250,000 HTPV pipe systems attached to gas or propane furnaces or boilers in consumers' homes. The HTPV pipes could crack or separate at the joints and leak CO.

Consumers can check the vent pipes attached to their natural gas or propane furnaces or boilers to determine if they are part of this recall. They can be identified as follows: the vent pipes are colored gray or black; and the vent pipes have the names "Plexvent®", "Plexvent®II" or "Ultravent®" stamped on the vent pipe or printed on stickers placed on pieces used to connect the vent pipes together. Consumers should also check the location of these vent pipes. For furnaces, only HTPV systems that have vent pipes that go through the sidewalls of structures (horizontal systems) are subject to this program. For boilers, all HTPV systems are subject to this program. Other plastic vent pipes, such as white PVC or CPVC, are not involved in this program.

After checking the vent pipes, consumers should call the recall hotline toll-free at (800) 758-3688, between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week, to verify that their appliance venting systems are subject to this program. Consumers with eligible systems will receive new, professionally installed venting systems free of charge. Additionally, consumers who already have replaced their HTPV pipe systems may be eligible for reimbursement for some or all of the replacement costs.

Child-Resistant Lighters Bring Down Fire Deaths

CPSC Report Shows 43% Decline In Deaths From Lighter Fires

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A federal safety standard requiring cigarette lighters to be child-resistant has led to dramatic decreases in fires, deaths and injuries, according to a report issued today by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

The new report shows that fire deaths associated with children playing with lighters dropped 43 percent since the CPSC required cigarette lighters to be child-resistant starting in 1994. Deaths related to children playing with lighters fell from 230 in 1994 to 130 in 1998.

Children under age five accounted for 170 of the deaths in 1998. Overall, fires related to lighters dropped by 45 percent between 1994 and 1998. In 1994, there were 11,100 residential fires associated with children playing with

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CPSC, Dell Announce Recall Of Batteries For Notebook-Computers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Dell Computer Corp., of Round Rock, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 27,000 batteries used in notebook-style personal computers. These batteries can short circuit, even when the battery is not in use, causing them to become very hot, release smoke, and possible catch fire.

Dell has received one report of a battery in a Dell computer short-circuiting and catching fire. The incident resulted in minor property damage. No injuries were reported.

The recalled batteries were sold with the following Dell notebook computers: Latitude CPiA, CPiR, CPtC, CPtS, CPtV, CPxH and CPxJ, and Inspiron 3700 and 3800. The batteries also were sold separately, including in response to service calls. The batteries insert into the front-left and/or front-right of the computer. "DELLTM" and "MADE IN JAPAN" are written on the batteries. The batteries' identification number is written on a white sticker. Consumers should have this number available when they contact Dell to determine if their battery is part of the recall.

Dell's web site and catalogs sold computers with these batteries, customer kits containing the batteries, and individual batteries from June 2000 through mid-September 2000. The computers with these batteries were sold for between $1,500 and $3,000, and individual batteries were sold for between $100 and $170.

Consumers should contact Dell immediately to determine if their notebook computer battery is part of this recall. To contact Dell, call toll-free at (877) 741-6420 anytime, or go to the firm's web site at http://support.dell.com/battery. Consumers also can write to: Dell Computer Corp., One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682, or fax them at (512) 283-7261.

CPSC, Woods Industries Announce Recall of Extension Cords and Cord Reels

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Woods Industries, Inc., of Carmel, IN, is voluntarily recalling about 500,000 outdoor extension cords and 19,000 cord reels. The extension cords and cord reels are equipped with a locking plug, which is designed to keep tools plugged in. The plastic housing of the locking plug can separate or break, exposing consumers to live wires and posing shock and electrocution hazards.

Woods Industries has received three reports of the plug housing separating or breaking. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled extension cords and cord reels are equipped with a LockJaw™ locking plug. The LockJaw™ plug has the following words embedded on the red, green or yellow locking button, located on the side of the plug, "LOCK, WOODS®, OPEN", or "LOCK, OPEN". The extension cords were sold under the "Woods LockJaw™" and "Yellow Jacket® LockJaw™" brand names in various wire gauges, lengths, and colors. The cord reels are 30 feet long, were sold under the "Woods' ACDelco" and "LumaPro" brand names in various wire gauges and colors. Some of the extension cords and cord reels have two-prong plugs and some have three-prong plugs. Some have the brand name on the cord. They are UL listed, assembled in the United States or Malaysia with a LockJaw™ plug made in China.

Home and hardware stores nationwide sold the extension cords and cord reels from January 1996 through July 2000 for between $12 to $35.

Consumers should stop using the extension cords and cord reels immediately and call Woods Industries toll-free at (888) 755-6535 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST to receive a replacement extension cord or cord reel.

Extension cords and cord reels equipped with a gray locking button on the side of the LockJaw™ plug are not recalled.

Typographical Error Found In 2000 ERG

The 2000 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) is a complex publication requiring many areas of cross referencing. In such publications it is possible to have an error. We are attempting to contact as many people as possible to make everyone aware of just such a situation.

On Page 360 of the English version of the printed ERG, there is a typographical error. In the Table of Water-Reactive Materials Which Produce Toxic Gases, the wrong Guide (Guide 151) is listed for Dimethyldichlorosilane (ID No. 1162). The correct Guide for this material is 155, as listed in the ID Number Index (yellow-bordered pages, Page 29) and the Name of the Material Index (blue bordered pages, Page 130).

The correction has been made to the Internet version of the ERG on DOT's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety website (http://hazmat.dot.gov/gydebook.htm). The French version, the Spanish version and Transport Canada's Internet version (http://www.tc.gc.ca/canutec/en/guide/guide-e.htm) all list the correct Guide for Dimethyldichlorosilane (ID No. 1162).

We are asking for your assistance in disseminating this information to as many users of the ERG as possible. – David L. Sargent, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Initiatives and Training

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CPSC, Toro Co. Announce Recall of Lawn Mowers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the Toro Co., of Bloomington, Minn., is recalling about 23,000 Toro Key Start power mowers. The wiring on these mowers can short circuit, posing a fire hazard.

Toro has received eight reports of wiring on these mowers shorting out. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled Toro Key Start mowers are model 20045, gasoline-powered, walk-behind mowers with a 21-inch cutting blade. The model number is on a decal on the right-rear of the mower housing.

Toro dealers nationwide sold these mowers from February 1999 through September 2000 for about $590.

Consumers should stop using these recalled mowers immediately, and have the wiring harness inspected and replaced, if needed, free of charge.

Consumers with these mowers should contact a Toro service dealer to have their mower inspected. To locate the nearest Toro service dealer or for more information, consumers should call Toro at (888) 877-8873 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

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NFPA Compliant Fire Officer 1 Training To Be Held

NFPA Compliant Fire Officer 1 Training is sponsored by: Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department in cooperation with M. Tracy Boatwright, Indiana State Fire Marshal and PSTI.

Dates of the training are: February 17, 18, 24, 25, 2001 and will be held at the Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department, 405 E. 500 North, Anderson, Indiana 46012, 765-649-5851. Class times are 0800-1700 hours with a one hour lunch.

The instructor will be Miguel Ongay and the cost is $150.00 (book not included).

This course is NFPA Compliant and students will be eligible for IFSAC Accreditation which is accepted in 34 states. The instructor has 15 years experience in the fire service. He has been instructing for the past 13 years and was the 1999 IFSA Instructor of the Year. He has been employed with the Public Safety Training Institute as an instructor.

Students will be required to purchase their course manual prior to the start of class. The book can be purchased from IFIA for approximately $30.00. The IFIA can be contacted at 1-800-235-0282.

Class size is limited. A minimum of 20 registered students are needed in order for the class to be held. Students should contact the instructor at 1-888-576-5635 to register. It may be necessary to leave a message for the instructor and he will return your call. Last day to register is **February 13, 2001.**

Driving directions to the department: Take State Road 9 North out of Anderson towards Alexandria. At County Road 500 North turn right (East). The fire department is approximately 1/2 mile East of State Road 9 on the South side of the road.

May 2001 IVFA Deadline for News and Advertisements is April 10, 2001

CPSC, BRK Announce Recall of First Alert Fire Extinguishers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), BRK Brands Inc. of Aurora, IL, is voluntarily recalling about 600,000 First Alert® household fire extinguishers. The extinguishers can fail to discharge when the trigger is activated failing to put out a fire, which puts consumers at risk of fire-related injuries.

CPSC and BRK have received five reports from consumers of the fire extinguishers failing to discharge when activated. No injuries have been reported.

Only First Alert model FE1A10G with serial numbers beginning with: RH, RK, RL, RP, RT, RU, or RW are included in this recall. The serial number is located on the extinguisher's label, above the model number in a rectangular box. "First Alert" is written on the units' label and pressure gauge. The fire extinguishers are either red or white. Home centers, mass merchandisers, and hardware stores nationwide sold the fire extinguishers from September 1999 through September 2000 for between $9 and $15.

Consumers with recalled fire extinguishers should immediately contact First Alert at (866) 669-2736 anytime or visit the First Alert web site at http:/www.firstalert.com/more_information/index.htm to receive a coupon for a new extinguisher.

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lighters. By 1998, that number declined to 6,100 fires. By comparison, residential structure fires due to other causes decreased by 15 percent in that period.

Injuries related to lighter fires also declined. Injuries dropped 49 percent, from 1,600 in 1994 to 810 in 1998. The study estimates that 4,800 fires, 130 deaths, 950 injuries and $76.4 million in property damage were prevented because of the cigarette lighter safety standard in 1998 alone.

The cigarette lighter safety standard requires disposable and novelty lighters to have a child-resistant mechanism that makes lighters difficult for children younger than age 5 to operate. At that time the standard was developed, it was estimated that children younger than age five ignited 73 percent of all residential structure fires started by children playing with cigarette lighters.

"Children try to copy their parents, so a cigarette lighter becomes a tempting plaything," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "Cigarette lighters today are safer because they are less likely to cause a fire if they fall into the wrong hands."

Despite the good news, fires caused by children playing with lighters remain a concern. It is expected that the new CPSC standard requiring child-resistant mechanisms on household multi-purpose lighters, which will become effective in December 2000, will help reduce fires and fire deaths even further.

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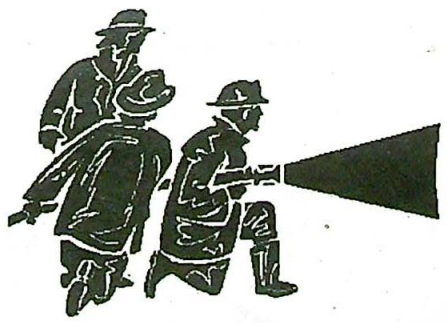
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