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## From the President



Jack Kerney

With the events of September 11, the 2001 Congress rethought the funding amounts for the 2002 Fire Grant Program. There will be over three times the amount of money this time as there was last year. This should greatly increase your department's changes in receiving one of the grants. With the 2002 Fire Grant Program soon being available to fire departments, now is the time to start working on your department's proposal, and not wait until the last minute. When the final publications are complete for the department to start filling out,

there will be little time to put the grant package together.

Being on the first team of evaluations for the grant program last year, here are some ideas that might help on this year's application. First, you will need to know what part of the grant you are going after. If you are going to try and replace a piece of apparatus, your chances are better if the apparatus is part of an aging fleet. Last year there were about 140 pieces of apparatus purchased. Most of the funding went to replace equipment that was 25 years old or older. This does not mean that if your equipment is not this old that you do not qualify. It just means that your chances are less, since the program is based on need. If you do not think you have a chance for a new piece of apparatus, you may consider one of the other categories, such as portable equipment, PPE, training, physical fitness, or fire prevention.

Whatever category you apply for, equipment suppliers were overwhelmed with quotes last year. Now is the time to be thinking about what you may be applying for and get the quotes now before the rush starts. Be accurate with your pricing, remember, the evaluators are knowledgeable enough to know if the quote has been padded. Overestimating your grant could keep you

from receiving one. I liked the proposals last year that attached the quote with their grant. The grant last year asked for matching funds, be sure you have those funds secured, and state on the application where those funds are coming from. This may help your chances in showing you have done all of your homework on this project.

Training and fire prevention applications that showed a partnership with other departments or communities were rated high due to getting the most bang for the \$ buck.

Make sure your application is clean and legible. Some of the application we reviewed last year was not legible. Follow the instruction to the letter. If asks for not more than 25 pages, don't send 27. The last two pages may be discarded, this happened last year. Make sure what is stated in the application is true and accurate. Don't try to sugar coat the application.

The fire service is true procrastinators, don't wait until the last minute and put together an application that is just thrown together. Make your application look professional like we are.

If I can be of any help with your application, feel free to call the office at 1-877-606-4832.



## Did You Know This Plate Is Red, White And Blue?

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Display these colors proudly and with honor for it is the greatest gift a man can give, to lay his life upon the line so that someone else might live.

**SHOW YOUR COLORS  
- SHOW 'EM PROUD**

## Koopman Named Executive Director For Hoosier Burn Camp

The Board of Directors for the Hoosier Burn Camp are proud to announce that Mark J. Koopman has been named Executive Director effective November 1, 2001.

Mark is a Purdue University graduate, has 14 years of experience in camp (including group and conference director at Camp Tecumseh) and has been involved

with the Hoosier Burn Camp since 1999.

As Executive Director, he will oversee operation and development of the burn camp, which will be held in May of 2002.

The Hoosier Burn Camp combines the talents of the Indiana fire services and Riley Hospital to create a valuable camping experience for the children of the state who have suffered severe burn injuries.

For more information you can contact Mark at 1-800-254-2878.

## Lafayette Township Fire Department Announces Graduation of EMT and First Responders

Lafayette Township Fire Department, in Floyd Knobs, Indiana proudly announces the recent graduation of the following members:

### Emergency Medical Technician Certification:

Assistant Chief Todd Schindler  
Assistant Chief Jeremy Klein  
Firefighter Brandon Alexander  
Firefighter Jay Ising  
Firefighter John Bierman  
Firefighter Justin Husband

### First Responder Certification:

Firefighter Mike Cooper

This brings the total LTVFD EMT roster to 11 and the total LTVFD First Responder roster to nine.



## I.V.F.A. Benefits

### BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Bridgeport program began through the generosity of the Bridgeport Fire Department after liquidating their assets. Your association was asked to administer the program which sponsors two \$1500 scholarships each year, to be awarded to volunteer firefighters, their spouses or children.

Each applicant must first fill out a scholarship form and submit it to the Bridgeport scholarship committee by the deadline of March 1 each year. This benefit is available to members in good standing having paid their dues for three consecutive years and with the last year being paid on time.

Each Scholarship may be used at the college of the recipient's choice.

The association also supports this program through the special recognition license plate program in the form of a Three (3) dollar fee that is used to maintain the program for the long run.

Also there is a \$3000 death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an active member killed while on an emergency response (Autopsy required and testing for drugs and alcohol).

## 2002 Legislative Session Underway

I am pleased to continue to represent the IVFA as a lobbyist this session. A lot of hard work by the IVFA leadership and Bingham Summers Welsh & Spilman, LLP created very positive results for the IVFA last session. These results were discussed in a previous article and at your summer convention. This legislative session may prove much more difficult an atmosphere in which to move IVFA priorities, and as you are aware, the legislature faces the big issues of the budget and tax reassessment this session. There are huge, contentious issues, and it is anticipated the legislature will have very little time to deal with

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**Prayer For Today**

Our Father God,  
We proclaim you as our Creator and Redeemer, the master of all of creation, the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We thank you Father, for granting to each of us the opportunity to serve our people in many and various fire service capacities. Help us, O Lord, in all that we do and watch over our families as we respond to the emergencies that arise. Grant peace to our souls and refresh our spirits with your love.

Amen

**Minute Message**

In his letter to the Galatian church, the Apostle Paul gave us a fabulous gem of wisdom in how to conduct our lives. In Chapter Five we find these five enlightening verses:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us now become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

Selecting the morsel of spirit-fruit called Peace in today's mini-dissertation.

From the Christmas exhortation "Peace on earth" surrounding the birth of Jesus until some of His last words before His death, the word Peace is used quite often. Peace is the thing most people strive for but seldom receive. The root of the word Peace indicates the end or the absence of strife. It denotes a state of undisturbed and untroubled well being and security. Jesus told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

A fellow named John Stott recorded this about peace in a message entitled "Blessed Are the Peacemakers".

Peacemaking is a divine work. For peace means reconciliation, and God is the author of peace and of reconciliation . . . It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the particular blessing which attaches to peacemakers is that "they shall be called sons of God." For they are seeking to do what their Father has done, loving people with His love . . . It is the devil who is a troublemaker; it is God who loves reconciliation and who now through his children as formerly through His only begotten Son, is bent on making peace.

And from Masterpieces of Religious Verse by Henry van Dyke, we read this poem:

*Give Me Peace  
With eager heart and will on fire,  
I strove to win my great desire.  
"Peace shall be mine," I said' but life  
Grew bitter in the barren strife.*

*My soul was weary, and my pride  
Was wounded deep; to Heaven I cried,  
"God grant me peace or I must die."  
The dumb stars glittered no reply.*

*Broken at last, I bowed my head,  
Forgetting all myself, and said,  
"Whatever comes, His will be done,"  
And in that moment peace was won.*

Go in peace, and may the peace of our God go with you.

Your Chaplain,  
Charles J. Baker

**In Memoriam**

A listing of deceased members are reported during the fourth quarter, 2001.

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Merlyn J. Lueken - Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Dept.  
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# BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

**MARCH 1, 2002**  
**DEADLINE**

**Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship applications!**

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## From the Vice President



**Buz Koehler**

As we move into the New Year we will continue to work to strengthen our association through legislative agendas and working with other associations and state and local agencies.

This year we will try to change the Blue Light law to make it more workable for volunteer firefighters all over and give them options that will make their vehicles more visible as they make their way to each emergency call. We are working to allow commercial and industrial endeavors the opportunity to donate equipment to volunteer fire departments and eliminate the liability issues. Also, we will continue to work to get special license plate fees changed so that they are applied equally to all plates.

In this New Year we will keep a

constant watch over the association's business and finances to assure that we can continue to be in the strongest possible position to serve our members. We welcome comments and suggestions from our members and we depend on feedback through the officers of the association to continue to assist our members.

Your District chairmen are there to help with questions and problems, they are your representatives at state officer's meetings and will assist you in any way they can, just ask and they will be there. Also your state officers have made themselves available by telephone and e-mail to answer questions. The central office has been functioning very well and has been an invaluable tool to the membership and continues to promote the association on a daily basis.

So as we move into the New Year, please remember that the true strength of this association lies within its members.

Please continue your hard work and support by attending district meetings, calls to the central office, and your suggestions to the officers of your association.

See you at the district meetings.  
L.E. "Buz" Koehler  
Vice President

## Holland VFD To Hold Valentine Fundraiser

The Holland Vol. Fire Dept. will once again be holding their annual Valentine Dine and Dance Fundraiser on Sat., Feb. 9, 2002 at Reflections in Huntingburg.

This fundraiser greatly benefits the fire department in its endeavor to replace old equipment, maintain current equipment, purchase new equipment, and train personnel to meet the ever-changing needs of the volunteer fire service in today's technological world.

Tickets for the Dine and Dance are \$15 each and may be purchased from any Holland Vol. Fire Dept. member or by calling 812-5365-3331 and leaving a message. Tickets may be purchased in advance!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and supper is at 6:30 p.m. Music will begin after supper.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Fire Department member for \$1.00 each.

## 2002 Legislative Session . . .

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other issues. I see the fact that today, January 9, 2002, is the second official day of the legislative session, and only three (3) house bills have been filed, as significant support for my intuition. All bills are to be filed by the end of the day tomorrow, and I am sure hundreds will be filed, but usually hundreds of bills have been filed by now.

Representative Bob Bischoff is carrying a bill for the IVFA, but the bill has not yet been filed. Because the majority of bills will not receive a hearing this session, it has been our strategy to include three major IVFA initiatives in this bill; changing the blue light law; excluding grant funds from audit levels; and the extension of civil immunity to private corporations for donations to volunteer fire departments. As you are aware, last year we were successful in lobbying to allow political subdivisions and merit departments to donate equipment to volunteer fire departments without incurring civil liability. We are hoping to extend that protection to private entities.

This legislative session is scheduled to end on March 14, 2002. Of course, the Governor has the authority to call a special session. I will be working closely with your legislation committee and will be sending weekly bill status reports via e-mail to headquarters. Please let the main office know if you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

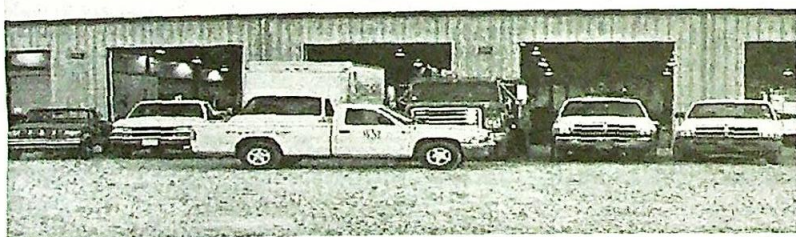
Our firm merged with McHale Cook & Welch effective January 1, 2002, to form Bingham McHale LLP. My address and general telephone number remain the same; however, I will be assigned a new extension sometime in February or March. Bingham McHale LLP is a full-service firm, and we look forward to our continued relationship with the IVFA this year.

Shokrina Radpour Beering

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Lowell Fire Department  
October 17, 2001

A trumpet trio from Lowell High School played the "Star Spangled Banner" before dinner. PR Northwest Jim Bradford led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:39 P.M.

Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, past president Mitch Parish, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1 & 2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 2 I.V.F.A.A. chairperson Ann Moss, I.V.F.A.A. correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry, 50 yr. Gold Card member Julius Demick, Southwestern Fire Equipment representative Dale Smith, 5-Alarm representative Dale Hensley, FBI Lead Agent Chuck Poruznik, and Pine Township Trustee Bill Thies.

Chief Jack Eskridge of Lowell Fire Department introduced its members, former members and gave a brief history of the Lowell Fire Department. Chief Eskridge and two other members of Lowell Fire Department presented former District 2 chairman Tim Reed with a gold-headed axe.

Guest speaker Chuck Poruznik of the F.B.I., Merrillville office, spoke on the "Rapid Start" computer program set up through the F.B.I. that goes into effect whenever a major incident occurs within the United States.

Poruznik also spoke on the incident in New York and the recent "Anthrax" scares within northwest Indiana. A flyer was available to firefighters to take back to their department in reference to how to handle possible Anthrax situations.

Roll call was answered by 18 members of the nine departments in District 1 and by 56 members of eight departments in District 2. The trophy winner for District 1 was Pine Twp. Fire Department and by Cedar Lake Fire Department in District 2.

Keith Austin made a motion; seconded by Clarence Moss to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, one opposed. PASSED.

Past president Mitch Parish advised the I.V.F.A. newspaper will be sent out in November, the paper is 40 pages.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford advised he will be presenting two 50 year Gold Cards at the next meeting in Lake Ridge, also noted the State Officer's meeting will be November 3rd and 4th.

District 2 I.V.F.A. chairperson Ann Moss advised the judging for the Miss Flame contest will be held at Crown Point Fire Department at 7 P.M. on Thursday, November 1st.

Treasurer's report: Clarence Moss advised the balance is \$1,320.12. Also made a motion to buy new trophies for next year since this year's trophies have not been found, seconded by Keith Austin. PASSED.

No old business to report.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford advised Joe Watson of Lake Station Fire Dept. passed within this last week, and Walter Cummings of Ainsworth/Deep River Fire Department passed in September. PR Northwest Jim Bradford and District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell attended Cummings' funeral, received a "Thank You" from the family. A moment of silence was observed for both.

A card was sent around to be signed for Cedar Lake Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening who was struck by

a vehicle while on a fire scene. Chief Wilkening was taken to St. Anthony's, then airlifted to Loyola Medical Center where he underwent surgery for several breaks in his leg.

Announcements: Shelby Fire Department is having their Fireman's Ball on Saturday, November 10th, starting at 7 P.M., held at the Lyon's Club.

The next meeting will be held at Lake Ridge Fire Department in Gary on November 21st.

Jack Early of Cedar Lake won the 50/50 raffle. Fred Willman of St. John won firefighter gloves, Alex Eszenyi of Lowell and Don Anderson of 4 Seasons Fire won hats, Joel Milka of Lowell won extrication gloves, and Dennis Richardson of Pines Fire won a flashlight, all donated by Southwestern Fire. Todd Cunningham of Lowell Fire won a T-shirt donated by 5 Alarm.

Thank you to Lowell Fire and auxiliary for the diner.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. by Keith Austin. PASSED.

Diana Orrell  
Secretary, Districts 1 & 2

Lake Ridge Fire Department  
November 21, 2001

District One Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:58 P.M. Vice President Buz Koehler led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Guests included: Vice President Buz Koehler, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, former District 1 Chairman Joe Komoscar, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1 & 2 Secretary Diana Orrell, District 2 IVFAA Chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA Correspondence Secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry, 5-Alarm representative Dale Hensley, Hoosier Fire representative Dan Bowers, and Pine Township Trustee Bill Thies.

Chief Bonham excused himself from the meeting because of a death. Former District 1 chairman Joe Komoscar gave a brief history of Lake Ridge Fire Department (formerly Black Oaks Fire Department) and introduced its members. The following members were issued 25 year pins from the IVFA, with two members also receiving 50 year gold cards. Dave ADAMS and Donald LOEFFLER were the 50 year Gold Card recipients. Dennis COLSON, Stanley CUMMINGS, Ronald DeYOUNG, Jimmie Graves Jr. accepting for his father Jimmie GRAVES, Sr., Louis DONSBACH, Bobby JAMES, Joseph KOMOSCAR, Waldon MCBRIDE, and Thomas ALLEN (not present).

FBI agent Chris Hileman spoke on Weapons/Mass Destruction, Terrorism and Anthrax.

Roll call was answered by 73 members of 12 departments in District 1 with Pine Twp. as the trophy winner, 30 members of six departments in District 2 with St. John as the trophy winner. Overall attendance winners for the year 2001 were New Chicago Fire Department from District 1 and Lake Eliza Fire Department from District 2.

A motion was made by Keith Austin, seconded by Jack Eskridge to dispense with the reading of the minutes. PASSED.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford advised two departments, one from Porter County and one from Lake County, won the Federal Funds in Indiana. Extra newspapers and window decals were on the head table for anyone who wanted them. As of November 1, 2002, the IVFA had 15,600 members and growing. January 10, 2002 is the deadline for the next newspaper. All paper-

work for awards must be in by February 1, 2002, except the paperwork for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund, that paperwork must be in by March 1, 2002. Clothing reimbursement forms must be signed by the chief of the department, and then forwarded to the District Chairman.

Ivan Nevil advised three free terrorism classes being offered, if interested, contact him directly. The IVFA is working on five pieces of legislation for next year. State Farm Insurance Co. is no longer using ISO ratings, now going by zip codes. The Fire Institute Dinner will be on February 4, 2002, with a cost of \$125. John Shanks is no longer the IVFA attorney and Mark Coupeman is the new director of the Burn Camp.

Vice President Buz Koehler advised on October 26/27, an Emergency Summit was held in Indianapolis at the Washington Township Conference Center where 120 officers, instructors and trustees discussed the top ten problems in the fire service (i.e. funding, grant monies, retaining volunteer firefighters, and fireworks just to name a few). Buz advised he and President Jack Kerney attended a trustee's conference on November 15th and spent approximately 1 1/2 hours in an open discussion.

Treasurer's report: Paul Watland (speaking for Clarence Moss who was not feeling well and unable to attend) advised the balance is \$1,389.62.

No old business to report.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell and Vice President Buz Koehler spoke on a new SOP guideline change to clean up the wording, and put the new insurance company name in the by-laws. Motion made by Bill Thies, seconded by Ann Moss. PASSED. Tom was advised by Dale Hensley of 5-Alarm that on December 5th, his company, along with the Portage Fire Department, will be hosting a seminar at the Holiday Inn Express in Portage on Thermal Imaging. Anyone interested in attending, contact 5-Alarm. District 2 chairman Paul Watland advised anyone with children at the college level, there is paperwork available on the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund that could assist with tuition.

Tom Pyplatz spoke on behalf of Josalyns Photography in Hebron (2129) 988-5541, advising that anyone interested in a fund-raiser for photographs of members of their department to call and set up a time and part of the monies will go back to that department. Sweatshirts and T-shirts were also available with part of the monies given back to the departments.

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2002 at Cedar Lake Fire Department.

Kevin Kwasieloski of Lake Ridge Fire Department won \$62 from the 50/50 raffle. Robert Szafranski of Lowell won a collector's knife donated by Walter Cook Insurance Agency, Don Anderson of Lake of the Four Seasons won a FDNY teddy bear and Brian Denny of Lake Ridge won a T-shirt donated by 5-Alarm.

Thanks to Lake Ridge Fire Department and Strack-N-Vantils for the dinner.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:29 P.M. by Keith Austin, seconded by Kevin Austin. PASSED.

Diana L. Orrell, IVFA Secretary  
Districts 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 3

November 15, 2001  
Center Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 10 members representing six departments present. President Rod

Carringer 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. Jerry Cohen, Springfield Township VFD Chaplain gave the invocation.

Guests present were: None.

The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1465.32.

Communications:

1. Chairman Sandy gave a brief report on pending legislation:

a. There is a bill pending to attempt to raise the limit of income from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to still be considered a volunteer.

b. Work is still being done on the blue light law. There is a possibility that the color may be changed to red. There is some work also being done on the right-of-way law. The newspaper survey has assisted with ideas that may lead to these changes.

c. There is pending legislation in regards to insurance companies not being able to raise or cancel policies due to the insured being a volunteer firefighter.

2. Chairman Sandy advised he attended the first Fire Summit in Indiana three weeks ago. There were 100 invitees in attendance and were there to discuss main issues of the fire service with special attention being on recruitment and retention. Booklets will be sent to each department that will address the issues and ask for input.

3. Chairman Sandy advised there have been some SOG changes to the State's Guidelines:

a. The annual Mr. IVFA award will now be selected by the five most recent recipients of the award.

b. The Association has elected to change to a new insurance agent. The choice was made after bids were placed and the new company is Jones and Associates of Greenwood.

4. Chairman Sandy advised the death benefit booklet that he has been working on is completed but had not been printed yet.

New Business:

25 year pins were presented to Rod Carringer and Bob Miller of Center Township.

Good of the Order:

1. Chairman Sandy donated and presented a commemorative plaque in memory of FDNY to Center Township VFD.

2. Chairman Sandy announced that our district still needs Miss Flame candidates.

3. Chairman Sandy also announced he has applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship and now is the time to be working on it.

4. Chairman Sandy passed out registration forms to the grant writing class that will be held March 14-17 in Chesterton. Registration forms will be mailed with these minutes. Cost is \$225 per person or \$200 if payment is received with the registration. Class size is limited to 30 participants. He also stressed that there is going to be \$150 million dollars available in federal grants next year.

5. Chairman Sandy announced that the federal death benefit has been raised to \$250,000.

6. Chairman Sandy announced that the NFPA web site has hazardous material documents available and can be downloaded for free.

7. Westville will be having their kid's Christmas luncheon with Santa on 12/15 from 11-2 at the fire station.

Training:

Rod Carringer of Center Township gave an excellent presentation on how their department lowered their ISO rating from 9 to 6, thus affording their taxpayers a 40% overall insurance savings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Jerry Cohen; Bob Miller won one hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire and Gus Hester won the other.

Next meeting: January 17, 2002, 7:30 pm, (refreshments at 7:00 pm), Bass Lake - California Township (Starke County).

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

## DISTRICT 5

September 13, 2001  
North Webster Fire Department  
North Webster, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence to the fallen New York firefighters.

Roll Call: 13 members representing five departments.

Guests: Richard Glant, I.V.F.A., past president.

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

Chairman Kissinger read a proposed change to the By-Laws regarding allowing past presidents the right to vote at quarterly meetings, and a proposed change to the S.O.G.'s stating a dues paying member, instead of an active member, shall receive a membership card annually and the newspaper. Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kissinger talked about the Angel Award.

Richard Glant advised that nominations for all I.V.F.A. awards are to be in by Feb. 1. The Bridgeport Scholarship is still to be turned in by March 1.

Chairman Kissinger read a letter about Red, White, and Blue Day on 9/14/01 for all who perished during the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Richard Glant talked about legislation that will be discussed at the State.

Richard advised that Jack Harker had open heart surgery last week, but as of today he could not be awakened.

Richard also advised the WNDU-Channel 16 South Bend is having a tribute to the fallen New York firefighters this Saturday and would like firefighters to be at their station by 8 A.M.

Chairman Kissinger advised that when your department gets their dues packet to make sure that your beneficiary, date of hire, address, etc. is correct on the form.

Good of the Order:

Kosciusko Co. Firefighters Association fish fry on 9/20/01 at 6 p.m. Bremen Fire Department Stag on 10/04/01 at Fireman's Park.

The next meeting will be held November 8, 2001 at Noble Township Fire Department, Wabash, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2039 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

Don Kissinger  
District 5

November 8, 2001

Noble Township Fire Dept.  
Wabash, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1952 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll Call: 11 members representing seven departments.

Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE.

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

Chairman Kissinger advised that there will be a grant writing course at the Duneland Fire School on March 14-17, 2002.

Chairman Kissinger talked about a proposed SOG wording-change. Motion made to accept and carried unanimously.

Chairman Kissinger advised that the Federal House Rule #3162 changed LODD benefits from \$150,000 to \$250,000 effective

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**DISTRICT 5**

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back to 1/1/01.  
 Mike Mackin advised that the IVFA will take to the State proposed changes to the blue light law regarding dash lights, wig-wags, strobes, and right of way.  
 The 2002 Convention will be in Evansville.  
 Talked about legislation going through the State.  
 Good of the Order:  
 Marshall Co. will be going to a new radio system.  
 Tippecanoe is looking for a good used tanker for under \$30,000.  
 Tippecanoe is having a fish fry on November 10 from 4-8 P.M.  
 The next meeting will be held January 10, 2002 at Chester Township Fire Department, North Manchester, IN.  
 Meeting was adjourned at 2052 hours.

Don Kissinger  
 District 5

**DISTRICT 7**

Chester Township (Wells County)  
 July 16, 2001  
 The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorg and the pledge of allegiance was recited by those present.  
 1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
 2. The first roll call was answered by 35 firefighters from 10 departments.  
 3. Chairman Sorg announced the winners of the State IVFA awards as follows: William F. (Bill) Kinsey - Mr. IVFA, Dave Allman - Midwest Award, Barbara Kerney - Lois Boaz Award, Diana Harrison - Angel Award.  
 4. Mort stated that several departments have not turned their dues as of yet, but some may be in the mail.  
 5. LeMoyné "Buz" Koehler passed on remarks from the convention and that the IVFA portable Central office will be at every fire school in the state. Buz also asked for e-mail addresses from fire departments. He also urged everyone to contact your state representative in regard to the "Build Indiana Funds". He also asked if anyone had questions about Workman's Compensation as some insurance companies

are dropping this coverage from their package.  
 6. Mike Mackin reported on convention games winners and Miss Flame.  
 7. Mort urged all fire departments to turn in the names of those eligible for 25 year pins. Mort reported and discussed articles in the recent edition of the National Volunteer Fire Council newspaper. Next meeting will be at Markle on September 17.  
 8. Elections: Maurice "Mort" Sorg was re-elected as District #7 Chairman and Gary Markley was re-elected as District #7 Secretary.  
 9. Second roll call was answered by 35 firefighters from 10 departments.  
 10. Mort offered congratulations to the Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department on their fine new station.

Gary L. Markley  
 Secretary

September 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Mort Sorg, District #7 Chairman and led the body in the pledge of allegiance. There were no guests at this meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
 The first roll call was answered by 30 firefighters from 16 departments.  
 1. The recent death of Gary Couch, past chief of Mt. Etna Volunteer Fire Department was announced and reports and thanks were given by members of his department.  
 2. Mort gave an update on the grants for the fire service.  
 3. It was announced that the November meeting will be the Miss Flame judging.  
 4. The presentation of the IVFA 25 year pins is progressing. Bill Kinsey presented Roanoke's in August.  
 5. Public Safety Officer benefit of \$100,000 may be changed to \$250,000 with cost of living benefit included.  
 6. The IVFA dues deadline may be changed to January instead of June.  
 7. Mort reviewed the IVFA license plates and the benefits they provide.  
 8. Mort invited all present to view the convention memorial photos.  
 9. Warren VFD raised questions on becoming incorporated. It was

also suggested to just operate split organizations such as Roanoke and Bluffton.  
 10. Questions on notification for mutual aid in the event of disaster, such as the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 were raised with the consensus that FEMA would probably be the best place to acquire the information.  
 11. Liberty Center VFD conducted "FILL THE BOOT" weekend to benefit the families of the fallen firefighters of the NYC terrorists attacks.  
 12. Comments were presented on the Chester VFD station dedication.  
 13. A special thank you was presented by the Gary Couch family.  
 14. Preble VFD will hold their 50 year celebration on October 14, 2001.  
 15. The second roll call was answered by 28 firefighters from 16 departments.  
 16. The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2001 at Liberty Center.

Gary L. Markley  
 Secretary

Liberty Center  
 November 19, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mort Sorg and he led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests included Gary Robison of the State fire Marshal Office, and Mike Mackin, Public Relations Northeast.  
 1. The first roll call was answered by 43 firefighters from 15 departments.  
 2. Mort announced the following items: Mr. IVFA must be turned in by March 2002. The new "Angel Award" was questioned by a letter sent in on when we are recognizing a female firefighters in particular. Any female firefighter with five years in the fire service is eligible to be chosen for this award. The NVF Council appealed the National Fire Protection Association's 1710 and 1720 regulations. The Public Safety Officer benefit of \$250,000 was approved retroactive to January 1, 2001. This is an increase from the previous amount of \$100,000. A potential federal law exempting liability on donated equipment is being considered. 205 survey forms were returned concerning the question of the bluelight law. Headlights of wig-wag fashion and blue strobe lights

were the most popular.  
 3. MIKE MACKIN covered the following: 1. Discussed his travels around the state and passed on information he gathered from this. 2. Announced the budget of \$212,000 was spent which represented a marked improvement over the previous year. 3. Our new lobbyist is now the IVFA attorney. 4. A motion was made to change from TIM DOWNEY & Associates to JONES Insurance Co. The motion was seconded and passed.  
 4. GARY ROBISON COVERED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 1. Reported on SFMO activities and accomplishments. 2. Noted the improved reporting results have helped Indiana attain a well respected reputation for statistics. 3. Announced February 28, 2002 is the deadline for reporting 2001 fire reports.  
 5. Mort noted the next meeting will be on January 21, 2002 at Monroe.  
 6. The second roll call was answered by 43 firefighters from 15 departments.  
 7. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned.  
 8. Bobbi Johnson of Geneva was selected as District #7 "MISS FLAME" first runner-up, Crystal Rudney of Poe was second runner-up, and Brittani Evans of Berne was chosen as our "Miss Flame".  
 Gary L. Markley,  
 Secretary

their spouses and children can apply for this \$1500 award by March 31, 2002.  
 State Farm Insurance as dropped using ISO and will use zip codes.  
 The Public Safety Officer death benefit has risen to \$250,000 retroactive to 1/1/01.  
 Buzz Koehler noted that the deadline for newspaper items is 1/10/02. Nominations for Mr. IVFA need to be turned in by 4/1/02. Those who responded to a questionnaire regarding Blue Light changes listed the need for right of way, strobe lights and dash lights. The state by-laws were passed and the insurance company name was changed. He attended the fire and EMS summit at which many issues were addressed to take the fire services in one direction to be united. There was a trustee's conference recently that addressed solving issues between trustees and fire departments. The IVFA passed a budget of \$31,000 for 2002 and is in the black. The annual Fire Caucus dinner is 2/4/02. There is a suggestion to have a specialty license plate be the same fee. Check your IVFA newspaper for flags and God Bless America shirts.  
 Mitch Parish informed us that toxicology reports are required in line of duty deaths. He told of a water tower rescue they had that involved specialized personnel. He advised that towers be preplanned for such emergencies.  
 Bruce Yonkers reported on the Expo for Special Persons in August at the White County Fairgrounds. This is for terminally ill children and gives them a day with fire departments, motorcycles and semis.  
 Chief Hammond introduced the guest speaker, Mark Strong from the Logansport Fire Department. He spoke about his experiences at the World Trade Center a week after 9/11. They took a truckload of supplies out there. Hospitality was great and emotions were strong, he reported.  
 Charlene Davis won the 50/50, Roger Knebel won the extrication gloves donated by Linda Baker and Dee Mauntel got the IVFA patch given by Buz.  
 The next meeting is January 24, 2002, at Russiaville.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Dee Mauntel,  
 Sec./Treas.

**DISTRICT 8A**

Happy New Year all firefighters in District 8A or to that point U.S.A. Well, we are starting a new year and experiences for the fire service. I hope everyone had a good, runless December. We now have to think about the year ahead.  
 Training is one thing we can't have enough of, if it was only training. You have to think about the upcoming planting season, trash piles, fireplaces, these seem like they are the busiest seasons for the fire service because people are indoors.  
 In our district it's been fairly quiet. Elwood employed a couple of volunteer departments on their explosion recently, a few accidents, a few chimney fires, Christmas fires.  
 Don't forget getting your applications in for the Federal Grant Loans. Please also don't forget to look for your dues statements in the mail in May. Please don't forget that if your dues aren't paid, you lose your benefits!  
 Please also to not forget the I.V.F.A. convention in June in Evansville.  
 If there is anything that myself or the I.V.F.A. can do for you please don't hesitate to ask. My name and numbers are located on the second page of this paper.  
 The next district meeting was before the paper went to press, so I hope I saw you there. Please don't stay away from the meetings, plan on attending. Remember this is your organization.  
 See you at the district meetings.  
 Bill

**DISTRICT 9A**

The meeting was called to order on November 15, 2001, at 7:30 PM, by Chairman Ron Randle at the Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department in Royal Center, Indiana. Chief Charles Hammond led the Pledge to the Flag and Rev. Frank Kilcline gave the invocation. Guests were Mitch Parish, Buzz Koehler, Bruce Yonkers, and Rev. Kilcline.  
 Roll call, six departments, 28 members, 61 fire runs and 456 EMS. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Incorrect addresses were checked and more need to be brought up to date.  
 The Bridgeport Scholarship form has been revised. Firefighters,

**DISTRICT 10**

I hope everyone had safe holidays. 2001 was a good year for District 10 on attendance and membership drive.  
 I owe members of District 10 a big Thank You for your support to me and the IVFA. I hope the coming year is just as good.  
 Scott Chasteen and I have a lot of good speakers and training planned for 2002. I still have 25 year pins to give out to departments if I haven't been there yet call me and set up a time.  
 The following is the 2002 meeting list:  
 February 20, 2002 - Morristown VFD, Shelby Co.  
 March 20, 2002 - Elizabethtown VFD, Barth. Co.  
 April 17, 2002 - Clay Twp. VFD, Barth. Co.  
 May 15, 2002 - Harrison Twp. VFD, Barth. Co.  
 June 12-15, 2002 - IVFA Convention at Evansville  
 August 21, 2002 - Rushville Twp. VFD, Rush Co.  
 September 18, 2002 - Amith Comm. VFD, Johnson Co.  
 October 16, 2002 - Anderson Twp. VFD, Rush Co.  
 November 20, 2002 - Hope VFD, Barth. Co.  
 Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. with supper first meeting to follow.  
 David Israel  
 IVFA District 10 Chairman

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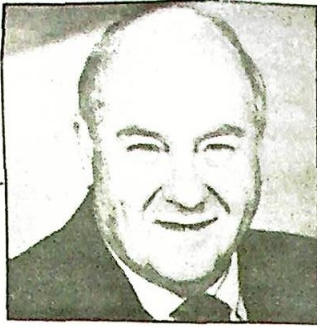
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# From The Treasurer



**Jack Harker**

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards during my illness. It means so much to have friends like the great people in the fire service.

I also want to thank everyone for the support you gave to my wife, Beverly, it helped her so much.

I was admitted to the hospital on Sept. 4th and went home on Dec. 31st, so I didn't get around to visit any departments or attend any functions during that time, but I hope to make up for it in the months to come.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year and am looking forward to seeing all of you.

## DISTRICT 11-B

Washington Twp./Reelsville  
November 11, 2001

The meeting of District 11-B was called to order by Vice Chairman Brent Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by Sgt.-At-Arms Dave Miller and the Invocation was given by Chaplain Con Mankin.

Following the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, the host department presented a program honoring the fallen EMS and firefighters in this country, a program that was well given and well received by those in attendance.

The introduction of guests was made by Vice Chairman Bush and the introduction of the aux guests was made by Aux Chairman Patty Miller.

The roll call was taken with 19 members from five departments present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

WCPR Diane Harrison gave us an update on the business in the works of the association. IVFA Vice President Buz Koehler spoke on a summit that was held recently. Vice Chairman Bush presented the district attendance awards to Hilmont and Penysville departments for the year 2000-2001. Vice President Koehler then spoke on the new issues on the BLUE LIGHT LAW. District Chaplain Con Mankin remarked on the memorial services that were cancelled in New York. Dave Miller spoke on the recent Meth class held two weeks ago and a terrorist class on December 8th in Rosedale sponsored by the fire marshal's office.

Aux. Chairman Patty Miller spoke on the upcoming Miss Flame Dance to be held in Clinton.

The meeting was adjourned by the Aux. District Chaplain Maxine Davies who gave the benediction.

John Davies  
District Secretary

## DISTRICT 12

Happy New Year from District 12. Hope your holidays were safe and joyous. We'll pray 2002 is a better year for America and for firefighters and their families. Couldn't help feeling a little guilty about having all of my family around me laughing, singing and opening presents this year. Was thinking of all of those in NY who were missing loved ones this Christmas due to the

tragedy there. God bless them all.

Some things to think about regarding the IVFA:

**Dues:**  
The dues for membership with the IVFA are due by June of each year. Many departments habitually pay these late. Remember, dues must be current for three consecutive years in order for some benefits to be paid. Have had sad situations where benefits were not paid out because of delinquent dues. If you pay these yourself, make a note on your calendar to send them in May. If your department pays and/or sends your dues in, stay on them about being sure they're paid on time. If you have retired members and your department does not pay their dues for them, as a friend you might wish to give them a call and remind them. Sometimes they think the department is paying them and they aren't. It's sad when these people lose out on benefits that could greatly help them or their loved ones if something happens.

**Change of Address:**  
I've had many people complain because they've stopped getting the IVFA newspaper. Come to find out they've moved and haven't sent in their change of address. Although you may have filled out a card at your Post Office to have your mail sent to your new address, sometimes second and third class items do not get forwarded. For safety sakes, if you move, send your new address to the IVFA Central Office to guarantee proper mailing.

**License Plates:**  
Just a reminder, if you are planning to get the special volunteer firefighter license plate(s) for 2002, you must clip out the appropriate application form from this IVFA newspaper, fill it out, and send it, along with \$5.00 per plate to Central Office. Your IVFA dues must be current before you are eligible to receive these plates. Please be sure you indicate on the outside of the envelope, your plate renewal month. *Send your application and fee to Central Office no later than 60 days before the month you wish to receive your plates!!* Please note: The special plate fee of \$12.00 will be increased to \$15.00 through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles per Indiana Administrative Code 8-3-1.1.

**2002 State Convention:**  
The 2002 Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Convention will be held at the Executive Inn in downtown Evansville June 12-15. A registration form is made available to you in this newspaper. If you've attended an IVFA Convention before, you know how important it is to get your reservations in ASAP. If you've never attended one of our conventions before, 2002 is your year! Fill out and mail this form today, book your vacation and come join us for the time of your life! No words can express the feeling of joining hundreds of your fellow volunteer firefighters and their families from all over the state of Indiana for this event. There's fun to be had for the whole family, lots to learn, friendships to start, and just plain good fellowship. If you're getting the feeling volunteers are on their way out, that the job of being a volunteer firefighter/EMT is no longer important to your department, to your community or to your state, then you must attend this year's convention and see just how wrong you are! Don't delay. Send in your registration form today!

As for other news, a big thank you to Chief Mark Belford and the Amo Fire Department for having my wife and I attend their annual Christmas Dinner at Lost Name Restaurant in Mooresville. The food was great, the hospitality warming and a good time was had by all. Special congrats to Corie Wise of that department as Firefighter/EMT of the year. Corie has gone above and beyond to keep Amo's EMS services certified and running smoothly.

And a few congrats to some members of my own fire department, Danville, with Larry Spurling

receiving the EMS award for the year and Keith Rinehart receiving the Firefighter of the Year award. Both of these guys have put in many hours and well deserve these awards. You can attend meetings and trainings all year long, but it's those that make the runs day and night and put that training to use that matter to the people of their community when they dial 911.

Danville Fire Department will be having its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 23 from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Station 91, 77 North Kentucky Street. This breakfast will consist of bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, juice and coffee and is a free will offering. If you're in our area, stop by and join us.

And to all departments in District 12, if you have yearly award recipients you wish to recognize or upcoming fund-raising events happening this year, please let me know so I can include them in my column. I can't tell if I don't know it.

One last comment, but one I feel is important. Have been told that the union for the career firefighters in some areas frown on members who stay as volunteers in the communities on their off hours and sometimes give them a rough time over it. I say this to that union or those union members who feel that way. First - you've forgotten where it all began and Second - isn't it amazing how the career firefighters and the volunteers worked hand in hand at the towers in New York on and after September 11th. Both respecting each other for what they did. Think the union for career firefighters could take a lesson from those firefighters and realize it doesn't really matter - career or volunteer - we're all brothers and sisters here to do a job.

John Ross  
District 12 Chairman

## DISTRICT 13-A

Greetings from District 13A:  
The holidays are over and I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wish all a happy new year.

Our last meeting was held at Sugar Creek Township #1 in Hancock County on November 15, 2001. Six departments were represented by eleven members and two guests were present.

Awards and award's due dates were discussed. Upcoming legislation, blue light laws, survey, equipment liability, audit level, insurance for volunteer firefighters on vehicles and special plate fees. With no further business, the meeting was turned over to Sugar Creek Town-

# Public Relations Southwest



**Ronald Bell**

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

At the District 17A meeting and turkey BBQ supper at Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Department, was honored to assist District 17A chairman Jim Abrams with presenting William (Bill) Harp his 25 year fire service pin. Also three firefighters

ship where snacks were served. An informal talk was then held by IOSHA.

The next meeting will be held February 21, 2002 at Green Township VFD in Hancock County at Highway 9 and 234. Hope to see all of you soon.

District 13A Chairman,  
Tim Martin

## DISTRICT 14

I would like to thank all the firefighters and fire departments for their support in 2001. I wish a great new year for everyone in 2002. I did not get everything done that I would have liked to but I did my best. I would like for all departments that have not paid their IVFA dues to get them paid. The IVFA has done a lot for the fire departments in the state.

We need to extend our sympathy to Sam Bower and his family. Sam's wife, Lillian, passed away in Dec. 2001. Sam was a 1981 Mr. IVFA and district chairman in District 14 for a long time. Sam Bower was also chief of the New Washington VFD.

So, firefighters, get behind your fire departments and state officers and help them to get the job done in your community.

Thanks for all your help and come out to your district meeting and IVFA convention.

Roy E. Richardson  
14th District Chairman

from Loogootee Vol. Fire Dept. received their 25 year fire service pins and one gold card was awarded to Bennie Summers of Loogootee Fire Dept. I also presented Dave Cox his 25 year fire service pin. Attended Elnora/Elmore Vol. Fire Dept.'s Christmas supper, had the honor of presenting Jerry Beck, Elnora firefighter Fireman of the Year Award.

Also the Elnora/Elmore firefighters are proud of their new turn out gear that the trustee and town purchased for them.

Madison Twp. and Elnora/Elmore Vol. Fire Depts. responded to a report of a turkey house on fire. Apparently the fire started by an electrical problem. Extensive damage to the building and 621 young birds were lost.

Enjoyed attending the Greene County Firefighter's Association Thanksgiving meal and meeting held at Wright Township Fire Department. Thanks for inviting my wife and I enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

I attended District 18's meeting at the Ferdinand Fire Station, hosted by Ferdinand V.F.D.

District 18 chairman Chuck Parker and the convention committee for 2003 need all input that anyone can give on helping them with the planning and ideas for the convention.

Attended District 15's meeting at Boonesville.

Attended Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Department's Christmas auction that was held at Coalmont. A happy anniversary goes out to District 11A Jack McFarland and his wife, Sherry. This is their 40th. Sorry we couldn't make the surprise party that was held for them.

Attended Sanborn Volunteer Fire Department's 7th annual chili dinner at the Sandborn Fire House Dec. 2.

My condolences go out to Bill Kinsey at the loss of his wife, John Ferro, District 4 chairman for the loss of his mother, and Ferdinand Fire Department at the loss of firefighter Merlyn J. Lueken. Also my condolences to my fellow firefighter Greg Clark (Madison Twp. Vol.) and his family at the loss of his brother.

Get well wishes to Jack Harker who we hear is on the mend. This is great news. Also to Richland/Taylor (Bloomfield) Vol. firefighter Johnnie Johnson who had some surgery done. Hope Johnnie has bounced back and being his usual happy self.

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# IVFAA President



Mary Mackin

## STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

State Officer's Meeting  
 Marten House  
 Indianapolis, IN  
 November 4, 2001

President Mary Mackin called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. JoAnn Hayes, Chaplain, led us in prayer and read a Firemen's Prayer and also brought to our attention the words by Lee Greenwood that we are proud to be an American and GOD BLESS THE USA. Mariam Schaeckel led us in the pledge to the flag.

Diana Gray gave the roll call with 24 officers and six guests.

Barb Kerney read the minutes as Diana had no voice to vote to speak and a correction from the previous minutes was that the Flowers and Donation was to be for State Officer, District Chairpersons and Past Presidents. Cards will still be sent to all paid up members for illness and death as well as a Bible for the deceased family. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer, gave her report as:

Balance on hand August 11, 2001.....\$8619.23  
**INCOME:**  
 Dues.....\$1035.00  
 Interest.....9.94  
 Jewelry.....175.00  
 V.P. Project.....74.00  
 Total Income.....\$1293.94  
**DISBURSEMENTS:**  
 Operating Exp.....291.03  
 Mileage.....962.55  
 Phone & Postage.....61.01  
 Over PD Dues.....6.00  
 Awards & Gifts.....64.03  
 Total Disbursements  
 .....1384.62

Balance on hand November 1, 2001.....\$8528.55

Correspondence: Martha had none at this time.

Membership: Diana stated we had 47 departments, 49 Ind., 16 life, and she has a total of 690 members at this time.

Chaplain's report: JoAnn says that Ruth Ford, a past president, has died along with Leona Bush from New Castle and an update on Jack Harker as doing better, and Don Johnson should be going home in the near future. Leona Uryga told about her new grandson, Jacob Benjamin and Happy Birthday was sung to Barb Kerney and Malinda Bell with a Happy Anniversary to E.J. Smith, also Bill Howe is supposed to have surgery on November 9 and we wish him well. Also all that we did not know about we send good wishes and good health.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says everything is okay as usual.  
 Games: Marilyn Dever says okay also.

Installation: Barb Parker always gets things moving in time.

Financial Study: Faye again says everything is okay.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller has been passing out entry forms. She says that if anyone needs her help in the districts, please contact her and she will help in any way needed and will try to attend any district meetings that she can. She has to have the forms and pictures into her hands no later than March 10th. They will

not be accepted any later than that.  
 V.P. Project: Barb Kerney showed us the Pewter Firetruck and watch that can be worn as a pocket watch. Jeff Stanfield of Jones & Associates has donated the truck/watch as well as the tickets. It is really nice so let us sell, sell, sell, and sell.

By-Laws: Phyllis Vargo says everything is just fine.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith stated that 2002 items are ordered and can come in at any time. She also asked if any past president has a card that needs to have the corners rounded give them to her and she will take care of it for them.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate was not present.

Historian: Ann Moss still needs pictures and articles so that she can enter them in our books so that others can enjoy the good old days.

President's Advisory: Again Faye says just fine.

Lois Boaz: Toni Sorg needs names and hand written letters in to the committee before Feb. 1st so that they can read them and choose the lucky lady for the year 2002 so ladies get busy with those letters. It is a very special award.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow stated just peachy.

Old Business: 50th year committee JoAnn, Phyllis, Toni, Lou and Barb Kerney promise to have ready the bears to sell in May. They will have a short meeting after today's officers' meeting.

New Business: Barb Parker asked how many items for her to expect for the Chinese Auction and so far we have 13 items expected at this time and she will take more at any time up to convention. Sharon Bray, District 12, asked if the girls are living in the same household of an IVFA or IVFAA member will qualify as an entry. We will leave it up to Patty Miller, Chairman, to try new wording of the Miss Flame forms. A change from the previous minutes about the raffle of her gingerbread house for the money to go to a fund for Jack Harker to help defray expenses for some of his medical problems as he has been ill for sometime.

Buz Koehler, Vice President, IVFA, asked if we had any questions about the newspaper or comments at this time and if you have any, please contact him at anytime. Officers and members of the IVFA and IVFAA are still trying to interest new members and they need any help you can give them.

Steve Anderson, District 15, and on the convention committee gave an update and wants you to get your room reservations in while they have the rooms available. Convention is June 12-15, 2002.

Jack Kerney, President IVFA, stated that they have moved the officers' meeting to Columbus for the Feb. 2 & 3, 2002. We will be at the Holiday Inn and the phone number is 812-372-1541 and the fax # is 812-378-9049. It is at Highway 46 and I-65 with exit 68 and the address is 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201. Make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Jane Ferro asked about the ladies doing something in the afternoon while the men are in their meeting besides sitting around and it was decided to discuss this at another time. Of course, some of the ladies like to shop and spend money.

Toni is selling their famous peanut brittle and District 6 is having a raffle on a quilt and they have tickets available.

It was also discussed, if possible, to have previous Miss Flames attend our conventions and meetings in the future.

Jane made a motion to adjourn with a second by Lou with all in favor. Joann gave her closing prayer and we all wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. If I missed any birthdays, I hope you had a good one and January birth-

days go to Leona and Phyllis. AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS and don't forget to pray for all the families of Sept. 11, 2001 and Flight 587 and others who might need GOD'S HELPING HAND.

Submitted by,  
 Corresponding Secretary  
 IVFAA  
 Martha Thomas

## DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, Chairman of I.V.F.A.A. District #2 at 7:15 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

Prayer was given by Lynn Luebcke, President of Crown Point Ladies' Auxiliary.

Host department Crown Point served dinner.

Lynn Luebcke introduced the judges for the District Miss Flame run-off. They were B.J. Hubbard, past president of Crown Point School Board, James Metros, Mayor of the City of Crown Point and Lynn Stupeck, Hawk Enterprises.

Julie Gettler, Miss Flame candidate for District #2 gives the department history.

Ann introduced the guests that were in attendance: Tom Orrell, District #1 chairman of I.V.F.A. and wife, Diane, Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary I.V.F.A., Lyle Thomas, Merrillville V.F.D., Clarence Moss, District 1 and 2 I.V.F.A. treasurer.

Greg DeLor, chief of Crown Point Fire/Rescue thanked everyone for coming and gave a short history of department and introduced the members that were present at the meeting.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 54 members in attendance with two guests representing 11 departments and five individuals.

Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the September 6, 2001 meeting. Dee Kennedy made a motion to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by Martha Thomas. Passed as corrected.

Ann Moss gave treasurer's report with a balance for both accounts were \$1,114.45. Motion by Bev VanderVleet, seconded by Katie DeBold. Passed as read subject to audit.

Ann asked to stand and hold a moment of silence for the victims of September 11th, and to say a prayer for Dennis Wilkening who is recovering from being hit at a scene of an auto accident.

Old Business: License plate will be picked up this weekend after state meeting. Lois Borg award letters need to be submitted handwritten to the Lois Borg committee.

New Business: Ann talked about the 2002 I.V.F.A.A. convention in Evansville this year. Need to get reservations in A.S.A.P.

Department announcements were read.

Silent auction winners were announced.

Phyllis Vargo, Chairman, District 1 I.V.F.A.A. announced the winner of the Miss Flame run-off. They were: Kim Perry, District #1 and Julie Gettler, District #2. Good luck girls at State.

Motion was made by Rosemary Smith, seconded by Cecil Christensen to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Marge Baumgardner,  
 Secretary, District #2

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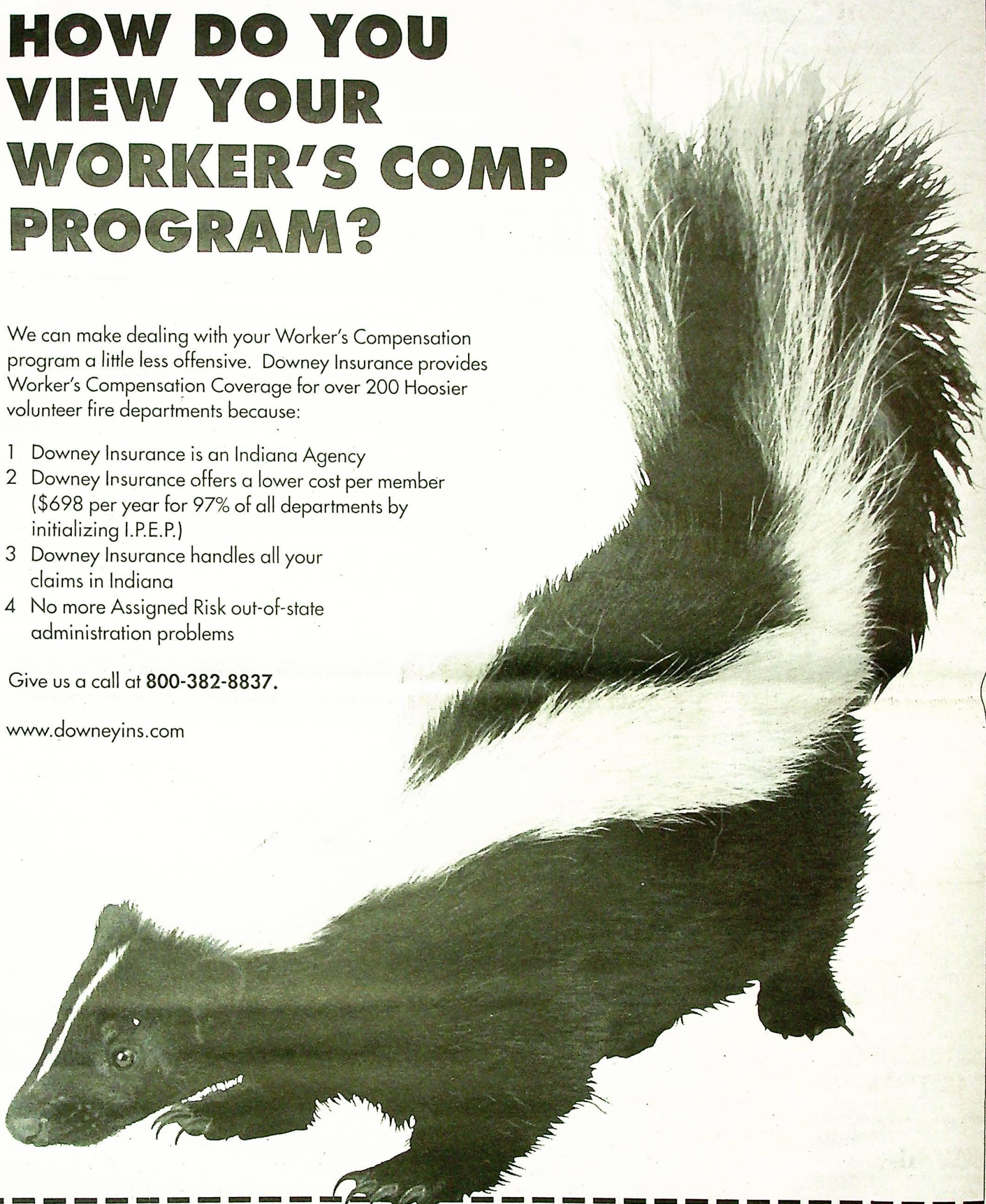
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# IVFAA Vice President



**Barbara Kerney**

I hope everyone had a good holiday! Mine was spent with family and friends, which made for a memorable one.

The last several issues of the paper I have talked about our membership and our financial status. Both of these have been cause for concern of mine for some time. I once was told that a great product needs a good salesman. Our organization is certainly a great product, but in order for us to sell our product to others, we need good salesmen. I am encouraging all of our members to become salesmen, especially our officers and district chairmen. It takes effort on all our part to make our organizations one, which will thrive in years ahead. If we continue to coast, we will go downhill and the climb up will not be an easy one. This not to say our group is faltering, but it is a call for us to make some long-range goals to keep us from being so frustrated by our short-range failures.

Make a New Year's resolution along with me to become a salesman to sell a great product and reap nice rewards. Where else for a very small fee can you gain friends, enjoy fellowship and share common interests in helping your fellow man.

Lily Tomlin once said, "the road to success is always under construction."

Thank you for allowing me to serve as a leader over the years of a fine organization. The rewards I have gained through the years are immeasurable.

## DISTRICT 11A

Hi! Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On Nov. 18, 2001, in Dugger, IN, we held our District 11A meeting. Members were low but the weather was great.

We had a lovely lunch and want to thank everyone who prepared it. Our guests were Barbara Kerney

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and Lou Bartlow.

We called the meeting to order and had the Chaplain report. We sent out 10 get well cards and Joan reported on different ones that had been ill.

Joan Harp will handle the Miss Flame contest which will take place Jan. 26, 2002 at American Legion from 8:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. on Ft. Harrison Road. Our present Miss Flame has represented us well. She has done a great job. Thanks, Heather! Hope to see her run again this year.

We talked about the 50th anniversary but didn't come up with a possible idea.

We ended our meeting with deciding to have our next meeting at Posey Twp. Jan. 20, 2002 at the fire station 1.

Till next time!

District Chairman 11A Beverly Taylor

## IVFAA Chaplain



**Joann Hays**

Hello, Friends, Hope you all had a nice holiday and a safe one. Boy, how time goes. Here it is 2002 and it seems like everyone was gearing up to celebrate 2000.

Hope and pray that the auxiliaries are in full swing and increasing in number.

I know you all work very hard for your departments and I'm sure they appreciate you gals.

Don't forget we are heading toward another convention, June 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Evansville.

These convention committees always work so hard to give you a good time and a big welcome.

If you have never been to a convention you might think about and come have a good time with us.

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May God bless each and every one of you. And remember each other in your prayers. God loves you all.

Love and Prayers, Joann Hays IVFAA Chaplain

## MEN'S DISTRICT MEETINGS CONTINUED ...

### DISTRICT 17A

District 17A meeting was held November at the Odon-Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

A very delicious meal was had by all. Twenty-five year pins were presented to: Melvin Tom Bell, Michael A. Kirk, Charles G. Rasico, Benjamin W. Summers, David R. Cod and William R. Harp.

Freelandville Vol. Fire Dept. was presented a clock on the opening of their new fire dept. on December 2, 2001. Twenty-five year pins were presented to: Earl E. Horst, B. Thomas Kixmiller, Herbert F. Kixmiller and Donald T. Reynolds.

January 14th

At the Loogootee volunteer firefighters meeting a fifty year Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Gold Card was presented to Benjamin W. Summers.

January 19th District 17A meeting will be hosted by Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Our March 23rd meeting will be held at Union Community Vol. Fire Dept.

Hope you all had a great holiday season!

See you at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Abrams

### DISTRICT 17B

Greetings from District 17B. I hope everyone had a great holiday.

District meeting was held Oct. 13 at Pleasant Run Fire Station. We had 27 members from five fire departments present.

Special guests were Mike Bigler from the Fire Marshal's office and Ron Bell, PR Southwest.

Demonstrations were given by Southwestern Fire and Hoosier Fire. 25 year service award was given to Gary Faubion.

The Marion Township Rural Fire Department held its first annual golf scramble for Clothe-A-Child which I attended October 13.

On December 1, Marion Township Rural Fire Department held its annual Christmas dinner. Firefighter of the Year was presented to Stephanie Fitzgerald. 25 year service pins were presented to Gene Mundy and David Burton.

I attended the Guthrie Township Christmas dinner in December and presented the new fire station a clock from the IVFA.

I still have years of service award pins to be given to other departments. I will be contacting you soon.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns and if you are interested in holding a district meeting in your station, please contact me.

Have a happy and prosperous new year.

Jim Zeeks  
Chairman  
District 17B

### DISTRICT 18

District 18 meeting was called to order by district chairman, Chuck Parker at 8:05.

The meeting was hosted by Ferdinand V.F.D. at their main fire station on East 4th Street. Ninety-four members answered roll call and 12 guests, 22 departments represented, 202 fire, 62 EMS, calls answered.

A moment of silence was ob-

served for those firefighters in our area who passed away since our last meeting, Merlyn Lueken of the Ferdinand V.F.D. He passed away December 5, 2001 and a memorial service was held December 7, 2001 at Becher Funeral Home in Ferdinand.

### 2003 Convention

A meeting was held November 14, 2002 at French Lick Spring Resort.

We met with Ron Denbo, Orange County Tourist Commissioner and Public Relations Director.

We were able to get some ideas on entertainment and tours to do during the convention.

The next meeting was at Ferdinand on January 9, 2002. Committees reports were given on the following: budget, fund raising, logo and schedule of events.

The next meeting will be scheduled at our next January 17, 2002 district meeting. Any department that is interested in hosting a convention meeting or any member that is interested in helping with the convention, please contact Chuck Parker at (812) 836-2048 or e-mail pallets@psci.net or Martin Holman at (812) 843-5898.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Chuck Parker,  
Chairman

### DISTRICT 19

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at the Milan VFD on November 15, 2001, with 21 firefighters from 13 departments reporting 120 runs.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Scheele. Ed led the pledge to the flag. Then chaplain Ed Gerdowsky led us with a prayer.

Minutes from the preceding meeting were approved as read. Guests were Mark Baumhardt from Mobilcom, Gary Davis from Midwest Fire and Safety and four Miss Flame candidates, Laura Merkel - Morris VFD, Kim Narwold - Batesville VFD, Kerrianna Mile - Morris Hill VFD, and Courtney Burns - Milan VFD.

Ed started the meeting by saying that Midwest Award applications need to be turned in to him. The Angei Award was changed to any lady in IVFA for five years is capable.

Committee was started to handle the Midwest Award applicant Dan Smith - Sunman, Dennis Schutte - Batesville, and Dave Miles - Moore Hill.

The Bridgeport Scholarship Award needs to be in by March 1st and sent to the IVFA Central Office. Then talked about five bills in legislation. Federal Death Benefit was changed from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Miss Flame judging was held and Kerrianna Miles won.

Meeting was adjourned and training was held on caring for your personal protective gear.

Randy Merkel  
District 19  
Secretary and Treasurer

I hope everyone had a safe and joyful Christmas season.

We had an excellent turnout at the November district meeting at Milan V.F.D. There were 13 departments represented. The District 19 Miss Flame judging was held with four beautiful young ladies entering the contest. Kerrianna Miles of Moores Hill, Sparta Township V.F.D. was crowned Miss Flame by Beth Caudill, District 19 I.V.F.A.A. chairperson.

Our January meeting was at Aurora V.F.D. Our next meeting will be at Laurel V.F.D., Posey Twp. Station at Andersonville on March 28th at 7:30 p.m.

There still is time to get applications sent in for the Bridgeport Scholarships. They must be sent in before March 1st or sent by certified mail postmarked before March 1st to the I.V.F.A. Central Office. Anyone still needing an application, let me know.

The State I.V.F.A. Convention is June 12th thru 15th at Evansville. I would like to see a good turnout from District 19 to show support for our Miss Flame candidate.

Ed Scheele  
District 19 Chairman

## Fire Engine Donated To Perrysville Vol. Fire Department



THE PERRYSVILLE Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the Lynch Fire Protection District of Danville, IL for the donation of a 1976 Howe fire engine. Lynch Fire Protection District also donated several air packs, spanner and hydrant wrenches, a pike pole and three ladders. The engine consists of a waterous 1000 g.p.m. pump and a 750 gallon tank. Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department has placed the truck in service as their primary engine.

Thank you, Lynch Fire Protection District for your generous donation!!

(Photo submitted by Will Holycross, Firefighter/EMT, Perrysville Vol. Fire & Rescue)



## Twisting Away!

IVFA CONVENTION 2001 - State Fire Marshal Tracey Boatwright and Mrs. John Ross, twisting the night way Thursday night at the IVFA Convention 2001, held at the Fort Wayne Hilton.

(Photo submitted by District 17A Malinda Bell)

# NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

## 2002 Important Instructions! Please Take Note

The State of Indiana provides Special Recognition License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association.

You will not be able to obtain plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions.

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Request Application to the IVFA Central Office NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE MONTH YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR PLATES. This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 2000, along with \$5 for each plate.

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

January - Corporations    February - A, B, Rental, Bus  
 March - C, D    April - E, F, G, Personal    May - H, I  
 June - J, K, L    July - M, N, O    August - P, Q, R  
 September - S, T    October - U, V, W, X, Y, Z

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

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

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

5. The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.

6. It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.

7. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!

8. See additional instructions for BMV procedures. (Below)

## 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.

## Happy Birthday!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY at the Convention 2001. June Cahill, Richland/Taylor Auxiliary, celebrated her birthday at the convention banquet on Friday night. The Band "Spike and the Bulldogs" entertained. Lead singer having fun with June.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)

## An Anniversary



CONVENTION 2001 BANQUET - Enjoying the banquet, District 17A Jim Abrams and lovely wife, Stella. Their wedding anniversary is always during the convention. This helps Jim to remember it.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)

## Enjoying Banquet



CONVENTION 2001 BANQUET - Enjoying the banquet is past president Richard (Dick) Glant and his lovely wife.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)

## Fire Damages Motorcycle Shop

Chief calls blaze Crown Point's worst in about nine months.

Nov. 7, 2001

By Christine Harvey

Times Staff Writer

CROWN POINT - Fire Chief

Greg De Lor is calling a fire at a motorcycle shop early Tuesday the city's worst in about nine months.

No one was injured in the 7 a.m. blaze at Road Hawgs, 811 N. Industrial Blvd., but an employee was inside when the fire alarm went off, De Lor said.

Firefighters managed to confine the fire, which appears to have been caused by a faulty air compressor in the south repair garage, to the south end of the building, De Lor said.

The retail side of the business, which customizes motorcycles and sells motorcycle accessories, was not affected, he said. That portion of the shop will remain open, an employee said late Tuesday.

De Lor estimated damage at \$200,000, mainly to the structure and a Humvee parked inside that belongs to the shop's owner, Jerry Burrow. Firefighters were able to save several customized motorcycles, valued at roughly \$30,000 each, from the garage.

Thirty-one Crown Point and Merrillville firefighters worked for an hour to contain the blaze.

(The above article courtesy of the Times).

## PLEASE NOTE!

The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:  
**IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE - BARBARA KERNEY**

**P.O. BOX 4797                      EVANSVILLE, IN 47724**

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**That will only delay your application and you may miss out on getting your special plates.**

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**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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### 2002 IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application

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## Public Relations Northeast



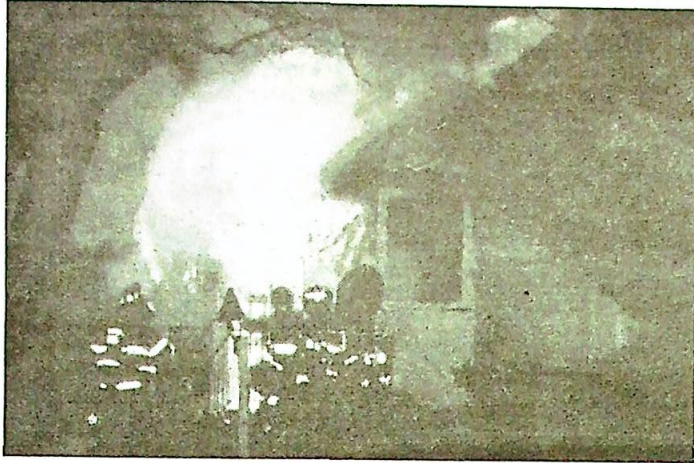
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May 10, 2002

Deadline Is

April 10, 2002

## Southwest Allen Co. Fire District Fights Fire



SOUTHWEST ALLEN County Fire District personnel prepare to enter a residential structure fire that occurred on November 13, 2001. The house sustained heavy fire damage. Aboite Township Fire Department along with the Poe Volunteer Fire Department assisted in fighting the blaze. There were no injuries.

(Photo by Larry Winget, department photographer)

## Lending A Helping To A Friend In Need...



On August 11 and 12, 2001, our friend and fellow firefighter, Bill Hughes, who is on the Monroe Township Fire Department, was in need of a new roof as his was leaking.

Bill was stricken with cancer and was unable to do the repairs. So the members decided to help out by doing the work for him.

We consider this the most important training we could ever do, to help a fellow firefighter.

The family helped us work and they cooked all of our meals for two and a half days ... which everyone knows if you feed a firefighter, they will stay.

Before we started working, we each took our turn going in to say

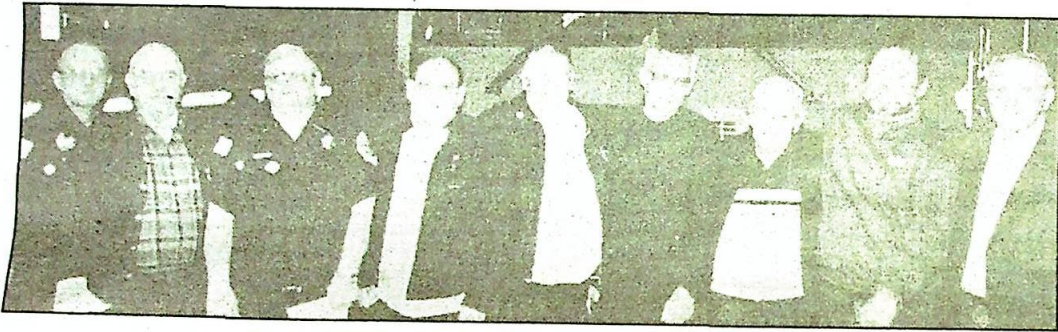
"good morning" to Bill and chatting awhile on breaks which he really enjoyed seeing some of our ugly faces that early in the morning.

A job well done to workers: Mark Furnish, Rick Johnson, Doug Dunlevy, Bob Masters, Harry Sullivan, Wayne Hall, George Hall, Jay Cleveland, Penny Cleveland, Hobert Davis, Brandon Cleveland, Justin Cleveland, Joel Cleveland, Aaron McCauley, Greg Pangburn, Bill Maloney, John Waggoner, Steven Johnson and the Hughes family.

The above photo is of the first day.

(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson, IVFA District 14)

## Lake Ridge Members Receive Awards



On November 21, 2001, vice president Buz Koehler and District 1 chairman, Tom Orrell presented two 50 year Gold Cards and 11 25 year pins to the following Lake Ridge volunteer firefighters: Dave Adams received a 25 year pin and 50 year Gold Card. Donald Loeffler received a 25 year pin and a 50 year Gold Card. Dennis Colson, Stanley Cummings, Ronald DeYoung, Jimmie Graves Sr. (accepted by his son, Jimmie Graves Jr.), Louis Donsbach, Bobby Ames, Joseph Komoscar, Waldon McBride and Thomas Allen (not present), all received 25 year pins.

(Photo taken by PRNW Jim Bradford)

## 25 Year Pins Awarded to Clay Twp. Members



IVFA DISTRICT 10 25 year pins were awarded to Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Barth. Co. members. Pictured are Thomas Finke, Karen Finke and District 10 Chairman David Israel.

(Photo submitted by David-Israel, District 10 chairman)

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### NOTICE

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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

MISS FLAME APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MISS FLAME CHAIRMAN: PATTY MILLER R.R. 1 BOX 414 ROSEDALE, IN 47874 765-832-6931 ONCE THE FORM IS FILLED OUT, IT GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND HE/SHE FORWARDS IT TO THE STATE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN. ENTRY FORM FOR STATE CONTEST, TWO PHOTOS (PREFERABLY BLACK AND WHITE) MUST BE FORWARDED TO PATTY MILLER BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN MARCH 10TH.

# IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY OFFICERS' MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2001

President Kerney called the meeting to order and called upon Chaplain Baker for the Invocation. Vice President Buz Koehler then led us in the pledge to the flag. Tim Sandy presented short program on the Terrorism attack of September 11, 2001. It was a very interesting show.

Introduction of guests by president Kerney were Troy Fornoff from Provident Insurance and Harry Logan, 2002 Convention Chairman from Mays Twp. Fire Department.

President Kerney then called upon Troy Fornoff for his comments on the first Fire and Emergency Services Summit. This meeting included people from the IVFA, Fire Service Institute Fire Chief's Association, the Fire Marshal's office and the Trustees' Association. They hope to put together an annual meeting of the minds to discuss fire service issues and problems. About 80 people attended the day and one-half summit. Many issues were brought up from funding to training to firefighter safety to fireworks to communication. The theme from this meeting is the need for unity and communication among all fire service groups.

President Kerney then introduced Harry Logan, Convention 2002 Chairman. He spoke about the schedule for the Convention. The possibility of golf and bowling tournament on Wednesday. Also Wednesday evening will be a BBQ at Burnett Park. Busses will provide the transportation to the Park. Thursday will have possible tours and two 45-minute seminars. The Vendors will also be open. Friday will be the men and women's meeting, Memorial service and the Banquet. Saturday morning will be the games. Make your plans now to attend.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President Kerney reported he had driven about 3500 miles this quarter. Attended a lot of District meetings, three Memorial services for the 9-11 attack, attended the Fire Summit meeting and the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meeting. He stated that five phone calls on an issue to a Legislator will get their attention.

Vice-president Koehler stated that he has driven 2266 miles this quarter. Attended several memorials, several station dedications, some fund raisers, and the Fire Summit. He hopes to get around to other District meetings between now and February. He also stated that you need to tell your Legislative people when your meetings are and invite them to attend.

Chaplain Baker had a somewhat busy quarter with several memorial services and station dedications and with thoughts of the 9-11 incident. He has also been working with the Legislative committee on 2002 legislation.

Secretary Larry Bartlow stated he has the supplies for the job and is ready to get started. He has a few copies of last meeting minutes if anyone needs them. President Kerney then called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Jack Zeeks to accept the minutes as printed. A second was made by Jim Zeeks. The motion passed by voice vote.

Sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush has done some traveling to station dedications and presentations of the 25 year pins. He has had several calls for Dedication clocks. He needs the request for clocks to be made through the District Chairperson so that everyone knows what's going on and also to have a reference point if their is a problem. We have

presented 17 clocks this past quarter.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:**  
PRNW Jim Bradford has traveled some 1496 miles this past quarter attending five District meetings, several memorial services and presenting several "Gold Cards" and 25 year pins. He has also attended 13 other departments.

PRNE Mike Mackin was not able to make any of the District meetings due to required training with his department. He plans to do better this next quarter. He has the logo on the games trailer. He also stated that Ivan Nevil has the old IVFA flag in his possession. A motion was made by Mitch Parish to get the flag from Ivan and have the Sgt.-at-arms take care of it. The second to the motion was by Bill Pape, District 8A. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRWC Diane Harrison reported she attended the Greene County memorial service for the 9-11 incident and attended District 21 meeting.

PREC Don Cushman hasn't gotten everyone's meeting as some Districts meet on the same night. Anyone having anything going on let him know and he will try to get there.

PRSW Ron Bell reported doing a lot of traveling attending all District meetings and other events in the area.

PRSE Joe Caudill has attended District 14 and District 19 meetings. He will have a District 16 meeting at Corydon, Harrison Twp. on Nov. 8, 2001 to get the District rolling again. He has driven about 1200 miles this past quarter.

### Past President Reports:

Jim Parker - pass, Carl Bruns - pass, Mitch Parish - pass, Richard Glant - pass, Jack Zeeks - pass.

### District Reports:

District 1 - Tom Orrell had the last meeting at Pine Twp. Sept. 19, 2001. The program was about using a computer for training. The next meeting will be at Lake Ridge Fire Dept. on Nov. 21, 2001.

District 2 - Paul Watland has had one death in the District. He has been to four departments to present 25 year pins. His next meeting is Nov. 21, 2001.

District 3 - Tim Sandy held his last meeting at North Judson on Sept. 20, 2001. The program was Rapid Intervention Training. Attendance is picking up a little with more department participation. The next meeting will be Nov. 13, 2001 at Center Twp., LaPorte. He also had "Gold Card" presentation at Rolling Prairie.

District 4 - John Ferro had to cancel his meeting due to bad weather in the area. His next meeting is Jan. 20, 2002 at Baugo Twp. Fire Dept.

District 5 - Don Kissinger held his last meeting at North Webster Fire Dept. with five departments and 13 members. Has had one death in the District. His next meeting is at Noble Twp. North on Nov. 30, 2001.

District 6 - Tim Jones is not able to attend.

District 7 - Mort Sorg has had one death since last quarterly meeting. His last meeting was at Chester Twp. His next meeting is at Liberty Center Fire Dept. on Nov. 19. It is their Miss Flame evening.

District 8A - Bill Pape held his meeting Sept. 12 at LaFoutaine Fire Dept. His program was about the Nation Volunteer Fire Council and the events of the day before. He had eight departments and 42 members present. His next meeting will be at Madison Twp. Fire Dept. in Hobbs on Nov. 14, 2001.

District 8B - Larry Petro held his quarterly meeting in Montpelier on Sept. 12, with a program on F foam. He had six departments and

28 members with 74 fire runs. He presented the Midwest Award. His next meeting will be at Pennville Fire Dept. on Nov. 14, 2001.

District 9A - Jon Randle held meeting at Rockfield Fire Dept. on Sept. 27. He had two programs. One was by the Delphi Fire Dept. about their golf cart fire truck for children fire safety program. The second program was by the Sheriff Department on Meth labs. He had 10 departments, 28 men and five guests reporting 135 fire runs and 99 EMS runs. The next meeting is Nov. 15, at Laurel Center Fire Dept.

District 10 - David Israel had meeting Aug. 15 at Burney Fire Dept. He presented the Midwest Award and had a program Build Indiana Fund. There were 13 departments, 45 members, and three guests presenting reporting 272 fires. He had one death in the district.

His next meeting was Sept. 19, 2001 at Franklin Twp., Marion Co. The program was on grain bin rescue. They had 11 departments, 42 members and 311 fire runs.

His next meeting was at Fairland Fire Department on Oct. 17, 2001. The program was put on by Ed Lay on the treatment of stroke victims. He had 13 departments, 36 members and 305 fire runs. His next meeting is Nov. 21, 2001 at German Twp. Fire Department. The program will be on Accountability.

District 9B - Randy Denton held meeting Sept. 13 at Chalmers Fire Department with seven departments and 32 members. He presented the Midwest Award. The next meeting will be Nov. 8, 2001 at Earl Park Fire Dept. He has had one death.

District 11A - Jack McFarland stated his meeting was a joint meeting with 11-B. He has participated

in Bleemel Days and attended several fund-raisers and memorials. His next meeting is Nov. 18 at Dugger fire Dept. The program will be the Davies County Air Vac.

District 11B - Larry Ketchem reported the September meeting was the joint picnic with 11A with about 65 people present. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The next meeting will be at Reelsville Fire Department on Nov. 11, 2001. There were two deaths in the District. A free class on Terrorism will be Dec. 8, 2001 at Rosedale Fire Department.

District 12 - John Ross had meeting at Amo Fire Department on Oct. 10, 2001 with five departments and 14 members present. His next meeting will be Jan. 21, 2002 at the North Salem Fire Department. Two legislators will be there.

District 13A - Tim Martin had meeting at Greenfield with a program on combine safety for Fire Departments and EMS. Also presented Midwest Award and the election of officers for the next year. He has also attended two county meetings and two other departments. His next meeting will be Nov. 14, 2001 at Sugar Creek Twp. in New Palestine.

District 13B - Dennis Spears had meeting Sept. 22 at New Lisbon Fire Department with eight departments and 27 members present. He held the District election and was re-elected. His next meeting will be Nov. 27, 2001 at Hagerstown Fire Dept.

District 14 - Roy Richardson stated he has driven 237 miles in District passing out Gold Cards, 25 year pins and dedication clocks. His last meeting was Oct. 17, 2001 with 14 members present. His next meeting is Jan. 16, 2002 at place

to be named. They will select their Miss Flame at that time.

District 15 - Steve Anderson held meeting on Sept. 18, 2001 at German Twp. Fire Dept. with 11 departments, 20 members and one guest. The program was a discussion of recent events led by John Buckman. He has been to five parades, three memorial services, four County Chief's meetings, four station dedications and attended three convention meetings. The next meeting is Nov. 20, 2001 at Booneville.

District 16 - Absent.

District 17A - Jim Abrams had meeting Sept. 17, 2001 with 11 departments and 39 members present. He attended memorial service for 9-11 incident. The next meeting is Nov. 17, 2001 at Odon. There was one death in the District.

District 17B - Jim Zeeks stated his last meeting had five departments and 33 members present. Program presented by Deputy State Fire Marshal Mike Bigler. He has had one death in the District. The next meeting is Jan. 15, 2002 at a place to be named.

District 18 - Charlie Parker held his meeting at Troy Fire Department on Sept. 20, 2001 with 22 departments, 83 members and six guests present. They reported 295 fire runs. The next meeting is Nov. 15 at Ferdinand.

District 19 - Ed Scheele reported his meeting was Sept. 27 with seven departments and 34 members present. The program was on Meth Labs. His next meeting is Nov. 15, 2001 at Milan Fire Department. They will hold their Miss Flame judging.

District 21 - Don Fultz held his meeting Oct. 29, 2001 at Sheffield

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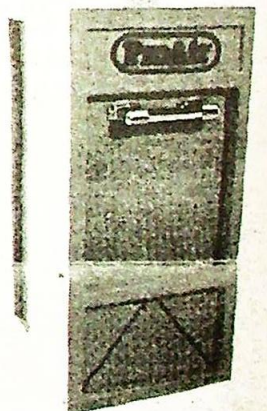
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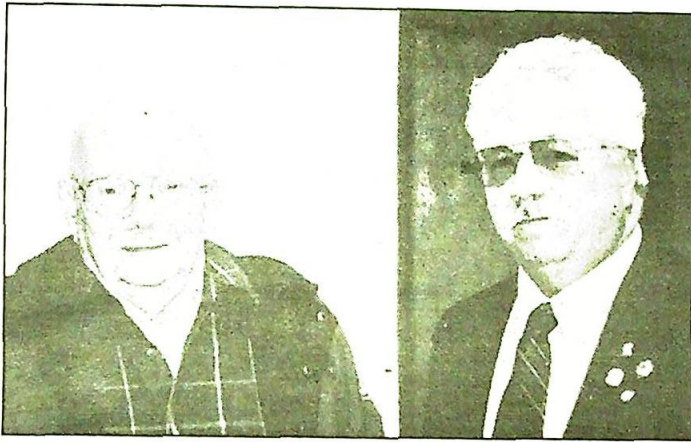
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# Service Pins and Gold Cards Presented to Fire Members



On Tuesday, December 11, 2001, during a Porter Town Council meeting, vice president Buz Koehler and District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell presented the Porter volunteer firefighters with 25 year service pins and one 50 year Gold Card. Former Chief Edwin Pratt received the 50 year Gold Card and a 25 year pin. Current Chief, Lewis T. Craig Sr., Assitant Chief Weldon "Peanut" Coslet and life member Kenneth E. Slater were present and received 25 year pins. Not present was Lawrence J. Williams, Carl Randler and Billy J. Rucker. (Photos taken by Diana Orrell, Districts 1 & 2 secretary).

## Letter To The Editor:

TO ALL DISTRICT 6 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS:  
This is to inform all departments that prior to January 2002 there were no guidelines concerning district rules for our Miss Flame. It is a fact that the Allen County Departments have a problem with the paid fire department of the county. However, that fact is not as well known by the other counties in the district. Our Miss Flame was placed on that truck by the people in charge of the parade. It was not her wish to even be on a truck and she had no knowledge of the problems it might cause some departments. No one from her department, that was there, had any knowledge of the problem either. If there was such a concern, why wasn't their chief, who was there, talked with? At our January meeting we will be discussing further guidelines for our district Miss Flame contestants, so that it will not happen again. Also, I would like to apologize to our Miss Flame in the way the matter was handled at the September district meeting.

Marilyn Dever  
6th District IVFAA Chairman

## Fire Chief Continues Home Recuperation

Jan. 5, 2002  
By Jolene Ridder  
Post Tribune  
Cedar Lake Fire Chief Dennis Wilkening is still out of commission while he recovers from injuries suffered in a traffic accident this fall.

Recently, he was seen by a specialist from Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. Wilkening said the doctor would give another evaluation of his healing progress in 30 days. He was given permission to put more weight on the healing leg, but was not released to return to his position as chief.

The volunteer deputies and captains continue to do a fabulous job of running the department in Wilkening's absence. "I want to thank all the schools, friends and churches who sent cards. Many said they were praying for me. Those things all make me feel a lot better," Wilkening said.

(Jolene Ridder is a columnist for the Post-Tribune focusing on South Lake County. To pass along news about a neighbor, call her at 374-8144.)

## Shirley Fire Department Honors Firefighters



The Delbert Reason Award was presented by President Scott Hardy (L to R) to Lieutenant Bill Haviland for 2000 and Chief Martin Ebbert for 2001.

The Shirley Volunteer Fire Department honored members Lieutenant Bill Haviland and Chief Martin Ebbert with a new award called the Delbert Reason Firefighter. This award is in honor of lifetime member Delbert Reason who served our department for 35 plus years. Lieutenant Haviland received the award for the year 2000 for his increased dedication and time given to maintaining department

equipment. Lieutenant Haviland has been a member since 1982 and is one of our most enthusiastic members. Chief Ebbert was given the award for 2001 for his continued level of dedication to increasing the department's standards of quality. A member since 1977 Chief Ebbert has held all offices in the department, has been instrumental in all equipment purchases and the direction the department has taken.

## Shirley Firefighters Honored For 25 Years



Twenty-five year pins awarded to (L to R) Chief Martin Ebbert and Firefighter Tony Turner presented by Tim Martin, 13A Chairman.

I.V.F.A. 13A Chairman Tim Martin awarded Chief Martin Ebbert and Firefighter Tony Turner with 25 year pins from the I.V.F.A. Both members have served in all capacities with the department, increasing standards and changing our direction in training and service to the community.

## Harold Wentze Receives 25 Year Pin



Harold Wentze, retired former assistant chief of the Crown Point Vol. Fire Department, received his 25 year service pin at the annual Christmas party on December 8, 2001.

It was presented to him by District 2 chairman Paul F. Watland and Fire Chief Greg DeLor of the Crown Point Fire Rescue. Pictured (left to right) Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman, Harold Wentze and Greg DeLor, Chief, CPFR (Photo submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2)

May 10, 2002  
Deadline is  
April 10, 2002

# Public Relations West Central



Larry Bartlow

## Officer's Meeting . . .

(continued from page 12)

Twp. Fire Dept. in Dayton with five departments and 17 members present. His next meeting will be Jan. 29, 2002 in Stockwell.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
 Convention - David Israel - need to meet in February.  
 Budget - 2002 Budget same figures as 2001 budget.  
 Insurance - Nothing to report.  
 Bridgeport - Carl Bruns - New Bridgeport forms are available now. Destroy all old forms you have. Two \$1500 scholarships presented at

Convention urge participation in program. Dues must be paid on time the current year to be eligible for Scholarship or Death Benefit.

Editor Assistant - Buz Koehler - This issue of paper is 40 pages. The next paper deadline is Jan. 20, 2002. Also be sure to send good pictures.

Ad Taker - Mitch Parish - All accounts are up to date except two.

Audit - Jack Zeeks - The Committee met this morning and approved the audit.

Clothing - Larry Bartlow - We have two clothing claims that need processed today. Also clothing forms need to be sent to the District Chairman first.

Awards - Buz Koehler - All awards are due Feb. 1 except the Bridgeport Scholarship which is March 1. Ed Scheele had letter from his District about "Angel Award". Some discussion was held on the matter. It was decided to let the Executive make a clarification.

Fire School - Buz Koehler - Nothing at this time.

Legislative - Charlie Baker, Jim Parker - Meet with lobbyist in Aug. to discuss last year Bills. Established priorities for this year's legislation: 1. Blue light law. 2. Equipment liability for donated to include the private sector. 3. Change audit floor to \$100,000 and not to include grant money in this amount. 4. Insurance for Volunteer Firefighters. 5. Special license plate fee; same fee for all special plates.

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

Nov. 4, 2001  
 0830 am -

The President called the meeting back to order and called on Carl Bruns for the morning invocation.

Miss Flame - Patty Miller - It is time for Miss Flame 2002 candidates. She would like to have your information with two pictures by March 10.

Mr. IVFA - Mitch Parish - Nothing yet.

By-Laws & SOG - Jim Parker - Passed out the new change to the By-Laws (page 5) and the SOG's (page 15-16). He then introduced first action for clarification proposed change to the SOG Section 15 item 12-13- and 14 page 20 to change the name of our Insurance carrier from Timothy R. Downey Insurance, Inc., P.O. Box 1247, Kokomo, IN 46901 to Jones & Associates Insurance Agency, 918 Fry Rd., Greenwood, IN 46142. Proposed change to the Annual Awards page 18. Mr. IVFA proposed last four recipients and include Award Committee Chairman.

Logo - Charlie Parker - Approved using IVFA logo by Troy Fornoff, Provident Insurance, on his Web page to link to IVFA Web page.

Membership - Steve Anderson - Areas to target on membership. Districts that have double digit non-members departments to get past presidents and other officers to help District Chairman contact these departments personally.

Public Education - Buz Koehler - Nothing.

Parliamentarian - Jim Parker, Bill

Bush - pass.

Photography - Don Kissinger - pass.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Mitch Parish - Meet Oct. 9, 2001. NVFC received \$300,000 for grants but there are no standards at this time.

PSTI - Buz Koehler - pass.

Board of Firefighting Standards & Education - Jack Kerney - The Board was overwhelmed by the response to the Fire Academy survey. 25 Year Pins - Roy Richardson - 2458 pins have been passed out.

Fire Service Institute - Mitch Parish - Meet Oct. 25. Discussion on Decontamination of female firefighter. New director of Burn Camp. Fire Institute Dinner Feb. 4, 2002.

Old Business - Nothing.

New Business - Next officer's meeting in Columbus Holiday Inn. All meetings first weekend of month except the August meeting which will be the second weekend. Motion by Larry Ketchem to have May meeting in Evansville. Second by Bill Pape. Motion rejected by voice vote.

Public Safety Officer death benefit raised to \$250,000. Blue Light Survey had 205 responses. The results showing our priorities to be: 1. Dash light; 2. Use of strobe; 3. Wig-wag lights, and to be given the right-of-way.

Letter from Nappanee Fire Department suggesting we support the raising of the amount of money that a volunteer can earn to more than the present \$10,000 and still be a volunteer. Motion by Mitch Parish that we support this. Second by Jim

Parker. Motion passed on voice vote.

There being no further business, Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush moved and P.R.N.C. Mike Mackin seconded the motion that we adjourn and get the board meeting started. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Zeeks. Motion to approve the minutes of last meeting as printed. Motion by President Kerney seconded by Don Cushman, P.R.E.C. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the Audit report by Don Kissinger, District 5 and seconded by Tim Sandy, District 3. Motion passed on voice vote.

A motion to approve the 2002 Budget as presented was made by Vice-President Buz Koehler and seconded by Bill Bush, Sgt.-at-Arms. Motion without a no vote. The request by Franklin Twp. Fire Dept. for two large IVFA decals (12"-18") for their Safety Trailer. Motion by David Israel, District 10 and second by Don Cushman, P.R.E.C. to get prices for this size decal. Motion passed.

President Kerney requested \$500 for support of the Indiana Fire Service Summit. A motion by Jim Zeeks, District 17-B with second by Jim Parker, past president. Motion passed on voice vote.

President Kerney proposed a need to upgrade our J.L. System NOA Software computer service. The upgrade is from access 1997 to access 2000-2002. The labor to upgrade is \$2160. A motion by Jim Parker, past president and a second by Jim Bradford, P.R.N.W. Motion passed on voice vote.

We have a need for 1000 business meeting cards and 1000 IVFA information pamphlets. Motion to purchase them by Bill Pape, District 8A and second by Larry Petro, District 8B. Motion passed on voice vote.

Tickets for the Fire Service Institute Dinner Feb. 4, 2002. A motion to support this made by Mitch Parish and second by Jim Parker. Motion passed. If your name on list to go and you don't go or find a replacement you must pay for the unused ticket.

Proposed SOG change for Annual Award to change Mr. IVFA from the past three recipients to the past four recipients and Award Committee Chairman. Proposal died for lack of motion.

Proposed SOG change to section XV Education in paragraphs 12-13-14 the name of our insurance carrier from Timothy R. Downey Insurance Agency to Jones & Associates Insurance Agency. Motion by Jim Parker, past president and seconded by Don Cushman, P.R.E.C. to accept this proposal. Motion passed.

Having no other business at this time the Chairman would accept a motion to adjourn. Jim Parker, past president so moved and Roy Richardson, District 14, motion passed.

Larry L. Bartlow  
 IVFA Secretary

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## CPSC, WCI Outdoor Products Inc. Announce Recall of Lawn Tractors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), WCI Outdoor Products, of Cleveland, Ohio, is voluntarily recalling about 35,000 lawn tractors to replace their 2-gallon fuel tanks. The tank in the lawn tractor can crack and leak fuel, posing a fire hazard.

WCI has received 76 reports of the fuel tanks on these lawn tractors cracking. No injuries have been reported.

The recall involves lawn tractors sold under the brand names Poulan Pro, WEED EATER, Husqvarna and Jonsered. They have the manufacture ID number and serial date codes

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# Bridget Gelhausen Crowned 2001 IVFA District 18 Miss Flame



PICTURED (left to right): Queen Bridget Gelhausen, Miss Congeniality Jennifer Welp, second runner-up Jayme Knies and first runner-up Megan Lawrence. (Photo submitted by Kathryn E. Smith, District 18 Miss Flame chairperson)

Miss Bridget Gelhausen of Ireland was crowned the 2001 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association District 18 Miss Flame Queen on Sunday, October 14, 2001 at the Fire Prevention Parade held in Holland. Miss Gelhausen represented the Ireland Volunteer Fire Department

and is the 17-year-old daughter of Brian and Joyce Gelhausen.

Bridget will compete in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association State Miss Flame contest in June of 2002 at Evansville.

Megan Lawrence of Birdseye was the first runner-up and Jayme Knies of Huntingburg was the sec-

ond runner-up.

Miss Lawrence represented the Birdseye V.F.D. and is the 15-year-old daughter of Tim and Bonnie Lawrence.

Miss Knies represented the St. Anthony V.F.D. and

## Firemen Attend Firefighter I/II Class



DISTRICT 9A FIREFIGHTER I/II CLASS. Front row: Troy Trent - Flora, Dan Birnell - Galveston, Mark Michael - Burlington. Back row: Harrison Twp.-Alto, Dee Mauntel - lead instructor, Jason Lemons - Evaluator, Mike Craig, Gary Paul, Steve Droke, Dion Pettit, Kent Weaver - Lead Evaluator.

(Photo submitted by Dee Mauntel)

## Goffinet Receives Midwest Award

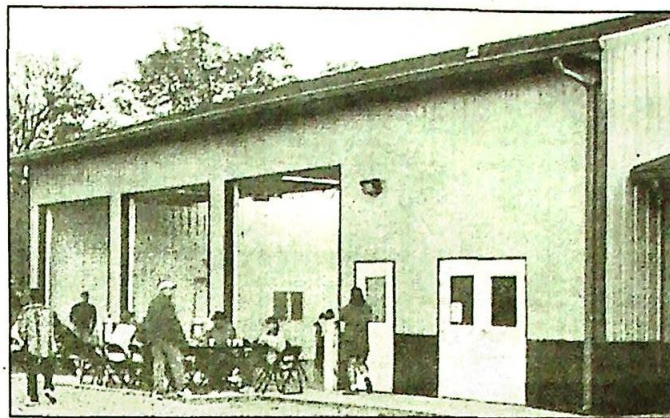


DUANE GOFFINET, District 18, received the Midwest Award July 19, 2001 at the District 18 meeting at Holland.

He has been a member of Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. for 30 years and has been assistant chief for three years. He is also a member of the Perry County Emergency Management Agency.

(Photo submitted by Chuck Parker, District 18 Chairman)

## Dedication and Open House Held



OPEN HOUSE and dedication of the new firehouse on Oct. 20, 2001 of the Laurel V.F.D. Posey Twp. Station.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 Chairman)

On October 20, 2001 Laurel Vol. Fire Dept. had a dedication and open house of their new fire station.

The station is in Posey Township at Andersonville. There was a large turnout from the community. This shows there is a lot of community support for volunteer fire departments.

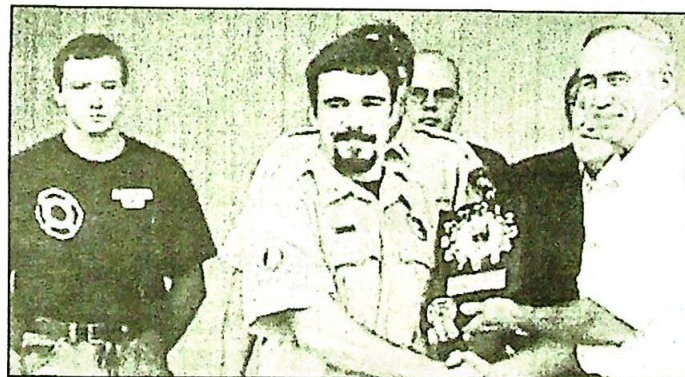
Laurel Fire Department has two stations and 30 firefighters. They have six new members taking 24 hour training and they are accepting applications for more members.

This new station will greatly help to protect the Andersonville area. The ribbon cutting and dedication was at 4:00 p.m. Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, presented the I.V.F.A. clock to the Laurel Vol. Fire Dept. for their new station.



TANKER-PUMPER at Laurel V.F.D. Posey Twp. Station.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 Chairman)



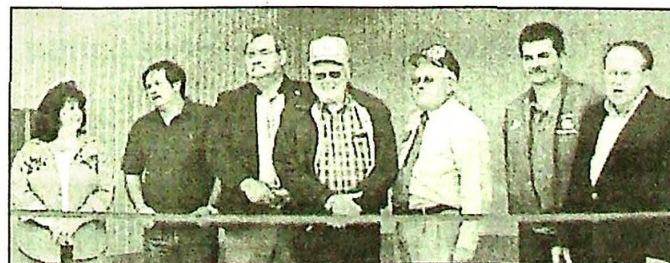
DISTRICT 19 chairman Ed Scheele presenting Laurel V.F.D. with the I.V.F.A. clock at the open house and dedication of the new fire house.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 Chairman)



FIREFIGHTERS of Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 Chairman)



RIBBON CUTTING on Oct. 20, 2001 of Laurel V.F.D. Posey Twp. Station.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 Chairman)

**May 10, 2002 Deadline is April 10, 2002**

### Don Lah Wins Midwest Award



Randy Denton, right, is shown presenting the Midwest Award to Don Lah (left), the fire chief of the Goodland Volunteer Fire Department for his dedication to the department and community. (Photo submitted by Randy Denton, District 9B chairman)

### Honey Creek Member Earns Award For Loyalty



Pictured (at left) is the Chief of the Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Clarence "Chip" Shields. The Fire Department gave him an award for his loyalty to the department.

(Photo submitted by Randy Denton, District 9B Chairman)

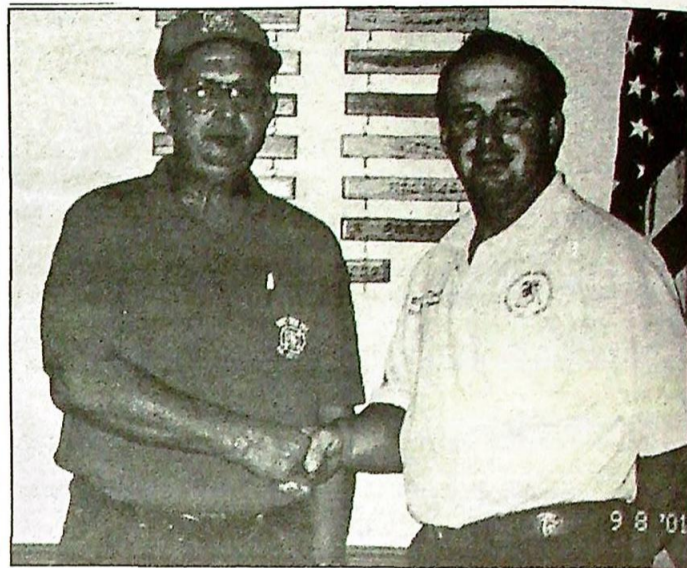
### Look At Our IVFA President



IVFA PRESIDENT Jack Kerney came driving a new E-One into Worthington to the Greene County meeting. Next thing they knew, he was laying under the rear end of the truck.

Pictured (at right) is Clarence "Chip" Shields, left, receiving his pin for 25 years in the fire service from District 9B chairman, Randy Denton, right.


(photo submitted by Randy Denton, District 9B chairman)




### Patberg Earns 25 Year Pin



At the December meeting of the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department, IVFA District 18 secretary Kenny Lau (left) presented Huntingburg VFD Second Assistant Chief Patty Patberg (right) with the IVFA 25 year membership pin. Patberg and his wife, Greta, have three sons, Rick, Ron and Scott who serves as a captain on the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. (Photo submitted by John C. Smith, H.V.F.D.)



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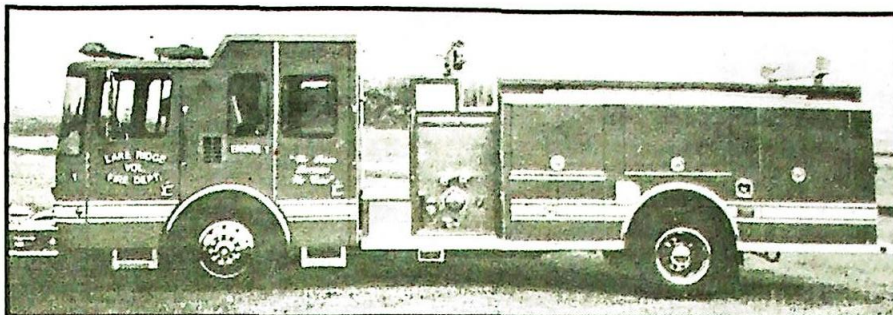
### Fire Members Receive Awards For Service



At the December meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department, six members received awards for their years of service to the department. They are pictured: front row, left to right - Second Assistant Chief Larry Patberg, 25 years; Fire Captain Ray Kissling, 30 years. Back row, left to right - Firefighter Gary Dages, five years; Safety Officer Vince Gentry, five years; Instructor Jim Leiberling, 20 years; and Fire Chief Glen Kissling, 20 years. (Photo submitted by John C. Smith, H.V.F.D.)



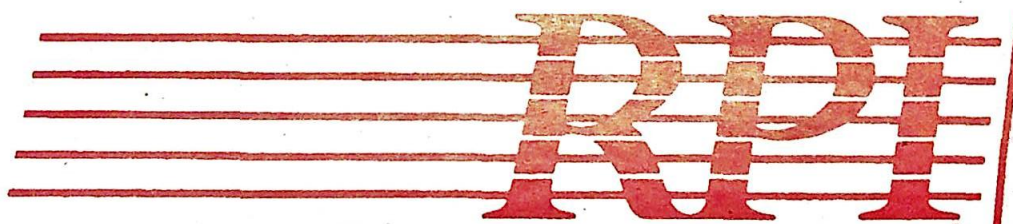
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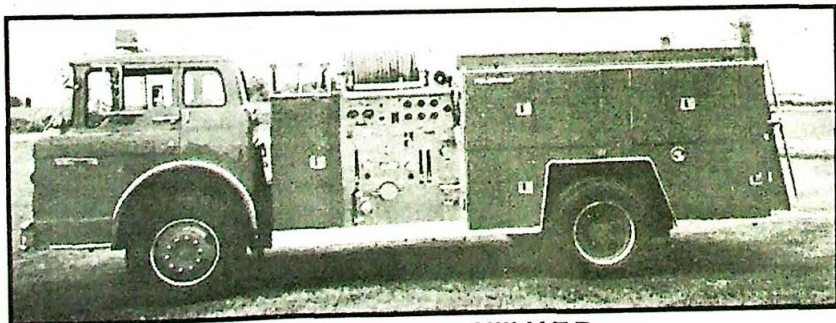
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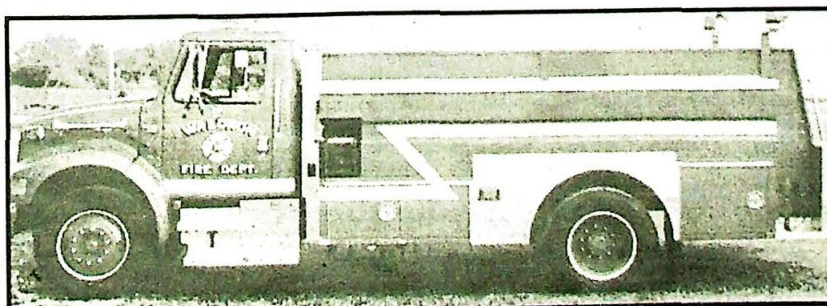
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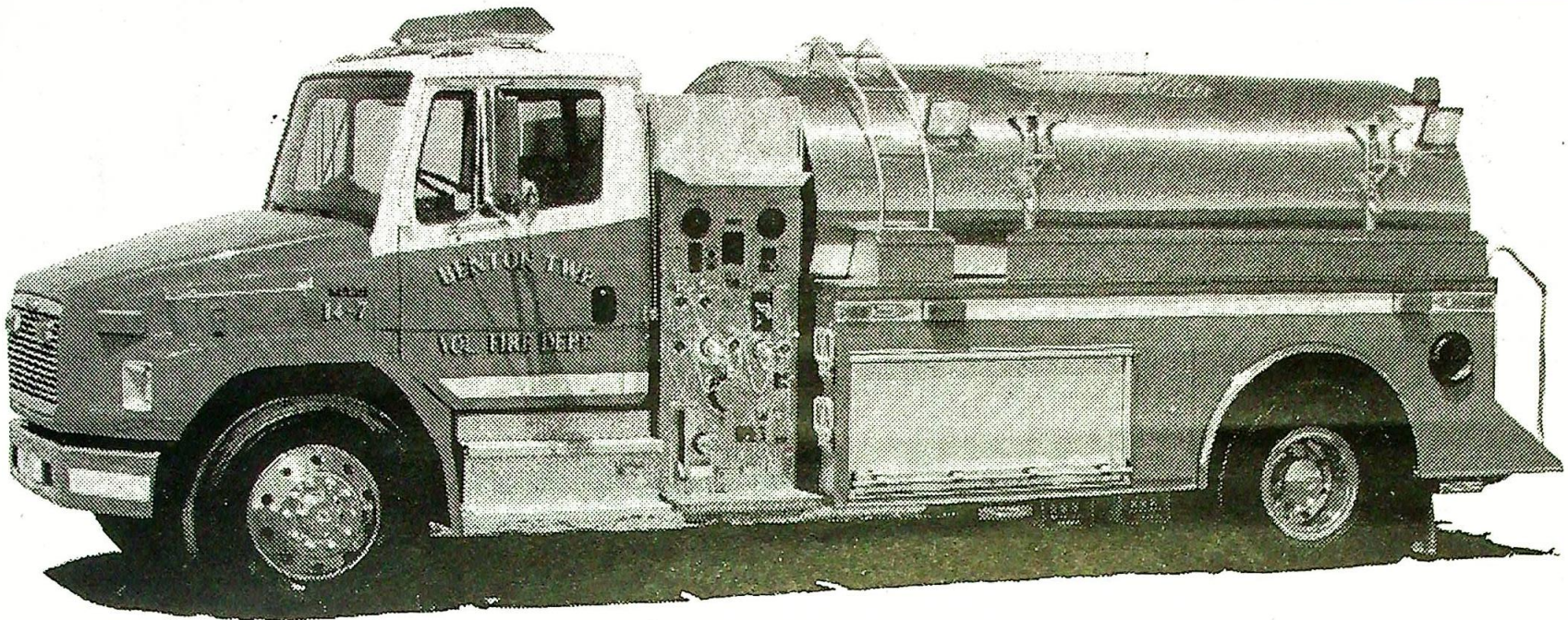
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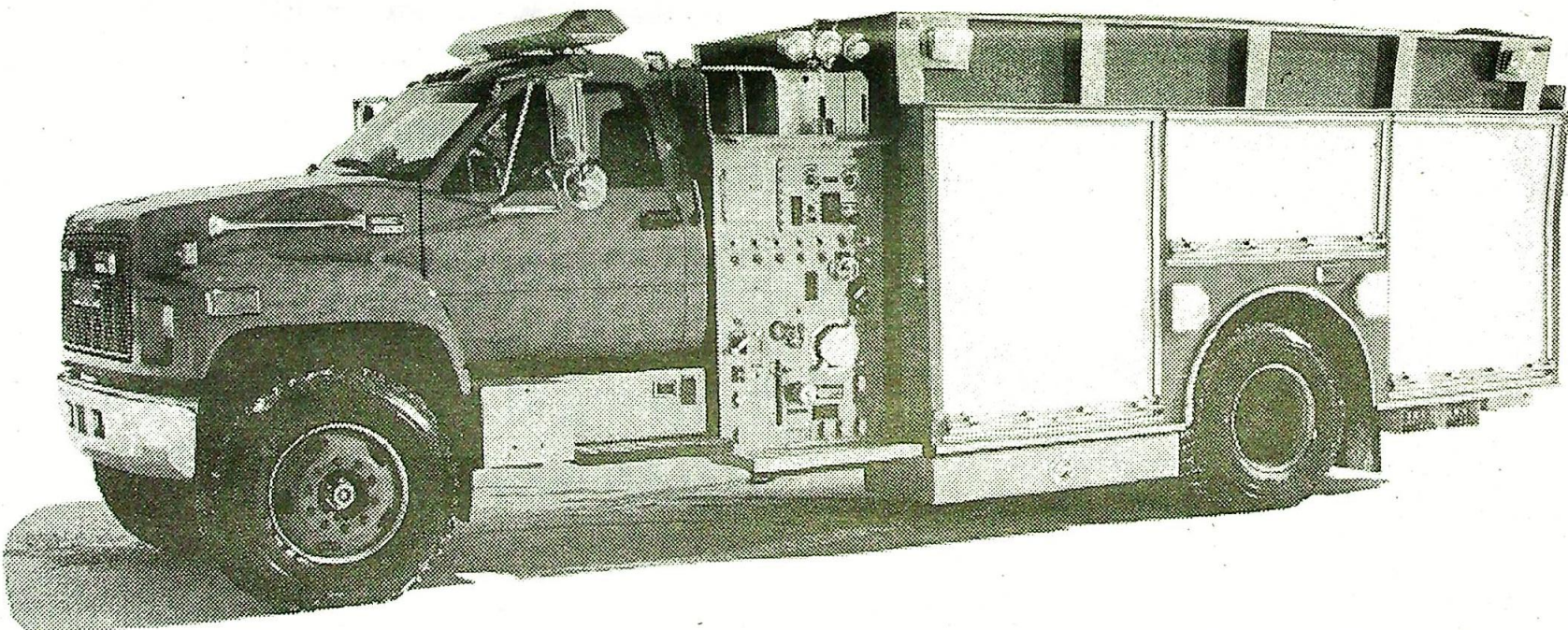
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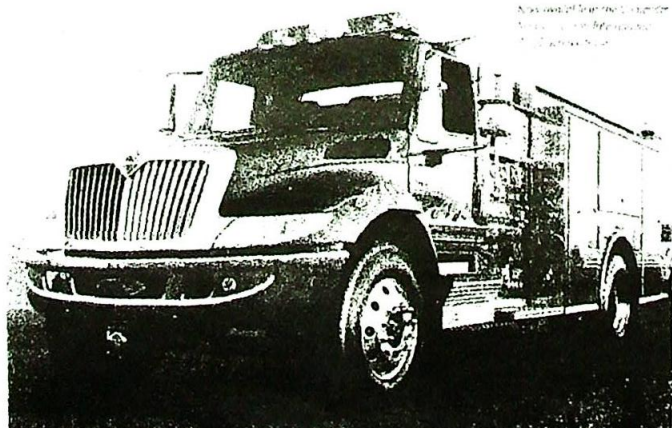
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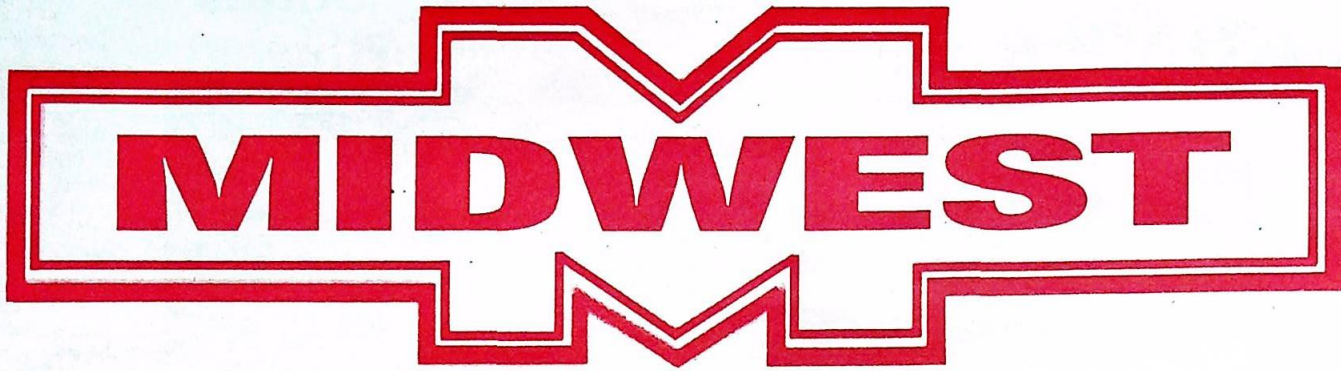


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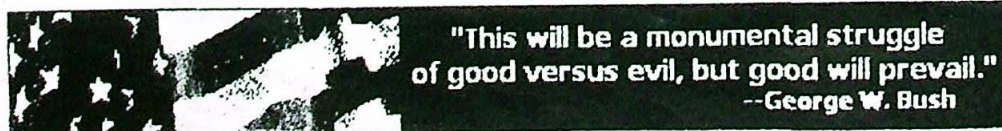
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# Hebron Fire Department Holds FDNY Benefit



Hebron VFD, District 2 - Pictured are Chief Dave Wilson, Bob Schulte, Shelley Schulte and Gregg Hoagland. (Photo submitted by Robert Schulte)

Like most Americans after the September 11th terrorist attacks, the members of the Hebron Fire Department felt like they needed to do their part to support the heroes in New York City. It would have been easy to just donate money out of the general fund, but a bigger impact was needed. Not only did the HFD want to help, they also wanted to involve the community as a whole. The only logical solution was to have a benefit dinner so that they could come together as a community.

After much discussion, it was decided to have a spaghetti dinner on November 10th in Hebron's station. With only a month before the dinner, the race was on. All of the mem-

bers of the Department pulled together and did their part. Since this was the first dinner-type fund-raiser that the department had ever had, special considerations were given to every aspect of the event. Team leaders were assigned various functions of the dinner to ensure that everything did go smoothly. Many delicious desserts were donated by

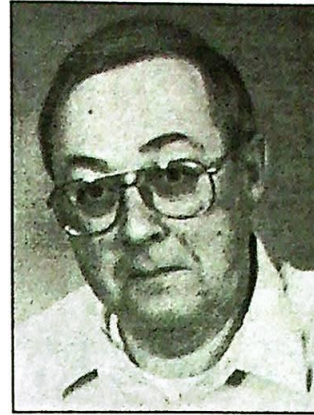
members of the community, as well as cutlery and food items. The member's wives and friends also pitched in and donated their time and expertise to the event.

The end result was better than anyone had expected. Approximately 450 spaghetti dinners were served. Not only did the Fire Department make some darn good spaghetti, thanks to one member's secret family recipe, it also made \$3249.00 for the FDNY Widow's and Orphan Fund.

It was quite evident that community was completely behind the efforts of the Fire Department to support the heroes of the September 11th attacks, and also quite clear that a spaghetti dinner should, in fact, become an annual event in Hebron.

Robert Schulte

## Public Relations Northwest



Jim Bradford

I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and want to wish you all a happy, prosperous and safe new year.

I've only been able to attend one district meeting since the Novem-

ber paper came out as I had a minor health problem that has been taken care of.

Some good news from Washington. On December 19, 2001 the House and Senate conferees approved an extra 210 million dollars for the fire service. This brings the total for the year 2002 up to 360 million dollars. In 2001 more than 19,000 fire departments asked for almost 3 billion dollars from the grant program. The federal safety officer death benefit has also been increased to \$250,000 retroactive to January 2, 2001.

The following quote is taken from a plaque that is mounted on the side of the Rock Creek Township Fire Department located in District 9A: "THERE IS GREATER NEED THAN EVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE NATION FOR ALL GOOD AND LOYAL CITIZENS TO STAND TOGETHER." This plaque was dedicated on October 25, 1923 and was made by 1st Lt. W. Swift Wright during the Spanish American War. I think it still applies today.

Jim Bradford  
PRNW

**May 10, 2002 Deadline Is April 10, 2002**

### Lafayette Twp. Fire Dept. Announces Juvenile Firesetter Program

Lafayette Township Fire Department, in Floyds Knobs, Indiana, proudly announces implementation of the first Juvenile Firesetters program in far South-central Indiana. To combat the growing problem of juvenile firesetting, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency prevention teamed with the U.S. Fire Administration to produce what has become the National Juvenile Firesetter/Arson Control and prevention program. The program itself stresses evaluation, education and referral services and is designed to work in partnership with community organizations, schools, parents and caregivers, mental health professionals, the juvenile justice system, child protective services and other agencies that work with youth.

Training sessions conducted by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office were attended by Chief Mike Banet, Administrator Stacey Biefield and Firefighter Jeff Read of Lafayette Township Fire Department, Investigator Ron Highfill of Greenville Township Fire Department, Firefighters Megan Atherton and James Hoffman of New Chapel Fire Company and Assistant Chief Boyce Adams of Sellersburg Fire Department. These Interventionists will work directly with referred juvenile firesetters and those at risk of firesetting behaviors. Our program is designed to evaluate and identify juvenile firesetters, educate through individually designed age-appropriate incident-specific materials, and, when necessary, refer to mental health professionals specializing in firesetting behavior.

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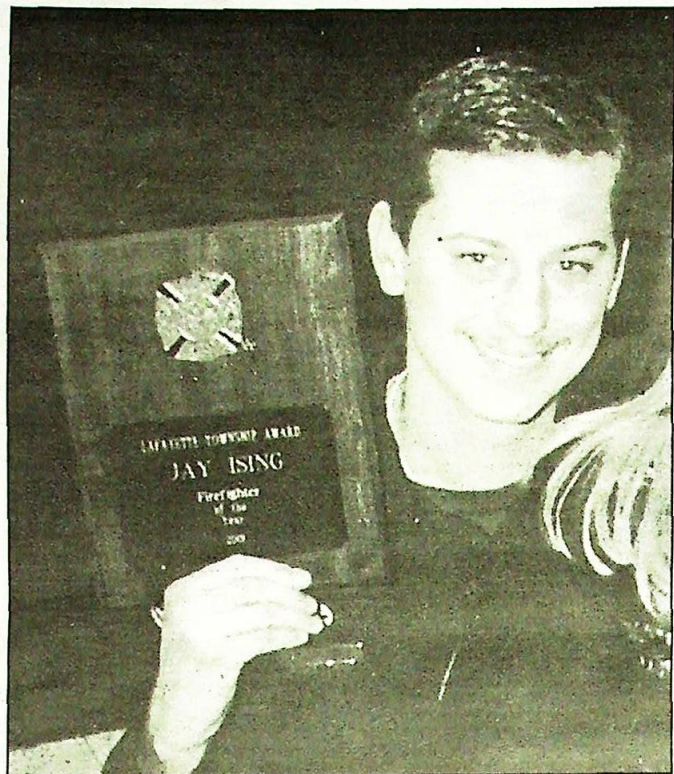
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# Firesetter Program ...

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tionists at the recent training sessions to pool knowledge, resources and time and take a team approach to the Juvenile Firesetting Program. To that end, Lafayette Township Fire Department is proudly accepting a "Central Agency" role and will accept referrals from Floyd and Clark counties in need of Interventionist services. Referrals are accepted from parents/guardians, schools, mental health professionals, juvenile justice and child protective services, and other youth-oriented agencies. Referrals from outside Lafayette Township will be forwarded to the appropriate Interventionist in their home area, or accepted by Lafayette Township Juvenile Firesetter Interventionists if a request for services is made.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Chief Mike Banet or Administrator Stacey Biefeld or Lafayette Township Fire Department at 812-923-8003. Information on Juvenile Firesetter Training is available from Tom Hinkle, Chief of the Investigation Division of the State Fire Marshal's office at 317-232-6435.



## Presented Firefighter of the Year Award

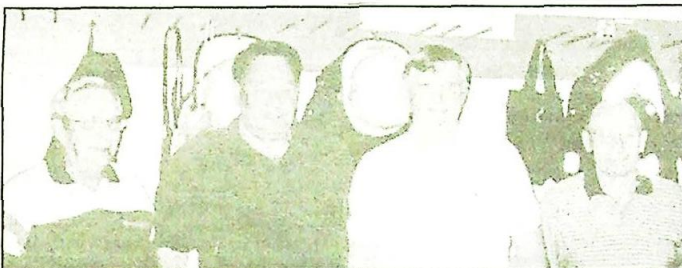
Lafayette Township Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Jay Ising at the Christmas party on December 8, 2001. (Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14th Chairman)

## Bentonville VFD Members Receive 25 Year Pins



Bentonville Vol. Fire Department had fifteen firefighters receive 25 year pins at their annual cook-out. District 13B chairman, Dennis Spears, presented the pins to William Baker, Robert K. Darrah, David R. Eakins, Jon K. Eakins, Russell W. Eakins, James M. McElfresh, George R. Miller, Roy B. Mitchem, Dale P. Reed, Paul E. Ripberger, Stanley L. Ripberger, David C. Stanley, Philip A. Stanley, Dennis J. Summan, and Kenneth D. Summan. Some members were not available at the time that the photo was taken. (Photo submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B)

## Williamsburg Members Receive 25 Year Pins



District 13B chairman Dennis Spears presented four members of the Williamsburg Vol. Fire Department with their 25 year pins at the district meeting held at Williamsburg. The firefighters that received pins were James Beard, Donald R. George, Frank Monroe, and Paul Nichol. (Photo submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B)

## Lawn Mower Recall . . . (continued from page 14)

listed below, located under the tractor seat on the fender.

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To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, link to the following address:

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## Dublin Fire and Rescue Members Receive Pins



District 13B chairman Dennis Spears presented three members of the Dublin Fire and Rescue with their 25 year pins at their Christmas dinner. The firefighters that received pins were Dan Wicker - Fire Chief, Jerry Myers, and Richard Pierce. Richard Pierce also received a plaque from the Dublin Fire Dept. for his service to the department as he has retired from the fire service.

(Photo submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B)

## Kerrianna Miles Crowned Miss Flame at Contest



At the November meeting of District 19 at Milan V.F.D., four beautiful young ladies entered the Miss Flame judging contest.

Courtney Bruns represented Milan V.F.D., Kerrianna Miles represented Moores Hill, Sparta Twp.; Laura Merkel represented Morris V.F.D.; and Kim Narwold represented Batesville V.F.D.

Kerrianna Miles was crowned Miss Flame and will represent District 19 at the State Convention in Evansville.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 Chairman)

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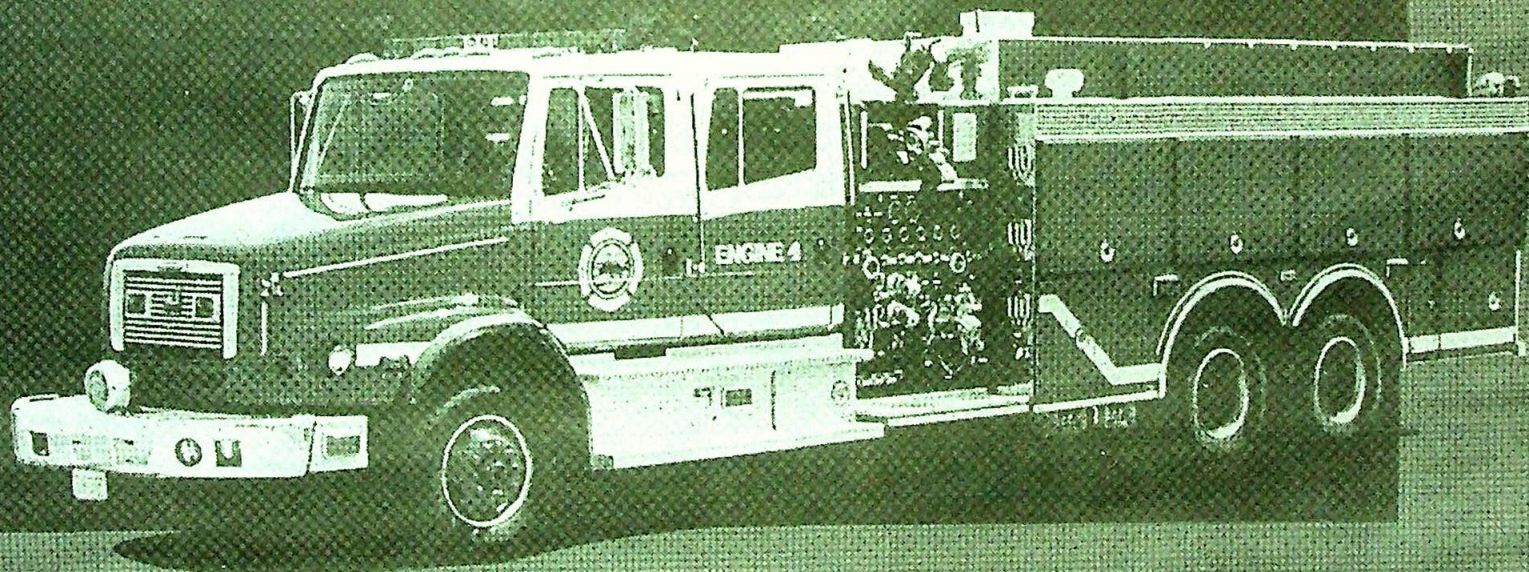
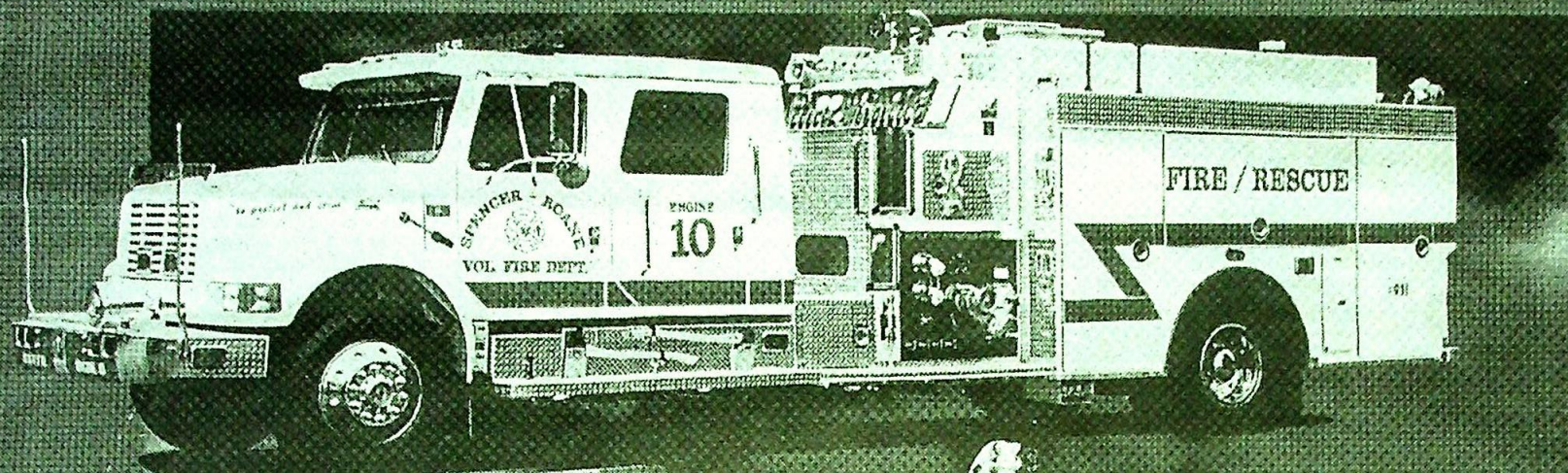
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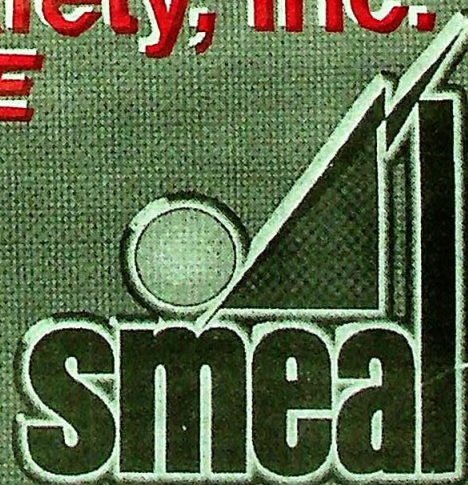


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**Diane Harrison**

Hello, Firefighters, I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

I attended 11-B meeting at Reelsville. They served a delicious Thanksgiving meal and the firefighters presented an excellent tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters in the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

Welcome Dugger Fire Department. They are 11-A newest members and thanks for hosting the district meeting.

Attended District 21 meeting at Sheffield and enjoyed the fellowship.

Greene County Firefighters Association at Wright Twp. Greene County Sheriff Allen discussed the recent anthrax calls.

Attended 17-A meeting at Odon. I unfortunately missed District 12 meeting but will do my best to make January meeting.

I would like to applaud the efforts of the Sugar Creek Fire Department. Their fire prevention parade was a class act (as usual). I'm sure they appreciate all the participants from area departments.

Thanks to deputy Fire Marshal Mike Bigler for joining us at the Lewis Twp. Fire Department Christmas dinner. Four long standing member of Lewis Twp. were awarded the Governor's Medal for years of service to their community.

Our sympathies go to Red Morris in the passing of his mother. And to Jackson Twp. firefighters who lost a beloved firefighter, David Rawlins.

If you have any events, meetings or anything going on that you would like me to participate in, just let me know and I will do my best.

Be safe out there.  
Diane Harrison  
West Central PR

**Crown Point Fire Rescue  
Receives JD Gator**



Pictured (front row, left to right): Township Secretary Roland (Bub) Wise, Finance Chairman John Ensweiler, Board President Eldon Strong. Seated (from left to right): Chief Greg Delor of Crown Point Fire Department and Center Township Trustee Colleen Rees. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland)

Crown Point Fire Rescue received delivery of a new John Deere Gator 4-wheel drive by six wheel all-terrain grass/rescue vehicle from the Center Township Trustee and Board Members.

This vehicle holds 75 gallons of water with a 9 h.p. 120 g.p.m.

pump and a basket for rescue.

The Gator will be used off road in many places where a grass truck cannot be used. It will also assist the ambulance for off road rescue.

The vehicle is trailered behind the grass truck.

**Crown Point VFD Receives  
Delivery of Grass Truck**



Pictured (front left to right, front row): Board President Eldon Strong; Finance Chairman John Ensweiler, Trustee Colleen Rees. Back row (left to right): Board Secretary Roland "Bub" Wise, and Greg Delor, Chief of the Crown Point Fire Department. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland)

Crown Point Fire Rescue Chief, Center Township Trustee and board members received delivery of their refurbished 1976 International 200 gal. grass truck.

The Township had this 1976 grass truck completely refurbished by the mechanics of the city of Crown Point.

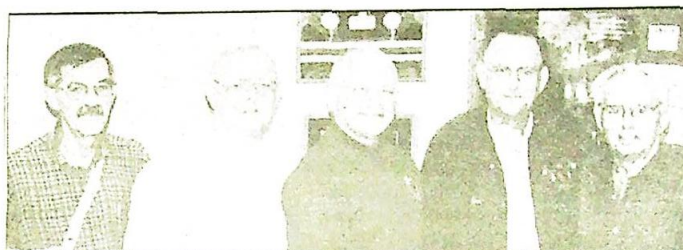
**Crown Point Members  
Receive 25 Year Pins**



At the October business meeting of the Crown Point Vol. Fire Dept., nine former and retired members of the department received their 25 year service pins. Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman, made the presentation.

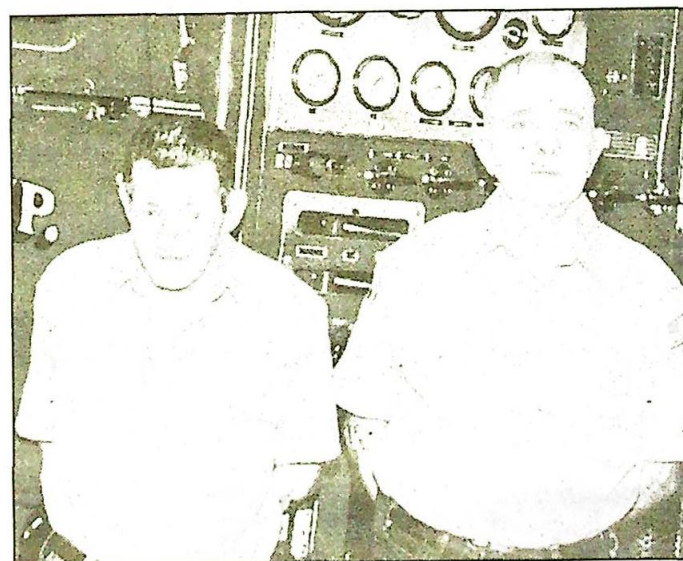
Pictured (back row, left to right) Arnold "T.B." Schultz, Jim Warner, AC Schiesser, Bob Ligda, and Ed Schafer. Front row (left to right) William Wagner, Jim Bullock, Ed Baix and Jack Carden. (Photo submitted by Paul Watland)

**Fire Members  
Earn 25 Year Pins**



25 year pins were presented to Winona Lake Fire Department members. Pictured (left to right) are Robert Wulliman, Roger Gelbaugh, Michael Cox, District 5 Don Kissinger and Bruce Howe. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 Chairman)

**25 Year Pins  
Presented To  
Two Fire Members**



25 year pins were presented to Fulton-Liberty Twp. Fire Department members, Ernest Sutton and Tom Harris. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 Chairman)

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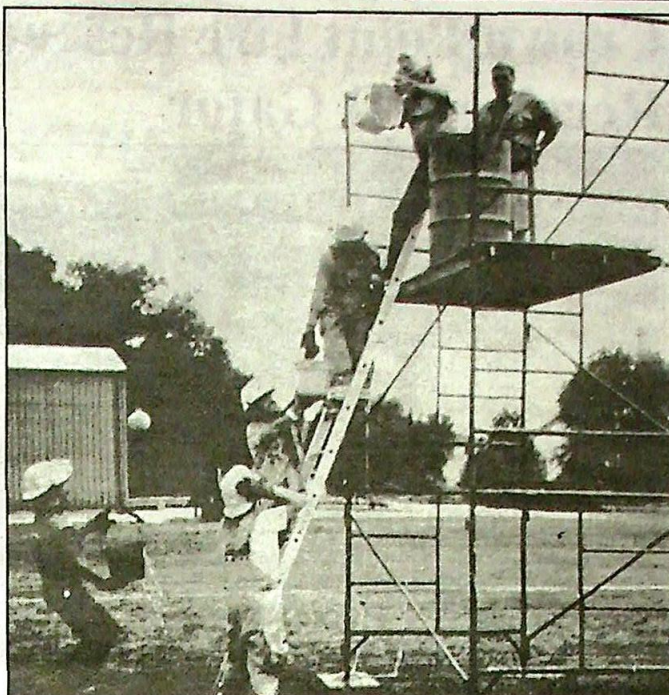
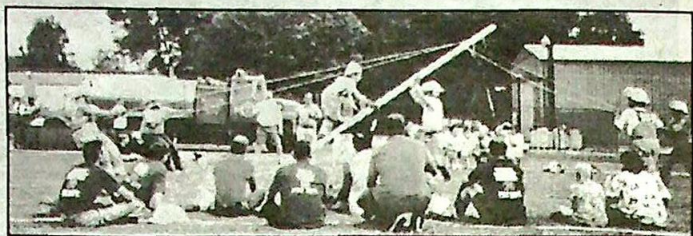
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# Greene Co. Firefighters Field Day Held



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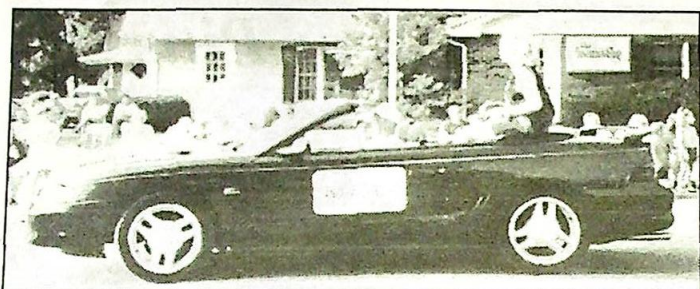
Highland Township firefighters participated in climbing a ladder and has fellow firefighters raising ladder.

Other games included rolling up of fire hoses and carrying them to the finish line and a bucket relay.

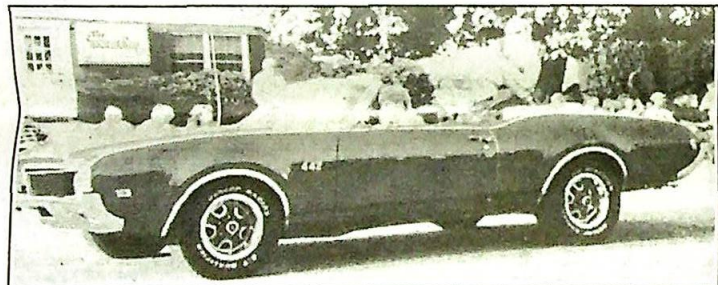
Judges District 15 Steve Anderson, PRSW Rob Bell, District 11A Diane Harrison and IVFA treasurer Jack Harker helped with the games. Also were Calli from Wright Township Fire Dept. and 2001 Miss Flame runner-up Deanna Chestnut.

(Photos submitted by Ron Bell, PRSW)

# Odon Old Settlers Parade

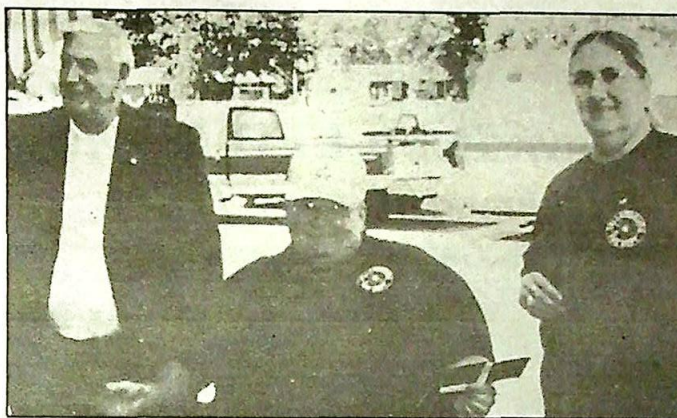


IVFA 2001 Miss Flame Andrea Seib, IVFA President Jack Kerney, and wife Barbara (IVFA and Aux. Vice President and 2001 Lois Boaz winner) participated in the annual Old Settlers Parade at Odon, IN August 2001. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PRSW)



IVFA 2001 Miss Flame runner-up Deanna Chestnut, participated in the annual Old Settlers Parade, Odon, IN, August 2001. Escorting Deanna was Jody Pedretti, niece of District 17A Malinda Bell and PR SW Director Ron Bell. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PRSW)

# Open House Held at Sellersburg Station #5



OPEN HOUSE - Sellersburg Fire Dept. Station #5. Pictured (left to right): Roy Everitt, Clark County Council; Charlie Reynolds, President Sellersburg VFD; and Cathy Reynolds, Office Manager, Sellersburg VFD.

(Photos submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14)

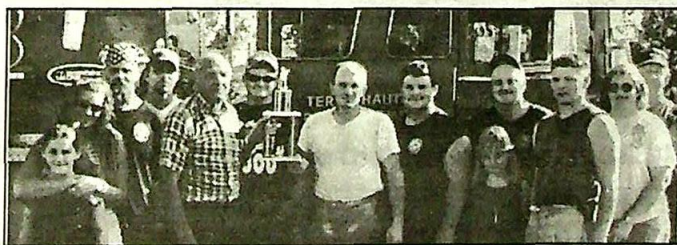


PICTURED (left to right): Ed Deaton, Sellersburg Town Board; Roy Everitt, Clark County Council; and Charlie Reynolds, President Sellersburg Fire Department.

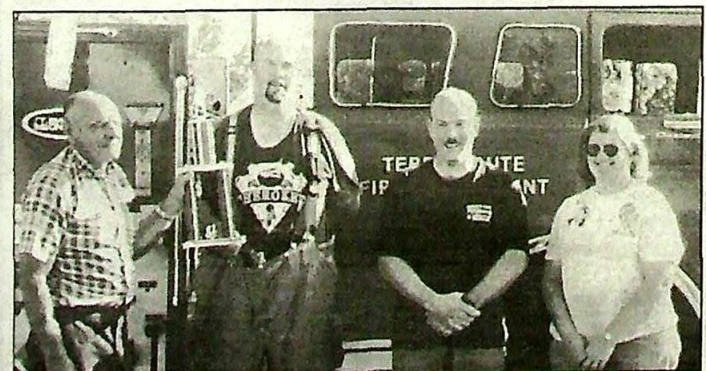
# Bleemel Waterball Tournament Held



SECOND ANNUAL Bleemel Days waterball tournament was held Sept. 22, 2001. (Photos submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11A)



SECOND PLACE Nevins Twp. Lauren Mason, Tammy Brinton, Brandon Hoopingardner, Criss Mathas, Bob Myers, Billy Camp, Clint Raley, Chet Mattox, Alexis Mattox, Ben Cottrell, Diane Harrison, Bill Camp Sr.



FIRST PLACE Fairview Park, Bob Meyers, chairman of the games, Steve Lane, Don Klinge and Diane Harrison.



THIRD PLACE Otter Creek 1 - Jim Gregg, Steve Spice, John Leslie, John Myers, Jerry Lankford, Diane Harrison.

# CPSC, Biddeford Textile Corp. Announce Recall of Electric Blankets

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Biddeford Textile Corp., of Biddeford, Maine, is voluntarily recalling about 394,000 electric blankets. The plug that connects the detachable control switch to the blanket can become loose. The resulting poor electrical contacts can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

CPSC and Biddeford Textile Corp. have received 34 reports of the electric blankets overheating, melting and scorching. No injuries or property damage, other than to the blanket, have been reported.

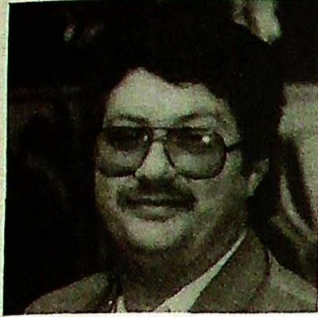
The electric blankets were sold under the names Controlled Comfort, EH 2000, Starbright, Staywarm, Supreme 21, Warm Comfort, and had serial numbers A001A to C210C. "Biddeford Textile Corporation", along with the blanket's model name and its serial number are printed on a label near where the control switch is plugged in. The blankets were sold in king, queen, double and twin sizes in various colors, including off-white, hunter green, light blue, navy blue, white, rose, plum, burgundy, French blue, sage green, teal and rawhide.

Department stores including Kohl's and Target, and direct mail order companies, such as Fingerhut and JCPenney, sold these blankets nationwide from August 1999 through July 2002 for between

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**Don Cushman**

Hi,  
Glad the holidays are over to get back to a schedule. Hope all had a good end of the year.

Let me know about any event coming up to get on my calendar of events in the year. Don't forget the 25 year pins. Tell your district chairman or call your PR person or even call the Central Office.

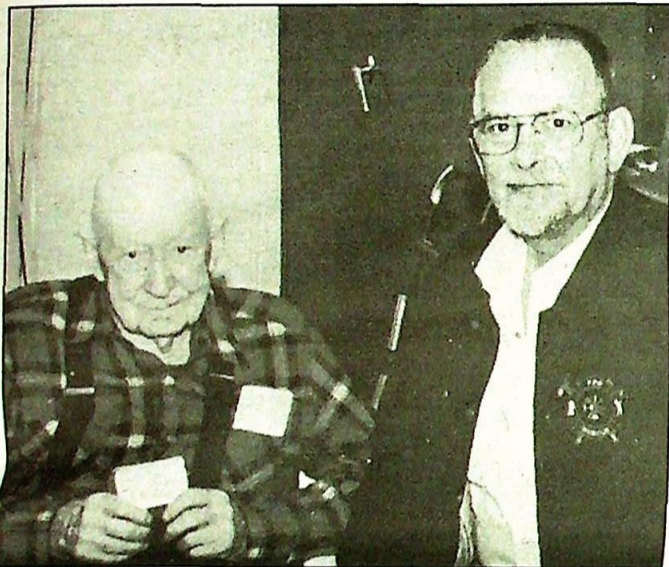
Let's all try to get more in to the paper for a bigger paper.

Let's be safe in the cold and snowy weather.

Hope to see as many of you at the meeting this year.

Don Cushman  
East Central Public

**Carey Landis Earns 50 Year Gold Card**



Carey Landis of the Mentone Fire Department received his 50 Year Gold Card and is shown with District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5)

**VFD Makes Generous Donation of Turn Out Gear**

The IVFA would like to thank the members of the North Washington/Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for their generous donation of numerous sets of turn out gear to be given to deserving fire departments in Indiana.

We have had six fire departments to request some of this gear.

If your department has any equipment you would like to donate to a deserving fire department, call the office at 1-877-606-4832.

Jack Kerney,  
President

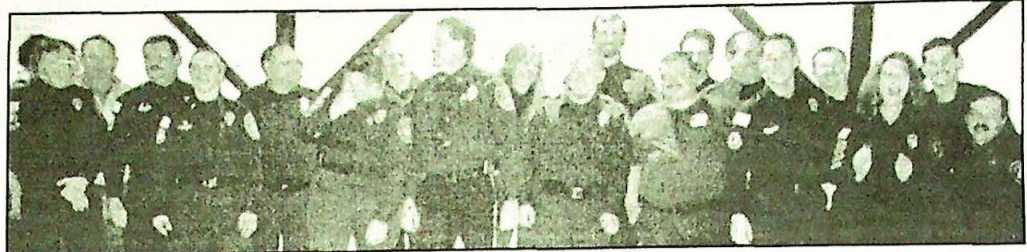


**Loogootee Firefighters Awarded**



Two Loogootee volunteer firefighters were presented their 25 year fire service pins and one Loogootee volunteer firefighter received his 50 year gold card. District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams presented Tom Bell, Charles G. Rasico, and Michael Kirk their 25 year pins and Bennie Summers his 50 year gold card. (photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PR Southwest)

**Fire Members Celebrate Christmas**



Members of the Lafayette Township Fire Department at Christmas party on December 8, 2001. (Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14th Chairman)

**If I'd Only Known**

If I'd only known by fate that day  
As the sun rose and peeked in my room,  
Had I known the short lived brightness  
Would be darkened into such gloom.

Had I known the sequences of that day  
Would be like none the world has known,  
Would I have not gone in, and stayed at home  
To work on chores put off too long.

If I'd only known my fate that day  
Would I have still been there on duty,  
Or stayed at home with the kids and dog  
And that woman that I call "Cutie".

Would I have changed the way I said goodbye  
As I kissed her by the door,  
Would I have woke the kids for one last hug  
Would I have pet the dog once more.

Would I have shown more patience driving  
Among the cars that push and shove,  
As I drove down to the station house  
To the job that I've grown to love.

If I'd known the bell I heard that day  
Was the last I would ever heed,  
Would I have grabbed my gear and jumped on up  
Onto that big red flashing steed.

Would I have joined my crew on running feet  
As we rushed dead into hell,  
Would I have done these things if I'd only known  
That I would never live to tell.

To most these questions seem obvious  
To answer as false or true,  
But to go with the trend of the masses  
Is seldom what firefighters do.

For a firefighter's life is not about him  
But about those he has sworn to defend.  
And though he doesn't know those masses by name  
He knows that on him they depend.

When the bell signals out for those caught in peril  
When those masses run screaming and crying,  
He rushes on in to where others rush out  
And he never gives up or stops trying.

So to answer these questions, "If I'd only known"  
Would I have still made the choices I made,  
Of course, can't you see they are not choices to me  
Just a job that I'd never trade.

For I put others first and take all the risks  
As I face all the dangers and strife,  
Cause a firefighter's work is not just a job  
But a deep rooted brotherhood of life.

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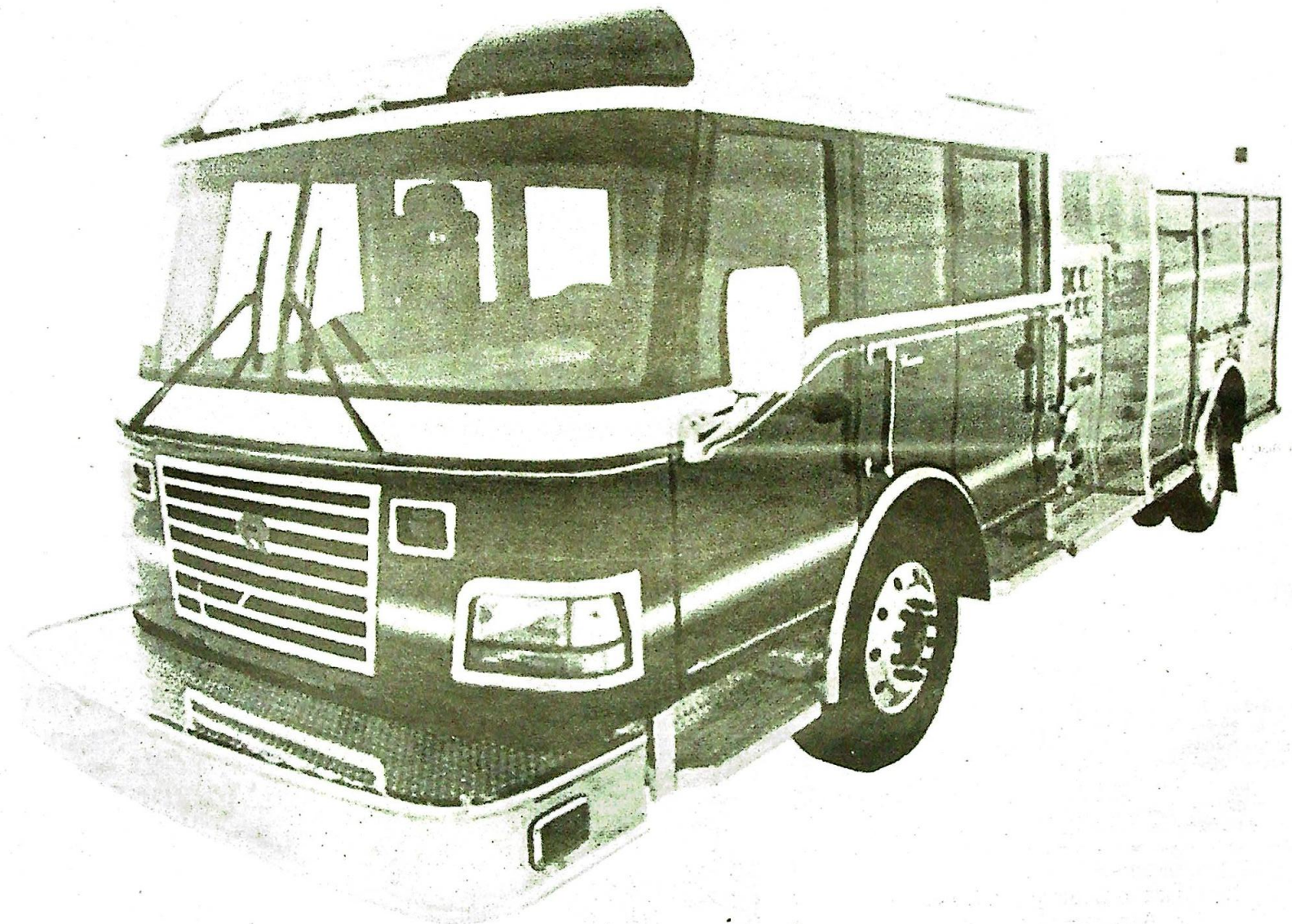
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## Arcola VFD Members Receive 25 Year Pins



On November 10, 2001 Arcola VFD members received their 25 year service pins from Tim Jones, District 6 chairman.

They are: front row (L-R) Robert Johnson, Joe Mishler, Clifford Trahin, Del Burget. Back row (L-R) Carl Gruettter, George Walker, Max Floor, Frank Blanton, and Irvin Felger.

Unable to attend was Robert Corbot Jr. and Robert Williams.

(Photo submitted by Gene Branning, Arcola VFD Fire Chief)

## Rensselaer VFD Places New Rescue Unit Into Service



Built on a Ford 650 chassis with a four door cab and a 15 foot box with roll-up doors, and an 8 kw hydraulic under chassis generator with 4- 1000 watt extendable lights. The body was built with slide out trays, and a heavy duty tray in the rear compartment, capable of holding all the heavy equipment. It also has a cascade system for breathing air, complete with fragmentation protection system.

This vehicle responds on almost all incidents the department is called to, and will also be used in the future as a command center equipped with a laptop computer and telephone.

Marion Township trustee, John Amsler worked many hours to insure that the townships served by the Rensselaer Vol. Fire Dept. have the necessary equipment to protect the community in the most efficient way possible.

(Photo submitted by L.E. "Buz" Koehler, Rensselaer Fire Chief)

## Fire Ravages Home On Christmas Morning

Turkey Fryer Appears To Have Caused Tuesday's Blaze



The back of the house at 316 Jackson Street in Rensselaer, owned by William Dowty, stands burned and battered after a fire on Christmas morning, believed to have been started by a turkey fryer. (Photo by Luke Dunscombe, Rensselaer Republican)

by LUKE DUNSCOMBE  
Rensselaer Republican

RENSSELAER - While many other families were happily unwrapping presents, the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department was busy putting out a fire ravaged a home on Jackson Street in Rensselaer Christmas morning.

The call came at 9:05 a.m., Tuesday morning regarding a fire at 319 Jackson Street, the William Dowty residence. The blaze kept the department bustling until a few minutes after noon, taking three hours to be extinguished.

Fire Chief L.E. "Buz" Koehler said the fire had been tricky to put

out.

"It had gotten up onto the eaves of the house, and we had to open up the roof to get at all the hot spots," he said.

Showing dedication to their duty even on a holiday, 23 of the 24 members of the fire department arrived on the scene to contain the conflagration.

The Dowty's said they were preparing a deep-fried turkey dinner for the holiday in their back yard on a concrete pathway. The fryer was the only cause found by the fire department.

"That's the only thing we can attribute the fire to," Koehler said.

Although the fire was devastating to the home, essentially gutting the interior of the house, thankfully no one was injured.

"We lost a cat, but all the family got out and the dog," said Sharon Dowty, daughter of the home's owner. She was returning from her job at the Rensselaer Care Center at the time of the fire, coming home to find the house on fire.

Although no family member or firefighter was injured, the damage to the residence was substantial with estimate from the fire department of \$80,000.

Sharon Dowty felt it was ironic that the how-to books and religious books intact, while movies were destroyed on a book shelf. However, Christmas was not totally ruined for the family - all the presents had been outside and were saved from the blaze.

"The worst it did to our Christmas was two gift cards melted," Sharon Dowty said, adding you can still read the numbers on the cards though.

"Wal-Mart and Sam's (Club) are still honoring them," said Tonia Dowty, sister-in-law to Sharon Dowty.

They both showed great appreciation for the work of the fire department on that morning.

"We want to thank the fire department for being on-call every day of the year," Sharon Dowty said. Tonia Dowty added the family is also grateful to the neighbors for lending coats, blankets and warm houses in a time of need.

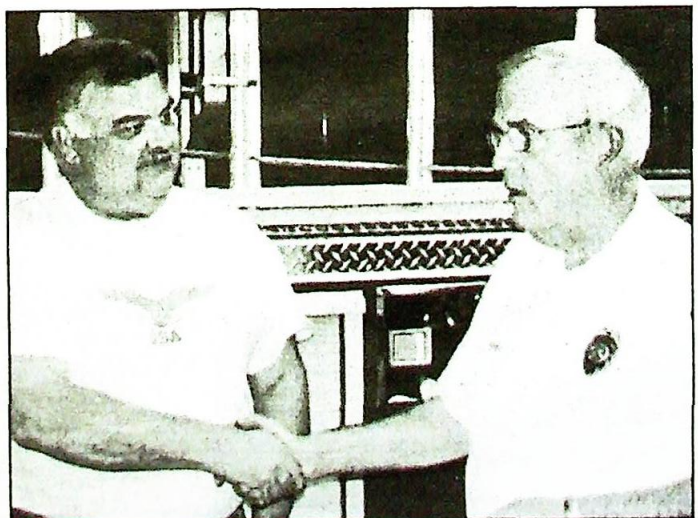
## Two From Hebron Fire Department Receive 25 Year Pins



Captain Mike Steffel is shown receiving his 25 year service pin from Paul Watland, District 2 representative.

Captain Mike Steffel and firefighter Jim Sherman of the Hebron Fire Department recently were awarded their 25 years of service pins.

The District 2 representative, Paul Watland, was on hand at a recent meeting to present the two men with their awards.

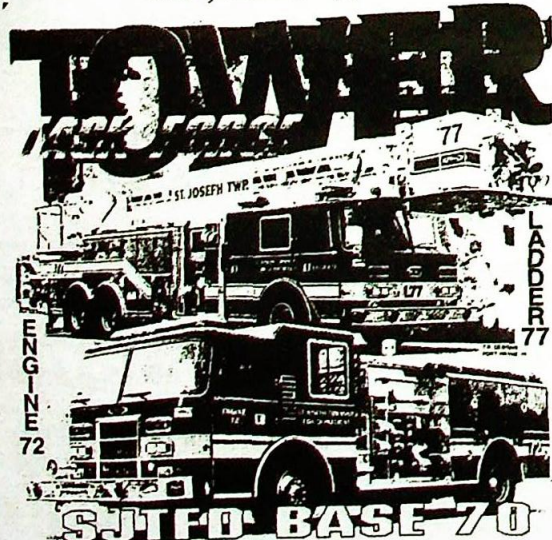


Firefighter Jim Sherman is shown above receiving his 25 year service pin from Paul Watland, District 2 representative.

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# Spaghetti Supper Held At Hebron VFD

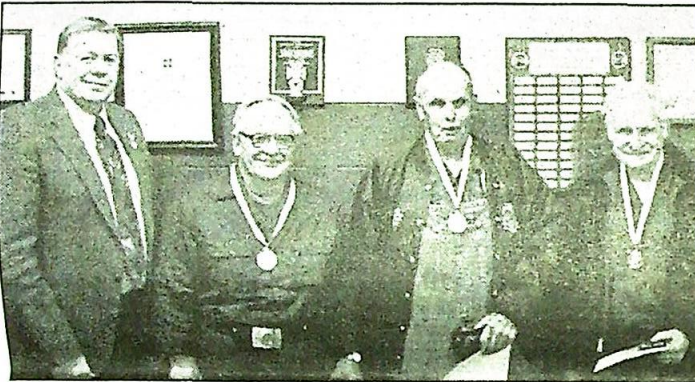


On November 10, 2001, the Hebron Fire Department hosted at their station an "all you can eat" spaghetti supper which was open to the public, with all proceeds going to the New York Firefighter's families.

There were many activities throughout the night for the public, some of which included a 50/50 raffle, bake sale and many door prizes.

A special thank you to all the local businesses who contributed to this festive fundraiser.

# Three Receive Governor's Medal

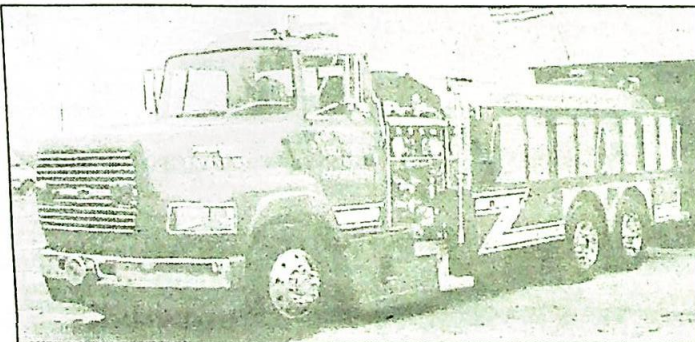


Three Springfield Township firefighters were presented the Governor's Meritorious Service Medal for over 40 years each of continuous active service.

Pictured (L-R) are Ivan Nevil, PSTI Director; Jacob Bingman (42 years); Vernon Gaw (40 years); and Benjamin Johnson (42 years).

(Photo submitted by Tim Sandy, District 3 Chairman - IVFA)

# Clay Twp. VFD Takes Delivery Of Pumper-Tanker



The Clay Twp. VFD in Barth, Co. took delivery of a 1994 Ford Refurbished Pumper-Tanker with 3000 gal. of water and a 1250 pump. It was put into service July of 2001.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 Chairman)

# Electric Blanket Recall . . .

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\$100 to \$150.

Consumers should stop using the electric blankets immediately and contact Biddeford Textile Corp. for a free replacement plug connector adapter. For more information, consumers should call Biddeford Textile Corp. toll-free at (877) 217-6294 anytime, or visit their web site at [www.blanketrecall.com](http://www.blanketrecall.com).

Consumers should not return the electric blankets to Biddeford Textile Corp.

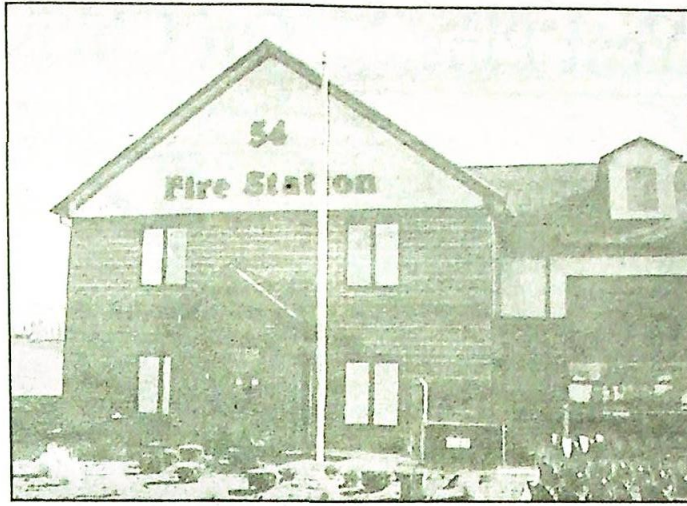


# Hoagland Receives Plaque

Mike Hoagland (left), past Chief of Underwood Vol. Fire Department received a plaque from Chief Mark Furnish (right), Monroe Twp. Vol. Fire Department for outstanding service to the Underwood Community.

(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman)

# Fire Dept. Opens New Fire House



Franklin Twp. Fire Department opens new Fire House Station 54 on October 30, 2001.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

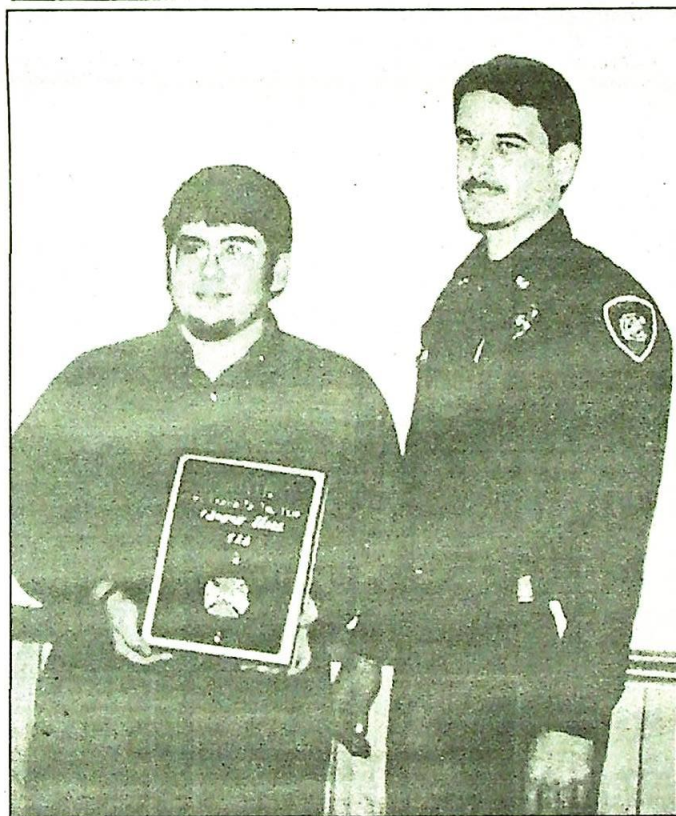
The Franklin Twp. Fire Department receives an IVFA new fire house dedication clock on October 30, 2001 for station 4.

IVFA District Chairman David Israel presents Fire Chief Paul Bailey with the clock.

(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)



# Hall Named Junior Fireman of the Year



Chief Mark Furnish (right) of Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department presented the Junior Fireman of the Year to George Hall (left).

(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson, District 14 Chairman)

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# On-Scene Anthrax Exposure Response Guidelines: Risk Assessment

Currently, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, local health departments, and many other agencies are inundated with calls to respond to suspicious mail, packages, white powder, and other substances. There are three issues to consider when responding to citizens requesting assistance:

1. the potential for criminal activity,
2. the potential for health risk, and
3. the need for laboratory testing.

The purpose of this article is to establish some guidance for first responders evaluating a situation or medical personnel conducting medical evaluations, and to provide instructions for gathering samples for laboratory analysis.

## Protocol for Response to Possible Anthrax Exposures

Conduct a risk assessment of an individual's potential exposure to anthrax prior to choosing a course of action. Consider the credibility of the exposure and if the exposure could result in either inhalational or cutaneous anthrax.

### Credibility

The potential that an exposure really is anthrax is higher when:

- There is a distinct threatening message accompanying the powder or substance.

- The substance is brown or sandy-brown rather than stark-white. The positive letter to NBC is reported to have contained brownish sand-like material.

- If a letter or package is otherwise suspicious as described by the U.S. Postal Service at <http://www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/is-pubs.htm>.

The potential that an exposure really is anthrax is **lower** when:

- The exposure includes situations in which a white powder is found without an accompanying note.

- Where someone might expect a spill of a common substance, e.g., spilled sugar, creamer, talcum powder, etc.

- The substance comes in a package or letter than can be traced to the sender.

### Route of Potential Exposures

- **Inhalation anthrax** normally requires a large dose of a powder that is invisible to the naked eye. Generally, aerosolized particles must be 1-5 micron in size to go deep enough into the lung to cause an infection. Once these particles settle on environmental surfaces or clothing, it is almost impossible for them to re-aerosolize. Therefore, visible settled powders and letters or boxes that are opened and contain powders are usually not serious threats for inhalational anthrax unless the powder has been disturbed. Thus, there is a small risk to people "exposed" in this manner.

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- **Cutaneous anthrax** appears to require lower doses of spores and is the most plausible form of anthrax that could be caused by letters and packages with powders. Powders contaminated with spores rubbed into the skin or cuts in the skin would provide an effective transmission route. Thorough hand washing will decrease the risk of infection if exposure is suspected. This form of anthrax is easily recognized and treated.

### Risk-based Medical Management of Possible Exposures

*Low credibility exposure situations and situations with possible cutaneous exposure*

1. Patient has no clear-cut exposure but has mild illness and is worried because of travel to Florida, New York City, and other reported areas:

- Provide reassurance about the rarity of infection without a known exposure.

- Testing for anthrax at this time is not indicated.

2. Patient has a potential cutaneous exposure to a powder/suspicious substance (normal exposure route when finding powder in letter or on a surface):

- Provide instruction on thorough hand washing if exposure is recent.

- Provide advice on what to look for (progressing to red spot, to papule, to vesicle, to finally a black center).

- Reassure patient that diagnosis can be readily made and disease easily treated.

- Collecting nasal swabs or blood for culture or serology is not recommended in the absence of a skin lesion.

High credibility exposure situations

1. Patients who experience a real potential for inhalational exposure (e.g., got a face and nose full of powder from a highly suspicious situation):

- Provide instruction on thorough hand washing if exposure is recent

- Consider starting preventive therapy until exposure is ruled out.

- A nasal swab might be helpful only if the powder is not available for testing.

2. Patients who experience a real potential for cutaneous exposure (e.g., hand contact with brownish powder or letter in envelope with threatening note):

- Provide instruction on thorough hand washing if exposure is recent.

- Provide reassurance and counseling about the signs and symptoms of cutaneous anthrax and wait

to start preventive therapy until culture of powder is completed.

### Nasal Swabs

- In general, use of nasal swabs to rule out anthrax exposure is discouraged. Their use in recent investigations by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been for epidemiologic purposes only -- to try to determine who was at highest risk of exposure in situations where there is a known exposure event. The results have been used to guide further investigation and to determine which **groups** of people (not which individuals) should be given preventive therapy.

- The one situation in which a nasal swab is indicated is when there is a **highly credible exposure potential** and there is no discrete environmental source to test (e.g., the person who got a "blast" of powder in the face -- and the powder was cleaned up before there was any police/FBI involvement and was subsequently irretrievable).

If you have any questions about the medical management of persons concerned about exposure to anthrax, please contact James Howell, DVC, Veterinary Epidemiologist, Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), at 317-233-7272; or the ISDH Communicable Disease Division at 317-233-7125 during regular business hours (8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. E.S.T.). For assistance during non-business hours, contact the ISDH at 866-233-1237 and ask to speak with the Infectious Disease Epidemiologist on call. We will modify this guidance if our experience with anthrax exposures changes.

If you have any questions about emergency management, hazardous material management, or law enforcement, please contact one of the following agencies:

State Emergency Management Agency: 1-800-669-7362

State Police Operations: 1-800-622-4962

State Fire Marshal Office Hazard-Management: 1-800-669-7362.

### SUBMISSION PROCEDURE FOR ANTHRAX TESTING BY INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Law enforcement agencies are to submit those specimens that appear to be credible and in need of immediate analysis to the Indiana State Department of Health laboratory during normal business hours Monday through Friday (635 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, across from Riley Hospital. 317/233/8008).

Law enforcement agencies are to submit all other specimens deemed not credible and not in need of immediate testing to the closest Indiana State Police Regional Labora-

tory.

Procedure when submissions made to ISP regional labs:

- Specimens are to be rendered safe and triple packaged.

- Law enforcement agencies may submit specimens for analysis between 08:30 and 16:00 Monday through Friday

- Prior arrangements must be made by phone with the Regional Laboratory (phone numbers listed below)

- Transport specimen(s) to laboratory

- Upon arrival, notify the District Post Commander you are there to submit BioHazard evidence. **DO NOT BRING SPECIMENS INTO THE BUILDING.**

- Laboratory personnel will accompany transporting officer to vehicle to recover specimens.

- Receipts for specimens will be provided.

- Requests for analysis will be forwarded to Indiana State Department of Health.

For additional information contact the State Police Laboratory in your area

Indianapolis: 317-899-8521 - Toll Free 800-582-8440

Evansville: 812-425-2266 - Toll Free 800-852-3970

Fort Wayne: 219-432-8661 - Toll Free 800-552-0976

Lowell: 219-696-6242 - Toll Free 800-552-3917.

### TECHNIQUES FOR COLLECTION AND PACKAGING OF SPECIMENS FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS

**Two important aspects of technique are:**

- safety for the person collecting samples

- appropriateness of the specimens for lab analysis

Safety measures, at minimum, are:

- appropriate use of impermeable gloves

- double bagging of specimens

Appropriate specimens are:

- representative samples

- free of extraneous material

### Safety measures:

See the detailed listing of steps below explaining use of gloves, bags, and implements for collection. If evidence suggests distribution of spores through ventilation systems, responders will need more complete protection. Contact the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) at 317-233-7125 during business hours or 317-233-1237 during non-business hours if you need information about appropriate protection.

### Appropriate Specimens

Effective laboratory analysis requires clean and small samples. An entire small item can be bagged as a specimen if it fits easily into a plas-

tic bag. Examples include envelopes or small packages. For spills, the lab sample should be up to a three-teaspoon size sample selected as representative from the spill area. Avoid extraneous material. It is NOT necessary to sweep up the entire spill; or if an item has been placed in a trash can, to send the entire contents of the trash can. If persons at the site need help in disinfecting and cleaning up the remaining spill, they can phone the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office at 1-800-669-7362.

### Steps in Collection and Bagging of Specimens

1. Gather the following materials:

- Impermeable container (mini-Playmate® cooler, paint can)

- Three Ziplock® or self-sealing plastic bags for sample collection

- One plastic bag for waste disposal

- Collection implement (scoop, tongue depressor, index card)

- Bubble mask

- Two pairs of latex (or equivalent) gloves

2. Don bubble mask and one pair of gloves upon reaching the collection site.

3. Open all bags and container and place within easy reach but where they will not become contaminated.

4. Remove collection implement and get one Ziplock® bag.

5. Sample collection:

- Small items: Remaining at arm's length away, place entire small item into bag. Be careful not to spill material onto the bag or gloves. Proceed to Step 6.

- Spills: Remaining at arm's length away, carefully scoop material (no larger than one teaspoon amount) from three different areas of spill with collection implement and place into bag. Be careful not to spill material onto the bag or gloves. Put down collection implement and close bag. Place collection implement into second Ziplock® bag and close.

6. If gloves are contaminated, remove gloves by grasping outside of right-hand glove at the wrist with left hand and pulling off the right hand, wrong side out, and place in disposal bag. Grasp outside of left-hand glove at the wrist with right hand and pull off left hand, wrong side out, and place in disposal bag. Don second pair of gloves.

7. Place bag that contains the sample into clean Ziplock® bag and close. Place all bags into impermeable container.

8. Remove gloves as described in Step 6 and discard them into disposal bag. Remove mask and discard into disposal bag.

9. Close disposal bag. Remove disposal bag and container from site of contamination.

10. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and hot running water for ten (10) seconds, being sure to wash palms, backs of hands, between fingers, and wrists.

11. Open container and clearly label sample bag, collection implement bag (if needed). Label disposal bag. Disposal bag can be placed into trash collection or sent to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Laboratories.

12. Transport impermeable container and disposal bag (if needed) to ISDH Laboratories via law enforcement.

### STRATEGIES FOR THREAT ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO ANTHRAX

See the accompanying flow chart for an overview of on-scene assessment. The first step is to secure the scene and prevent exposure to additional persons. Then, each type

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**IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE**

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Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

# Anthrax Exposure Guidelines . . . (continued from page 31)

of item requires an investigation of probable source. We have designed the questions below to help establish whether or not the threat is credible.

Questions to ask and information to collect at the scene

1. Are the persons at the scene likely targets of threat (e.g., media representatives, elected officials, others that might be targeted for effect by terrorists)?
2. Is the location accessible to possible attack (i.e., easy public access versus semi-restricted or restricted access)?
3. Is there a logical explanation for the presence of the item(s) causing concern?

*For mail in general* - Does not have stains, enclosed powder, suspicious addressing, bulkiness, evidence of tampering, or other "flags"

*For envelopes* - unsolicited but often-received items such as credit card invitations, magazine or sweepstakes solicitations, etc.

*For packages* - from recognized charities that might send bulky enclosures such as greeting cards or mailing labels, from manufacturers

who might enclose desiccants, from publishers who might enclose powder to avoid adherence of covers to shrink wrap, etc. A phone call to point of origin may establish that presence of such enclosures is standard.

*For powders* - items consistent with the location (flour in the kitchen, dairy creamer in the coffee break room, talcum powder in the bathroom, dry-wall debris at a construction site, chalk dust at the blackboard, etc.)

4. In the case of spills, does anyone on site remember who might have spilled something?

5. Who might have witnessed the arrival of a suspicious container or package? Was it a usual source of deliveries (e.g., Fed Ex, U.S. mail, contracted courier)? Was the item received in the usual manner (e.g., at the loading dock, in the mailbox, etc.)?

**Once these types of questions have been addressed and the source of the item(s) has been determined to be suspicious, please summarize the following information to forward with the lab specimens:**

1. What exactly is to be analyzed by the laboratory (e.g., the powder, the envelope)?
2. How many persons have been exposed and are their names and phone numbers available for public health follow-up?

Finally, please reassure those present

1. Decontamination of persons can usually be accomplished by removal of outer garments and placement of clothing in plastic bags and by shower and shampoo with the usual personal hygiene products.

2. Bagged, sealed clothing can remain with their owner until laboratory results are available and instructions for cleaning are provided.

3. Anthrax is not spread from person to person, and exposed persons can receive antibiotic treatment.

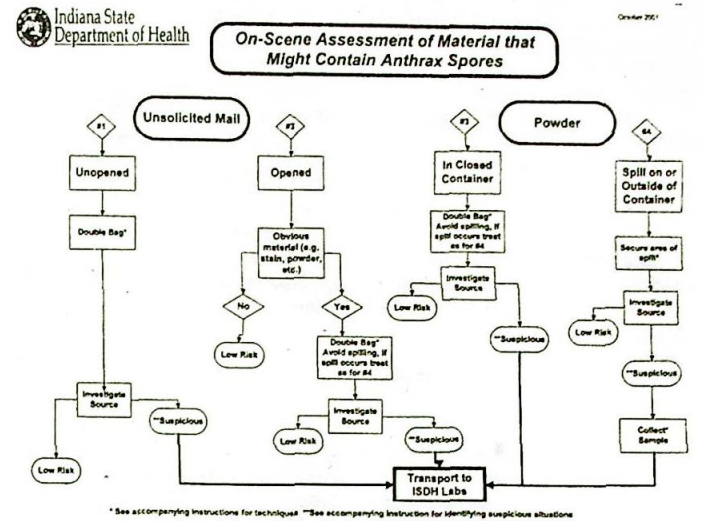
4. Nasal swabs aid the public health investigation but are not an effective means of determining appropriate medical treatment.

5. There is an incubation time before disease occurs of one or more days, allowing enough time to

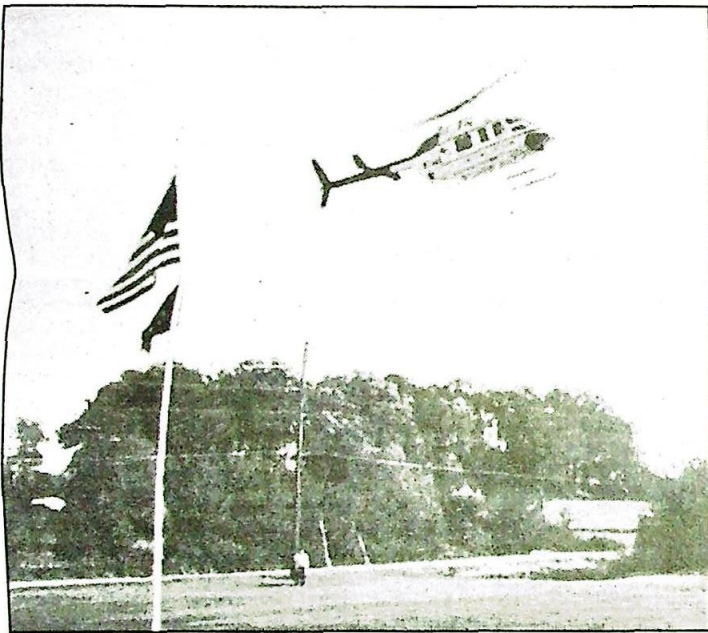
receive appropriate medical evaluation.

6. The on-site investigation,

along with the lab analysis, will help determine if an exposed person needs to receive medication.



## Air Evac A Community Asset



October 20, 2001 - Air Evac landing at Ketcham Memorial Center, Odon, IN - Odon/Madison Twp. Fire Dept. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)



October 20, 2001 - Air Evac Lifeteam demonstration at Ketcham Memorial Center, Odon, Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)

Recently Ketcham Memorial Center cooperated with the Odon Volunteer Fire Department and Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department to host an Air Evac Lifeteam demonstration and membership drive.

Air Evac Lifeteam, which now serves this community, was incorporated in West Plains, Missouri in 1985 and began operations at Ozarks Medical Center. The company founders, including a physician and retired Army colonel, believed that having a helicopter based in

West Plains could be of great benefit to patients requiring transport to a larger hospital. West Plains had a population of less than 9000 and the closest major hospital was more than 100 miles away.

Currently, Air Evac has 17 bases in eight states and is licensed as an air ambulance provider in Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Kansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Iowa.

When the founders of the system began considering bringing their ambulances to rural areas of

the Midwest, the goal was to provide a quality service that was affordable to the public. The economics of such a venture required that other sources of funding, besides traditional fee-for-service billing, would be needed to support the service. They discovered the Rega Foundation in Switzerland, where an air ambulance system was supported by a membership program. After meeting with the head of Rega, Air Evac adopted this idea and became the first air ambulance service in the United States to offer a membership program.

Air Evac Lifeteam members pay a yearly fee which prepaays for expenses incurred as a result of life-or-limb threatening emergencies that require air ambulance transport. Air Evac will file with the patient's insurance and accept that as payment in full. Air Evac now has over 35,000 memberships (including individuals, couples and families) representing almost 100,000 members. Since 1985, Air Evac has flown more than 30,000 patients.

Air Evac flight crews include a pilot, paramedic and registered nurse. Medical personnel must have at least three years of critical care experience and pilots must have at least 3,000 hours of flight time. Air Evac EMS, Inc., currently employs more than 300 people. The service utilizes the 206L-1 Long Ranger, which cruises up to 130 miles per hour, is agile enough to land in small spaces, and has the best safety record of any aircraft in the world.

When a member registers, Air Evac enters the coordinates of their home into their computer system. If the member needs a helicopter to come to their home, the GPS system on board each aircraft enables them to locate the home day or night and often the helicopter can literally land in their yard.

The membership program literally is their lifeblood, it is what allows them to operate in the smaller communities.

Pictured at right is Chief Mark Furnish (right), Monroe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. presenting the Fireman of the Year Award to Aaron McCauley (left).

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 chairman)

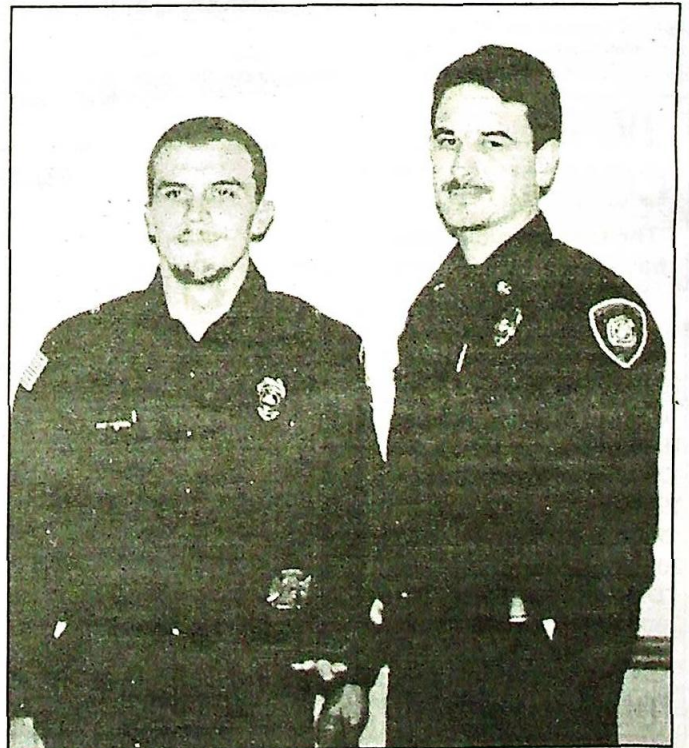
## Masters Presented IVFA Gold Card



Roy E. Richardson (left), IVFA District 14 Chairman, presented IVFA Gold Card life membership to E.R. Bob Masters, Monroe Twp. Volunteer Fire Department (right).

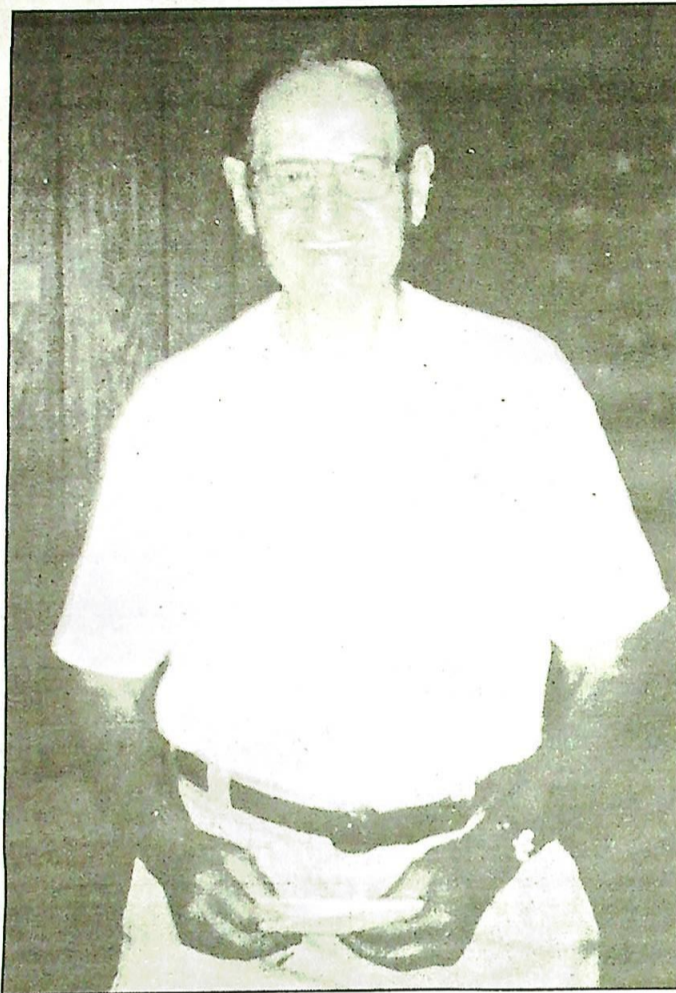
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## Fireman of the Year



**DISTRICTS 1 & 2**

**Schafer Receives 25 Year Pin**



Coal City firefighter John Schafer receives his 25 year pin.

The next meeting will be at Independence Hill FD (Merrillville Station #2) on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. James Schultz of the Cedar Lake Fire Department won \$80.50 in the 50/50 raffle. Lloyd Fravel of Independence Hill FD, and Paul Fuller of Lowell FD won T-shirts donated by 5-Alarm.

Chief Dennis Wilkenings thanked everyone for coming and to the ladies of the Cedar Lake Auxiliary for the wonderful food/desserts prepared for the evening. A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. PASSED. Diana L. Orrell, IVFA Secretary Districts 1 & 2

**Reese Receives Cairns 1010 Helmet**



Lewis Twp. firefighter Leslie Reese receives her Cairns 1010 helmet. This is a program started to give incentives to firefighters to work fundraisers and work session. It requires 300 hours to receive the helmet.

*May 10, 2002 Deadline  
Is April 10, 2002*

Cedar Lake Fire Department January 16, 2002 District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Cedar Lake Deputy Chief Todd Wilkenings led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1 & 2 Secretary Diana Orrell, District 2 Chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA Recording Secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry, District 2 Miss Flame Julie Getler, 5-Alarm Representative Dale Hensley, Hoosier Fire Representatives Jim Diley and Bob Fry, and Pine Township Trustee Bill Theis.

Chief Dennis Wilkenings gave a brief history of the Cedar Lake Fire Department, noting 60 years of service, and introduced the members.

Deputy Chief Todd Wilkenings advised the new Lake County Coroner was supposed to speak, but could not make it due to a recent incident within Lake County. Deputy Chief (also coordinator of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association) spoke briefly on the September 11th incident in New York and his experience at "Ground Zero".

Roll call was answered by 23 members of ten departments in District 1 with Pine Township as the trophy winner, and 51 members (and one guest) of seven departments in District 2 with Lake Dalecarlia as the trophy winner. Overall trophy winners for the year 2001 were New Chicago Fire Department for District 1 and Lake Eliza Fire Department for District 2.

A motion was made by Keith Austin, seconded by Kevin Austin to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford spoke on the firefighter grant program; ISO rating changes, advised Ivan Nevil would put on Terrorism Classes for departments if requested, to contact Ivan directly. Jim also reminded everyone that the requests/recommendations for the yearly awards were due on or before February 1st, 2002, and the Bridgeport College Applications were due by March 1st, 2002.

Treasurer's Report: Clarence Moss advised a balance of \$1,357.12. Clarence advised \$40 had been paid out for the new plaques, also advised he had plenty of patches available if anyone needed any.

No old business to report.

Keith Austin advised of the passing of longtime member George Drakous of the Union Fire Department. A moment of silence was observed.

Announcements:

Lake County Fire Chief's Association is holding a Firefighter I/II class, will be a five month program, three days a week with one day and two evening classes with practicals on every Saturday. Interested persons (from Lake County) call Christine at (219) 924-7660.

The Crown Point Fire/Rescue is holding a retirement party on February 9th, 2002 for Captain Larry Stott (flier on the front table).

Pancake breakfast in new Chicago on Sunday, January 27, 2002 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at their station, 127 W. Huber Blvd.

District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss advised that Sergeant-at-arms, Bill Bush was in the hospital, also wanted to know if anyone knew Betty Carr, advised she paid cash for an IVFAA license plate at the last IVFAA meeting, and left no way to get a hold of her.

Two fliers from Lake of the Four Seasons were on the table regarding the sale of a 1993 Caprice Classic Chief's Squad and their annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 9, 2002.

**Sandford Firefighters Receive 25 Year Pins**



Sandford firefighters receiving 25 year pins are (left to right) Earl Lenderman, Larry Biggs, Dave Winters, Floyd Mason, Don Vermillion.

Not present were Floyd Lenderman and Lloyd Lenderman.

*God Bless America!*

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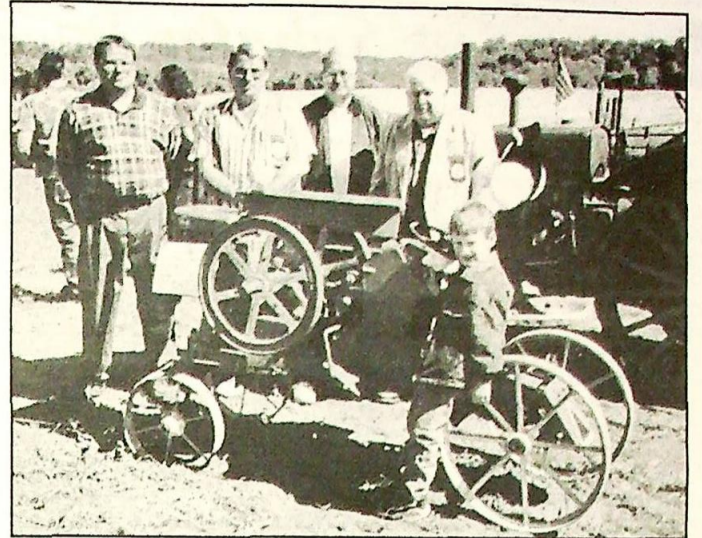
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# Wright Twp. Firefighter Teaches Fire Safety to Children



Wright Twp. firefighter, Kallie Rehmel teaches children fire safety in Clay County Chief's Safety House during Jasonville, Wright Twp., Lewis Twp. Fire Prevention Fair.



## Open House and Tractor Show Held

St. Meinrad Volunteer Fire Department held an open house and antique tractor show on October 7, 2001.

Judges at the antique tractor show were IVFA District 18 Chuck Parker, IVFA Public Relations Southwest Director Ron Bell, Paul Kins, WBDC Radio, and District 18 secretary Kenny Lau.

Also shown is Nicklaus, son of Paul Kins.

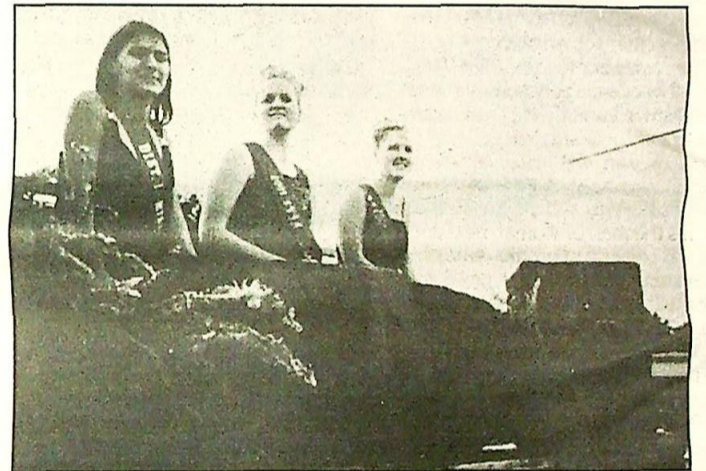
(Photo submitted by District 18 chairman, Chuck Parker)

## Hog Roast Fundraiser Held



Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast fundraiser on October 13, 2001. Shown is Highland Township firefighter Eddie Michaels enjoying a dance with his granddaughter. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA Public Relations Southwest)

## Holland VFD Hosts Fire Prevention Parade



Holland Volunteer Fire Department was host to the IVFA Fire Prevention Parade in District 18.

District 18 2001 Miss Flame representative Sarah Davis, IVFA Miss Flame 2001 Andrea Seib, and IVFA Miss Flame runner-up Deanna Chestnut, participated in the parade.

District 18 representative Sarah Davis will pass over to the new representative of District 18 for the year 2002.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA Public Relations SW)

### **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTE:**

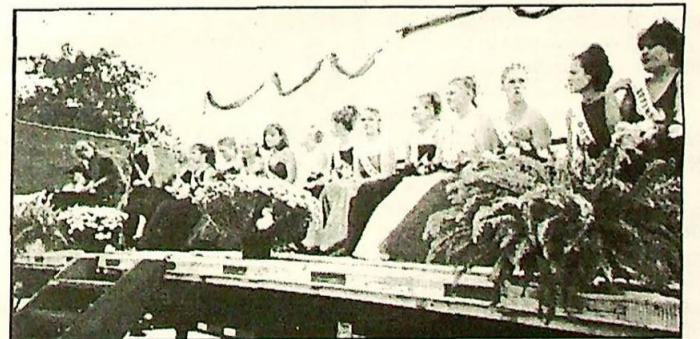
The Miss Flame Committee requests each district provide their contestant with a sash with district number on it to wear to the convention competition.

If anyone has questions, please contact

**Patty Miller**

**at 765-832-6931**

## Thirteen Vie For Miss Flame Crown



Thirteen fire departments in District 18 had a young lady vying for the right to represent the district at the IVFA convention being held in June 2002.

Only one can be chosen to represent District 18 at the state level in June 2002.

As you can see it would be a very hard decision to make with all of these lovely ladies.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA Public Relations SW)

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# Marshal's Memo . . .

by M. Tracy Boatwright

September, 2001

Well, it's with a very heavy heart that I do this memo to my brother and sister firefighters, in light of the enormity of the tragedy in New York City and Washington D.C. As of this moment one week after this cowardly act, we have 33 firefighters who have died in the line of duty and 315 missing! It is almost more than my mind can comprehend - so many of our colleagues gone. There has never been a disaster of this magnitude and I pray to God we never have to go through another event like this.

A small ray of sunshine came my way the other day. I had the neatest phone call from a very young lady from one of the schools in our area. She asked me "Mr. Boatwright, why do firefighters go into those buildings when they know they might die?" I explained to her that, when you make that decision to become a firefighter, you take a vow to try to save peoples' lives and property, and that firefighters know their duties are extremely dangerous, but that's why we're what we are, just normal every day folks trying to help people.

We had a very nice memorial service yesterday, Sept. 18th honoring all of the firefighters and police officers who have given their lives in the tragedy of 9-11-01. It's one of those things that you hope against hope that you never have to do, but I was very honored to represent the fire service in that service.

I'm going to close this now with something that's very special to me and I know a number of you have heard me use this at different functions. May it bring a blessing to you and yours:

**"WHAT IS A FIREFIGHTER"**

It's the man or woman next door - a person with the memory of a little child. They have never gotten over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger.

They are people like you and me with warts and worries and unfulfilled dreams.

They are firefighters.

They put it all on the line when the bell rings.

A firefighter is at once the most fortunate and the least fortunate of people.

They are people who save lives because they have seen too much death.

They are gentle people because they have seen the awesome power

of violence out of control.

They are responsive to a child's laughter because their arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

They are people who appreciate the simple pleasures of life - hot coffee held in numb, unbending fingers - the camaraderie of brave people - the divine peace and selfless service of a job well done in the name of all people.

They don't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities.

When they march, it is to honor a fallen comrade.

They don't preach the brotherhood of man.

They live it. I hope you found some peace with this tribute.

God bless you all and please take care out there, brothers and sisters.

Until next time,  
M. Tracy Boatwright

October, 2001

Well, it's past time for this month's mailer to go out, so here goes. We have a number of items included for your information and I'll start with two that should be of immediate help to everyone.

The State Department of Health has put together a handout about "On-scene Anthrax Exposure Response Guidelines." We have been swamped with hundreds of calls from people who think a substance is anthrax and I'm sure you've all had those kinds of calls, too. This handout is very useful in helping you to decide how to respond to those calls. I suggest that you make copies so that anyone from your department who has to respond to an anthrax call has access to this information.

On a different note, IDEM has provided us with copies of their new open burning regulations in pamphlet form, enough for several copies to go to each fire department. Many of you get the open burning calls where the hazard is health or environmental, not fire or explosion. These pamphlets will be very useful in educating the public on what is permitted and will help you to decide when you should be calling IDEM in to deal with the complaints about open burning.

The last item is a poem that was written by Battalion Chief Jim Dunlap of the Kokomo Fire Department after the September 11 attack and I think it perfectly describes the

firefighter philosophy, especially as it was so vividly displayed that infamous day.

Please take care out there, brothers and sisters.

Until next time,  
M. Tracy Boatwright

December, 2001

(Written by the ghost of Christmas Present)

I'm having this memo ghost-written because, as many of you may know, I had surgery on my spine on November 15. I'm starting to heal, but I've got quite a ways to go before I'm back on the golf course!

We have a number of items included for your information and I'll start with two that are very timely.

First is our annual handout about fire code regulations for Christmas trees and holiday decorations, together with some information about things that can make decorations flame retardant. We've been sending this out for several years now, but we will have folks who forget about fire safety when they want to enjoy the holiday season. Remember, the code does not apply to private residences.

Our second flyer is about the Hoosier Safety Foundation. The front is a copy of the license plate that is issued in honor of the fireservice ("FS"). On the back is a really good explanation of how the money raised by the sale of the license plates is used to help public safety folks, including fire departments. We have already made a number of grants for fire safety, including a very recent grant to the Franklin Township Fire Department (Marion County) to help them publicize their W.A.R.N. program to educate people about the dangers of retention ponds and other bodies of water in their communities.

There are several pages of information about the latest CPSC recalls and they are very informative and would make a useful addition to your safety bulletin board.

In closing, I'd like to wish all of you and your families a very safe and happy holiday. September 11 taught us, again, how quickly we can lose loved ones. Cherish yours. Please take care out there, brothers and sisters.

Until next time,  
M. Tracy Boatwright

## 25 Year Pins Awarded



Harrison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. members were recently awarded 25 year pins. Shown above are: front row, (left to right) Pat Smith and Amos Lucas. Back row (left to right) Raymond Betz, Philip Pugsley, Carl Kestler and District 10 chairman David Israel.  
(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

## Bridget Gehlhausen Named 2002 Miss Flame Representative



District 18's 2001 Miss Flame representative, Sara Davis from Lost River Fire Department passed the title to the new District 18's 2002 Miss Bridget Gehlhausen from Jasper.

Thank you, Sara for representing our district last year and doing a great job!

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)

## Bill Harp Presented 25 Year Service Pin



IVFA Public Relation Southwest Ron Bell, District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams, presented Bill Harp his 25 year fire service pin.

Bill was a Madison Township Volunteer Firefighter at Odon, Indiana.  
(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, IVFA PRSW)

The Holland Volunteer Fire Department will once again be holding their annual

# Valentine Dine and Dance

Fundraiser on

## Saturday, February 9, 2002

at Reflections in Huntingburg

This fundraiser greatly benefits the fire department in its endeavor to replace old equipment, maintain current equipment, purchase new equipment, and train personnel to meet the ever-changing needs of the volunteer fire service in today's technological world.

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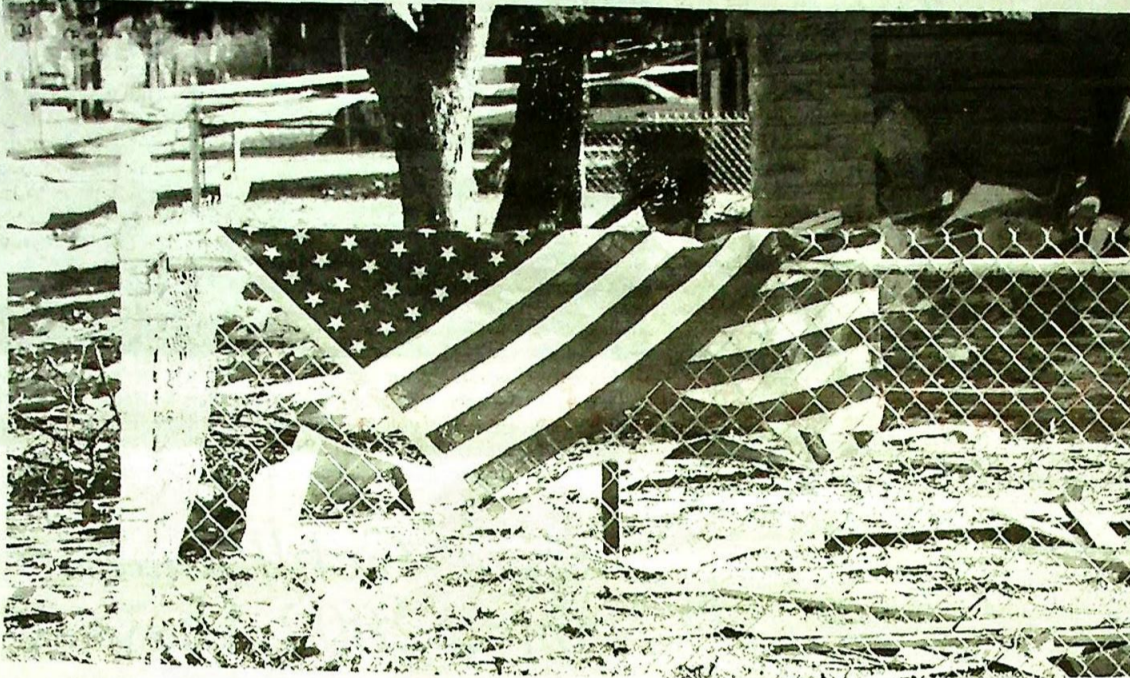
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# Homes Totally Destroyed By Explosion, Several In Area Sustained Damage



By MIKE RETHERFORD  
Monday, January 7, 2002  
Leader-Tribune Review East  
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Despite the total devastation of two local homes, Elwood residents can consider themselves very lucky after an explosion brought eminent

danger to everyone in the vicinity.

The explosion occurred at approximately noon at the home of Linton and Beverly Abner, located at 300 Main Street.

Elwood residents from across town could hear and feel the blast, some mistaking it for a small earthquake. Others immediately went

outside their homes and workplaces, with the belief that something had hit their homes or buildings. Within a minute Elwood's west side began to fill with black smoke and Police Chief Carl Caldwell began organizing a campaign that would last throughout the day. "I was in the post office at the time. The lights

flickered and I heard a sound. When I got to the intersection of Main and Anderson Streets, I could see debris in the air and everyone looking to the west. I immediately ordered everyone to get moving because I knew something major had happened," stated Caldwell.

The strength of the explosion was tremendous. The house was literally scattered through a two block area. Pieces of wood and clothing were hanging in nearby trees. Nothing remained of the home except rubble.

The Elwood Fire Department began working to extinguish a fire that occurred at the home just east of the Abner home, as a result of the explosion.

Miraculously, no one was home at either of the homes which were destroyed. The Abners were at their winter home in Lake Worth, Fla.

Two injuries were reported. Postman Gary Horseman was in the area of the home at the time of the explosion. The intense blast knocked Horseman back about 20 feet dropping him on his back. He was taken to St. Vincent Mercy Hospital for treatment. Jerry Brannen suffered a bruised knee in the explosion as he was knocked to the ground when leaving the Moose Lodge.

While traveling back from Chicago, Elwood resident Jon Hobbs received a vicious greeting back in his hometown. Hobbs had just passed the home when the explosion occurred. "I thought I was dead. I thought my gas tank had exploded," stated Hobbs. After regaining control of his truck, which was nearly blown from the roadway, Hobbs stated that he looked in the rear view mirror and began to realize what had happened. "I parked my truck and ran back up there," stated Hobbs. Hobbs stated that he and two other men began moving debris from the roadway in order for emergency vehicles to get to the scene. Hobbs also stated that he found a photo album and some other documents which he collected and placed in a police vehicle at the scene.

Curt Faulstich, who resides at 221 South A Street, stated that he was alarmed by the loud explosion. "I looked out the window and the house was gone. I called 911. Debris was falling all over the place," stated Faulstich. Aside from the initial scare from the blast, Faulstich's home, which was located over a block away from the explosion, also suffered damage. The immense power of the explosion forced his front door open breaking the lock.

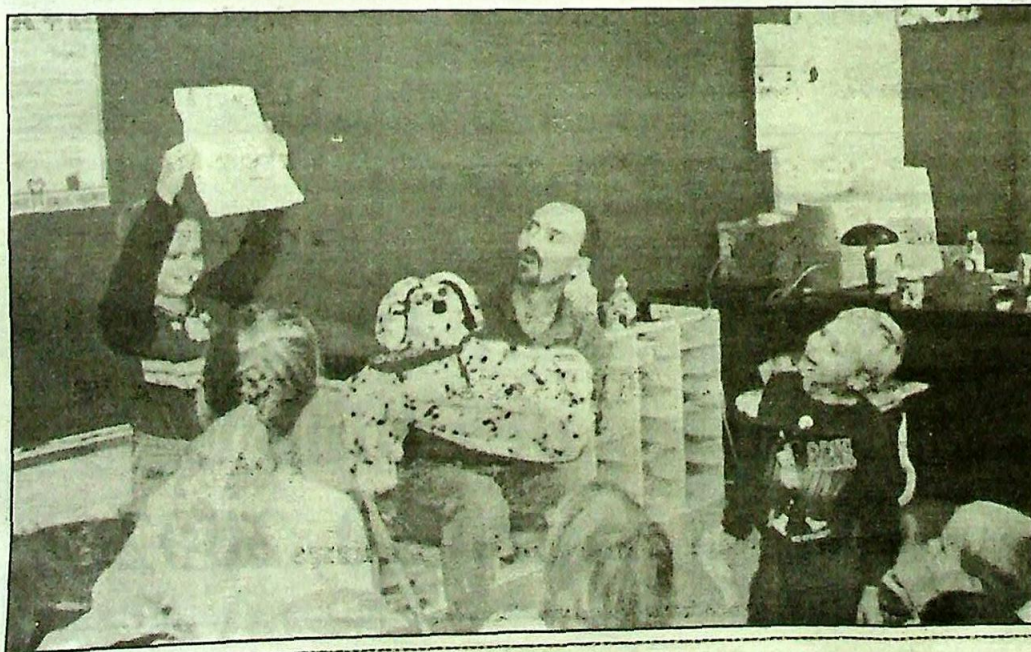
A home directly across the street from the explosion suffered tremendous damage as nearly all of the windows were broken out. The home's garage doors were also completely destroyed, unable to withstand the force of the explosion.

The Elwood Fire Department currently has a list of approximately 20 homes in the area that sustained damage, however, Fire Chief Milton Gough expects the list to double.

Mayor Philip Metzger was also at the scene. "This is very devastating for the families who have destroyed or damaged homes. We just have to thank God that no one was hurt seriously or killed," stated Metzger. "I am very proud of the firemen and police officers. Both chiefs did a wonderful job of coordinating their men at the scene," Metzger stated. Metzger also highlighted the support from employees of the Elwood Street and Water Department who arrived at the scene to help seal off the area.

Indiana 28 will remain closed until the investigation is completed by the state fire marshal's office. Officials are speculating that the explosion was caused by a gas leak in the home.

## Fire Safety Presented To Students at Shakamak Elementary

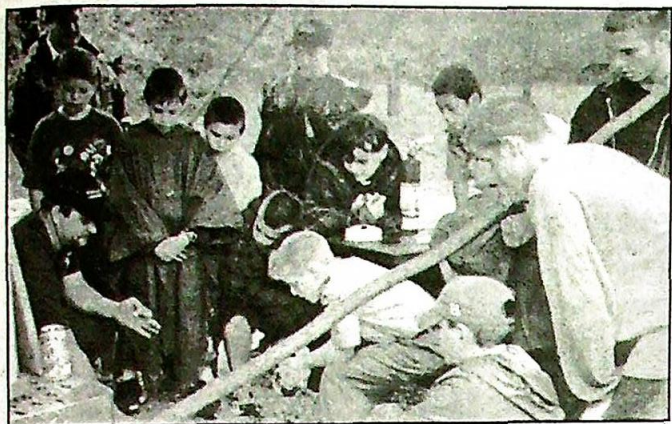


Jasonville, Wright Township, and Lewis Township fire departments presented fire safety to students at Shakamak Elementary during Fire Prevention Week.

Shown here is Mark Mesner with Fire Dog.

(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland,  
District 11A chairman)

Please submit all articles  
and photos for the next  
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before April 10, 2002



## Boy Scouts Learn About Fire Safety and Hazards

Lewis Township Fire Chief Bryan Husband explains fire safety and fire hazards to the Boy Scouts at Shakamak State Park.

The scouts were working to earn merit badges.

(photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman)

### DISTRICT 11A

I hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday.

My son and his family came home from Utah. Sherry and I had not seen our grandkids for a year, that made Christmas very special. Kevin and Diane and our firefighter friends gave Sherry and I a surprise 40th anniversary party at the firehouse. That was the first of two surprises. The second was receiving the Governor's Award and Medallion. Thanks to everyone involved.

Congratulations to Harold Harrison, Bryan Husband and Max Husband for being awarded the Governor's Award.

Our last meeting was held at the Dugger-Cass Fire Department. President Kerney and West Central PR Diane Harrison gave reports to the members. Dugger Cass is the newest member of 11A.

Air Vac Life Team presented the program. Thanks to Chief Joe Bohnert for his hospitality. Our next meeting will be January 20 at Posey Township at Stuaton. The Miss Flame dance will be January 26 at the Kriestenein Post at 2690 Fort Harrison Road, Terre Haute. Everyone is welcome!

Be sure to send those letters in for all the awards given out at convention. Remember the new award this year "The Diane Harrison Angel Award" for a female firefighter or rescue person. Deadline is April 1.

Until next time, brothers and sisters. Be careful out there.

District 11A Chairman  
Jack McFarland

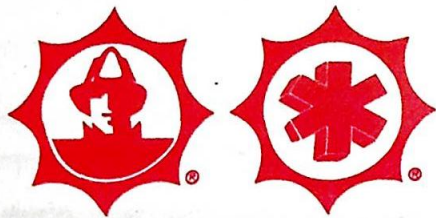
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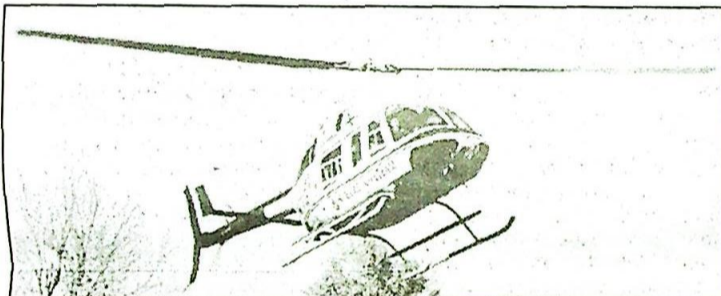
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## Husbands Co-Winners of Firefighter Award



Max and Cindy Husband, husband and wife team were co-winners of the Lewis Township Firefighters of the Year Award. The award is voted on by members of the department.  
(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman)

## Air Evac Life Team Presents Program



Air Evac Life Team presented a program at District 11A meeting held at Dugger. The helicopter was also present during the Lewis Township Fire Prevention open house.  
(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman)



## Firemen Presented Medallions

Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's Office presented the Governor's Meritorious Medallion to Lewis Township firefighters, Jack McFarland, Harold Harrison, Bryan Husband and Max Husband.  
(Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman)

## Firefighters Attend Dinner



Lewis Township firefighters attend dinner Tuesday, October 16, 2001. The Shakamak Chamber of Commerce sponsored a wonderful evening of appreciation for firefighters, police officers and emergency workers. Inside the Boy Scout building there was a delicious buffet. We were entertained by an old fashioned country music group called "Small Town Country". The Chamber of Commerce was proud to see the special respect shown to so many people who certainly deserve a full measure of respect and appreciation.  
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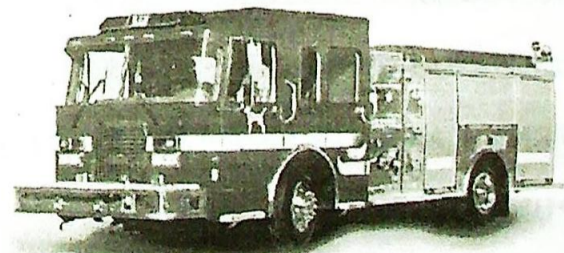


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# Recommendations For Response To Biological Hazard Incidents

October 18, 2001

From: State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright

As many of you know, there have been a rash of incidents in the past two weeks where clinics, schools, and offices have received notices that stated an exposure to anthrax had occurred on their premises. As usual, fire departments have been called to assist and protect. In an effort to provide some response information to you and your community, my staff has put together two documents.

The first one, with the heading "RE" Domestic Terrorism" is a set of basic recommendations with a little information about anthrax that you can share with your community.

The second one is a more technical set of response recommendations that can be distributed to your haz-mat folks, and any organization in your community that has trained haz-mat personnel.

So far these threats have been hoaxes, but there is no way to guarantee that any future threat is bogus. I hope these recommendations are of assistance to you and your community. Please feel free to call my office if you feel you need additional information.

## RE: DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Recently, there has been a lot of news coverage on a type of Domestic Terrorism that could affect the continuity of schools, businesses, medical and virtually any other business.

Organizations in Indianapolis, Bloomington and other cities and towns in Indiana have received envelopes in the mail that contained some sort of powdered material. When opened, the powdered material spills out. Inside the envelope there is a note or letter that warns the reader that they have just been exposed to the deadly biological agent ANTHRAX! So far, these en-

velopes have had NO return address and/or no postmark.

Since ANTHRAX spores are airborne distributed, evacuation and decontamination procedures are required, causing disruption and panic. So far, each incident has proven to be a hoax, but also each incident has to be reacted to in a very careful manner as if it were the real thing.

If you or your office staff receives a suspicious envelope and/or package it is imperative that you do the following. (Suspicious meaning; having no postmark, no return address, having a lot of stains, a thick or bulky package/envelope, and/or a package with a lot of postage stamps).

1. Each office should have on hand a one gallon zip lock bag and a large trash bag for larger containers.

2. DON'T OPEN the envelope/package:

A. Place the envelope in the zip lock bag.

B. Call 911 or appropriate emergency number in your local area.

3. IF the package was opened and it contained a threatening note:

A. Place the envelope in the zip lock bag.

B. Call 911 or appropriate emergency number in your local area.

4. IF the package was opened and it contained a threatening note and a substance of a powdery form:

A. Place the envelope in the zip lock bag.

B. Call 911 or appropriate emergency number in your local area.

C. Isolate the people that were in the room when the envelope was opened.

D. Notify maintenance to shut down the ventilation system.

E. Evacuate the building of all other non-essential personnel.

It is very important to remain calm, and to keep everyone on your staff calm. People exposed to such

an incident must be re-assured that anthrax in humans is deadly only if left untreated, and that Anthrax serum is 100% effective.

## SAFE FIELD RESPONSE TO LETTERS OR PACKAGES THAT CLAIM TO CONTAIN ANTHRAX

This protocol is intended only for response to letters and packages that may contain anthrax. If other potential agents or delivery devices are encountered, the area should be secured until other resources are consulted, including Emergency Management, the Health Department, the FBI and other federal resources at their disposal. This protocol is written with extra measures of safety to ensure that the health of emergency responders and hospital personnel is fully protected, and that people potentially exposed to anthrax will be provided with the best and safest care.

1. If a suspicious letter is not opened:

No one is at risk provided there is no powder leaking out of the envelope. No decontamination or treatment is needed. Place the letter in a plastic bag and turn it over to law enforcement, always maintaining proper chain of custody.

2. If a letter is opened that claims to contain anthrax and there is no substance seen or felt in the envelope:

No one is at risk, including the person that opened the letter. No decontamination or treatment is needed. Place the letter in a plastic bag and turn it over to law enforcement, always maintaining proper chain of custody.

3. If a letter is opened that claims to contain anthrax and there is a substance inside the envelope, or if a suspicious letter is unopened but a substance is leaking out of the envelope:

a) Persons outside the room.

Persons outside of the room where the letter was opened are not at risk. Provided the envelope was not leaking, persons who handled the envelope before it was opened are not at risk. No decontamination or treatment is needed for these people.

b) Persons inside the room.

Persons who were in the same room as the envelope when it was opened but did not come in direct contact with the substance or the envelope after it was opened are at very minimal risk for potential exposure. Decontamination is not needed for these people. As an extraordinary precaution, these people should be sent to the hospital for medical consultation and possible prophylaxis treatment with antibiotics until the true risk is determined.

c) Persons who opened the letter or came in direct contact with the substance or opened letter.

Persons that opened the envelope or came in direct contact with the substance or the opened letter are at potential risk. Persons with cuts or other open wounds on their hands may be at higher risk.

Decontamination of persons. In most cases, the only decontamination required will be washing of hands with soap and water. If the substance spilled onto a person's clothes, they should remove their outer clothing before leaving the room, place them in a labeled bag, put on a medical gown or tyvek suit, and then wash their hands. In an extreme case where a person becomes grossly contaminated, clothing removal and hand washing should be followed by a full body wash with soap and water. Most persons should be able to wash themselves. If there are shower facilities in the building, they should be used for decontamination. Decontamination water can be safely discharged into the sanitary sewer, with the permission of the waste-

water treatment plant. Jewelry does not need to be removed for decontamination except for rings, which can be rinsed with water in the sink during hand washing.

Handling of clothing and personal belongings. The outside of bags that clothing have been placed into should be thoroughly rinsed with water before being transported with the victim. Clothing can be returned to people when testing determines the substance is not anthrax. Personal belongings such as wallets and keys that were in the person's pockets when the envelope was opened do not need to be decontaminated provided the person did not handle them after handling the envelope. Potentially contaminated personal items should be placed in a separate, labeled plastic bag. Keys can be decontaminated by dipping in a sporicidal solution, such as a 5% bleach solution. Wallets can be decontaminated by wiping with a sporicidal solution.

Contamination of other rooms in the building. Contamination of other rooms in the building is not a concern unless a person is grossly contaminated with the substance and moves to another room. Contamination via the ventilation system is not a concern.

Contamination of other people in the building. Person-to-person contamination is not a concern unless someone is grossly contaminated and comes in direct and significant contact with another person.

Protection of EMTs and hospital workers. Provided the decontamination procedures detailed above have been followed, further decontamination at the hospital is not needed.

Medical treatment. The persons should be sent to the hospital for medical consultation and pro-

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phylaxis treatment with antibiotics until the true risk is determined.

• **Retrieval of evidence.** The letter can be retrieved by emergency responders wearing Level B personal protective equipment. The letter should be double bagged, placed in a box or arson can, and labeled as a biohazard. Decontaminate the can and emergency responders with soap and water. The letter should be handled as evidence, and the chain of custody should be documented. Evidence should be handed over to the FBI or local law enforcement.

• **Decontamination of potentially contaminated rooms.** Any surfaces that the substance may have spilled onto can be decontaminated by gently laying down paper towels, gently wetting them with a 5% bleach solution, and leaving it in contact for 30 minutes. Double bag all clean up material in biohaz-

ard bags. Level B personal protective equipment should be worn during cleanup.

4. **If the suspicious envelope is leaking a substance before being opened:**

The potential for contamination of other areas increases if there is a substance leaking out of the envelope before it is opened. In this situation the area should be secured until other resources are consulted, including Emergency Management, the Health Department, the FBI and other federal resources at their disposal.

Please share this information with your department heads. We will advise you of any further information/guidelines as they become available. Meanwhile, if we can be of further assistance to you, please call our day time office phone at 1-800-423-0765, and after hours emergency office phone at 1-800-669-7362.

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Please contact the District Chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

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