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From the President



Buz Koehler

In an attempt to hit the ground running, I want to let each of you know that I am excited to be serving as your President and eager to assist you in any way I can. The Association will continue to work on programs and issues important to all our members.

On January 8th, the Legislature went back in session and we will keep everyone apprized of the bills as they come out. We will be offering some legislation and we will be watching closely other bills that affect the fire service. We will be asking for everyone's support and help in this, as we did last year to love along the bills that we need to get passed.

It is that time of the year to remind everyone to apply for the Bridgeport Scholarship and to get their applications in on time.

This program was given a large boost last year as we were able to make a nice deposit into it from the IVFA Special License Plate fee.

In the future we hope to increase the number of scholarships we were able to award. This can happen if we continue to purchase the IVFA special plates.

The computer age has made it possible for the Association to contact more members faster than ever before, so if you have an e-mail address, make sure you get on our list or a list with your district chairmen so you can receive information on all the things that are going on. We will try to get our website going as soon as possible so members can go to the website also.

Until we meet at the district meetings, please be safe!

IVFA Loses One of Strongest Supporters

The IVFA lost one of its strongest supporters with the passing of Charlie Cline.

Charlie died January 4, 2003, at the age of 59. For 33 of those years, he was a member of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department. He served as Treasurer and Assistant Chief for many years. He was a Master Firefighter and Fire Investigator.

From 1993 to 2000 he was chairman of District 9A. He guided and unified us in making advancements for the volunteer fire service.

A big reason for his success can be

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Scipio's First Fire Chief Was 'Godly Kind of Man'

'Mayor of Pinola' Duane Lantz will take his final ride on the fire truck

By COLLEEN MAIR
THE LAPORTE
HERALD-ARGUS

PINOLA - Not far from Ind. 2, Duane Lantz lived in the shadow of the fire department he helped to develop nearly 50 years ago.

In 1954, about 30 people volunteered to help build the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department fire station, including Lantz, one of the original members. The first official meeting of the department was held in March of that year.

"With the grain elevator and the Fabroeam factory running at the time, we needed fire protection," Lantz told the H-A in an interview last fall.

Fittingly, Lantz, who died Monday at age 86 of congestive heart failure will ride to his burial place Friday in the Door Village Cemetery atop a Scipio Township fire truck.

"It's a fire department tradition and what he wanted," said Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Chief Pete Sass, who considered Lantz to be a second dad and his best friend.

"As chief of the department before me, he was someone I could talk to when I didn't know how to handle something. He was always there for me."

The two were also good friends away from the department.

"I will always remember his commitment to fire service, and his kindness and willingness to help anybody out," Sass promised. "He was always a part of the department, even after he retired."

Lantz was the first fire chief of the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department and was chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association for more than 30 years.

In 1967, he was named Fireman of the Year.

"He has the nickname 'Father Lantz' all over the state," said Grace, his wife of 23 years. "I am very proud of him and his achievements."

The couple lived at 0649S CR 500 W in Pinola.

Local residents called Lantz the "mayor of Pinola."

"I've known him for as long as he's lived here," said neighbor Lennart Olson, who has lived in the community his entire life.

The 98-year-old remembers Lantz as a top-notch gentleman.

"He was a real good neighbor and friend, and one of the backbones of the

fire department," he said.

The two men were members of the Pinola Grange together.

"He was a real help. Everything about him was favorable," Olson said.

On Thursday, the current chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association will offer prayers and condolences to those who attend a memorial service to be held at Haverstock Funeral Home.

The funeral will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave., LaPorte. A full obituary appears on page 13. The couple attended Door Village United Methodist Church, but that building is not large enough for the service.

"People are going to come from all over the state for the funeral because so many people loved him dearly. We've been to every town in Indiana, and he was very well known," Grace said.

Aside from being a lifelong member of the fire department, Lantz also retired from Bethlehem Steel and ran his own plumbing and heating shop in Pinola for more than 30 years.

Neighbor Harry Fritz grew up with Lantz's six daughters and two sons. Lantz also has four stepsons, one deceased, who consider him their dad, according to Grace.

"I've known Duane and his family since the late 1940s. He lived down the road from me," Fritz said. "He put in a great deal of the pumps and wells

of the older homes here."

Lantz was a very likeable fellow, according to Fritz.

"He was very interested in the community and the fire department," Fritz said. "He's done quite well in his life."

The fire department plans to honor Lantz by dedicating a new fire truck in his name.

"He was a wonderful person, husband and father," Grace said. "He was very nice and a gentleman, a very godly kind of man, always concerned for other's welfare."

The grandfather of 50 was also a family man.

"He loved all of his children and grandchildren who are very close," Grace said about the man who was in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. "The last couple of years he was not well, but I'm so glad he had a peaceful death."

For the rest of her life, Grace will always remember the hours they spent on the front porch together in the warmer weather when Duane would wave at everybody who drove by.

"The people are going to miss seeing him on the porch," she said, adding he also told a lot of jokes. "His favorite saying when he would shake someone's hand to leave was, 'Don't pick up anything you can't carry.'"

(Article submitted by Tim Sandy, District 3 chairman and courtesy of the LaPorte Herald-Argus).

Goodbye, Father Lantz

The Indiana Fire Service lost a loyal and dedicated man on November 11, 2002. Hundreds of firefighters and EMS personnel and their family members paid tribute to Duane D. Lantz at a firefighters' memorial service on November 14, 2002 and as many and more attended the funeral service the next day in LaPorte.

Born April 2, 1916 in Iroquois County, Illinois, the man we all called Father Lantz moved to Pinola in LaPorte County in 1947 with wife Josephine, whom he had married in 1940. They parented nine children, but sadly Jo left this life in 1976.

Duane ran a plumbing business from home most of those years and developed a reputation of industry, friendliness and attention to detail. Likeable and easy going, his personable smile became a trademark.

He enlisted in the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department early on and became its first fire chief in 1954. He served the department in many posi-

tions and was accorded lifetime member status after 30 years of service.

He joined the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association prior to 1963 and was elected State Chaplain that year, a position he held for 30 more years until stepping down in 1993. During that time Father Lantz conducted over 1,200 memorial services including 30 annual memorials at the I.V.F.A. annual convention. He established a career that likely will never be equaled in our state.

In 1979, Duane married Gracie and her four children became a part of the family. At his death, the 13 children had an aggregate of 50 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Besides Scipio Township V.F.W. and the I.V.F.A., Duane also served on the township advisory board, Justice of the Peace for Scipio Township, the local P.T.A. and the Cemetery Board.

Honors includes Sagamore of the Wabash, I.V.F.A. Lifetime Member, Indiana Meritorious Service Award, Mister I.V.F.A. and others. His favorite saying was, "Don't pick up anything you can't carry."

Father Lantz wasn't Catholic but was a member of the Door Village United Methodist Church. A genial and loving family man, he will be missed by all who knew him. His service to the family of God will not be forgotten.

Rest in peace, Father.
Charles J. Baker



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 \$1,500 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 1st 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 \$3,000 death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an active member killed while on an emergency response (autopsy required and testing for drugs and alcohol).

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Prayer For Today:

Gracious God,
 Your love for us is so deep that we cannot fathom it.
 It is a love brings wholeness and joy, a love which heals us at our broken places.
 And it is a love that comes with no strings attached!
 Fill us anew today with your love, that as it overflows from our lives it might touch the lives of those whom we serve with a sense of your presence and compassion at a time when their lives are in turmoil due to fire, illness, or accident.
 And thank you for trusting us with this awesome responsibility. May we always be faithful in our service.

Amen

Minute Message:

It is with many emotions that I write to you as your new state chaplain. I am overwhelmed by your trust in electing me to this position and I pray that I will serve you well.
 I am humbled to stand in line behind "Father" Duane Lantz and Charlie Baker, who have served the IVFA with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love for the past thirty-five years and I pray that my work will follow in the large footsteps they have left. I am excited about the possibilities of setting up a corps of associate chaplains at least by region if not by district and pray that there are those of you reading this who would like to be a part of that corps.
 I have about a dozen names of possible associate chaplains, but if you are interested, I'd like to hear from you, too. Within the next few months I will call a meeting for everyone whose name I have received so that we can plan what this corps might look like and how we can work together to serve the volunteer firefighters of Indiana. If you would like to be a part of this new venture, please leave me a message at 812-876-9259 or e-mail me at flpage@iquest.net.
 I have met some of you as I've filled in for Charlie over the past ten years. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the years ahead. Thank you for your trust.
 God's grace and peace be with you all.

In Memoriam

Firefighters who answered their last alarm during the fourth quarter of 2002:

- Keith J. Fallon - Harrison Twp. VFD, District 9A
- Timothy F. Herron - Richland Twp. VFD, District 6
- Arnold F. Govert - Shelby VFD, District 2
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- Jack L. Johnson - Galveston VFD, District 9A
- Robert E. Crim - Manilla VFD, District 10

Letter of Appreciation and Poem from the Duane Lantz Family

The Duane Lantz Family wishes to express their appreciation to the IVFA and Auxiliary for the bibles, grave marker and Last Call badge given to our family. A special thanks to everyone who sent flowers, a card, or a memorial gift in honor of our loved one.

Thanks to Chaplain Charles Baker, Third District Chairman Tim Sandy, Fire Chief Pete Sass, Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department, LaPorte and Michigan City Fire Departments, Starke County Honor Guard, and all who participated in our father's memorial and funeral services. This was done with great honor and respect to him. The services were comforting and rewarding to our family.
 Grace Lantz and family

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
 To be a happy one.
 I'd like to leave an afterglow
 Of smiles when life is done.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
 To dry before the sun
 Of happy memories that I leave
 When life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
 Whispering softly down the way,
 Of happy times and laughing times
 And bright and sunny days.

Carol Mirkel

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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

I would like to use my first article of the New Year to address the Benefits of the IVFA.

Fire School Discounts: With the new Fire School Year getting ready to start, as a member of the IVFA, you are eligible to receive a \$5.00 discount for each class you attend at an IVFA sponsored fire school. In order to receive your discount you must have a membership card expiring on 7/31/2003, and you must present your IVFA Membership number upon registration.

The Bridgeport Scholarship Awards: The IVFA awards (2) two \$1,500.00 scholarships each year. Applicants must be a current paid member of the IVFA, or spouse, or son or daughter of a current paid member of the IVFA, having paid the current year dues by July 31. The member must also have been a member of the (2) two

Charlie Cline ...

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summed up in a quote from IVFA President Buz Koehler, "Charlie always had a smile and a handshake for everyone."

Although we wanted Charlie to be with us for many more years, we celebrate his life which was filled with his love for his Faith, Family, Friends and Fire Department.

Dee Mauntel,
9A Secretary

years prior to the year of the application. Applications must be received in the office by March 1.

Bridgeport Death Benefit: As an IVFA Member, you are entitled to a memorial service by the IVFA Chaplain, the presentation of a Bible, and a grave marker. These are presented as a token of appreciation for being a member of the IVFA. In the event of a Line of Duty Death, your beneficiary is also entitled to a \$3,000.00 death benefit from the Bridgeport Fund. The deceased must be a paid active member of the IVFA, having paid the current year dues by July 31. The member must also have been a paid active member for the (2) two prior years to the year of the member's death.

IVFA License Plate: The IVFA offers to its members the special recognition IVFA License Plate. To receive the special license plate you must be a current member of the IVFA. A license plate request form must be sent to the IVFA Office, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested. The office will forward the member a BMV Form to take to the license branch to receive their license plate.

IVFA Newspaper: The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Newspaper is published quarterly, February, May, August and November. We encourage all fire departments and its members to send articles of interest to be published. The deadline for articles is the 10th of the month prior to the publication.

Clothing Fund: If a request is filed within 60-days of the loss with our District Chairman, the IVFA has a fund from which will be contributed up to \$100.00 for clothing losses sustained at fires or other emergency duties. The maximum allowance for the loss of eye glasses is \$50.00, except if they contain a hearing aid, then the allowance is \$75.00.

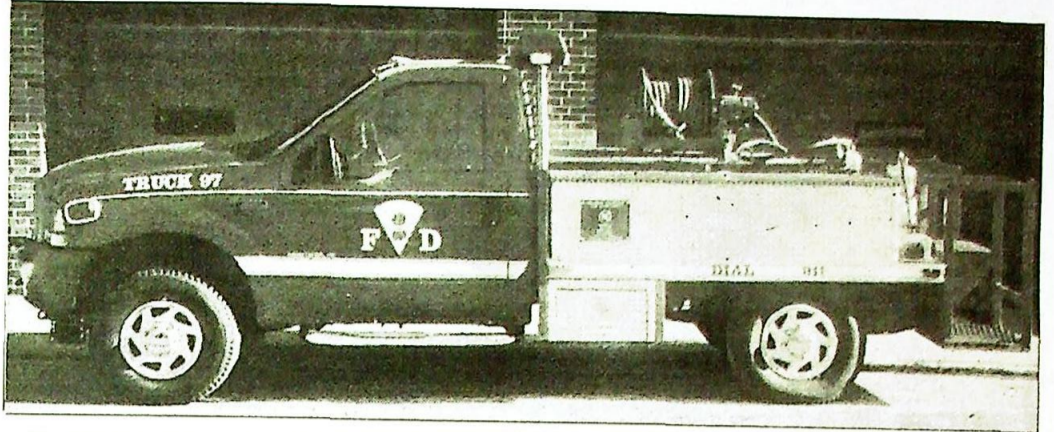
Life Membership Award: After an IVFA Member has completed 50 years in the fire service, they will be rewarded with a 50 Year Gold Card.

25 Years of Service Award: After an IVFA Member has completed 25 years in the fire service, the member will be awarded a 25 year IVFA Pin.

Special Recognition Awards: Mr. IVFA Award, Ollie Sandburg Award, Midwest Award, and the Angel Award.

If you have any further questions about any of our benefits, you can contact the IVFA Office or any IVFA Officer or District Chairman.

Wilkinson Fire Department Takes Delivery of New Fire Truck



The Wilkinson Brown Township Fire Department recently took delivery of a new grass, brush truck, a Ford F350 diesel.

The chassis was purchased by the town and the truck was built from the ground up by the members of the department. The truck is equipped with a 225 gallon tank and a Hale pump.

Members of the department are very proud of this truck and would like to thank Terry Molden for his efforts in getting the truck completed.

A dedication was held earlier this year (2002). The truck was dedicated to Terry at that time. The department also purchased five new Scott air packs in 2002 and are in the process of purchasing new extrication equipment.

The department also had its first fish fry this year (2002) and raised nearly \$2,500.00. The fire department would like to thank all the local businesses for their donations and helping to make this fish fry a huge success.

We look forward to 2003 and hope it will be as successful as this year (2002).

John Collins, Assistant Chief
Wilkinson Brown Township Fire Department

Attention - All Indiana Firefighters..

This is a reminder that after January 1, 2003, the State Marshal's Office will no longer be sending out a paper monthly mailer.

All information will be sent out using the E-mail system. This way every firefighter who wants to receive the information can do so and in a more timely manner.

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

Applications sent by Certified Mail **MUST** have a postmark no later than March 1, 2003.

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

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September 19, 2002
Pleasant Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 12 members representing seven departments present. Chief Phil Bluhm led the pledge. After the pledge, Jerry Cohen from Springfield Township VFD opened the meeting with a prayer and chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved. Prior to the treasurer's report, chairman Sandy asked for a motion to donate \$250 to the Starke County Firefighter's Honor Guard for their trip to the National Memorial in Washington D.C. Motion was made and carried. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$772.99.

Communications:

Comments from chairman Sandy:

1. Passed around get-well cards for past president Mitch Parish and PR Director NW Bradford who are recovering from surgery and for past state chaplain Duane Lantz who is in St. Anthony's Hospital.

2. Announced that there have been 75 firefighter's deaths so far this year.

3. Announced that there has been

almost \$3 1/2 million dollars in grant money distributed this year. Area departments receiving grants included Center Township (LaPorte County); Knox-Center Township and Michigan City Fire Department. Several departments from the grant writing class from Duneland Fire School have received grants.

4. Announced that there is an Anti-Terrorism First Responder Grant for Equipment and Training available. Interested departments need to contact Alpha Joyner at (317) 234-2582 or by e-mail at ajoyner@sema.state.in.us

5. Announced that there are several search and rescue courses being offered by PSTI. Interested departments should contact John Newcomer, Manager of Search and Rescue Training Branch, Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Academy at 1-800-200-7424 or by e-mail at njewcomer@sema.state.in.us

6. Led a group discussion after reading an article from the Chicago Sun Times about the Chicago Fire Department Training Chief quitting in protest of cuts in budgets.

Comments from Bruce Yonkers -

1. Read three short inspirational firefighter poems.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Sandy announced that the Edith House needs to be winterized and a work detail needs to be called to do so. Ed Ritter from Kingsbury VFD stated he would check with Him Heinbold and see if he could offer us a space to store it in one of his buildings in KIP.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order:

1. Chairman Sandy presented IVFA patches to all members present.

2. Kingsbury will have their food shack at the Scarecrow Festival in Wanatah.

3. Kingsbury will be having a pan-

cake breakfast on October 27th.

4. Kingsbury will be having a haunted house the last two weekends and the last week of October.

5. Springfield Township will be having a haunted house the last week of October thru Halloween.

6. Kankakee Township will be having a pancake breakfast on October 27th.

7. Norm Carpenter of Hanna gave a report on Hanna's Festival.

8. Chairman Sandy announced that nominations for the President's award, Ollie Sandberg award, Angel award, Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz and Midwest award need to be made and turned in prior to the February State Board of Director's meetings.

Training: None.

After a benediction by Jerry Cohen from Springfield Twp., the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Phil Bluhm won the 50/50; Tom Thode won one hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire and Ed Ritter won the other hat; Diane Dove won a shirt and Bruce Yonkers won a mug donated by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm.

Next meeting: November 21, 2002, 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), Kingsford-Union VFD. Presentation by Starke County Firefighter's Honor Guard on their trip to National Memorial in D.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

November 21, 2002

Kingsford - Union VFD
Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 16 members representing six departments present.

Chief Kevin Williamson led the pledge. After the pledge, Jerry Cohen

from Springfield Township VFD opened the meeting with a prayer and Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: President-elect Buz Koehler, Starke County Firefighter's Association Honor Guard members Rick Minker, Floyd Burton, Jim Drews and Mark Jessie.

Due to the time difference and the Starke County Firefighter's Association Honor Guard being present to give a presentation on their trip to the National Memorial, Chairman Sandy dispensed with the order of business and allowed the Honor Guard to give their presentation. The Honor Guard presented an excellent program on their trip to the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial in Washington, D.C. and their visit to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. After their presentation, a motion was made and passed unanimously to sponsor a brick in their name on the Walk of Honor at the National Fire Academy. Secretary/Treasurer Kaufman will take care of the ordering of the brick.

After the presentation, the minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$666.21.

Communications:

Comments from President-elect Koehler -

1. Gave a legislative update and announced that there are four items that are being addressed in this session.

2. Announced that article for the next edition of the paper are due by January 10th.

3. Announced that the Board of Directors have approved the insurance plan for members and more information will be available at our next meeting.

4. Announced that a three year contract was signed with the current Central Office.

5. Announced that the budget has been approved.

6. Reminded everyone that money from your IVFA license plate fees goes to support the Bridgeport Scholarship fund and their goal is to be able to award three scholarships yearly.

7. Personally, and on behalf of the Association thanked the Starke County Firefighter's Association Honor Guard for their presence and participation in the funeral of Past State Chaplain Duane Lantz.

8. Announced that there is going to be a change in the SOGs. The change will define the duties of each officer.

9. Announced that he is being informed that there is going to be a proposal to amend the by-laws and attempt to limit the term years of the President.

10. Reminded everyone that they must have the form for license plates completed by the Central Office prior to going to the BMV to purchase their plates. If the paperwork from the Central Office is not completed, the BMV will not allow you to purchase the IVFA plate. Mail the form to the office and give them some time to complete it and mail it back to you prior to your expiration date.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order:

1. Kingsbury will be sponsoring a Senior Citizen's Dinner on 12/1 and will be having a chili/hot dog dinner on January 12th at their station.

2. The Kingsford-Union Auxiliary will be having Holiday Bingo on 12/20 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

3. Dave Kaufman from S&S announced that their open house is re-

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DISTRICT 3

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turning and will be held after FDIC. There will be training available and registrations can be made on-line. More information available at the next meeting.

4. Wayne Zeman of Kingsbury VFD is interested in starting an honor guard at LaPorte County. He asked that interested persons contact him at hoc at 362-3399 or via e-mail at w.zeman@attbi.com.

Training: None.

After a benediction by Jerry Cohen from Springfield Twp., the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Mark Jessie won the 50/50; Kevin Williamson won one hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire and Jerry Cohen won the other hat; Dan Noll won a sweatshirt and Kenny Freeland won a pair of gloves donated by the Kingsford-Union VFD; and, Kevin Williamson and Wayne Zeman won IVFA patches donated by President-elect Koehler.

Next meeting: January 16, 2003, 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.) Cass-Clinton VFD.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 5



Don Kissinger
District 5
Chairman

July 11, 2002
Winona Lake Fire Department
Winona Lake, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 21 members representing six departments. Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE and Richard Glant, IVFA past president.

Minutes were read by district secretary Kissinger and approved as presented.

District chairman Kissinger advised that the convention went real well.

Discussed the new officers for next year. Also, congratulations to all award winners.

Richard Glant advised that if you have any laws that you would like to see be on the books to contact your State Representative.

Discussed the new rules concerning the Bridgeport Scholarships.

Chairman Kissinger reminded all departments to have their dues paid by July 31st. Also, make sure area codes are changed and beneficiaries are correct.

Chairman Kissinger read a proposal for a parade through Warsaw on 9/11/02 as a way of honoring those fallen from New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania.

If anyone has a daughter that would like to participate in the Miss Flame contest, please contact district chairman Kissinger as soon as possible.

Richard Glant made a motion to add the position of treasurer to the secretary's position to hold monies that would help offset the costs for a Miss Flame candidate at convention. Larry Neher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was turned over to Mike for election of officers. District chairman Kissinger retains his position by a unanimous vote. District secretary Kissinger retains his position by a unanimous vote.

District chairman Kissinger discussed a survey about changing the convention schedule from the present (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) to a weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).

Good of the Order: Bourbon will be having their Summer Fest on August 17 & 18.

The next meeting will be held Sept.

12, 2002 at Denver Fire Department, Denver, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2023 hrs. with refreshments being served by the host department.

November 14, 2002
Lapaz Fire Department
Lapaz, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours with the pledge to the flag following.

Roll call: 15 members representing five departments. Guests: Mike Mackin, PRNE.

District chairman Kissinger talked about S.O.G. changes concerning awards, officers, and benefits.

Discussed Project Hoosier Safe-T. Chairman Kissinger talked about insurance updates for the I.V.F.A.

Chairman Kissinger reminded everyone to make sure their beneficiary and all other information is correct for the Central Office.

Good of the Order:

Lapaz will be holding a fundraiser project in February 2003.

Bourbon announced officer changes on their department.

The next meeting will be held January 9, 2003 at North Manchester Fire Department, North Manchester, IN.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours with refreshments being served by the host department.

DISTRICT 6

David Elick
District 6 Chairman

Well, once again, another holiday season has come and gone and with that the start of a new year. New opportunities, new challenges, new officers, holiday bills, the list goes on. Please send me an up-to-date list of your current officers (Chief, Asst. Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer) so that I can update the roster. A big thanks to Albion, LaGrange, Fremont, and Churubusco Fire Departments for hosting district meetings last year. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Buz, Mike Mackin, Jim Hodge, and Jerry Sprague for all their help.

Congratulations to all of the members who received their 25-year pins and 50-year gold cards last year. I am aware that there are some departments that have not yet had their pins and/or cards presented. I will try to get these taken care of at the next couple of district meetings. If you would like to make other arrangements for your department, please let me know. Thanks to Mark McClish (Chief, LaGrange Fire Department) for helping me out at their Christmas party.

Congratulations also goes out to Cleveland Township Fire Department, South Whitley, Hudson Fire Department, Hudson, and Topeka Fire Department, Topeka, for receiving FEMA grant this year totaling \$232,451.00. AND, by now, if they are not already there, Cleveland Twp. will soon be residing in a new station.

For the Topeka Fire Department, however, the end of 2002 also marked the end for one of their long time members. Steve Wainscott, Chief, IVFA members, and reserve deputy, turned off the scanner, and brought to a close over 22 years of service. His future plans including learning how to fly. Good luck, Mr. Wainscott, you will definitely be missed.

Kristen Smith, representing New Haven-Adams Township Fire Department, Station 3, and Jean & E.J. Smith (the proud parents) will be our district Miss Flame candidate at convention this year in French Lick, June 18-20. Good luck, Kristen.

Speaking of dates, our next district meeting will be hosted by the Arcola Fire Department on January 28th at 7:30 p.m. The March meeting will be at the Butler Fire Department on the 25th, and in May we will be at the Howe Fire Department on the 27th. If there are any comments, questions, concerns, or just want to say "Hi!", I can be reached at the address listed in the front of the paper, by cell at (260) 336-2246, or by e-mail to fire506@kuntrynet.com. I would also like to get at least one current and ac-

tive e-mail address for each department in the district. Any help in obtaining that would be greatly appreciated.

See you at the next district meeting!! - Dave

David J. Elick
District 6 chairman

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg
District 7
Chairman



Ossian
September 16, 2002

Guests included: LeMoynes "Buz" Koehler (IVFA vice president), Mike Mackin (Northeast Public Relations Director), Gary Robison and Ivan Nevil (Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office).

The meeting was called to order by District 7 chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 7:56 p.m. and Mort led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first roll call was answered by 38 members from 15 departments.

Mort gave an update on the IVFA license plate procurement procedure, and announced that Fallen Firefighter's Memorial was moved to Washington, D.C.

Buz Koehler announced that HB 1347 was passed but PERF benefits may be affected if AIDS or Hepatitis "B" is contracted. Buz also stated that a 10% property tax deduction was requested for volunteer firefighters and other unnumbered bills were explained.

Buz also stated that our IVFA officials are available to all members if needed.

Buz reported on the survey for IVFA convention scheduling with input showing about two-to-one for a weekend session.

Mike Mackin announced a possible mileage allowance change.

Gary Robison updated the meeting on grants and announced a grant school at Monroeville.

Ivan Nevil reported on the 9-11-01 ceremony by Governor O'Bannon in Indianapolis.

Ivan explained about the terrorism equipment program and displayed the equipment for inspection at the meeting.

Ivan explained the update on the

24-hour training rule potentially will change to a new format.

Ivan announced that Jim Schneider has joined the SFMO as an instructor.

Mort Sorg announced that the next meeting will be at Poe on November 18, 2002. This meeting will be "Miss Flame" judging.

The second roll call was answered by 38 members from 15 departments.

The following Ossian members were presented with their 25 year pins with their years of serviced listed after their name: Jach Ash - 26, Darrell Ball - 27, Norm Burke - 29, Jim Hower - 51, Sherwood Hunter - 54, Doyle Middaugh - 49, Robert Parrish - 30, Tom Somers - 37, David Todd - 27, and Lynn Yager - 44.

Poe
November 18, 2002

Guests included: LeMoynes "Buz" Koehler (state IVFA vice president), Mike Mackin (Public Relations Director - Northeast), Gary Robison and Ivan Nevil (state Fire Marshal's office).

The meeting was called to order by District 7 chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:05 .m. and Mort led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The first roll call was answered by 61 members from 15 departments.

Mort announced there will be no more mailings from the State Fire Marshal's office. Information may be picked up on E-mail, etc. IVFA license plates for the front of your vehicle are for sale at \$3.00 each.

Buz Koehler advised us on HB 1347, which deals with the contraction of hepatitis, meningitis, and tuberculosis. It affects the disability benefits of emergency and public safety employees regarding death and disabilities presumed to be incurred in the line of duty, and creates a new chapter, IC 5-10-13, to the Indiana code. The new revisions are reflected in Indiana Code 5-10-13-5 (b) (1). A similar provision regarding meningitis is found in (c), and regarding tuberculosis is found in (d). This is aimed at employees on the PERF program.

Buz also announced the IVFA quarterly paper will be going to 44 pages instead of the present 40 pages.

Mike Mackin announced the Bridgeport Scholarship applications must be in by March 1, and the IVFA convention will be June 18, 19, 20 at French Lick.

Gary Robison announced that the cutoff date for 2002 reporting will be March 1, 2003.

Ivan Nevil reported that free HAZ-MAT equipment can be provided after the firefighter is approved by the county commissioners or city council.

IVFA SOG changes were explained. A motion and second were introduced to accept the changes at the district level were made. The motion passed.

Changes were introduced for the rules of the Mr. IVFA Award, Ollie Sandberg Award, Midwest Award, and the "Angel" Award. Motion made with a second to accept the changes, and the motion was passed at the district level.

The second roll call was answered by 61 members from 15 departments.

The next district meeting will be at Poneto on January 20, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 8A



E.W. Pape, Jr.
District 8A
Chairman

Greetings, Emergency Personnel. I hope your holiday season was enjoyable and safe.

We are now entering into another year. I hope everyone got what they wanted for themselves and departments.

We have a Miss Flame for our district this year being picked at January 8 meeting. We have the convention coming up in French Lick, June 18-20. Please try to attend.

Departments, look into applying for the FEMA Grants for 2003.

I hope everyone has a good year and attend your district meetings.

Bill Pape
District 8A Chairman

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

We are in the beginning of a new year now. I feel that last year was a good year for IVFA.

I think through the efforts of every one of the officers, from the district chairmen to the president, several goals were accomplished. I think a good job was done by all.

I hope the holidays were good for everyone. Beverly and I are very thankful for our family and friends and enjoyed spending the Christmas season with them.

If anyone has any questions or problems I can help them with, feel free to give me a call.

Jack Harker

members and it is hoped to raise this back up to 18,000. If anyone knows of someone or some department that does not know about the IVFA, contact Jon Randle.

The FDIC will be held March 31-April 5 in Indianapolis.

Ashley Randle will represent 9A as Miss Flame at the 2003 convention.

Rich Ferguson of the Howard County Sheriff's Dept. presented a great program on terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. Further training is available on this. He has information on how to write a grant to attain money for combating terrorism at ferguson5@iquest.net.

The Indian Fire Services Institute dinner will be held Feb. 2003. This is an opportunity to meet legislators and discuss matters to help firefighters. It costs \$125.00 and we can pay for one representative from 9A. This will be further discussed at the January meeting.

Buz Koehler is collecting FD department patches for a quilt. You can give them to Jon or Buz.

Linda Baker donated 2003 calendars for door prizes. Bill Schock won the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 2035.

A barbecue supper was served. The next meeting is January 23, 2003, at Burlington.

(Thanks to Jean Randle for taking the minutes.)

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel,
Sec./Treas.

ways it was good to see him and have him at our district meeting.

Randy also enlightens everyone on several legislature issues and that after the first of the year that the State Fire Marshal's mailing will be by e-mail only.

There were 28 present from eight departments.

The November meeting was held at Medaryville VFD with 34 firefighters present from eight departments answering roll call. After roll call, Randy advised everyone that Fred Page is the new chaplain for IVFA.

A discussion was held on the proposed 800mhz radio system around the state and Randy advised those who might go to the new system to retain their old radio license from the FCC for backup.

Randy then presented firefighter Fred Jungles with his pin for 28 years of service to his community.

Everyone in District 9B is looking forward to a busy year in 2003.

DISTRICT 10

David Israel
District 10
Chairman



Happy New Year, District 10. Hope everyone had a safe holiday. Now it is time to get back into the groove of the third Wednesday of the month District 10 IVFA meetings.

The November 2002 meeting was a big one to end the year with. We had around 68 plus or minus firefighters there from over 12 departments.

The IVFAA ladies met with us that night and held a Miss Flame organizational meeting to see how many young ladies were interested in representing the district in 2003 at French Lick.

The Miss Flame contest for District 10 will be at the February 19, 2003 meeting. Supper at 7:00 p.m. at the Flat Rock Twp. VFD. Those wishing to enter a contestant from their home department should bring them to the meeting that night. For more info, contact Barb Parker at 317-783-9293 or David Israel at 812-663-8952.

Back to November's meeting at the Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you, Chief Randy Wood, Board President Mrs. Wood, Edward Stone, past District 10 chairman Bruce Neal and all the rest of the Hope VFD for making the last meeting of the year a good one. What a meal that was good. Thanks to those that went out and got the extra door prizes for the meeting. The W.A.R.N. program was great. A

good time was held by all who attended the meeting.

LISTEN UP: If you have a son or daughter or spouse that is going to be attending college next year or is still in college, could you use an extra \$1500.00 for that? Well, you can apply for the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Trust Fund to help with college. Applicant must be current paid member of the IVFA, or spouse or son or daughter of a current paid member of the IVFA, having paid current dues by July 31.

The member must also have been a member for the (2) two years prior to the year of application. Call the Central Office at 1-877-606-4832 to get an application. They must be in the Central Office and postmarked by the March 1, 2003 deadline. The IVFA gives away two of these scholarships at Convention each year.

It's Friday night, January 10, 2003, 11:45 p.m. and I need to get this done and sent before the 11th, so let's finish up. Bad note - District 10 had a death of firefighter Robert Crim of the Manilla VFD December 18, 2002.

District meetings for 2003: February 19, 2003 at Flat Rock VFD in Shelby Co., March 19, 2003 at Adams VFD in Decatur Co., April 16, 2003 Clay Twp. in Barth Co., May 21, 2003 Hartsville VFD in Barth. Co. Still working on the rest of the year.

District 10 Chairman
David Israel

DISTRICT 11-A

Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman



Greetings from 11-A.

I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas and is looking forward to a great New Year.

I want to thank Jennifer Lingenfelter for being our Miss Flame in 2002. She did a great job and good luck in the future.

Thanks to Bill Camp and the Nevins Twp. firefighters for hosting our November meeting. Jim and Lillian Hardy and their search dog, Elvis, presented the program. Elvis put on a great demonstration. Jim and Lillian will also present a two-day training program at the Wright Twp. firehouse on January 4 and 5 for District 11-A.

Congratulations to Arnold Hughes and Dave Phelps of the Prairieton Fire Department for receiving the Governor's Meritorious Service Award. Arnold also received an IVFA gold card. Dave, Arnold and George Asbury received IVFA 25-year pins. Kyle Kleptz, a senior at Terre Haute South Vigo High School was honored as Fireman of the Year. Chief Monte Hunt said Kleptz has a really good attitude and is dedicated. It takes young guys like this to carry on what we do.

I was glad to be able to present Dugger-Cass Fire Department with an IVFA clock for their new station. Joe Bohnert, Cass Chief and Myron Goodman, Dugger Chief have done a lot of work for the new station.

Don't forget the letters for Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Angel, Lois Boaz, and Midwest Awards are due. Please send letters for deserving people in your department.

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

DISTRICT 11-B

Larry Ketchem
District 11B
Chairman



Reelsville/Washington Twp.
November 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem with the Invocation given by district chaplain Con Mankin. The pledge to the flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. Chairman Ketchem then introduced the guests present. Auxiliary chairman Patty Miller introduced her guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Ketchem spoke on the flag inventory and was open to suggestions on how to use them. The recent convention games results in several District 11-B winners in both the men and women games. IVFA President Kerney thanked everyone for their support at the convention.

Vice president Koehler also thanked everyone for their support. Jack Harker thanked everyone for all they had done. IVFA Secretary Larry Bartlow spoke on the past year's progress. State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush mentioned former past activities. WCPR Diane Harrison spoke on projects mentioned during the recent state officer's meeting. President Kerney mentioned one phase of the radio coverage. Diane Harrison also reminded those present about the Bridgeport Scholarship program and the forms needed to be filled out and mailed in.

National Volunteer Fire Council notes were given by President Kerney with upcoming changes in the works. A question and answer session followed his presentation. Announcements of local department activities were given. Auxiliary chairman Miller spoke on upcoming auxiliary events.

Chairman Ketchem presented the host department certificate to Chief Giles, then announced the next meeting would be held in Cayuga on January 12, 2003.

The Benediction was given by Maxine Davies, District Auxiliary Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies,
Secretary

Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

Hello Everyone,
Sure does not seem like we have started into another year.

The 2003 convention will be here before we realize it.

Our emergency personnel participated in a mock disaster drill and training disaster drill testing their skills at the scene of a staged auto accident. Air Evac Lifeteam participated in the drill.

Our 40th BBQ turkey supper and District 17A meeting had in attendance some of the older members that were involved in the BBQ supper when it was first started. Had a great turnout.

Attended several memorial services in District 18's area. Attended Elnora/Elmore Twp. Vol. chili supper, open house at Oakland City, Loogootee Fire Dept. dinner, and Elnora/Elmore Twp. dinner and had the honor of presenting Vic Plano, Elnora/Elmore Fireman of the Year Award.

Congrats to the Montgomery Fire Department on their new fire truck.

Also, congrats to Jerry Beck, Elnora/Elmore firefighter who received the Governor's Meritorious Award from the Fire Marshal's Office.

See all of you in February.
PR SW
Ron Bell

May 2003 Deadline
Is April 10, 2003

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon Randle
District 9A
Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Randle on November 21, 2002, 1930, at the Young American VFD. Linda Baker gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Roll call: 27 members from 12 departments reported 83 fire and 50 EMS responses.

The Georgetown VFD was welcomed into membership.

One death in the district was Keith Fallon of Harrison Twp.-Alto. A past state chaplain, Father Lantz, who had served for 30 years, died last week.

New Business: The state is buying/building towers to get fire, EMS and police all on the 800 mgtz frequency in case of emergency and exchange of information.

Currently there are 16,000 IVFA

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton
District 9B
Chairman

District 9B has been busy for the summer and fall.

In July, chairman Randy Denton traveled to Idaville VFD to meet with 25 firefighters from 10 departments.

Chairman Randy was pleased to announce that Buz Koehler had been elected president for 2003.

We all are proud of Buz since he is the third president to come from District 9B.

In September, Chairman Randy traveled to Kentland VFD and presented 25 year pins to Jerry Carlson - 29 years, Carl Hall - 29 years, Calvin Sullivan - 32 years, and Earl Hall - 26 years of service to their community.

Also, past president, Lawrence Swartz attended the meeting and as al-

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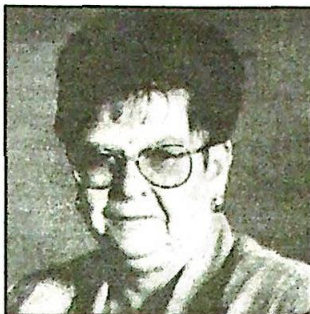
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Barbara Kerney

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
I would like to extend my sympathy to Don Wedgewood, Patty Miller, Pam Melton and Leona Uryga in their loss of loved ones in the past month. We will keep them in our prayers.
A number of you have accepted the challenges that have been put before us. Thanks to those of you who chose to come aboard and are willing to do what it takes to make our organization a "healthy one". If you are a member of the I.V.F.A.A. and you are willing and wanting to take a more active role, we would welcome your participation. We need some additional district chairmen to fill openings that have occurred. If you are a member and you don't attend your district meetings, try to make plans to go to those so you will

know what is "going on" in your area as well as on the state level. Some of us have more time than others to give to our organizations, but we can always use your time and talents that you have to share with others who share your same interest.
Thanks for your efforts and support during 2002. I am looking forward to 2003 and to making it a banner year for our organization. We have lots of work to do, but I feel confident we will work hard and make great strides toward accomplishing our goals.
Thought for the quarter:
"Communication is the secret to success - pass it on."
Love,
Barb Kerney

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

November 3, 2002
Columbus, IN
President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A poem was read by Chaplain Leslie Spears followed by Prayer. Sgt.-at-Arms Mariam Schackel led us in the pledge to the flag.
Roll call by Diana Gray with 20 members and nine guests present. She stated that we have 51 departments, 67 ind., 16 life, 683 paid by their departments, with a total of 750 members. More than last year at this time.
Minutes were read by Diana with corrections of Lois Boaz letters are to be sent to E.J. Smith and Marilyn McFadden by January 30th, and a big apology to Leona Uryga for her sister and the tickets are donated by Emergency, Books & Training for the vice president's project.
Martha Thomas had no correspondence.

Klutch with a second by Sharon Bray and motion carried.
Diane spoke about laminating IVFAA membership cards when members lose theirs and want new ones. Lou Bartlow made a motion to keep on doing the new members but to send paper cards when they have to be replaced. A second by Joann and motion carried.
Barb Parker wanted to know how many items that she can expect to see at the convention for the Chinese Auction.
Lou read a little ditty called the Honesty Bag and she had \$56.31 turned in at this meeting. I hope we were honest with ourselves, ha, ha!
Jack Kerney made an appearance to thank the IVFAA for their support while he was president of the IVFA and he stated that their membership is growing. They now have 16,834 and

hoping for over 17,500.
Phyllis has 1,000 calendars to sell and she will teach a class for the duties of a District Chairman on Feb. 1, 2003.
Charles Parker gave an update on the convention at French Lick in June, 2003. He passed out schedules for them.
Leslie gave a report on the sick and we wish them well soon. They are Anne Moss, Toni Sorg, Malinda Bell, Mary Mackin, Mitch Parish, and Jim Zeeks.
Leslie gave the closing prayer and we wish all to have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you in Columbus Feb. 1 & 2, 2003. Make your reservations now.
Barb adjourned the meeting hoping for a safe trip home to all.
Submitted by
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Membership Committee: Phyllis Vargo has had no meeting at this time and if anyone has any ideas, let her know.
Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter:
Balance on hand Aug. 9, 2002 \$5,243.26
Income:
Dues.....\$673.50
Interest.....1.76
Jewelry.....170.00
V.P. Project.....200.00
Total income.....+\$1,045.26
Disbursements:
Operating Expense.....76.44
Annuals.....200.00
Mileage.....1,472.04
Phone & Postage.....91.46
V.P. Project.....858.40
Total disbursements.....-2698.34
Balance in hand Nov. 1, 2002.....\$3,590.18



Phyllis Vargo
District 1
Chairwoman



Ann Moss
District 2
Chairwoman

November 7, 2002
The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of I.V.F.A. District 2 at 7:15 p.m. followed by pledge. Erma Kankowski of Lake of Four Seasons auxiliary gave prayer.
Ann introduced the Miss Flame contestants for the evening. They were Christine Walters, individual, Heather Schmidt, District 1 and Melissa Sobkowicz, District 2 and Kelly Sparks, District 2.
Lake of Four Seasons auxiliary served dinner.
Ann introduced the guests for the evening. They included Mike Parks, chief of Lake of Four Seasons, Bill Sr. and Betsy Howe, Jim Bradford - P.R. Northwest, Tom Odell, District 1 men's chairman, Paul Watland, District 2 men's chairman, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary for the state, Jake Thomas, Merrillville Station #1, Larry Stotts, Crown Point Fire Rescue & past District 2 chairman.
Mike Parks gave history of the department along with Erma Kankowski giving the beginning of the Lake of Four Season Fire Force.
Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 37 members in attendance and seven guests representing 10 departments.
Marge Baumgardner read minutes of the September 5, 2002 meeting. Passed as read.
Ann Moss gave treasurer's report, passed as read for audit.
Old Business: Attendance plaque

was presented to Lake of Four Seasons for winning the attendance trophy three times in a row.
New Business: Phyllis talked about State Officers meeting. She talked about the financial situation of the State Auxiliary. District chairmen will not be taking any mileage starting the first of the year. Phyllis said that there would need to be a by-law change in order for the dues to be raised. Discussion from the group was to raise the dues to \$4, \$5 or even to \$7.50. Other suggestion from the group was to each auxiliary have a fund-raiser and donate half back to the state.
Winner of Miss Flame is District 1 - Heather Schmidt, District 2 - Melissa Sobkowicz.
Next meeting will be at Crown Point on March 6. (Remember, there'll just be serving coffee and desserts.)
Department Announcement.
Attendance trophies: Merrillville District 1, Lake Dalecarlia #2.
Motion to adjourn made by Rita Stinger, seconded by Dee Kennedy.

DISTRICT 3



Leona Uryga
District 3
Chairman
IVFAA

The I.V.F.A.A. District 3 meeting was called to order on Wed., November 20, 2002 by District 3 chairperson, Leona Uryga at 7:00 p.m. hosted at Michiana Shores Fire Dept. Station.
The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by chaplain Rose Stantz followed by a prayer.
Roll call was answered by 14 members and one individual from three departments: Coolspring Twp. 3; Springfield Twp., 4; and Michiana Shores, 7.
Secretary/treasurer Mary Nowatzke read the minutes of September 18 meeting and approved. Nowatzke gave a treasury report and filed for audit.
Chairperson Uryga reported as of meeting date no candidates for the Miss Flame contest that will be held at the convention on June 26, 2003 at French

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DISTRICT 3

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Lick, IN. Uryga will contact all volunteer fire departments that daughters of all firemen between the ages of 15 and 18 are eligible. The deadline is March 1, 2003.

All auxiliaries will be selling two-year pocket calendars for the State annual fund raiser.

Each auxiliary may nominate a member for the Lois Boaz Award. This is an award for members who give of themselves to work and help in the auxiliary, fire department and communities. The deadline for letters to be submitted is January 25, 2003. The I.V.F.A. newspaper has the addresses or contact Marilyn McFadden at 260-639-6147 for further information. All District 3 auxiliaries will be collecting items to be donated to the Indiana Hoosier Burn Camp for Children. All items are to be brought to the January 15, 2003 meeting at LaCrosse. Some suggestions: white socks, wash clothes, sunglasses, beach balls, candy bars, etc.

State Convention raffle tickets were distributed to auxiliaries for which proceeds will benefit the Auxiliary.

A moment of silence in memory of Duane Lantz, a 30 year member and past chaplain of I.V.F.A. A bible was presented to the family by District 3 auxiliary.

A luncheon and seasonal holiday gifts were enjoyed by all.

Joan Steinke of Coolspring Twp. and Linda Jaske of Springfield Twp. won awards.

It was reported that Maggie Gaw was coming along real nice and Agnes Doubleday doing fine. She is mainly in wheelchair.

The next I.V.F.A.A. meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at the LaCrosse Fire Station.

Happy New Year!

Submitted by
Mary Nowatzke
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11A

Beverly Taylor
District 11A
Chairwoman
IVFAA



Hello, everyone,

Well, the holidays are behind us now and memories were made for years to come. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We did. Getting to be with the kids and grandkids is a treat.

Our last district meeting was at Nevins Twp. We had a very short meeting as the men invited us to come to their meeting to hear about search dogs for missing people.

We discussed ways to save money and get new people to join. We came up with a few suggestions to take to the state meeting.

We are going to have a Miss Flame dance on January 25, 2003 at the American Legion on Ft. Harrison in Terre Haute from nine until eleven o'clock. Everyone is welcome. Come out and support the girls who show an interest in this worthwhile organization.

Our next meeting is at Cory on January 19, 2003.

Till next time,
Beverly Taylor
District Chairwoman 11A

DISTRICT 19

The November 12th meeting of the District 19 IVFAA was held at Manchester Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Beth Caudill. Edie Zimmer said the prayer in the absence of the chaplain. After the prayer, the pledge to the flag was said and the roll call was taken.

Thirteen members from four departments were present. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and

approved. Election of new officers was held. The group decided to keep the officers from last year. The officers for 2003 are: Beth Caudill - president, Karen Merkel - secretary/treasurer and Marilyn Smith - chaplain.

Miss Flame judging was held on November 21, 2002. There were six young ladies tried out for the title and Kim Narwold from Batesville Fire Department won the title for Miss Flame. CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK, KIM!!

Next meeting will be at Sunman Fire Department on February 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Future meetings that will be held in May at Morris Fire Department, November at Manchester Fire Department. We have a meeting in August, but we need a department to hold it - if any department is interested, please contact Beth Caudill at 1-765-647-3483 or Karen Merkel at 1-812-934-6609 or e-mail address: rmerkel@scidata.com.

Karen Merkel
District 19 Secretary

**IVFAA
Vice
President**



Joann Hays

Happy New Year!

**A Letter from 2002 Miss
Flame Lenkensdofer**



Pictured above is Miss Flame 2002, Toni Lenkensdofer with Mike Osgood at Farmland's Fire Prevention Week where she was Grand Marshal.

Dear IVFA members,
I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season. Mine has been quite busy with friends, family, Miss Flame activities, and moving from the town to the country all over Christmas.

Since summer the IVFA has kept me very busy. I've attended numerous events. I have attended lots of parades, dipped ice cream for Levi Coffin Days, and even got to be Grand Marshal at Farmland's celebration.

With all these events, some thank you's are due. Thank you to Montpelier Fire Department and Randolph County Fire Association for inviting me to their Christmas parties. Thank you to all the departments who have invited me to visit. Also, thank you to all the districts that have involved their district candidate in some activity this year.

This is the time to start looking for a new Miss Flame district candidate for this upcoming year. I am challenging all districts to have a contestant. Truly it will be an exciting experience they will never forget.

With less than half of a year left

before my reign as Miss Flame is up, I am still looking forward to any activities going on. If you would like for me to visit your department, be part of a festival, or even flip pancakes at a pancake breakfast, please contact me at tklenky@hotmail.com I appreciate the invitations.

I hope you all have a wonderful and promising New Year.

Sincerely,
Toni Lenkensdofer
2002 Miss Flame

**Residential burning
ban reduces ozone in
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Because of unacceptably high ozone levels in Lake, Porter, Clark and Floyd counties, open burning of residential waste, including yard waste is illegal. The law prohibiting open burning is part of the regional ozone-cutting effort. Other clean air measures involve industries and motor vehicles.

**Lanesville Firemen
Earn 25 Year Pins**



THREE MEMBERS OF THE LANESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN HARRISON COUNTY RECEIVE 25 YEAR PINS - (From left to right) Morgan Nye (District 16 secretary), Kevin Barow (District 16 vice-chairman), Glenn Schneider (25 year recipient), Bill Lyskowski (25 year recipient), Ron Melton (District 16 chairman).

Not pictured: Ron Stilger (25 year recipient)

**IVFAA
Chaplain**

Leslie Spears

Hello, everyone!

Christmas has passed, and the New Year has begun. I pray that each one of you has a Prosperous and Happy New Year!

Valentine's Day is approaching, and it's a time to think of our loved ones, the ones we cherish. Do we take them for granted? I know that I often do.

So, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of those people who have supported me through the years. Es-

pecially, I'd like to thank my husband, Dennis, who is, without a doubt, the best husband there could ever be.

Also, my daughter, Tammy, who has always taken care of things so I can do other things that need to be done. Thank you.

Also, I want to thank each member of the I.V.F.A.A. for always being there, whenever the need arises. Thank you.

As the Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 13:13 "But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (New American Standard).

Let us start this near year fresh and with love in our hearts.

Your Chaplain,
Leslie Spears

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The District 18 would like to take the opportunity to invite everyone to the 2003 Convention. It will be held at French Lick, Indiana June 18th through the 21st at the French Lick Springs Resort.

During the days of the convention, we have put together plenty of various activities to be done. The following are some of the activities:

Wednesday, we will have a golf outing starting at 12:00 noon. At 5:00 p.m., we will begin the entertainment, which will include dinner sponsored by M&S Fire and Safety, Inc., karaoke and an auction. Assorted items will be auctioned off.

Thursday, there will be two seminars. Seminar A will be over meth-labs. Seminar B will be over grant writings. From 12:00 until 6:00 p.m., we will have plenty of vendors to visit inside the exhibit hall. A hot dog and beer bust will start at 5:00 p.m., sponsored by Southwest Fire and Safety. The entertainment will include a hat contest. Anyone who has a hat, bring it and enter the contest. It will begin at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, the coffee clutch will start. Vendors will be from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A kid's party will begin at 5:30 p.m., which include meals, games, and entertainment for them while the adults are at the banquet which will start at 6:00 p.m. Following the banquet, the entertainment will begin.

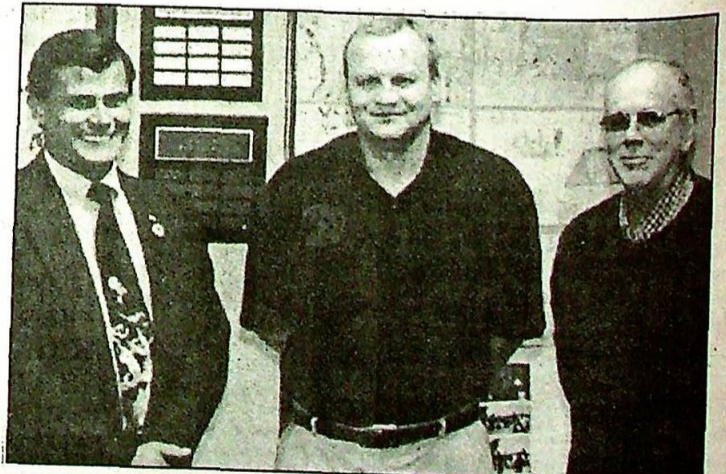
Saturday, games will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will wrap up the 2003 Convention.

The full schedule of the convention can be found in this issue of the paper.

We hope to see every one there. We plan on having a great time!

Chuck Parker
Chairman of the 2003 Convention
For information contact
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**25 Year Service
Awards Presented
to Arcola Volunteer
Firemen**

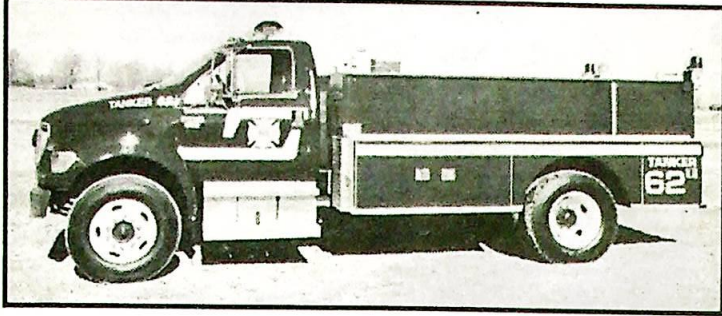


Twenty-five year service awards were presented by the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association 6th District chairman, Dave Elick (left) to Gene Branning (center) and Steve Trahin (right) during the November 9, 2002 meeting which was held at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department.

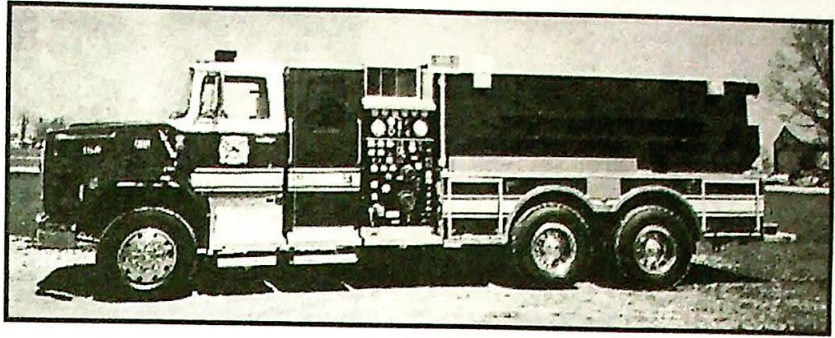
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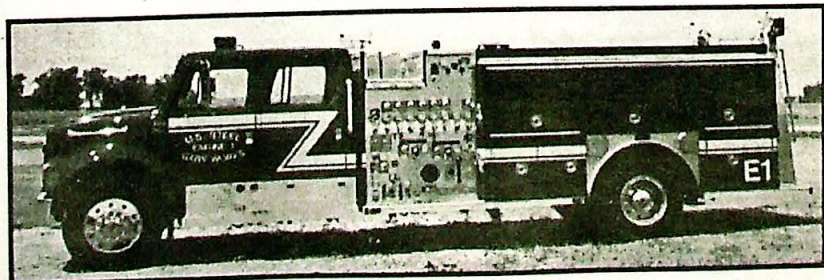
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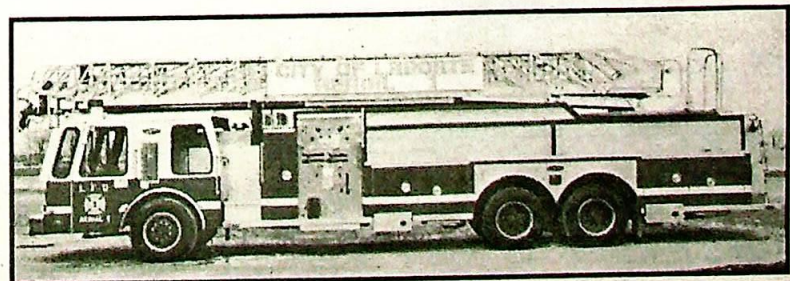
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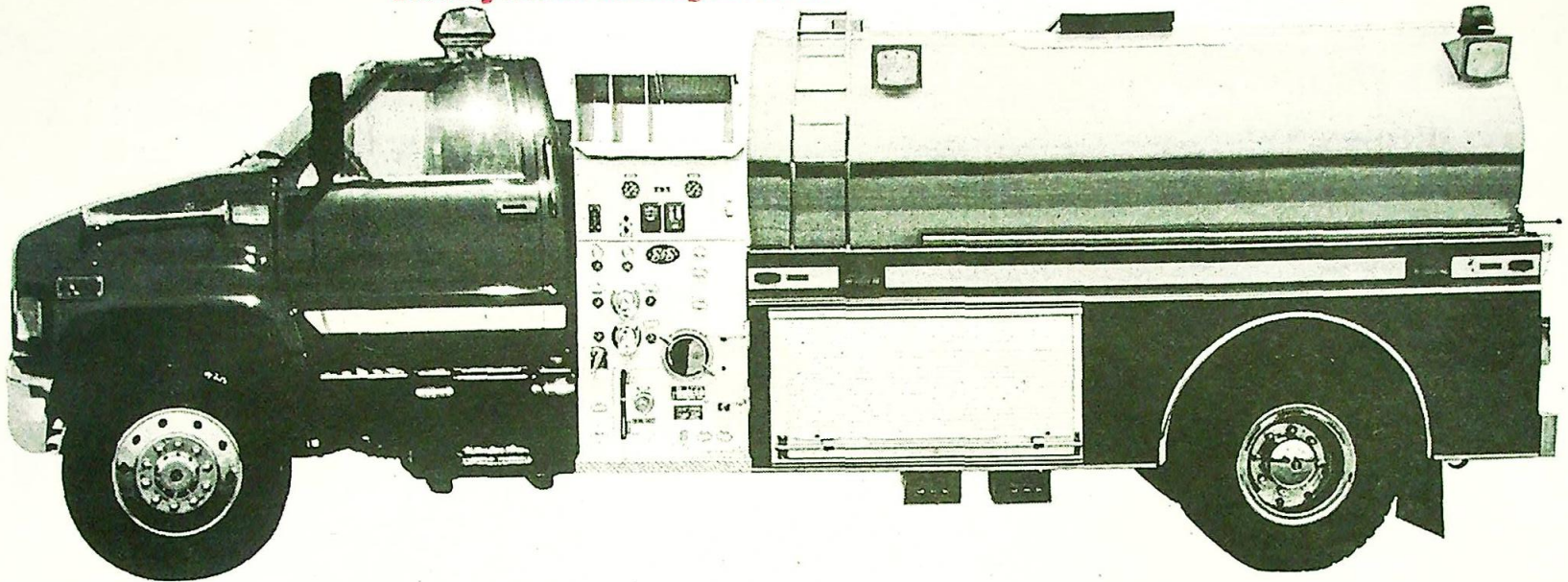
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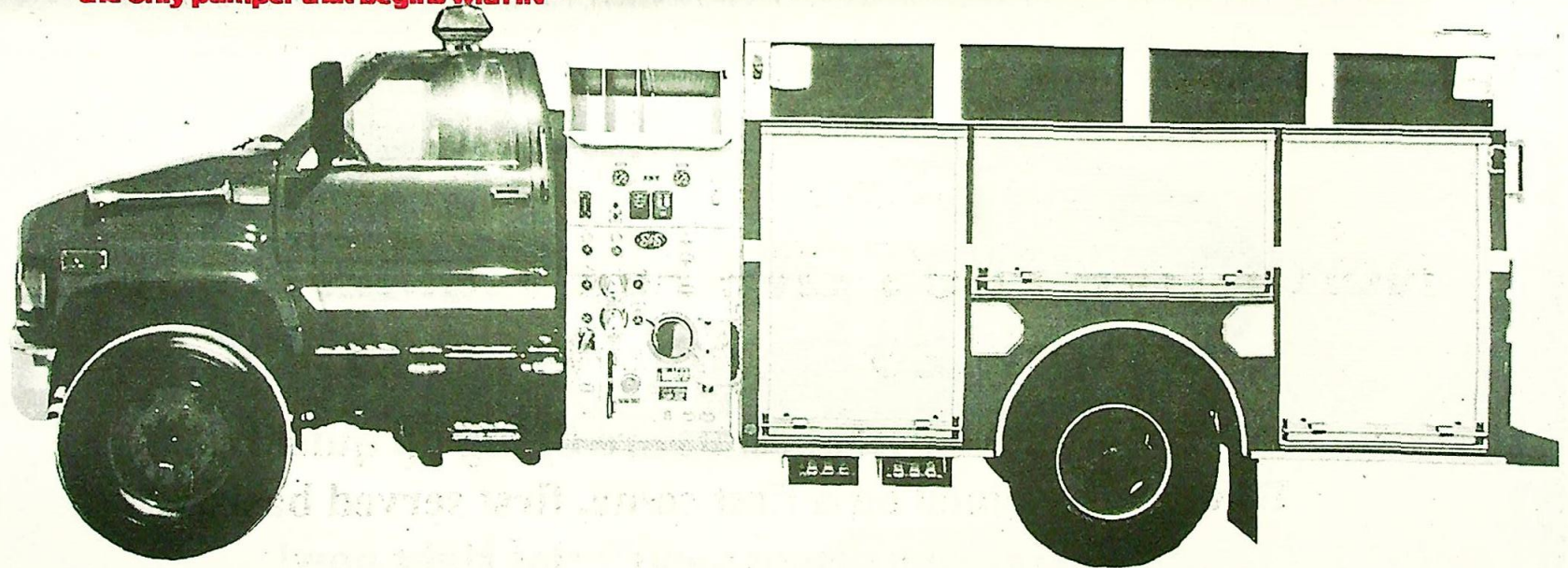
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DISTRICT 17A

Jim Abrams
District 17A
Chairman



I hope you all a Happy Holiday season and a safe one! It went by quickly!

Our last district meeting was hosted by Odon Madison Volunteer Fire Department.

After a great meal we had our business meeting which approximately 40 members and guests attended.

We passed out 25 year pins to Jack Ketchum and Joe Phillips. Our speaker for the evening was Eric Dunn from Indiana State Police Drug Task Force. He gave an eye-opening talk about Meth Labs and their dangers to the volunteer firefighters.

I attended the Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department meeting in December and presented a 25 year pin to Richard Dillon. I enjoyed the meal and visiting with the department.

Our Miss Flame contest will be held at the Odon-Madison Volunteer Fire Department of January 26th at 2:00. District chairman Malinda Bell will be in charge.

Good luck, ladies!

Our next District 17A meeting will be held January 18th at Vincennes Eagles Club on Willow Street in Vincennes.

I want to thank Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Abrams
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 19

Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman



The District 19 Miss Flame judging contest was held on November 21 at Delaware V.F.D.

Six lovely young ladies entered the contest, Tiffany Althoff representing Bear Branch V.F.D., Jessica Doll representing Sunman Rural Fire Department, Candace Gray representing Miller York V.F.D., Sarah Merkel representing Morris V.F.D., Kerriana Miles representing Moores Hill V.F.D., and Kim Narwold representing Batesville V.F.D.

Kim Narwold was crowned Miss Flame to represent District 19 in the state Miss Flame contest.

I thank all the young ladies for entering the contest, and I invite all the girls that will be eligible to represent their department in next year's competition.

I know the judges had a hard time to select a winner and I thank them for taking time to be a judge. Thanks also to Beth Caudill, District 19 I.V.F.A.A. chairperson for helping with the Miss Flame contest.

Since my last article I have been to three new firehouses in the district, Sunman Rural Fire Department on October 6, Rising Sun Fire Department on November 10, and Jefferson Craig V.F.D. on November 21.

All three fire departments have very nice firehouses. Two 50-year members have received Gold Cards, James Shaw of Moorefield Community Fire Department and Leon Vinup of Batesville V.F.D. Also, several 25-year pins have been presented.

Thanks to all for their many years of service to their departments.

Sincerely,
Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at the Delaware VFD on November 21, 2002 with 28 firefighters from ten departments reporting 154 fires and EMS runs. The meeting was called to order by the president Ed Scheele. The pledge to the flag was led by the president. Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky, led us in prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Guests were Jim Gillmore, Koorsen Fire and Safety, Mark Baumhardt, Mobilcom, and Miss Flame candidates and their families. Ed thanked the Delaware VFD for hosting the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The IVFA is selling shirts, etc. to raise money for the Association. Ed talked about the insurance plan. Money that goes to the state from the Homeland Security Terrorism funds is going to be distributed thru the county EMA directors. Ed talked about Hazmat and County EMA. The 2003 convention is June 18-21 at French Lick. If anyone needs a clock or clothing claim forms contact the district chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed went over the requirements on awards. Ollie Sandburg letters should be in by February 1, 2003. Committee will be chosen at the January meeting for the Midwest Award. Ed and Mark Baumhardt talked about the 800 MHZ system. There are five things that the legislative is working for this year.

1. HB1347 - If anyone has contact with hepatitis, meningitis, or tuberculosis while volunteering on fires or rescues - they will NOT receive the career disability benefits. They want to get that changed so career members will also join volunteer department.

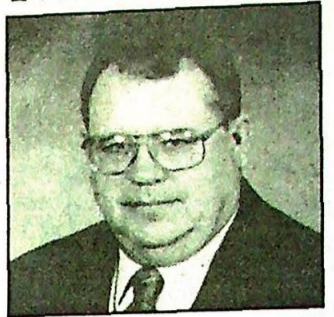
2. Allow volunteer departments to get loans at municipal rates.

3. Increase maximum pay to \$20,000 and still remain volunteer.

4. Change loan program from Fire Marshal's office to grant program.

5. County, township, municipal employees cannot be penalized for getting to work late because they were on a run.

From The IVFA Secretary



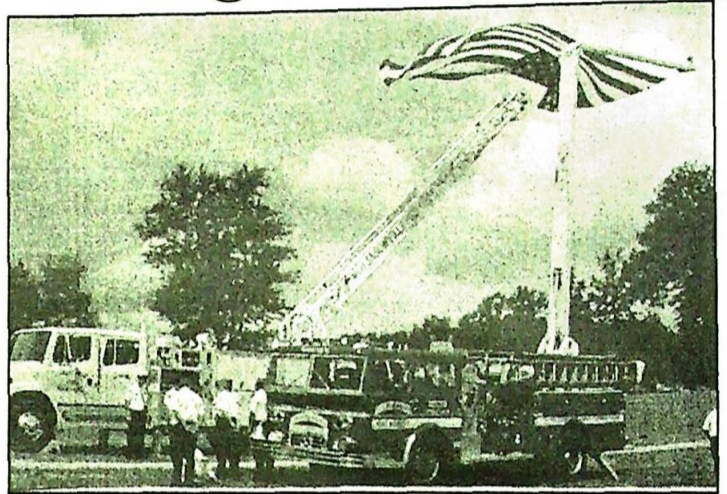
Larry Bartlow

The 2003 meeting schedule was handed out. There is a \$25 fee to enter the Miss Flame contest at the June convention. Napoleon made the motion to pay the \$25 fee and Bear Branch seconded the motion. Second roll call was taken. Each department present talked about an event coming up or any unusual fire they had. The next meeting is at Sunman VFD on January 23, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. There were six Miss Flame candidates.

The candidates were from Batesville VFD, Bear Branch VFD, Guilford VFD, Moores Hill VFD, Morris VFD, and Sunman VFD. The 2003 Miss Flame is Kim Narwold from Batesville VFD.

Randy Merkel
District 19 secretary

Raising the flag



JASONVILLE & THUNDERBIRD aerials steady an American flag while waiting for the funeral detail bringing Wright Twp. firefighter Midge Wilson to her final resting place.

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

Hart receives 25 year pin



JACK McFARLAND, District 11-A chairman presented Center Point firefighter Arthur Hart with a 25-year pin.

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

Hart Receives Governor's Award

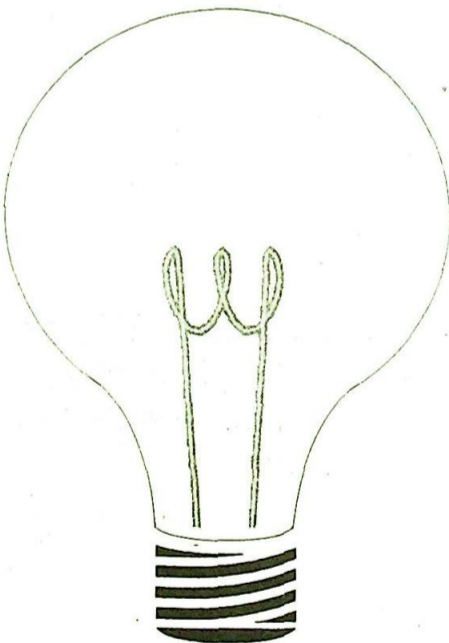


MIKE BIGLER from the State Fire Marshal's office presented Arthur Hart with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his 47 years of service to the Center Point Fire Department.

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

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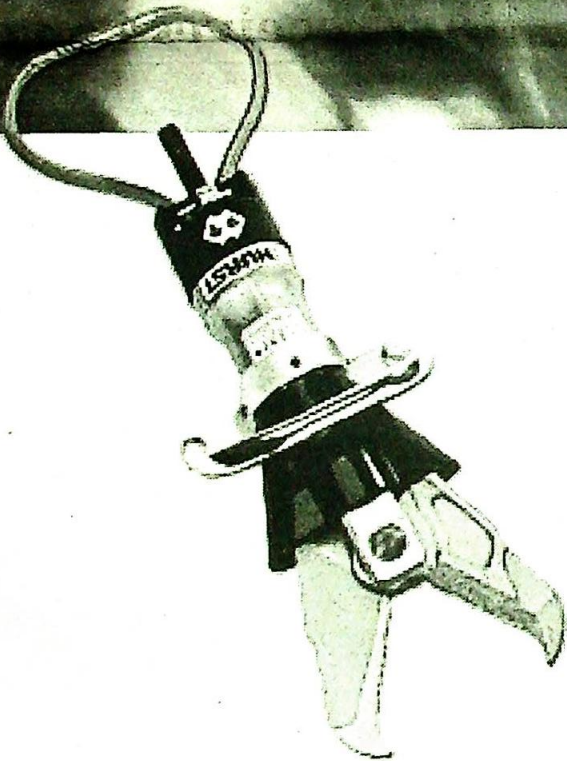
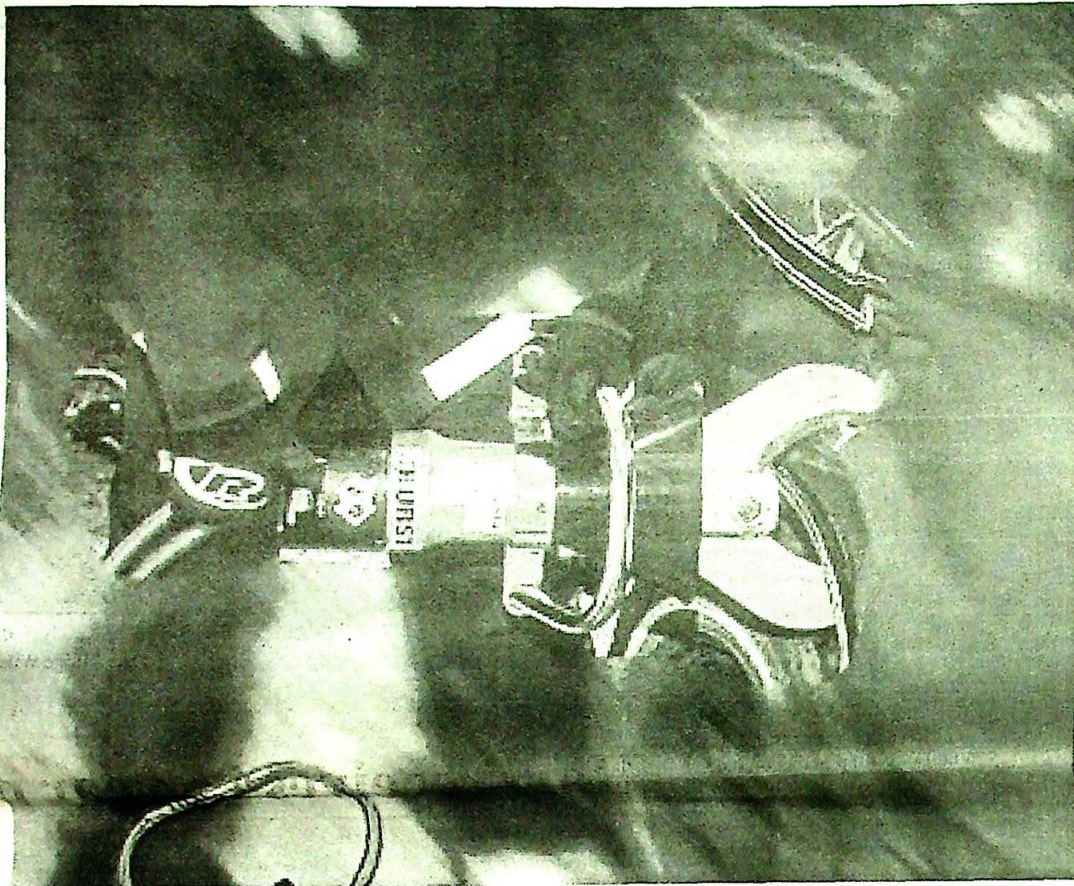
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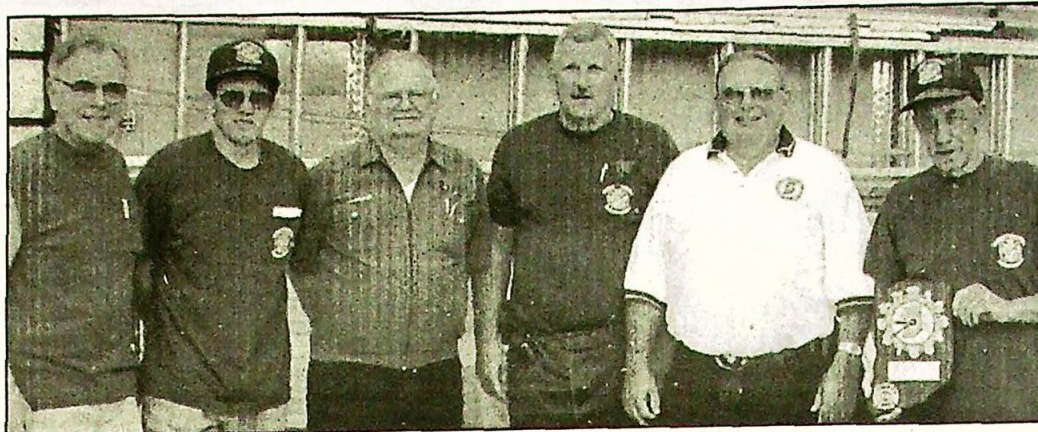
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Hart Awarded Axe



CENTER POINT FIREFIGHTERS present Arthur Hart with a Silver Axe for his 47 years of service to the fire department. Arthur is 90 years old and still active with the fire department. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

Otter Creek Members Receive Pins



Pictured are Otter Creek Station 2 firefighters who received their 25-year pins. Red Morris, Gary Strum, Charles Myers, Robert Salmon, Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman and Donald Sturm. (Photo submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

Orange County Rural Fire District 1 Become New Members



ORANGE COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 1 - FRENCH LICK becomes new members to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association.



An open house was held to dedicate their new station. District 18 chairman Chuck Parker presented the fire department their IVFA clock, then the firefighters gathered for a group picture. The Air Evac Lifeteam and helicopter attended this special occasion. (Photos submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Gelhausen Honored with Plaque ... Gives Speech of Goodbye



DISTRICT 18 MISS FLAME 2002 BRIDGET GELHAUSEN was presented a plaque from Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication she did representing District 18. At the District 18 meeting at Gentryville, Bridget gave a very tearful speech of good bye.



(Photos submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Ask for more to attend district meetings

To Fire Chiefs of all Departments: We both attend several district meetings with our spouses, who are IVFA officers, and at the majority of these meetings we notice the very low attendance by representatives of fire departments. We think if the chief from every department would have at least one, maybe two of the members attend, you would find these meetings are held to help you.

Information on legislation, grants, awards and events throughout the state are given out at these meetings. At most of the meetings a meal is served. You find out about fire runs and problems your neighboring departments are having. The meetings are a good social event for all firefighters and they are put on to give you information and answer any questions you have. We plead with the fire chiefs to assign one or two people from your de-

partment to attend, and it could be different people each time. District meetings are only held six times a year at the most. Please give this a try. If you find it does not help your department, let us know, and tell us what else you would like our officers to cover. From: Beverly Harker (wife of Jack Harker) and Harold Harrison (husband of Diane Harrison)

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3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
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1. Submit or mail one (1) license 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 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 Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.

From the Central Office

Hope you had a good New Year. I think everyone looks forward to getting the old year wrapped up and am looking forward to a new year.

2002 was a great year for our organization. Many goals we set were accomplished. Our biggest accomplishment was that our goal of 17,000 members was met. Everyone working as a team, we were able to accomplish this.

Members continue to support the organization by purchasing the special I.V.F.A. license plate. Due to some changes initiated by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, our plates are going to be due by month and day. Be sure that you get your request in to the office in ample time so we will be able to process paperwork and get your forms back to you so you will have them when they are due. If you need a form, you will find one in your newspaper or give the office a call and we will get one to you. (877-606-4832).

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We continue to make changes at the office. Hopefully they are ones that will make us an office that will better serve you. We are committed to continue to update, be available to assist members with their needs.

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

Columbus, Indiana
November 2, 2002
President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and asked Chaplain Charlie Baker for the invocation. Vice-president Buz Koehler then led the pledge to the flag.

Guests included newly-elected Chaplain, Fred Page and Troy Fornof.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Kerney - spent 5 days in Alaska attending the National Volunteer Fire Council. Traveled about 2300 miles attending various functions in the state and a considerable amount of time in the office updating information in the computer.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Buz Koehler - traveled 2600 miles this past quarter attending several district meetings, fundraisers, dedications and gold card presentations. Needs meeting information on when your district is meeting.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Charlie Baker - first part of the quarter was very busy, but last part has slowed down. He then introduced our new Chaplain Fred Page. Fred Page - would like to start an assistant chaplain program in the state with at least one person in each PR area.

Thank you, Charlie, for a job well done.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - needs information on when district meetings are. President Kerney then called for the reading of the minutes of the August meeting. A motion by Don Cushman, PREC, to accept the minutes as printed and mailed. Ron Bell, PRSW, offered the second. The motion passed by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - meet with Budget Committee and established a budget for the year 2003. The proposed budget will be discussed at the board of director's meeting. He explained the figures of the profit and loss comparison sheet for the year. He also explained changes in the line items in the budget to be more in line to actual expenses; not having many items combined in one entry. He will establish an inventory of all equipment owned by the I.V.F.A., including make, model and serial number.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bill Bush - he has been to several firehouse dedications and memorial services this past quarter. He needs supply orders a little ahead of time so he can get them ready to bring to the officer's meeting.

I.V.F.A. OFFICE REPORTS: Jack Kerney - installed a new program in the computer to track "25 year pins". Needs list of names from each district as to who they were presented to. A new program to track IVFA merchandise is also installed. Membership at this time for 2002-2003 is 16,834. All departments in District 2 and District 9B are paid on time members. Need all AT&T phone card numbers identified and sent to Larry Bartlow.

President Kerney interrupted officer reports for a presentation by Troy Fornof. Troy spoke on the formation of a Fire Political Action Committee. Creates a Corporation known as Indiana Fire Pac; a for profit corporation for providing support of political candidates that support the fire service. It will be a lobbyist committee also. The committee will be funded by donations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW - Jim Bradford - attended two firehouse dedications and some fundraisers. Getting along fine from his surgery. He thanked everyone for the cards, calls and e-mails while he was recovering.

PRNE - Mike Mackin - made all district meetings, attended 911 memorial, several fundraisers and help present 25 year pins and gold cards.

PRWC - Diane Harrison - attended Sullivan County Chief's meeting, Greene County Firefighter's Association meeting, all district in area and several fundraisers.

PREC - Don Cushman - made most of district meetings in his area. Been to

a firehouse dedication and several fundraisers.

PRSE - Joe Caudill - made all but one district meeting in his area. Attended one 911 memorial, four fundraisers and one firehouse dedication.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jack Zeeks - pass.
Richard Glant - pass.
Mitch Parish - thanked everyone for the cards while he was in the hospital.

Carl Brunns - thanked everyone who came to Sunman firehouse dedication.
Jim Parker - pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 - Tom Orrell - held meeting Sept. 18, 2002 at Washington Twp. fire department with 11 departments and 37 members present. They also had eight departments and 23 members present. Kyle Kuebler from the Porter County Airport put on the program. He spoke on the structural fire-fighting approach to aircraft accidents. On Oct. 19, 2002 both Union Fire Dept. and New Chicago Fire Dept. celebrated their 50th anniversary. The next meeting is Nov. 20, 2002 at Chesterton Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 2 - Paul Watland - held meeting Aug. 21, 2002 at Lincoln Twp. Fire Dept. with 12 departments and 65 members present. District 1 had nine departments and 22 members present. A program on Terrorism was presented by Bob Mauch. The next meeting was held Oct. 16, 2002 at Wheatfield Vol. Fire Dept. with District 2 represented by eight departments and 33 members. District 1 had 12 departments and 26 members present. Andy Boersma spoke on the role of the coroner's office. The next meeting will be at Chesterton Vol. Fire Dept. on Nov. 20, 2002.

DISTRICT 3 - Tim Sandy - absent.

DISTRICT 4 - John Ferro - absent.

DISTRICT 5 - Don Kissinger - held meeting Sept. 12, 2002 at Denver vol. Fire Dept. He held a round table discussion. He attended some fundraisers in the district. Presented two gold cards and some 25 year pins. The next meeting will be at LaPaz Fire Dept. on Nov. 14, 2002.

DISTRICT 6 - Dave Elich - attended 911 memorial service in Auburn with over 3000 people in attendance. He held his last meeting at Fremont Fire Dept. Firehouse Resources presented the program. The next meeting will be at Churubusco on Nov. 26, 2002. This will be their Miss Flame judging.

DISTRICT 7 - Mort Sorg - has had one death in district this quarter. The next meeting is Nov. 18, 2002 at Poe Fire Dept. This will be their Miss Flame judging.

DISTRICT 8A - Bill Pape - held meeting at Richland Vol. Fire Dept. on Sept. 11, 2002 with six departments and nine members present. A program about Storm Watch was presented. The next meeting is Nov. 13, 2002 at Sharpville Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B - Larry Petro - Absent.

DISTRICT 9A - Jon Randle - held last meeting at Walton Fire Dept. The next meeting is Nov. 21, 2002 at Young America Fire Dept. It will be their Miss Flame judging.

DISTRICT 9B - Randy Denton - held meeting at Kentland Fire Dept. on Sept. 12, 2002 with nine departments and 40 members present. The program was on Canine Rescue Training Technique. The next meeting is Nov. 14, 2002 at Medaryville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10 - David Israel - held meeting Aug. 21, 2002 at Rushville Twp. Fire Dept. with nine departments and 38 members present. The program on Meth Labs was presented by the Indiana State Police Lab Division. Also, Tim Martin talked on Hybrid Electric Cars. The election was held and David Israel re-elected chairman.

The next meeting was held Sept. 18, 2002 at Amity Fire Dept. with 10 departments and 45 members present. The program was presented by Chief Paul Bailey from Franklin Twp. Fire Dept. He had his slide program from Ground Zero.

The next meeting was at Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Milroy on Oct. 16, 2002. The program was presented by Rob Pickett on air bags in new cars. They had nine departments and 18 members present. The next meeting will be Nov. 20, 2002 at Hope Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A - Jack McFarland - Absent - (report by PR Diana Harrison) last meeting was the picnic with District 11B at Forrest Park in Brazil. The next meeting will be Nov. 17, 2002 at Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B - Larry Ketchem - last meeting was annual picnic with District 11A. Mike Bigler presented the Meritorious Service Award to Con Mankin for his 44 years of service to the fire service. Con is also the District 11B Chaplain. Larry also presented trophies to the state champion hose replacement team, the state champion cart race team and the men's runner-up waterball team. The next meeting will be Nov. 10, 2002 at Reelsville.

DISTRICT 12 - Brian Witham - Absent - (report given by Diane Harrison). The last meeting was held at Stilesville with four departments and 22 members present. Much discussion on how to get the district more active. The next meeting will be announced.

DISTRICT 13A - Tim Martin - the last meeting was Aug. 15, 2002 at Middletown Vol. Fire Dept. with six departments and 19 members present. The program on the Gasoline/Electric Hybrid Vehicles Safety and Hazards was presented. The next meeting is Nov. 21, 2002 at Wilkerson Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13B - Dennis Spears - Last meeting was at Centerville Fire Dept. on Sept. 11, 2002. Jim Cerseadin of the Marion County Task Force One team talked on his involvement at Ground Zero. There were 10 departments and 37 members present. Presented two gold cards and attended four fundraisers. The next meeting will be announced.

DISTRICT 14 - Al Williamson - last meeting was Sept. 15, 2002 at Sellersburg Fire Dept. with three departments and nine members present. The next meeting is Jan. 15, 2003 at a location to be selected.

DISTRICT 15 - Steve Anderson - held meeting Sept. 17, 2002 at the General Electric Plastic plant in Posey County with 10 departments and 20 members present. The program was a video on "Weapons of Mass Destruction". He has attended three county chief's meetings and several fundraisers, parades and dedications. The next meeting will be Nov. 19, 2002 at Oakland City Vol. Fire Department. The meeting for Jan. 21, 2003 will be at McCutchenville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 16 - Ron Melton - last meeting was held at Greenville Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on Sept. 12, 2002 with three departments and 12 members present. Orr Safety put on a program on Scott Air Packs and Thermal Imaging Cameras. The next meeting is Nov. 14, 2002 at Salem-Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A - Jim Abrams - has visited nine departments this past quarter. The next meeting will be Nov. 16, 2002 at Oden-Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. The Jan. 18, 2003 meeting is the Vincennes sausage supper.

DISTRICT 17B - Jim Zeeks - The last meeting was at Pleasant Run Fire Dept. with three departments present. The next meeting will be announced.

DISTRICT 18 - Charles Parker - last meeting was held Sept. 19, 2002 at Dubois with 22 departments and 77 members present. He has visited 11 departments and been to three dedications this quarter. The next meeting will be Nov. 21 at Chrisney.

DISTRICT 19 - Ed Scheele - held

last meeting Sept. 26, 2002 at Metamora Vol. Fire Dept. with nine departments and 27 members present. A "Fire Prevention at Schools" program was presented by the Batesville Fire Dept. The next meeting is Nov. 21, 2002 at Delaware Vol. Fire Dept. This is their Miss Flame judging.

DISTRICT 21 - Don Fultz - last meeting was Oct. 29, 2002 at Wabash Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Tippecanoe County with six departments and 14 members present. They had one death in the district. He has attended two fundraisers, 2 county meetings and presented some 25 year pins. The next meeting is Jan. 27, 2003 at Wea Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Lafayette.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONVENTION - David Israel - Southwestern Fire and Safety will sponsor the "hotdog and beer bust" at convention for the next five years, starting with convention 2003 at French Lick.

BUDGET - Jack Kerney - advised everyone to look over the proposed 2003 budget tonight and be ready to discuss and adopt it at the Board of Directors meeting tomorrow.

President Kerney interrupted committee reports for a presentation by Les Miller.

Les Miller is the executive director of the Integrated Public Safety Commission. This is the governing body for the Hoosier Safe-T Program. This system is the new 800 Mhz digital and voice and data communication system statewide. All emergency personnel would have the capabilities to be able to talk to one another on the same system. It will not be a mandatory system but if you want to join the system it will be available. There will be no fee to come on board the system. This program is operating already in some areas of the state.

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:30 a.m. November 3, 2002.

The invocation and morning message was by Chaplain Charles Baker. The title of the Message was "Attitude".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BRIDGEPORT - Carl Brunns - passed out new Bridgeport Scholarship forms and Death Benefit forms. Please destroy all old forms. The deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship is March 1, 2003.

MISS FLAME - Patti Miller - passed out new Miss Flame forms. She explained the changes in the form. Please destroy all old forms. The district chairman has new forms.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - Buz Koehler - Committee meet this morning to address the problem with the Poe Fire Dept. ad/article. They will make a decision at the next meeting after a review of all previous papers to see how they compare.

AD TAKER - Mitch Parish - Not all items appear in this issue of the newspaper. The paper will have to go to 44 pages. There are three outstanding bills from the August issue of the newspaper. They should be cleared up very soon.

CLOTHING - Jim Bradford - One claim denied by the committee. The item should have been taken care of by the department insurance.

AWARDS - Buz Koehler - All awards nominations are due by Feb. 1, 2003, including the Midwest Award.

LEGISLATIVE - Jim Parker - Meet with the Lobbyist and discussed H.B. 1147. The Lobbyist had talked to the sponsor of the bill. The sponsor of the bill said this was a state thing and that they were covering all bases on diseases that could be contracted by government employees. This wording is a problem with the I.V.F.A. We need the law to exempt volunteer firefighters, EMS and county deputies from this clause. Other legislative issues are: (1) Volunteer Fire Department loans available at the municipal rate. (2) Increase maximum pay to \$20,000 and still is a volunteer firefighters. (3) Change from

Loan/Grant program to a straight grant program thru the Fire Marshal's office; change the existing loans to grants. (4) Employ reprimand for absent for emergency run. Law now exempts state employees. Trying to include city, county and township employees.

MR. IVFA - Mitch Parish - pass.
BY LAWS AND SOG - Jim Parker - The following changes to the SOG's were presented for first reading and copies given to each officer.

(1) Section XI, Item 9, Expense and Allowance. Change mileage to \$.30. Change submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B. After much debate about the rate change a motion by Bill Pape, District 8A was made to raise the rate to \$.35. The second was by Joe Caudill, PRSE. The motion passed by voice vote. A motion by Mike Mackin, PRNE to accept the amendment to the SOG with the rate changed to \$.35 for IVFA travel. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. The motion passed by voice vote.

(2) Section XII, Items 6, 7, 8. These changes are for clarification of wording in SOG. A motion to accept the changes by Richard Glant, past president. Jon Randle, District 9A made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(3) Section II - Vice President, Section IV - Treasurer, Section VI - Chaplain, Section VII - Immediate Past President, Section VIII - Sergeant at Arms and Section XVIII - Material Assets. Adds job duties to these officers. A motion to accept the job descriptions was made by Richard Glant, past president. The second was by Don Kissinger, District 5. Motion passed by voice vote.

(4) Section XIV Annual Awards:
[1] Mr. IVFA changes date for nomination to Feb. 1. [3] Ollie Sandberg Award - Establish printed guidelines in SOG. [4] Midwest Award - Establish printed guidelines in SOG. [7] "Angel" Award - Establish printed guidelines in SOG. A motion by Richard Glant, past president to accept changes. The second by Jim Zeeks, District 17B. Motion passed by voice vote.

LOGO - Charlie Parker - passed.
MEMBERSHIP - Steve Anderson - needs 25 year pin presentations updated.

GAMES - Al Mendel - has a place to park games trailer at his place.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - Jack Kerney - meeting held in Alaska with 41 states represented. He attended as many committee meetings as possible. Much discussion on the IFF discouraging union members from volunteering. Talk on weapons of mass destruction. NFPA 1901 discussion on making different colored seat belts so operator can see if seat belts are in use. Address refurbishing an Apparatus. If 15 years old and the cost of refurbishing are more than the value of the vehicle the vehicle will be taken out of service. Defined a department as volunteer fire department 85% or greater of members must be volunteer. A career fire department is 85% or greater members are paid. A combination fire department is less than 85% of members either paid or volunteer.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE - Buz Koehler - the next meeting is Nov. 21, 2002. The discussion will be about Search and Rescue Dog Certification program.
FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE - Charlie Baker - The Fire Services Dinner is Feb. 3, 2003. The reports from the Indiana Fire Summit to be mailed this next week. The next meeting is Jan. 7, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS - The 2002 Convention report is not ready. The 2001 Convention is now complete with repayment of the \$4000 start up money. All 2003 convention information is in this issue of the newspaper. The dates are June 18, 19 and 20, 2003.

INSURANCE BENEFIT PACKAGE - President Kerney called or

State officer's meeting ...

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wrote to several groups that have used this insurance program and all reported that they have had no problems with it. A motion by Joe Caudill, PRSE, to move forward with this program. The second was by Charlie Baker, Chaplain. The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion to allow the IVFAA members to participate in this program was made by Charlie Baker, Chaplain. The second was by Bill Pape, District 8A. The motion passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion on taking part in the FDIC conference this spring. Decided if booth space was still available we should be present.

Pictures for the Convention Book will be taken at the Feb. 2003 meeting. All quarterly meetings for 2003 will be at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEB. 1 & 2, 2003. A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Parker, past president. Charlie Baker, chaplain, made the second. The motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2002

The Board meeting was called to order by chairman Jack Zeeks at 11:30 a.m. He called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by past president Richard Glant was made to accept the minutes as printed.

Don Kissinger, District 5, made the second. Motion passed.

The proposed budget for 2003 was presented and discussed. A motion was made by President Jack Kerney to accept the budget as presented. PRSE Joe Caudill made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

The purchase of a dress uniform for our new Chaplain Fred Page. A motion was made by PREC Don Cushman to purchase the uniform. PRNC Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on Feb. 3, 2003 at the Indiana Roof. Past president Jim Parker made a motion that we purchase tickets for those directors that want to attend. Vice president Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. If you don't go or find someone to take your place you will have to reimburse the IVFA for the cost of the ticket.

New contract for association office administration. There was much discussion on this issue both pro and con. Don Cushman, PREC made a motion to table the vote on the contract until the February meeting. Joe Caudill, PRSE, made the second. The motion was defeated by a show of hands. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to accept the contract proposal as it is written. Past president Richard Glant made the second. The motion passed with a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Yes - president, secretary, treasurer, Sgt.-at-arms, chaplain, PRNW, PRNE, PRWC, PRSW, PRSE, D1, D2, D5, D6, D7, D8A, D9A, D9B, D10, D11B, D13A, D13B, D14, D15, D16, D17A, D17B, D18, D19, D21, past president Bruns, past president Parker, past president Glant, and chairman of the board. No - Vice president, PREC, and past president Parish. Absent - D3, D4, D8B, D11A, D12 and immediate past president Cox. The totals are yes 34, no three, and absent six.

President Jack Kerney designated chairman of the board Jack Zeeks to sign the contract for the association.

A request by the 2003 convention for the \$4000 advance start up money was made by District 18 chairman, Charlie Parker. Chaplain Charlie Baker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Past president Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn after the benediction by chaplain Charlie Baker. Sgt.-at-arms Bill Bush made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Our new Chaplain Fred Page offered the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bartlow, Secretary

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Michael Mackin

Hello to the North East and to all: I would like to wish all of you a late holiday wish and a happy New Year to all.

Don't forget that since the first of the year, we do have some new officers in your Association, they are:

LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler, president; Jack Kerney, Sr., vice president; Fred Page, chaplain.

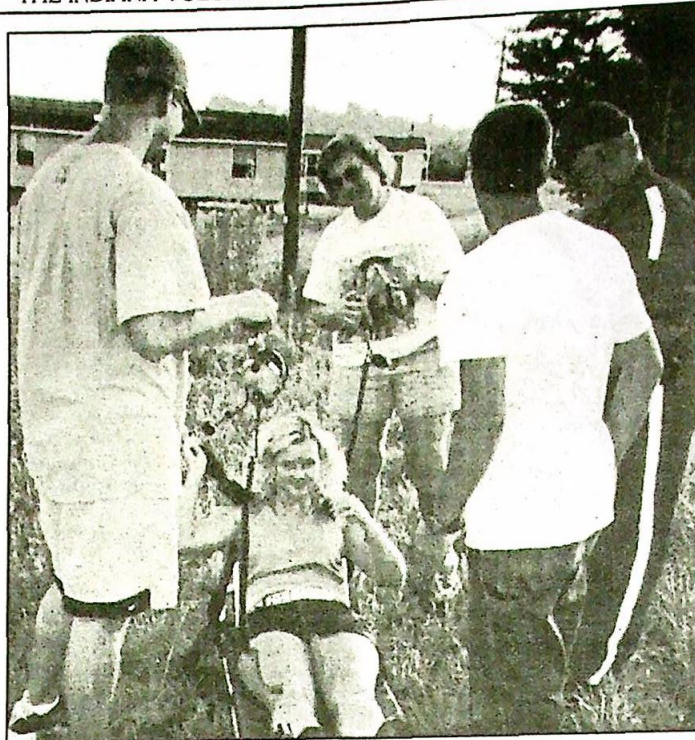
Speaking of the chaplain, when you might see the immediate past chaplain, Charlie Baker, if you would wish him well with his retirement, and thank him for all of the hard work and traveling he did for the Association.

When you do meet the new chaplain, Fred Page, I am sure that you will make him feel right at home. I have attended a memorial service that Fred has performed, and you will not be disappointed.

On the sadder note, I did attend the memorial service for "Father" Duane Lantz.

In January the legislative session began. As soon as we do receive the bill numbers of the bills that your Association has put forward, or the bills that we do not agree with, we will be asking for your help in calling your representative to get these bills passed or defeated. So, please attend your district meetings so your district chairmen can keep you informed.

Until we meet,
Mike Mackin, P.R.N.E.



Greene Co. Firefighters Receive Training

GREENE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION RECEIVED TRAINING ABOUT USING AIR EVAC LIFETEAM HELICOPTER DURING AN EMERGENCY - The Greene County Firefighters' Association held their meeting at the Richland/Taylor Station at Bloomfield.

They trained in all aspects of removing a patient from a scene and on loading them into the helicopter.

A very willing District 17A Miss Flame 2002 Deana Chestnut was used in the training.

(Photos submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Participates in Old Settlers Parade



DISTRICT 17A MISS FLAME 2002 IN PARADE AT OLD SETTLERS - District 17A Miss Flame 2002 Deana Chestnut participated in the 2002 Old Settlers Parade at Odon.

Ross Emery, Richland/Taylor firefighter participated in the parade with Deanna, by driving the Richland/Taylor fire truck.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Helicopter at Antique Days in Elnora



AIR EVAC LIFETEAM HELICOPTER - Elnora/Elmore volunteer firefighters participated in getting the helicopter on the ground at the Antique Days in Elnora September 6, 2002.

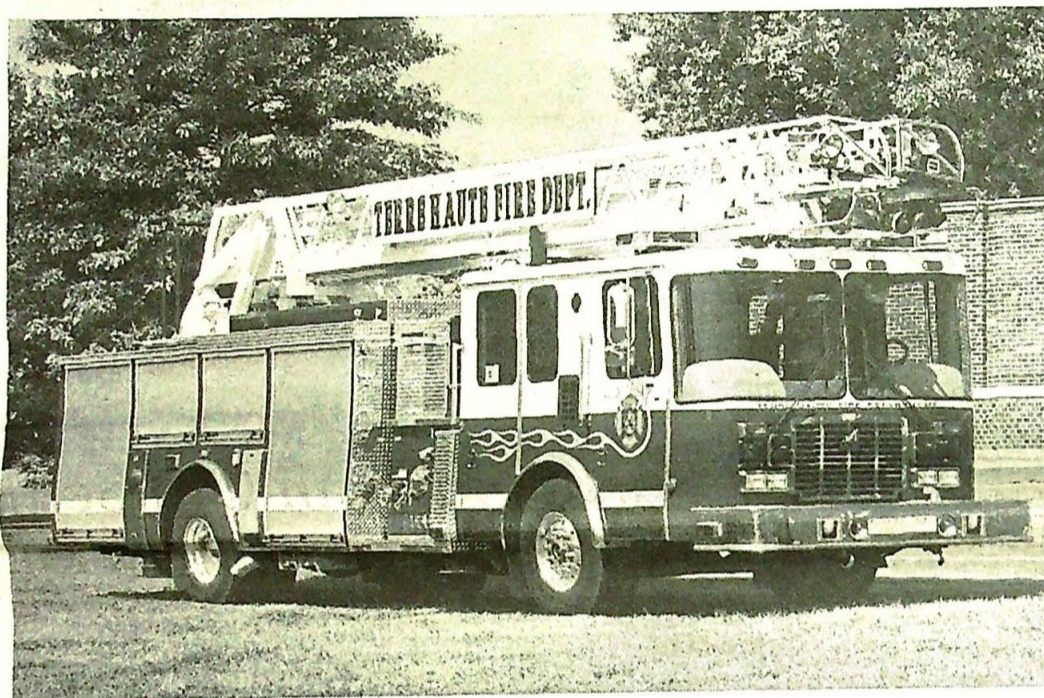
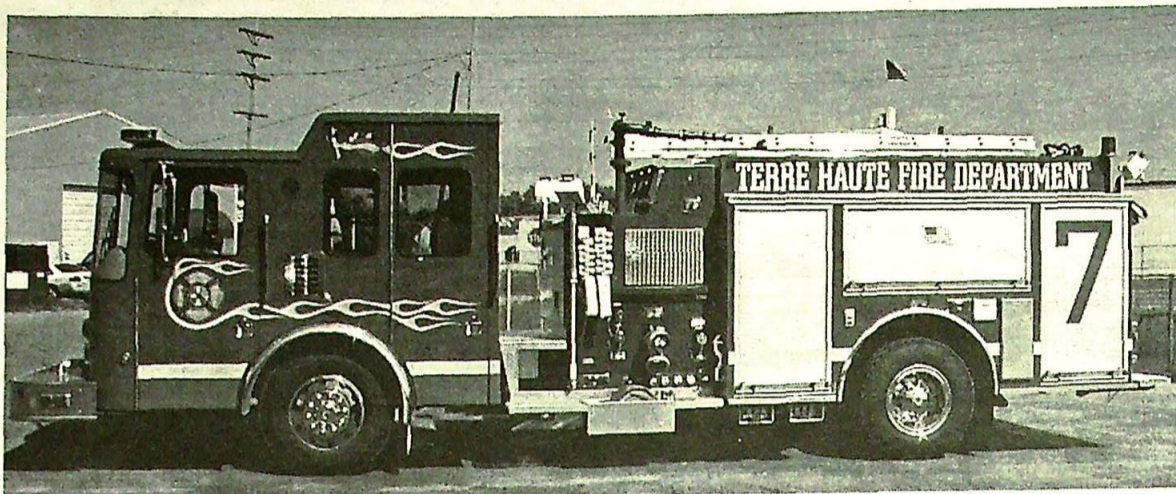
Friday is the day for all area school children to attend. The children and adults had a chance to see inside the copter and ask lots of questions, and got to sit inside.

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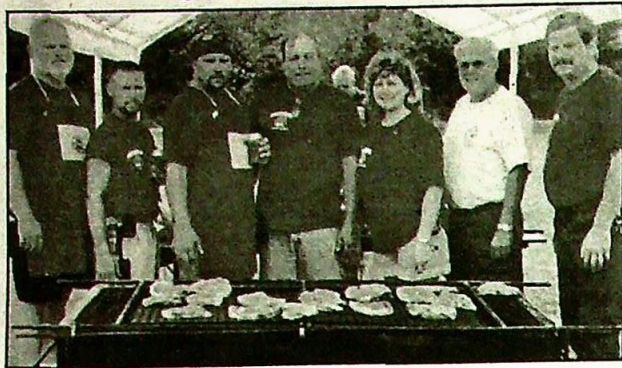
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(Photo submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

Whiteland Fire Dept. Honors Firefighters

The Whiteland Fire Department had its annual Christmas awards dinner on December 14, 2002.

Firefighter Divonna Cooper was honored as Firefighter of the Year for her outstanding performance and dedication to the department and the community.

Kathy Kephart received EMT of the Year for her role in three serious trauma runs this year that resulted in the patients making full recovery.

Assistant Chief Dave Gabbard, Chief Larry Kephart along with Kathy Kephart received life saving awards for performing CPR and shocking a patient back to life.

The patient was not able to make the dinner but sends his love to the crew that gave him back a new outlook on life.

Jeffery Myers II was awarded the Cadet of the Year Award for his hard work with the department's cadet program.

Chief Larry Kephart praised all the firefighters for their dedication and hard work they put in this year for the department and community.

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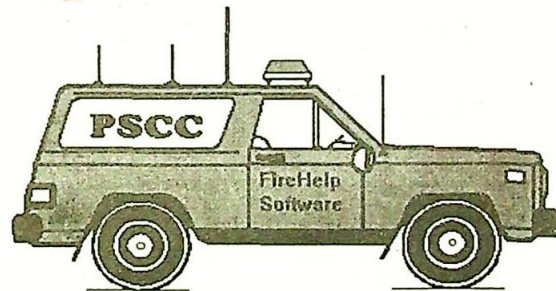
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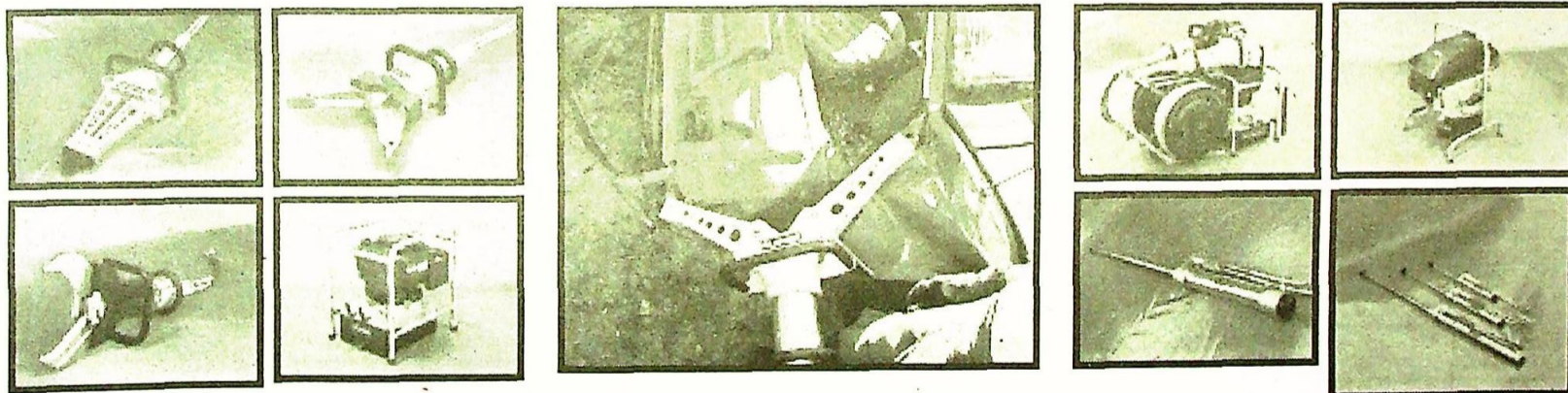


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Diane Harrison

Hello Firefighters,
I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season.
I was able to attend District 11-A meeting at Nevins Twp. they had a very informational speaker Jim and Lillian Hardy from ISAR, 11-B at Reelsville, and the Greene County Firefighters' Association meetings at Wright Twp. and Eastern.
Looking forward to attending the many Miss Flame contests that are coming up.
Thank you to Prairieton Fire Department for the invitation to attend your Christmas party. Congratulations to Dave Phelps and Arnold Hughes on receiving the Indiana Governor's Meritorious Service Award, and to those receiving their 25 year pins.
I was able to attend District 11-A

ISAR class on January 4 and 5. Thanks to Wright Twp. for hosting the class.
This is a very information class that opens your eyes to how to handle searching for lost people more organized and effective. Shared valuable information regarding how to search with trained SAR dogs. Every Fire Department should consider this training to provide assistance prior to and after the arrival of a formal search team. Thanks to Jim and Lillian Hardy and members of their search team for sharing their expertise.

Be safe out there,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

2003 Legislative Session

By: Shokrina Radpour Beering, Lobbyist and Attorney

As I write this article prior to the submission deadline of January 10, 2003, our legislature has just returned to work, with the opening sessions for both houses occurring on Tuesday, January 7, 2003. By the time you read this article in February, our legislature will be in the midst of discussing dozens of bills which have yet to be filed. If you are interested in the progress of a particular bill, I provide a weekly status report on legislation of interest to the IVFA to the central office via

email. You can also follow the legislature through the State's website.

The IVFA is hard at work on your behalf again this year. I met with your legislative committee in September to determine its legislative priorities. This year, the IVFA is initiating bills regarding:

1. Increasing the amount which can be paid to volunteers from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00;
2. Changing the loan program to a grant program;
3. Allowing county and municipal government employees who are also volunteer firefighters to fight fires during the business day without reprimand from the county or municipality;
4. \$2,000.00 tax credit for volunteer firefighters; and
5. Allowing volunteer fire departments to borrow funds at municipal rates through the Indiana Bond Bank.

The loan to grant program and tax credit initiatives are ones which we have tried in the past, while the other three (3) are new. Both of these initiatives have a fiscal impact on the State so their passage during a period when Indiana is experiencing budget shortfalls is unlikely. However, we do have

sponsors for all of our legislative initiatives, and the Bond Bank is joining with us in our initiative to borrow funds at municipal rates.

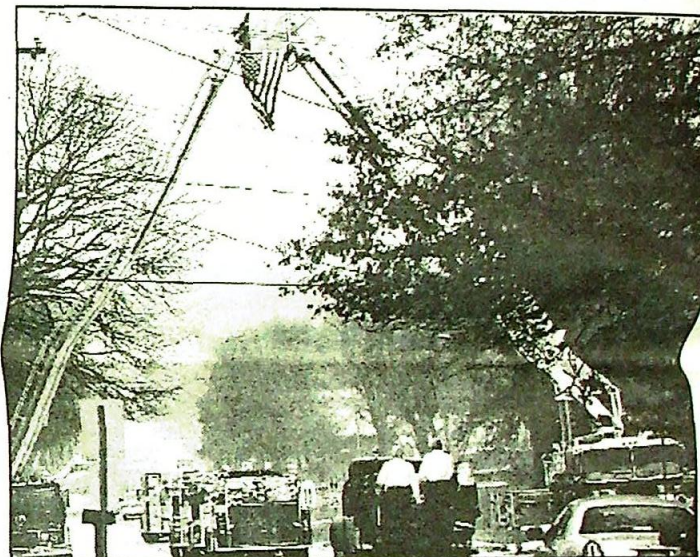
So far, I have only reviewed the approximately 100 bills which have been filed. In a long session, it is not uncommon to have 2,500 to 2,800 bills filed. I will review each bill to determine whether or not it has an impact on the IVFA, and if so, will bring proposed bills to the attention of the committee so it can determine whether or not to monitor, actively support, or actively lobby against the proposed legislation.

The legislature is again this year dealing with drastic budget cuts which will be the focus of its attention this session. Even so, I believe the majority of the IVFA legislative initiatives will be given the opportunity to be heard in committee. Please contact the IVFA central office if you would like to be included on the distribution list of the weekly bill status reports, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions during this legislative session. I very much appreciate the opportunity to represent the IVFA again this year.



FLAT ROCK CITIZENS Comm. V.F.D. firefighter Charles Harrod receives his 25 year IVFA pin award from David Israel, District 10 chairman.
(Photo submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

Farewell to a Chief



Under the crossed aerials of Huntingburg 736 and Jasper VFD Tower I passed the funeral procession of Francis "Chick" Carson.

Carson, who at the age of 83, passed away at his home on Saturday, November 30, 2002, was carried aboard "Betsy", the Department's vintage 1942 American LaFrance fire truck while the rest of the Department's trucks led the procession.

Carson had served the community as a member of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. for 35 years and served 12 years as its Fire Chief.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, Carson spearheaded a two year long effort that enabled the City of Huntingburg to obtain a Number 5 rating from the Indiana Insurance Service Office.

This is the highest rating that a city can get without a full-time paid department, which results in low fire insurance rates for the citizens of Huntingburg. Another project realized during Carson's tenure was the construction of the department's main station on First St.

On Tues., December 3, Carson was honored with a memorial service at Nass and Son Funeral Home by IVFA District 18.

Huntingburg VFD members shared stories about "Chick" while Br. Giles Mahieu OSB, District 18 chaplain invoked the spiritual part of the service. The memorial was concluded with the "Last Call Ceremony" with a bell being rung and "Amazing Grace" being played on the bagpipes by Huntingburg Fire Investigator John "Bull" Smith.

The Firefighter's Prayer was read by Huntingburg Fire Department chaplain Ray Kissling. VFW Post 2366 provided military graveside rites with rifle volley and "Taps" on the trumpet, the

echo of "Taps" was played on the bagpipes by investigator Smith.

Carson is survived by Ardella, his wife of 61 years, a son John, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Technician of the Year

LaPorte County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Director Roger L. Wolff is pleased to announce, Robert Vaughn has been selected, "La Porte County Hazardous Material Technician of the Year" for 2002.

Bob was selected by his fellow team members, using criteria set forth by the director.

Bob has volunteered many hours to LaPorte County over the past seven (7) years as a member of the team, serving as a Technician.

Bob is self-employed with Regulatory Consulting Services, a company founded by Bob.

Bob is currently continuing his education, attending Purdue North Central.

Bob resides in LaPorte, Indiana with his wife, Marcia. He is the father of four daughters and three sons.

Director Wolff presented Robert with a plaque commemorating the occasion.

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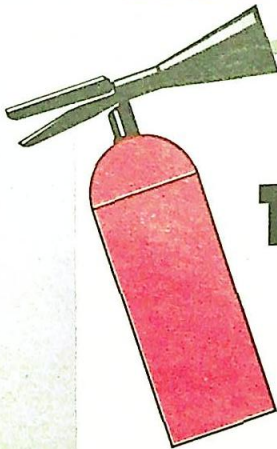
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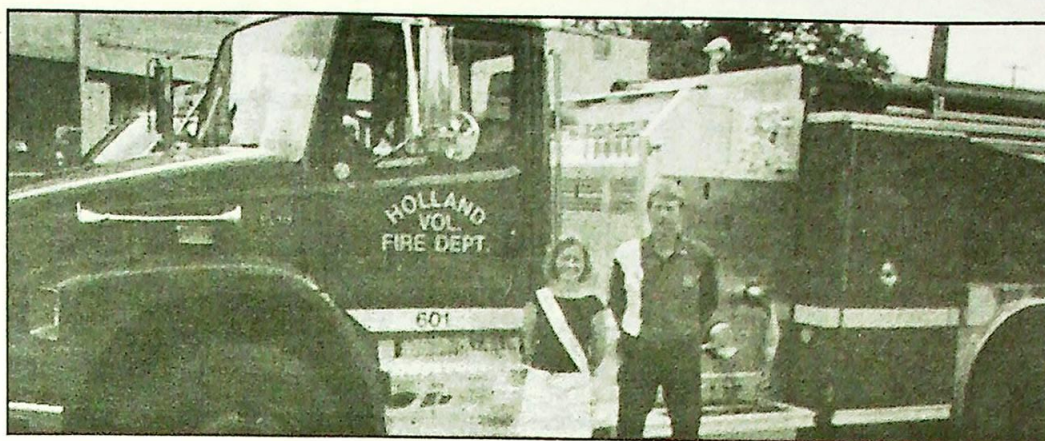
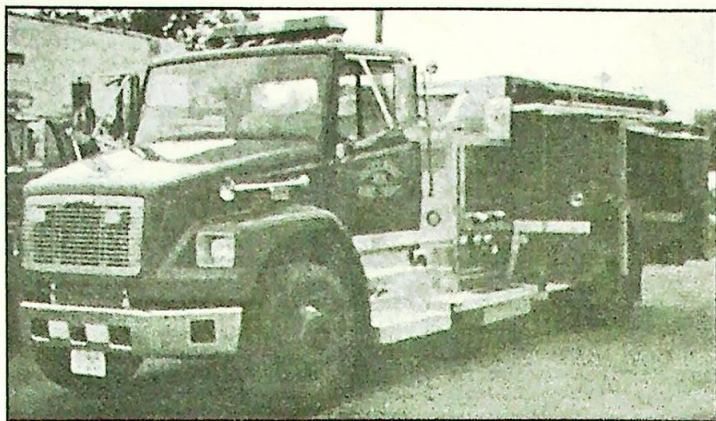
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Holland VFD Dedication, Open House and Street Dance Held



HOLLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW TRUCK DEDICATION, OPEN HOUSE AND STREET DANCE - September 14, 2002, Holland Volunteer Fire Department held a celebration at their fire house for new town fire truck and open house and also a street dance.

DISTRICT 18's MISS FLAME Bridget and Fire Chief Hemmer posing by new truck.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)



GROUP PICTURE (not in order) - Fire Chief John H. Hemmer, Assistant Chief Bryran Luker, Second Assistant Chief Greg A. Englert, Master Firefighter Douglas R. Partenhimer, Captain Greg Gentry, II Leonard Nordhoff, II William Jay Noesner, I & II Elizabeth A. Elshoff, II Scott Balsmeyer, II Kathryn Smith, I William Cline, Morgan Hubster, I Brent Ring, I Brian Skaggs, First Responder John Kaltenbacher, and Ken Smith.

HOLLAND LADIES Auxiliary had a food booth after the opening ceremony and cake.

(Photo submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Family Donates Limited Edition Print

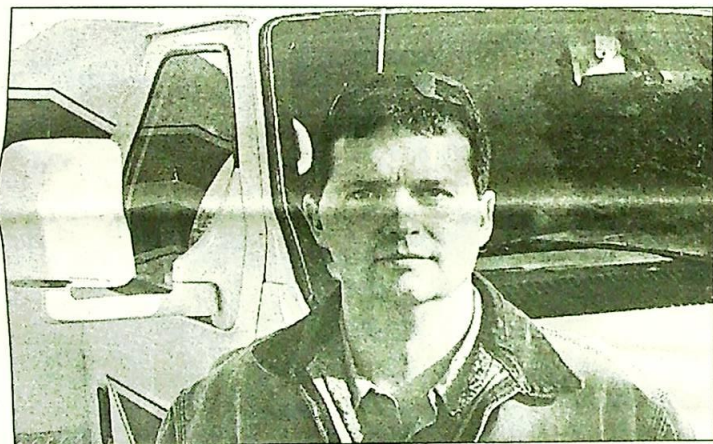


A special gift was presented to the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department during one of the special events that occurred at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department meeting on November 9, 2002.

The family of Carl and Mary Lou Gruetter and Trish Birkenbuel donated a Limited Edition print titled "The Spirit of America September 11, 2002" by artist Tim Adwell.

(Photo submitted by Gene Branning, fire chief, Arcola Vol. Fire Dept.)

Shaner Joins Ambulance Crew



LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER JOINS AMBULANCE CREW - Steven C. Shaner has joined the ambulance staff of Columbus Regional Hospital which serves both Brown and Bartholomew counties.

Mr. Shaner, a long-time resident of Brown County, was hired as a part-time Emergency Medical Technician in August of 2002. He began his career in emergency services in December 1990 when he joined Brown County (Nashville) Volunteer Fire Department where he is still one of their most active members.

Mr. Shaner moved to Brown County in 1989 and is a former member of the Brown County E.M.T. Association, and the Brown County Emergency Management Agency.

When asked what he likes most about emergency services, he says, "I like the variety of calls we receive and I really enjoy the feeling I get from helping people."

He graduated from Marion High School in Marion, Indiana in 1983. Mr. Shaner served as the maintenance supervisor for the Season's Lodge and Conference Center for five years before transferring to the same position at the Brown County Inn where he has been for the past four years.

Mr. Shaner has been a State Certified First Responder for the Fire Department since 1995 and has been instrumental in providing emergency medical services within the department's coverage area.

Mr. Shaner and fellow firefighter, Julie Roper received their EMT certification through Columbus Regional Hospital in December 2001. He says he enjoys working in E.M.S. and hopes to make it a career.

"I'm really looking forward to serving this community on the ambulance." Mr. Shaner and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 10 years.

(Photo and article submitted by Sam Mathis, Brown County Vol. Fire Dept.)



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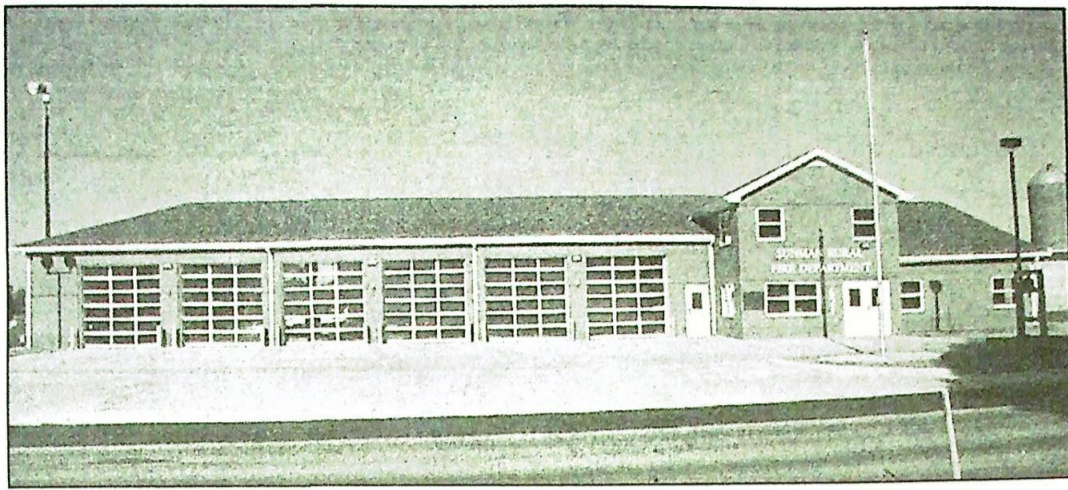
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Sunman Rural Fire Department Dedicates New Fire Station

On October 6, 2002, the Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc., dedicated its newly constructed fire station. After many years of discussion of the need for a new station, the Sunman Rural Fire Department actually began the project over two years ago. A land committee was formed and this committee found a suitable site at 621 N. Meridian St. in Sunman. Once this was completed, various other committees such as finance and building were appointed.

An engineering firm was contracted, and with input from fire department

members through the building committee the station was designed. A contracting firm was hired for the actual construction with a lot of work being done by firefighters and local interested business people.

The new station is a six bay facility with a large administration area with offices, communications room and a huge training area. The location will not only give firefighters better access to their response area, it will also offer a much better training facility. A second floor was built over the administration area to allow for future expansion if needed.

sion if needed.

Area fire departments, state and local government officials, representatives from the State Fire Marshal's office, IVFA officials and local citizens participated in the dedication. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association presented a clock to be placed in the new station. Carl Bruns, member of the Sunman Rural Fire Department and past president of the IVFA, conducted the dedication.

(Submitted by Daniel W. Smith, Chief, 12-30-02)

Sam Trahin Named "Fireman of the Year"



Sam Trahin was named "Fireman of the Year" during one of the special events at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department meeting which was held on November 9, 2002. Pictured (left to right) are: Bob Gruettert, Sam Trahin - Fireman of the Year, Jon Kurtz and Steve Wilhelm.

(Photo submitted by Gene Branning, Fire Chief, Arcola Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Carley Completes Paramedic Program



Columbus Regional Hospital Ambulance Service would like to congratulate Richard Carley Jr. for completing the paramedic program.

Mr. Carley has been employed by Columbus Regional Hospital EMS since September 2000 as an EMT. He began his career in emergency services in March 1998 at East Columbus Volunteer Fire Department where he is still an active member.

Mr. Carley grew up in Brown County, attending Van Buren Elementary School, Brown County Jr. High and Brown County High School through his sophomore year. He then moved with his family to Florida and graduated from Venice High School in 1997.

Mr. Carley completed his paramedic training program through Columbus Regional Hospital. He has worked here in Brown County for a little over a year. When asked what he likes most about working for the ambulance service, he said, "It's actually a job I enjoy waking up and going to."

Mr. Carley is married and has two small children.

(Photo and article submitted by Sam Mathis, Brown County Vol. Fire Dept.)

Scott Twp. Dedicates New Pumper



Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department members at dedication held October 26, 2002.



Newly purchased pumper by the Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Scott Twp. FD dedicated into service a new pumper on October 26, 2002. The department took delivery on September 11 and took several weeks to install equipment and train personnel in its operation. The truck is a 2002 Pierce Custom Contender and carries a 1000 gallon tank, a 1250 gpm pump, 1000 feet of 5-inch supply hose, 500 feet of attack hose and extrication equipment. The truck will be housed at the Baseline Road Station just east

of Highway 41.

The purchase of the new pumper was made possible with a Build Indiana Grant that was authored by State Senator Greg Server, and supported by State Representative Vanetta Becker and Dennis Avery.

The Scott Twp. FD is a combination fire department made up of eight full-time, five part-time, and 37 volunteer men and women, dedicated to providing the services needed to the com-

munity. The department was organized in 1955 with fire stations built in Daylight and Darmstadt. The Baseline Road station was opened in 1999, and currently serves as the department's headquarters.

(Photos submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman; Information provided by Chief Lew Austin)

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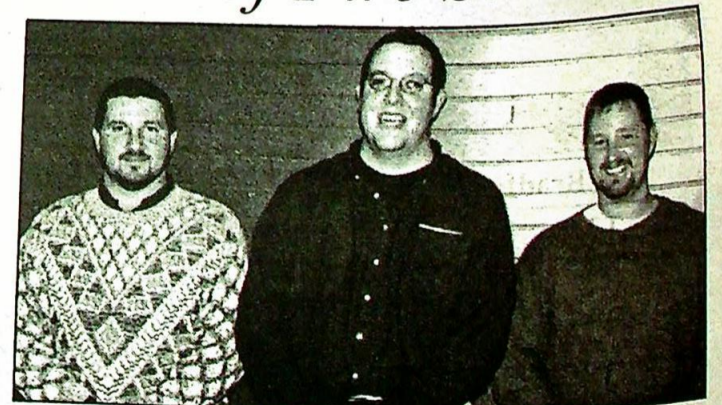
Safer alternatives exist statewide. That's why Indiana law restricts open burning.

However, in counties where air quality meets state and federal health standards, state law permits certain open burning of "clean wood products," such as leaves and branches, as long as the burning is done according to the rules.

Local ordinances more strict than the state's open burning laws exist in

many counties. If this is the case, the more restrictive requirement applies. If you choose to burn clean wood products despite the potential environmental and health impacts, you should check with your local fire department or health department for information on local ordinances.

Receive Pins for Five Years of Fire Service



At the December 5, 2002 meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department, three members received pins to honor five years of service. Pictured from left to right are: Jeff Hanebutt, Donnie Heim, Jr., and Aaron Bell. Jeff is a Firefighter II and EMS First Responder, he and his wife, Doris are the parents of two daughters, Kayla and Melissa. Donnie is a Firefighter I, he and his wife Rachel, are the parents of one daughter, Meredith. Aaron is a Firefighter I and EMS First Responder, he and his wife Molly are expecting their first child in April.

Also at the meeting, the Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to

John C. "Bull" Smith, pictured at the left, receiving the award from Huntingburg Fire Chief Glen Kissling. At a following meeting later in the month, the membership renamed the award to, The Francis "Chick" Carson Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award, to honor Francis "Chick" Carson, a former Huntingburg Fire Chief, who had passed away on November 30. Smith is a Firefighter II, Instructor I, Fire Investigator, and serves as the Department's Public Education Officer, and Secretary. He and his wife Kathy, have a son, Kyle.

(Photo submitted by John Smith)

Brownstown firefighters welcome Tori Murden

World renowned athlete Tori Murden paid a visit to Jackson County on September 26th. Tori was the first woman and first American to row across the Atlantic Ocean, first woman to ski to the geographic South Pole, and was the first woman to climb Lewis Nunatuk in the Antarctic. The world knows her for her adventures and acclaim. Jackson County's firefighters know her as a friend.

Tori and her husband, Mac McClure spent the day in fund raising activities to assist Brownstown Fire Lieutenant Andy Lockman and Owen Township Fire Chief Herb Conrad. Tori spoke at a seminar luncheon sponsored by the Seymour and Brownstown Chambers of Commerce and was keynote speaker at a patriotic service that evening. Proceeds from both events went to the firefighters and their families.

Andy Lockman and his wife, Jan are adoptive parents of 15 children. Ten of these children live at home and range in age from 6 to 18. In March, Andy underwent brain surgery to remove a life threatening tumor. Due to the closing of his place of employment, Andy had no medical insurance. Unable to work, he feared for the well fare of his large family.

Herb Conrad is recovering from surgery to remove a cancer of the esophagus. While the Conrads did have insurance, it was not adequate to cover all the expenses of a lengthy illness.

A concerted effort to aid these public servants developed which included fire departments, police agencies, churches, clubs, and civic organizations. The funds generated by bake sales, soup suppers, auctions, can donations, gospel sings, and other programs has raised the dollars to support the Lockman family since March and has helped meet the immediate needs of the Conrad family.

Tori, a certified Emergency Medical Technician, quickly agreed to donate her time to the effort. In her speech

during the evening program she talked about her friend Mohammad Ali. She noted that his opinion is that "it doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down, it only matters how many times you get up again." Her message at both events dealt with setting goals, reaching beyond yourself, believing in dreams, and striving for personal excellence.

"We were happy to have Tori here," said Rebecca Scott, Deputy Fire Chief of Pershing Township, who helped in organizing the event. "She embodies everything that is good about the American dream and she encourages others to follow the example."

"We have been so overwhelmed by the goodness of our friends and neighbors and our fire service family," said Lockman. "I wish there was a way to thank everyone for their support, financial and emotional. I and my family are eternally grateful for all the prayers, cards, and caring that we have had during this very difficult time in our lives."

The program featured a salute to America and to firefighters, police officers, EMS personnel, and veterans and active military members.

Other speakers included Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, ISP trooper Chris McCawley, Pastor Mike Hogg, Sheriff Jerry Hounshel, Veterans Services officer Mike Fink, and Rebecca Scott. A rousing presentation of the National Anthem was given by soprano Julianna Jerome.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Lockman and Conrad families may do so by sending a check to the Brownstown Fire Department Help Fund, 414 S. Poplar, Brownstown, IN 47220.



BROWNSTOWN FIREFIGHTERS WELCOME TORI MURDEN - (Left to right) Jack Harris, Joey Gallion, Andy Broughton, Tori Murden, Andy Lockman, David Roll and Robert Stone.

(Photo submitted by Rebecca Scott)



Tori Murden and Mac McClure pose with the Andy Lockman family.

(Photo submitted by Rebecca Scott)

Abaite Township FD celebrating 20 years of service



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(Photo and article submitted by Sue King, Abaite Fire Department)

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Rising Sun building dedication and open house held

Rising Sun, Ohio County Emergency Services building dedication and open house was held November 11, 2002.

The Emergency Services is home to the Rising Sun V.F.D., Rising Sun Ohio County E.M.S., and Ohio County 911 Communication Center.

The ribbon cutting and flag raising was at 1:00 p.m., followed by a program in the meeting room.

State Representative Bob Bischoff was present and talked about volunteerism and the beautiful building.

District chairman Ed Scheele presented the I.V.F.A. clock to the Rising Sun V.F.D.

The existing firehouse was renovated and additional space was added for the Fire Department, plus area for the communication system and Ohio County E.M.S. was added.

There is a large room for meetings and training also. The building will



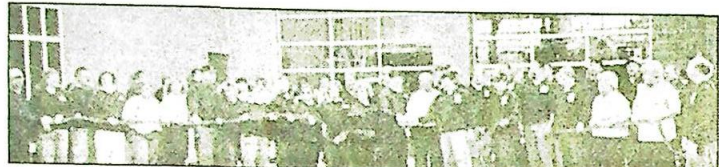
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS OF RISING SUN V.F.D. - (left to right), Charles Levi, District 19 chairman Ed Scheele and Gary Brett.

serve the Fire Department, E.M.S. and Communication Center for many years.

(Photos and article submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



ED SCHEELE, District 19 chairman, presenting clock to Kevin Armstrong, Fire Chief, Rising Sun V.F.D.



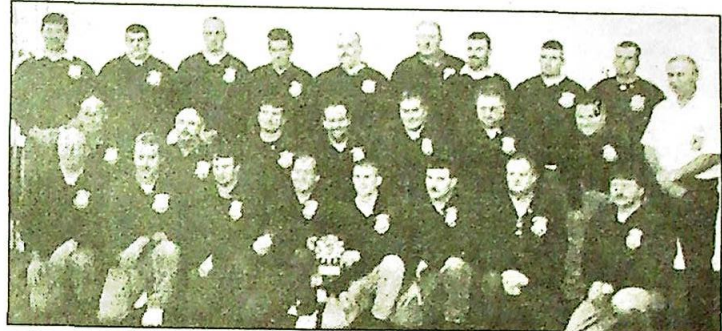
RIBBON CUTTING of their new fire station, EMS, and communication center at Rising Sun.



DISTRICT 19 IVFAA MISS FLAME CONTESTANTS - (Left to right) District 19 IVFAA chairperson Beth Caudill, Miller-York Vol. Fire Dept. representative Candace Gray; Sunman Rural Fire Dept. representative Jessica Doll; District 19 Miss Flame Kim Narwold, representing Batesville Volunteer Fire Department; Bear Branch V.F.D. representative Tiffany Althoff; Moores Hill V.F.D. representative Kerrianna Miles; Morris V.F.D. representative Sarah Merkel and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.



DISTRICT 19 Miss Flame Kim Narwold.

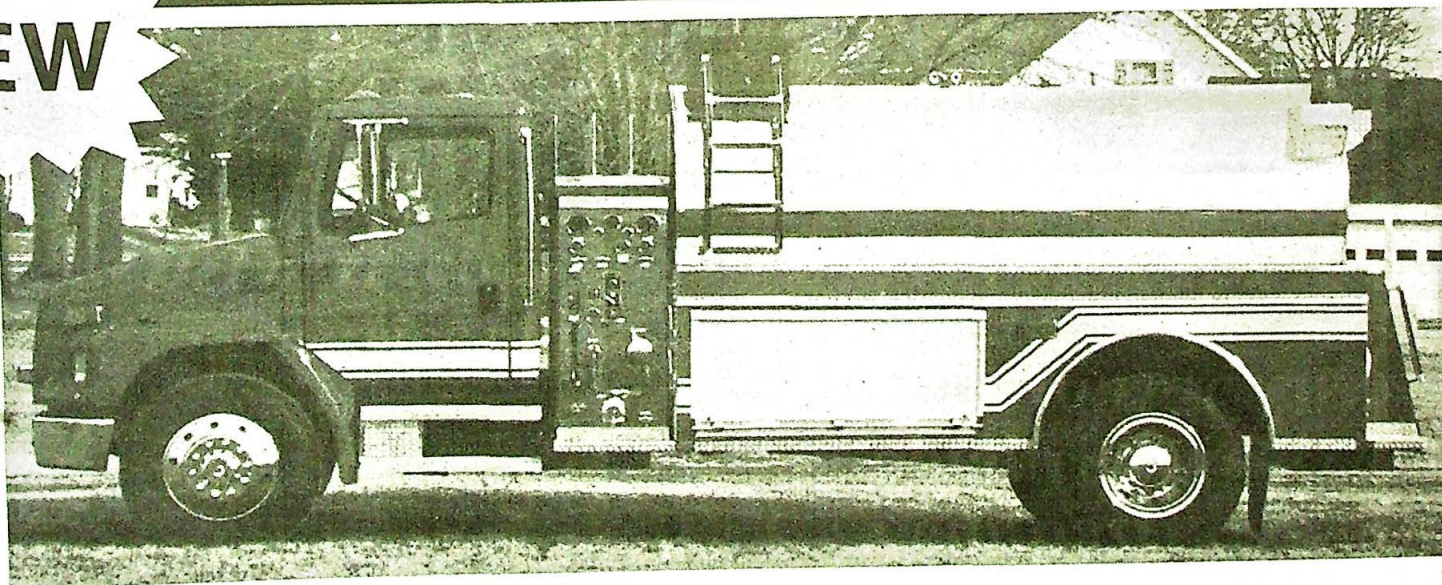


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DYLAN MATTHEW HARRIS

A hint of mischief, two twinkling blue eyes,
A dab of curiosity, faith that reached the sky.
A spacious heart with lots of room to fit both of you and me,
Desire to do what God's word said and to be what God planned him to be.

The character of a hero, the devotedness of a true friend,
A playful personality filled with love that had no end.
A contagious laugh which called to anyone within its sound,
A traveler who had one direction; He was heaven bound!

Now, he walks the streets of gold and stands by the crystal sea,
The traits that God gave him in life now help him watch over you and me.
He's looking down from heaven, with some seats reserved nearby,
For you to fill when your life here is done and you join him in the sky.

Be sure the same Jesus that Dylan loved is within your heart today,
So that you are ready to meet him when God calls us all away.

~ I love you and miss you, Dylan,
but save me a seat, little buddy!
~ Aunt Darla

THE LITTLEST FIREFIGHTER

From this earth too soon he did part,
but God saw that he had the biggest heart.
His love and his love touched so many others, and he was considered one of our brothers.

Although of stature he was small,
in his mind he was one of the greatest firefighters of all.
I am sure in his dreams he made the runs, and while at the station he was in on the fun.

What he got to see and all that he got to do probably would not mean that much to me and you,
but just to be included in on it all was the best time for one so small.

So much love he had to share,



and he taught others what it means to care.
So many people will wonder how one so small could be in our minds six-foot-tall.
And now he is gone, to answer one last call, for God had need of the Littlest Firefighter of all.



~ In Memory of Dylan, our friend and little brother, "We Love You!"
~ Brenda Still

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- GOLF/ BOWLING OUTING - 12:00 to 4:00
- REGISTRATION - 12:00 to 5:00
- AUCTION - 5:00 to 6:00
- EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - 5:00 to 10:00
- DINNER (sponsored by M&S Fire and Safety, Inc.) - 5:00
- THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003
- REGISTRATION - 8:00 to 4:00
- MISS FLAME JUDGING - 8:00 to 12:00
- SEMINAR A: Grant Writing - 8:00 to 9:00
- SEMINAR B: Meth Labs - 8:00 to 9:00
- SEMINAR C: Terrorism - 9:00 to 10:00
- MEN'S OFFICERS MEETING - 10:00 to 12:00
- VENDORS - 12:00 to 6:00
- MISS FLAME LUNCHEON - 12:00 to 1:00
- BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL STANDARDS EDUCATION - 12:30 to 3:30
- MISS FLAME JUDGING - 1:30 to end
- IVFAA OFFICERS MEETING- 3:00 to 4:30
- HOT DOG & BEER BUST (sponsored by Southwest Fire & Safety)- 4:30 to 6:00
- JOINT OPENING MEETING - 6:30 to 8:30
- EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - 8:30 to 12:00
- HAT CONTEST - 9:00
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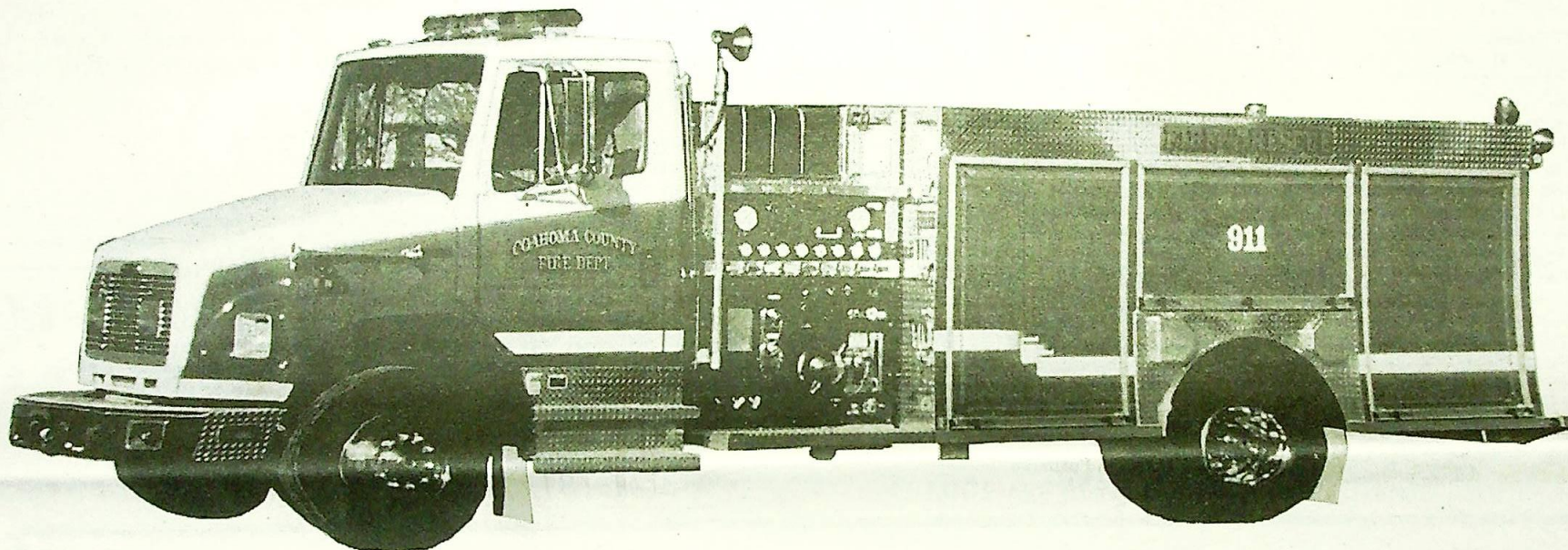
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Perry Twp. VFD truck dedications held

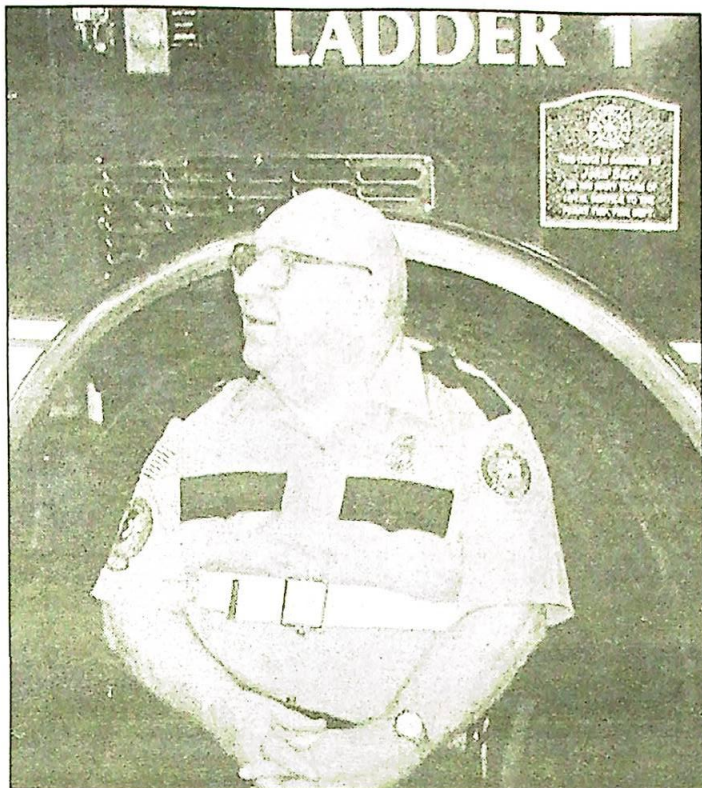
On January 1, 2003, the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department honored two well respected lifetime members of the fire department. There is no better time to look back and appreciate the past than on the dawn of a new year and this year we wanted to bring thanks to the two individuals that helped bring the fire department so far.

Joining in 1961, Paul Kuester was there almost from the beginning to help a very modest fire department that could only afford to purchase a used 1947 fire truck. Back then they had an average of ten firefighters, and were making around 50 runs a year. Paul has spent every year of his life since that time with the fire department, many as the Assistant Chief. Even though his days of fighting fire have passed, he continues to be a source of inspiration to the department.

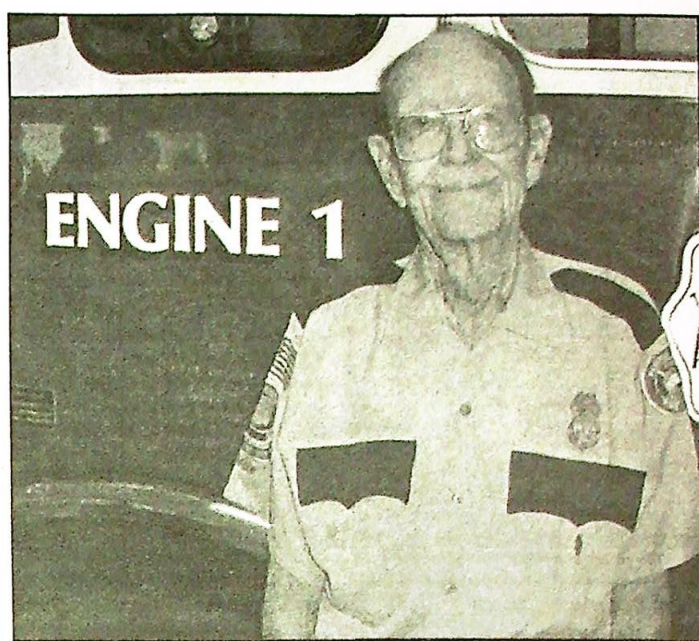
In 1969, John Barr was elected as Fire Chief and spent the next 20 years as the Chief until his job with the CSX Railroad took him to Jacksonville, Florida. During that period times were very lean and John helped lead the department in raising funds and building the department up to add a second station and expanding the department to have seven new fire/rescue apparatus ready to respond. During John's run as Chief, he set high standards in training, in bringing new equipment to the area, and departments from around the state used Perry as a standard to work for in their own department.

Without the hard work and dedication of these two outstanding firefighters, the department would not have grown to the size it is today. The department now has 12 fire, rescue and water rescue apparatus, along with three fire stations to better serve the community. Also, to cover making an average of over 700 runs a year now, the department has expanded to a 48 member roster.

On January 1st, the department



John Barr



Paul Kuester

Two well respected lifetime members of the fire department are honored

honored these members by placing bronze plaques bearing their names on the newest fire trucks the department has purchased. Both Paul and John were in attendance along with members from other departments that worked with them closely during their time. Visiting dignitaries included members from local fire departments (Marrs, German, Scott, Knight, McCutchanville, Black, G.E., Evansville Airport FD and the Evansville Fire Department), Indiana State Police, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Dept., the Evansville Police Dept., along with many members from Perry's past.

The plaques have been mounted on 7-Engine-1 (Paul Kuester) and on 7-Ladder-1 (John Barr) which will be their permanent home. The department

will never forget the dedication these two men gave to the department and they are an inspiration to us all.

(Photos submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman; Information provided by Gary Barr, Perry Twp. VFD)

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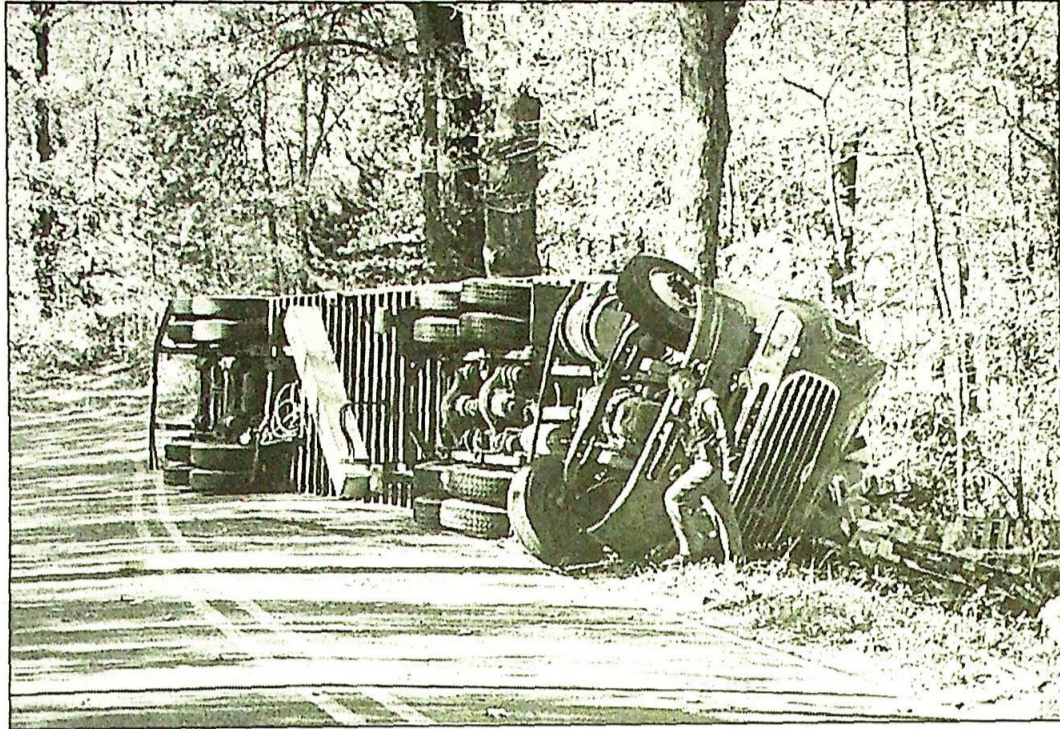
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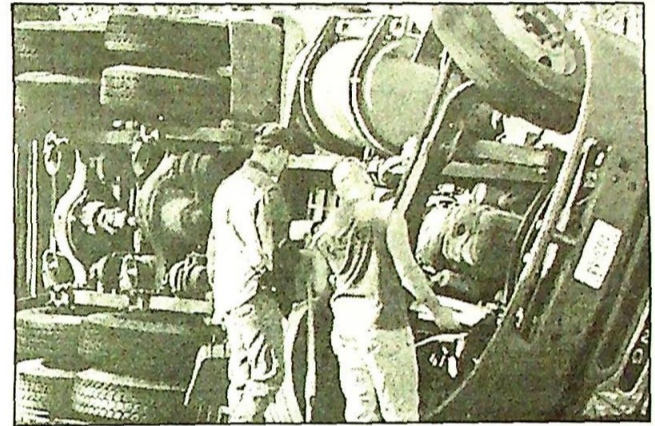
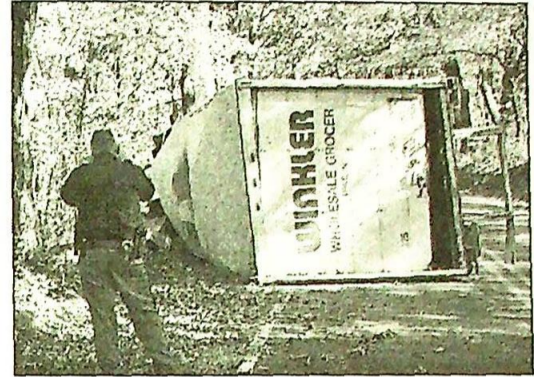
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Semi tractor/trailer overturns in Brown County



Shown are photos of a semi tractor/trailer that rolled over in western Brown County on November 7, 2002.

(Photos submitted by Sam Mathis, Brown County)



Brown Co. VFD called to house fire on St. Rd. 135

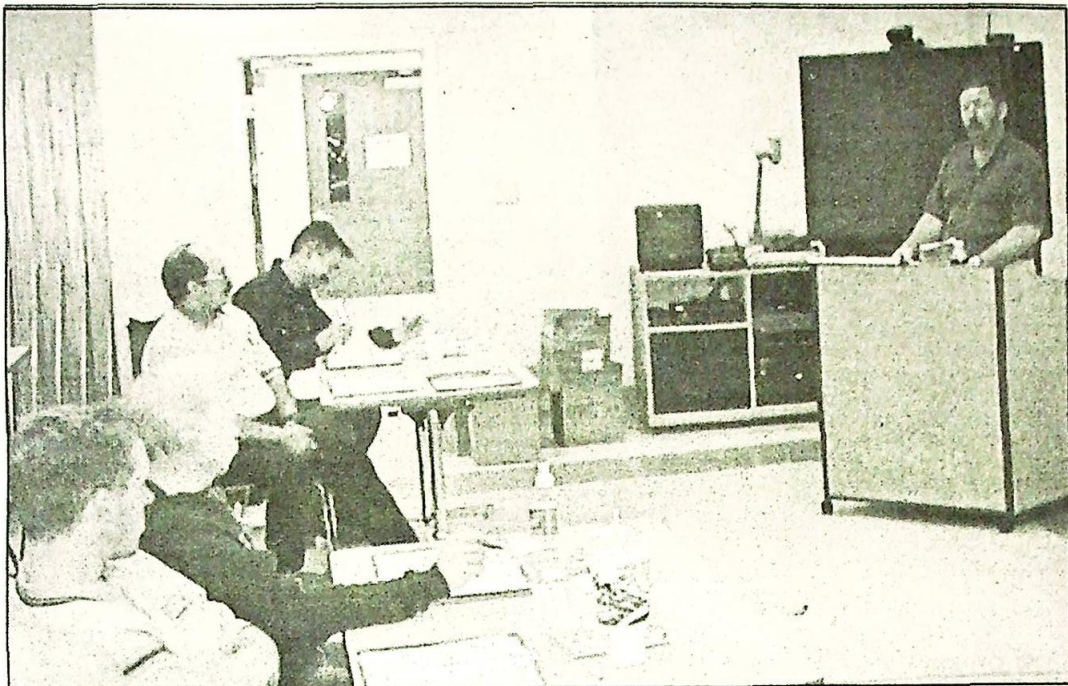


Shown are photos from a house fire on St. Rd. 135 south in Brown County. Brown County Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by Van Buren Twp., Hamblen Twp. and Fruitdale Fire Departments, the Brown County E.M.T. Association and Columbus Regional Hospital Ambulance Service.

(Photos submitted by Sam Mathis, Brown County)



Emergency Responders complete training sessions



About 175 Emergency Responders from Marshall County Fire Departments, Ambulance Services, Police Departments, Highway Departments, Utilities and other support agencies have completed sixteen (16) hours of

Hazardous Materials First Responder, Operations Level training. It was completely FREE to all who received this training held in November and December at the following five (5) locations throughout the county: Bremen, Bour-

bon, Plymouth, LaPaz, and Culver. Now these responders have the necessary training to be able to safely handle emergency situations when they respond to emergencies with Hazardous Materials present.

When all the responders who have completed this Operation Level training have been certified by their agency, Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Police Department, etc., then each will receive "FREE" a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Unit valued at over \$300.00 and includes an Air Purified

Respirator, Full Face Mask, and a Storage Container. Payment for the "Units" is available from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a result of funds from the National Terrorism Response Program. Marshall County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will distribute the equipment locally.

Mr. Robert A. Mauck of Diversified Business Services, Inc., DeMotte, Indiana provided the training which is in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and satisfies OSHA Requirements for Operations Level Hazardous Material Response Training.

The Marshall County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) provided payment for all these training classes. The budget for the Marshall County LEPC is derived from yearly fees collected from facilities located in Marshall County that store Extremely Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Materials on their premises in amounts greater than reportable quantities set by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The facilities are required to submit yearly reports to the committee of all Hazardous Substances and Hazardous Materials stored on their premises. Members of the Committee are representatives of

twelve different service agencies of the county, Emergency Medical Services, Health, Industry, Environment, Transportation, Broadcast/Print Media, Hospital, and Community Groups.

The Committee meets throughout the year on the second Thursday evening bimonthly beginning in January at the Emergency Management Agency Office on King Road. The meetings are open to the public and we encourage members of the community to attend. The Committee is charged with:

- 1. Developing a county-wide Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan using information provided by the facilities.
- 2. Providing information to the public about the hazardous materials located in the county, and
- 3. Providing training for response to emergency hazardous materials incidents.

The local committee reports to the Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) which is the state agency charged by federal statute to administer this program. The Marshall County LEPC will apply to the IERC for a grant to reimburse it for the cost of this training.

(Photo and article submitted by Gene Gray, Marshall Co. Local Emergency Planning Committee, Plymouth, Indiana)

New quint arrives in Wheeler



On New Year's Eve 2002, Union Fire Rescue took delivery of a new 75' Quint type apparatus built by Spencer Manufacturing of South Haven, Michigan. The \$472,000 unit was made possible by cooperation between the department, Union Township Trustee Tammy Kueck and the Township Advisory Board.

The chassis is a Spartan MFD custom fire apparatus chassis with a 12" raised roof above the crew compartment. Powered by a Cummins 400 hp motor, the chassis features an Allison automatic transmission, dual heating and air conditioning units, and a "jake" brake type engine retarder. The cab features seating for six, with five seats holding S.C.B.A. units. An EMS compartment under the folding front facing rear seats is designed to keep EMS equipment and supplies out of the weather.

The 75' all steel aerial ladder was constructed by RK Industries and features a Task Force Tip remote control nozzle on a pinnable 4" waterway. The nozzle is capable of traversing a 180 degree arc across the front of the vehicle for those hard to reach fires. A 2.5" discharge at the tip allows the unit to serve as a standpipe if so needed. LED illumination is strategically placed along the entire length of the ladder to assure footing during nighttime operations. Dual floodlights at the base and tip of the ladder help light up the scene when the ladder is being used. A roof ladder, pike pole and pick head axe are located in the last fly section of the ladder to make access to elevated areas easier for the crew. With the exception of starting and stopping the flow of water, all other functions of the aerial ladder and nozzle can be controlled either at the operator's pedes-

tal or by a hand held radio remote control unit allowing operations from up to 1,000' away.

The apparatus body features a Hale 1500 gpm pump with a 500 gallon poly booster tank. The two 6" side intake features behind the pump panel butterfly valves to control the flow of water. The front 6" swivel intake has a 6' section of draft hose attached to make water supply in rural areas a one man operation. Additional space in the extended front bumper has room for a 100' trash line and a 100' line connected to the Task Force Tip Pro-Pak unit. Each side compartment in the unit is a minimum of 24" in depth, with twin hydraulic reels for the department's Homatro rescue tools located in the passenger's side rear compartment. Each compartment has a roll out tray located at the bottom and adjustable shelving as designed by the department's New Truck Committee. Complete N.F.P.A. ground ladders are carried in the roll up compartment at the rear of the apparatus along with pike poles. A underslung compartment below the driver's side pump panel was designed to carry the department's pneumatic lifting bags and hoses. A 10,000 kilowatt AMPS PTO generator is mounted above the pump area and provides power to the twin telescoping floodlights, the Homatro electric pump and the multiple outlets built into the side of the apparatus. Room for 1,000' of 5" supply hose in the bed, all the hose can be repacked in minutes thanks to the design of the aerial ladder turntable, which pivots out of the way when loading hose. Two "cartridge" devices make repacking the crosslay hoses a snap as the hose can

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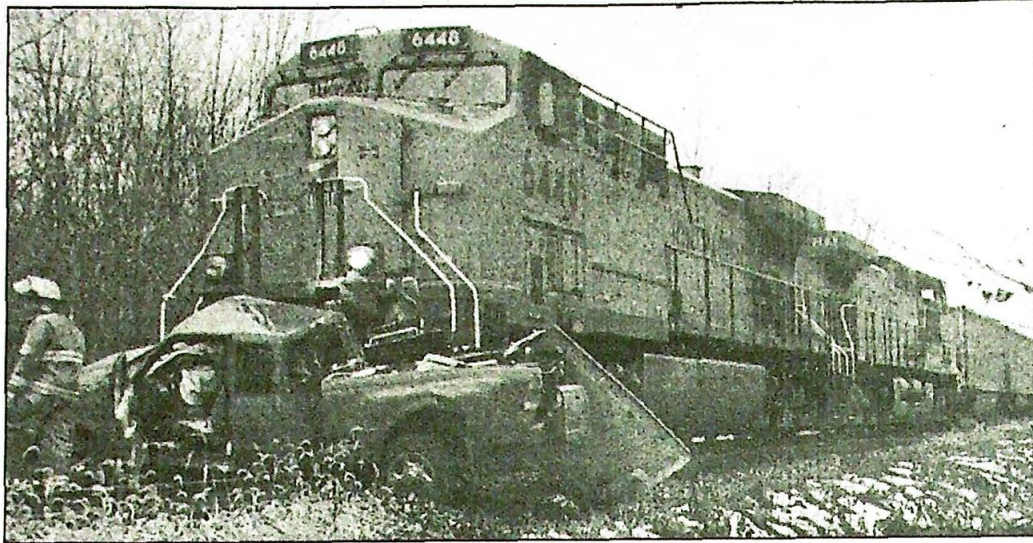
be packed on the ground before the "cartridge" is picked up and placed back into the body of the truck.

But the most unusual thing about Union's new quint has to be the paint scheme. Originally designed to be painted the department's traditional dark red color, the events of September 11th quickly changed the minds of the firefighters in the department. Painted to reflect pride in America and as a tribute to those who have given their lives protecting our nation's freedom since that cowardly act, the vehicle is painted like an American flag. The cab is the same blue as the field on our nation's flag, while the body is red with alternating reflective white stripes. White reflective stars and department logos, along with the banner "UNITED WE STAND" on the aerial itself show the support department personnel continue to provide for their community, their state and their nation.

John E. Kephire, Assistant Fire Chief
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Train collision ends in death of man



By Beth Clark
Daily Citizen Staff Writer
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002 - COALMONT - A Linton man was killed when he failed to stop for a train in Coalmont on Tuesday afternoon.

Dennis J. Ausman, 36, was pronounced dead at Terre Haute Regional Hospital. He suffered massive injuries.

The accident occurred at 12:25 p.m. at the railroad crossing in Coalmont on Slab Road. There are no automatic signals at the crossing, however there is a stop sign.

"There were no other witnesses to the accident. There were no marks on the roadway to indicate braking," ex-

plained First Sgt. Brent Johnson of the Indiana State Police.

According to Indiana State Trooper David C. Kuhn's report, Ausman was eastbound on the Slab Road and the Canadian Pacific train was approaching from the south, Ausman failed to stop and his truck was hit by the train. The vehicle and the train came to a stop 1,350 feet from the point of impact.

"From the engineer (whose name is not being released) we learned Ausman crossed right in front of the train," said Johnson.

Rescue efforts were hampered when it was discovered the truck had several unidentified chemicals inside.

"The truck belonged to City Pest Control Services (out of Linton). None of the chemicals were labeled," said Johnson.

Johnson noted that a representative from the company came to the scene to identify the materials.

"We found there was no risk. We just didn't know with it being pesticides," said Johnson.

Assisting at the scene were the Clay County Ambulance Service, Clay County Sheriff's Department and the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department.

John Lewis of Canadian Pacific told *The Daily Citizen* this morning that a 32 event recorder from the train will be reviewed at the railroad's office in Minneapolis, Minn.

"The vent recorder is being reviewed as a part of standard procedure. The event recorder can tell us exactly where the engineer started (using his horn), what the speed of the train was," said Lewis.

Lewis said that both the engineer and conductor "were shaken up. It is a very traumatic event, even more so when there is a death."

The spokesman for the railroad understood what those men are going through because he was an engineer for 23 years.

"This is a sad day for Indiana. We have had a death," Lewis concluded.

Lewis Twp. Fire Rescue responded.
(Article and photo submitted by J. McFarland)

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Two earn Governor's Award



At the Huntingburg City Awards ceremony held on Saturday, December 28, 2002, two members of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department were presented with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

Ken Lau, left, and Marvin Boeglin, received the prestigious award from Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, Mike Bigler.

Lau was appointed to Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department on January 2, 1973 by then Mayor Dale Helmerich under the leadership of the late Fire Chief, Francis "Chic" Carson.

At a District 18 meeting on July 15, 1976 at Dubois, Lau was elected as District Secretary/Treasurer, a position he currently holds.

On July 19, 1979, Lau was presented the District 18 Midwest Award by District Chairman Eldo Reinhart.

Then in January of 1986, Kenny was awarded the Huntingburg Jaycees first "Young Firefighter of the Year Award". He is certified by the Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education Board as Master Firefighter with rankings in Instruction, Fire/Arson Investigation, Strategy and Tactics, and Fire Service Management.

He and his wife, Linda have been married for 35 years. They have a daughter and two granddaughters. Their only son is deceased.

Boeglin retired from active duty from the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department on June 1, 2002, 43 years to the day in which he was appointed.

Boeglin joined the department June 1, 1959 as a firefighter recruit, after returning from active duty with the U.S. Air Force in Korea from 1952 to 1956, with military decorations.

Boeglin served as assistant chief for 12 years, from 1965 to 1977, before being appointed Fire Chief in April of 1977.

He faithfully discharged his duties as fire chief for 14 years, until 1992, when he was elected to the City Council.

He remained on the department, being appointed Safety Officer.

He currently serves as a city councilman-at-large.

He and his wife, Jeanette, retired in January 1996 from Chase Studio in Huntingburg after 40 years in professional photography.

The Boeglins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2002.

They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

(Photo submitted by John Smith)

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Boeglin presented fire axe

AFTER 43 YEARS of distinguished service to the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept., retired firefighter Marvin L. Boeglin, pictured right, was presented a commemorative fire axe from Fire Chief Glen Kissling at special awards ceremony on Saturday, December 28, 2002.

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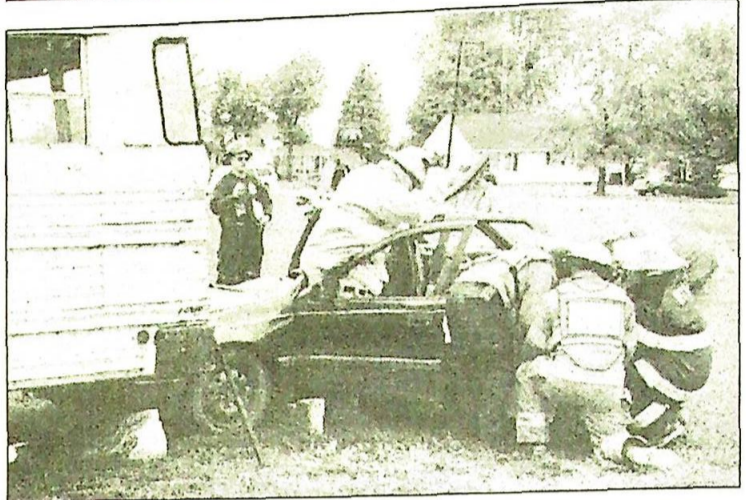
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Mock disaster drill and training disaster drill held



Emergency personnel from across the county participated in a mock disaster at the Odon Park. Testing their skills at the scene of a staged three-vehicle accident involving multiple injuries were firemen, police,

EMT's and emergency management personnel. Film taken at the "scene" will be evaluated and used for future training. Six agencies were involved in the event, the largest mock disaster ever staged in

Daviess County. Disaster Drill - First Responders were put to the test in Odon when the call came out of a multiple car collision involving a school bus. First to the scene was Odon, Elnora,

and Plainville First Responders. While this was a mock disaster, county EMS, firefighters and police officers treated it as a real occurrence. Jerry Beck, an EMT and instructor who has been deeply involved with

the First Responder training program, will evaluate the exercise as it develops throughout the day. First Responders carry an accident victim to Air Evac for airlift. (Photos submitted by Ron Bell Public Relations Southwest)

God bless our "volunteer fireman"

This is a special thanks to our volunteer firemen, this Christmas Day will not be forgotten

*Tw'as the night before Christmas and all through the house,
All were snuggled in bed, cozy and warm as a mouse.
When all of a sudden there was a very shrill sound,
That woke up granny and out of bed she did bound.
Into the dining room, she went at full speed,
And cried, "We have a fire," and they all took heed.
G-pa grabbed his robe and to the stairway door he went,
Yelling, "Come on down," there's a fire was the message he sent.
Chad came coughing and sputtering when he heard g-pa yell.
Isaac tripped over his suitcase and down the stairway he fell.
A call was made to our "volunteer fireman" on the spot,
Because we knew the fire was going to be hot.
The weather was bad with wind, ice, and six inches of snow.
It was not long before around the*

*curve they came with lights all aglow.
One by one they came and went right to the task,
Doing their job and not a question they did ask.
Each fireman has a job and at any time of year.
They do it faithfully with all their strength and without fear.
The smoke was dense and oxygen masks they put on,
Up the stairway they went with flashlights one by one.
The room was ablaze and we could see the fire,
But they kept on working and did not tire.
Into the dining room and basement below,
The water was going and started to show.
The cedar chest g-pa finished that very night,
Was carried to the garage and Abigail smiled big and bright.
Each man left their cozy bed at home,
Because there was a job to be done.
The good Lord was watching over us and no lives were lost.
God bless each of our firemen who do their job at any cost.
As Christmas day dawned, and a job well done.
Hugs and tears were shared as they*

left one by one.
Thanks Melvin and Gladys Paulus and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Paulus' home located north of Odon, was heavily damaged in an early morning fire on Christmas eve, December 24.
Two grandsons were sleeping upstairs and barely escaped the fire and smoke.
Their grandson, Chad, was treated at the Daviess Community Hospital for smoke inhalation, but was later released.
Mrs. Paulus was treated by emergency personnel at the scene and did not require further medical treatment.
Don Malone, Madison Township volunteer firefighter, said the alarm was received at about 2:30 a.m. and two upstairs bedrooms were involved when firemen arrived.
Later investigation revealed that the fire was caused by an electrical problem on the second floor.
Damage to the lower rooms was limited to smoke and some water damage.
Madison Twp., Odon Fire, and Elnora/Elmore fire departments were at the scene.
Rev. Paulus is pastor of the Bethel Mennonite Church.
(Article submitted by Ron Bell, PR SW)

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LaPorte County HazMat team



The above photo was taken of the LaPorte County Haz Mat team at the recent Christmas party and awards ceremony. There is a total of 15 members, comprised of personnel from various emergency services and private industry. (Photo submitted by Tim Sandy, District 3 chairman)

Christmas dinner held at Bogg's Restaurant



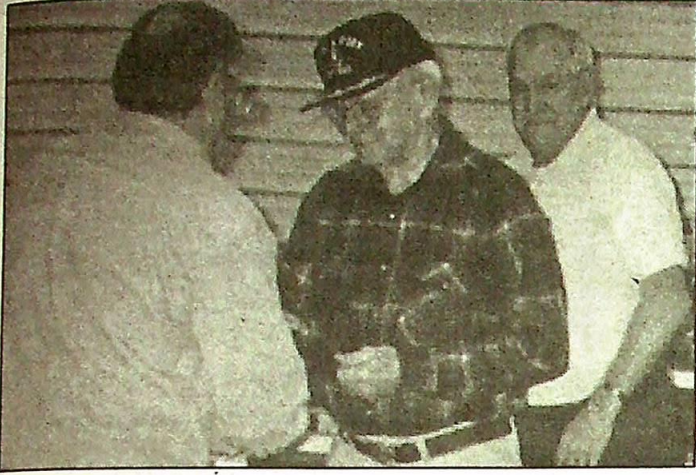
DECEMBER 11, 2002 - The Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department held their Christmas dinner at the Bogg's Restaurant at Loogootee. They were to have held it the week before but due to snowy weather had to reschedule it. Bob Bell, Loogootee firefighter and his wife, Susan, enjoying their dinner. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Southwest)

Vic Plano named "Fireman of the Year"



JANUARY 1, 2003 - Elnora/Elmore Twp. Volunteer Fire Department awarded fellow firefighter, Vic Plano, as their "Fireman of the Year" at their dinner Wednesday night. Presenting the award to Vic was Public Relations Southwest Ron Bell and fire chief Brian Wesner. (Photo submitted by Ron Bell, Public Relations Southwest)

Host to 40th BBQ turkey supper and District 17A meeting



NOVEMBER 16, 2002 - Odon/Madison Twp. Volunteer firefighters were host to their 40th BBQ turkey supper and District 17A meeting.

Several members that were active firefighters back then were in attendance, Dave Cox, Bill Harp, Joe Phillips, Jack Ketchem, and Larry Ketchem.

Also 25 year pins were presented to Joe Phillips and Jack Ketchem.

State Trooper Eric Dunn was guest

speaker on meth use and meth labs.

Air Evac lifeteam and the helicopter was in attendance for a few minutes, then due to bad weather setting in, we had to leave, but left with tasty plates of food.

There was an attendance of 80 persons.

Pictured receiving 25 year pin is Joe Phillips and Jack Ketchem.

(Photo by Ron Bell, PR SW)

CPSC, Black & Decker announce recall of cordless electric lawn mowers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., of Towson, Md, is voluntarily recalling to repair about 140,000 cordless electric lawn mowers. An electrical component in the lawn mower can overheat, posing a possible fire hazard.

Black & Decker has received 11 reports of electrical components overheating. One of these resulted in a minor hand burn and nine resulted in reports of minor property damage extending beyond the mower.

The mowers were sold under both the Black & Decker and Craftsman brand names. The recalled Black & Decker cordless electric lawn mowers have the model number CMM1000 or CMM1000R and date codes from 9534 through 200230, both of which are located on the silver and black label affixed to the rear door of the mower. The lawn mowers have either an orange or green deck cover with a black motor cover. The lawn mowers have the words "Black & Decker" and "Cordless" on top of the motor cover.

The Craftsman-brand mowers, which were sold at Sears, have model number 900.370520 and include all date codes. The model number is located on the silver and black label affixed to the rear door of the mower. The Sears lawn mowers have a dark green deck cover with a black motor cover. The lawn mowers have the words "Craftsman" and "24 Volt Cordless" on top of the motor cover.

Home centers, hardware and discount stores nationwide sold the Black & Decker lawn mowers from February 1996 through August 2002 for between \$360 and \$400. Craftsman-brand mowers were sold at Sears stores nationwide from January 1998 through December 2000 for between \$360 and \$400.

Consumers with either brand recalled lawn mower should stop using it immediately. Black & Decker mower owners should call Black & Decker toll-free at (866) 229-5570 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or log onto the company's web site at www.blackanddecker.com to receive information on the free repair. Craftsman mower owners should take

their mower to the nearest Sears store or Sears product repair center for a free repair.

Black & Decker recalled 1,300 cordless electric mowers with model number CMM1000R on January 23, 2002. For more information about that recall, contact Black & Decker at the toll-free number listed above.

Burning contributes to harmful ground level ozone!

People who live in or near larger metropolitan areas can be affected by a severe air pollution problem: ground level ozone, or smog. It affects outlying suburbs and rural areas as well as the big cities.

In other areas of the state, ozone problems are not as severe, but ozone pollution exists all over Indiana.

We hear a lot about depletion of the ozone layer in the stratosphere. This kind of ozone protects us from harmful radiation from the sun. Stratospheric ozone is good, but ground-level ozone is harmful.

When people think about ground-level ozone, they usually picture a thick layer of smog over Los Angeles. They don't think of a sunny, hot Midwest summer day with a hazy blue sky. But, ozone pollution exists here, too, unless we do something about it.

Ozone is created in the lower atmosphere when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other air pollutants react in the presence of sunlight. Open burning, vehicle exhaust, industrial smoke stacks, gas pumps and many other sources give off VOCs.

Regulations exist to reduce this serious air pollution because it can cause or worsen respiratory, heart and other health problems. It also deteriorates rubber, corrodes metal and damages crops and forests.

Firefighter Jerry Beck awarded the Governor's Meritorious Service Award

Elnora volunteer firefighter Jerry Beck received from the office of the State Fire Marshal, State of Indiana, "Governor's Meritorious Service Award", for his 22 years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Elnora Volunteer Fire Department, the citizens of the Daviess County, and the great state of Indiana, November 15, 2002.

Mike Bigler, deputy fire marshal, from Indianapolis, presented the award to Mr. Beck on behalf of the fire marshal Tracy Boatwright.

Mr. Beck received this award during the Elnora/Elmore Township Volunteer fire department's annual chili supper.

Elnora firefighter Jerry Wayne Beck joined the Elnora/Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1980 and he is a 1st class firefighter.

Jerry became a basic EMT in 1980 and is an advance EMT becoming this in 1992. He is now taking the intermediate class.

Jerry taught his First Responder class in 1996. Jerry also works with Daviess Community Hospital, has CRT respiratory therapist, and the County Ambulance Southwest Medical.

Jerry volunteers his time training firefighters to be First Responders. He does this just to help the communities and improve medical services.

Jerry believes that trained personnel will be an asset to any department. Jerry headed up the extensive training course for First Responders, said it is a comprehensive program. The course is probably more advanced than the EMT course he took 20 years ago.

The group which is made up of area firefighters, recently participated in a training session involving a mock helicopter evacuation in cooperation with an Air Evac Lifeteam from the Washington airport.

It was a good experience for them. They need the experience of actually preparing a patient and loading a helicopter. First Responders learn to protect the victim as well as themselves. If they can't protect themselves when they enter an accident area, the situation becomes more intense.

Jerry said the goal is to establish a First Responder unit in the North Daviess area with vehicles equipped



Jerry Beck is congratulated by Mike Bigler of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office for his high achievement as a volunteer. (Photo by Ron Bell, PR SW)

Jerry Beck was presented the "Governor's Meritorious Service Award" in recognition of his 22 years of service to Elnora/Elmore Twp. fire department, as well as for his leadership in developing a First Responder rescue unit in the North Daviess area.

Beck received the award from Mike Bigler on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, during Elnora department's annual chili supper in November.

with jaws, tools, ropes, ladders and etc.

Jerry said the unit would be paged out and may often be the first on the scene. They would be in contact with radios. They will be able to assess the situation and alert EMTs in advance of the equipment they will need at the scene.

This program prepares the men to deal with a variety of accidents, entrapment situations and extrications.

Elnora/Elmore now have a rescue truck, the only one in North Daviess area.

Jerry was born in Decatur, Illinois January 30, 1957.

Jerry and his wife, Sherry, have three daughters, Stacy Drew of Sandborn, Jada of Elnora and Stevi at home.

Jerry became a proud grandfather July 23, 2002, a grandson Justin Michael Fox.

Jerry's favorite memory is when his girls were small. Best advice he could give anyone: what goes around comes around. Jerry was known in school as friendly and mischievous.

Best words to describe himself is, a workaholic and community minded. If there was a movie done of his life the best person to star as him would be Nicholas Cage.

He received the Fireman Award from his local fire department in 2001. He enjoys everything he does, and all the people that he meets.

A fellow firefighter, Chuck Stedman, gives much credit to Jerry Beck for initiating the First Responder program and taking the time to train the firemen.

Chuck suffered a heart attack a few months ago and he says the fast response of his buddies may have saved his life. All of the firefighters on the Elnora/Elmore Township Volunteer Fire Department are certified First Responders.

Jerry has accomplished a lot and never thinks of himself, only of his brothers.

If anyone was deserving of this award it is Jerry. Jerry had no idea that this award was going to be presented to him, it was a great surprise to him.

Two-truck crash claims man's life



LAKE COUNTY STAR - JUNE 27, 2002 by GENE MILKOWSKI/STAR - Crown Point and Cedar Lake firefighters work to rescue a victim from a two-truck crash June 18, 2002 on U.S. 231 near Cline Avenue. The driver of the Crown Brick and Supply dump truck shown in the photo, Brian W. Decker, 32, died at the scene. The driver of the other truck involved in the accident, Raul Lopez, 25, was airlifted to Loyola Medical Center by the helicopter pictured in the upper right corner. The passenger in the pick-up Lopez was driving, Jose Nanez, was transported to St. Anthony Medical Center. The head-on collision occurred at about 2:40 p.m. as Decker drove eastbound and Lopez westbound on 231. Decker was a resident of Cedar Lake and member of the Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

(Article submitted by Paul E. Watland, District 2 Chairman)



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Still the place to be in 2003 . . . History . . . French Lick Springs Grand Resort

The area called French Lick, Indiana, site of the French Lick Springs Resort & Spa and one of the earliest outposts in the middle-Western wilderness, was first settled more than 200 years ago by French traders.

After the discovery of rich mineral springs, which attracted animals who flocked to lick the waters and wet rocks, this valley became known among settlers as "The Lick".

The French had ideas about exploiting these lush salt deposits, but because of one obstacle and another, they never did make much progress. Finally, following the Louisiana Purchase Treaty in 1803, in which Napoleon relinquished claims on that part of the frontier, the French abandoned their trading posts at The Lick.

British settlers moved in about 1812. Despite continued Indian resistance, they succeeded in establishing a permanent fort. Indian incidents continued, however. One of the first recorded was the slaying of Irishman William Charles, who was attacked by Indians outside the fort. His remains are rumored to be buried somewhere beneath the front lawn of the resort.

In 1832, all the lands surrounding the actual mineral springs, which had been reserved for production of salt, was offered for public sale.

About 1,500 acres - including all the springs - were purchased by a Dr. William A. Bowles. Within several years he opened the first French Lick Springs Hotel, a ramshackle, three-story frame building. It was an immediate success. People flocked from hundreds of miles to partake of the "miracle waters". They carried the mineral water away in all sorts of jugs and canvas containers. "Doc" Bowles had struck it rich.

In the 1850's, as North-South tension mounted, Bowles took time out from subversive activities to help charter the town of French Lick.

Just before the Civil War, Bowles was arrested, court martialled, convicted of treason and sentenced to death. President Lincoln, however, quietly commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. Bowles spent the war in a Federal prison in Ohio. He returned to French Lick in 1865 and managed the hotel until his death in 1873.

French Lick Springs thrived under various managements until 1897 when a disastrous fire destroyed most of the old frame buildings. Shortly thereafter the ruins were purchased by a syndi-

cate which called itself the French Lick Springs Hotel Co. - headed by the then mayor of Indianapolis, Irish immigrant Thomas Taggart.

It was under Taggart's imaginative rule that French Lick Springs rocketed to international prominence. First he rebuilt a new main wing. He had the Monon Railroad lay a special spur and run daily trains between Chicago and the front entrance of the hotel. He later designed a championship golf course (still later, a second). He modernized and expanded the baths and began bottling "Pluto Water" in concentrated form for national distribution. With an expansive and luxurious spa (and after Taggart had been named Democratic National Chairman in 1904), the elite of politics and society suddenly "discovered" French Lick Springs. It was at this hotel, too, in 1917 that tomato juice was first served, by world famous chef Louis Perrin.

Taggart insisted that the resort maintain a rigidly elegant dedication to health and recreation - although he himself was no teetotaler, he never permitted liquor on the premises. The first bar was not opened, in fact until after Repeal, some years following the old man's demise. The wealthy celebrities who descended upon the little town in the Indiana hills each spring and fall came (1) to take "the cure", (2) to play, (3) to conduct business and (4) to gamble.

Taggart always disclaimed any connection with plush gambling casinos throughout the valley. It never was however, officially explained how, in flagrant violation of state law, two big gambling rooms operated across the street from the hotel, perhaps half a dozen others catered to lesser hotel guests and common folk and, indeed at one time there was even a combination dice room and bowling alley right in the middle of the hotel's own Japanese gardens, near the Pluto Spring. In any event, French Lick Springs was to become as well known for its resort facilities. The last casinos were shuttered in 1949. One of these buildings was taken over by the American Legion.

Taggart, who served briefly as a U.S.

Senator by appointment, had three more wings added to the hotel in the next 20 years. Taggart, who described himself as a hotelman first and a political hobbyist second, grew in stature until he was the acknowledged power behind Democratic politics in the U.S. Simultaneously, French Lick Springs developed a reputation as the unofficial party headquarters. It was there in Taggart's hotel in 1931 that Franklin Roosevelt rounded up support at a Democratic governor's conference for his party's presidential nomination.

Tom Taggart died in 1929. His son - the only boy among six children - Thomas D. Taggart, carried on. With the Depression, however, the popular French Lick Springs began to decline. World War II brought a momentary revival, but in 1946 young Tom Taggart sold out to a New York syndicate.

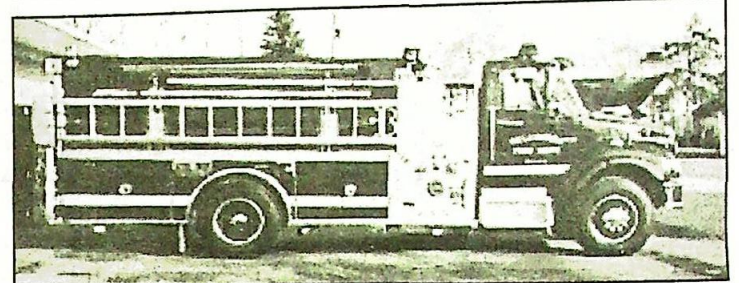
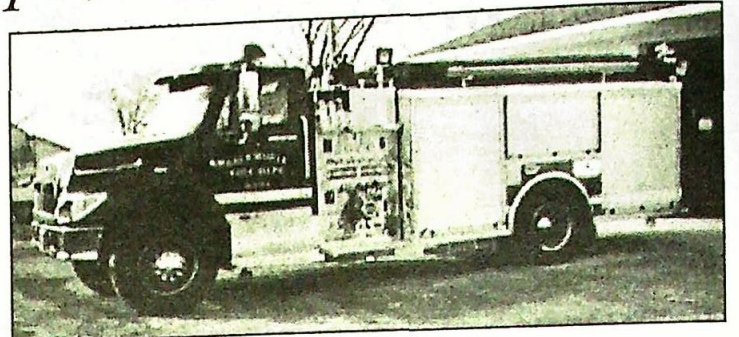
Today, French Lick Springs Resort rests on some 2,600 acres in the breathtaking Hoosier National Forest. Newly acquired by Boykin Lodging Company, the resort eagerly embraces a "New Beginning".

The current facility includes 470 rooms and boasts two superb golf courses, the Valley Course and the scenic, Donald Ross designed, Country Club Hill Course. Badminton, volleyball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, croquet, stables, and two swimming pools (including a spacious bubble enclosed one) are other activities offered. Additionally, excellent horses, tennis courts, mineral baths and massages await the pleasure of guests.

The hotel's experienced staff is prepared to handle business meetings of any size up to 1,000 guests in some 22 function rooms, plus a 22,000 sq. ft. convention center. Facilities also include dining rooms, lounges, bowling alleys and a game room.

A rich and colorful history included such famous names as John Barrymore, Clark Gable, Bing Crosby, President Roosevelt, The Trumans, and The Reagans. All were honored guests at the French Lick Springs Resort. They walked in the rose gardens, they drank brandy on the veranda, and they relaxed in the mineral springs.

Grant money used to purchase new firetruck



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$150,000 grant from D O C.

The department used the money to help purchase a \$195,000 firetruck from the KME Hoosier Fire Equipment, Inc.

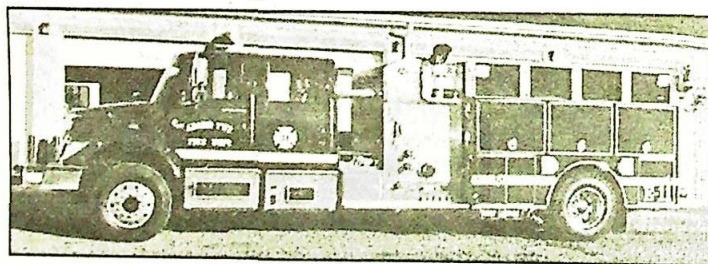
The new International truck has a 1250 pump with a 1500 gallon water tank on it. The truck was delivered on November 8.

An open house was held on November 16 at the fire station for the new truck. On the same day the department's First Responders received an AED from the Jay County Hospital.

Pictured above receiving the AED are (left to right): Jeremy Gettinger, Bruce Manor, Paul Martin and Pat Sheffer from the Jay County Hospital, Ronnie LeMaster, and Lisa Manor.

(Pictures and article submitted by Lloyd Wright, Fire Chief)

Adams Twp. Fire Dept. has new fire truck



Adams Twp. Fire Department, Madison County put this new S&S fire truck on Navistar chassis.

Unit features fireman crew cab with 911 seats, air ride driver's seat, air ride cab, Bud aluminum rims, 350 hp engine, 6 inch front suction on extended bumper, Q siren, alternating groover air horns, driver's side booster hose under driver's door, two 150 ft. cord reels under cab, top mount controls with 2 speed lays under walkway, 1500 gpm two stage pump, 1250 gallon polycomposite tank, monitor deck gun with removable stand, 8K PTO hyd. generator with four 750 watt focus lights, two of which are on tripods with removable heads, five 2.5 discharges one five-inch storz discharge, new ladders and MSA air packs, new quick vent saw and PPV fan.

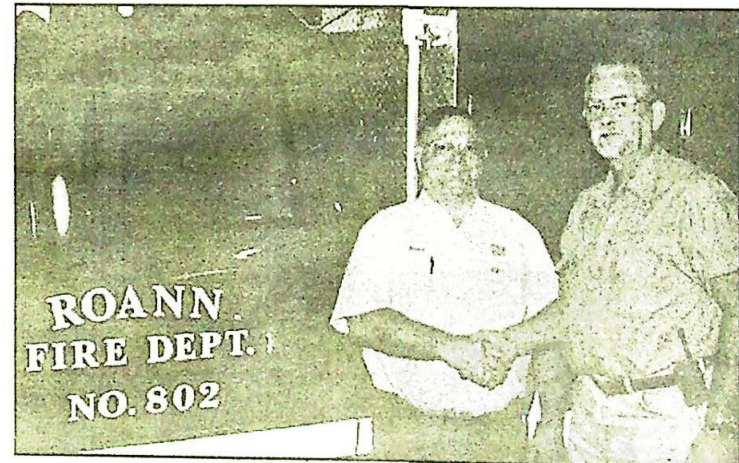
This truck could not have been possible without the help of Adams Twp. trustee Melinda Padgett and advisory board and also fire chief of 10 years, Steve Shreves.

Also new truck committee Capt. Buck Evans, assistant chief Jim Gustin and Rob Zody, member.

Truck is supported by a 1998 S&S 2900 gallon, 500 gpm International tanker and 1992 Marion International walk in rescue truck.

(Photo by Mickey Shreves, Submitted by Buck Evans, Adams Twp. Fire and EMS, Markleville, Indiana, Madison County)

Meyer receives 25 year pin



ROANN FIREMAN Steve Meyer received 25 year pin from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger.

(Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Firemen receive 25 year pins



MONTEREY FIREMEN Robert Keller, Tony Reinhold and Richard Zehner received 25 year pins from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger (pictured left). (Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

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Polk fireman receives 25 year pin



POLK TWP. fireman, Maurice "Bud" Kerckhove, (left) received his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger. (Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Larry Hunter recently receives 25 year pin



LARRY HUNTER, Syracuse Fire Department, received his 25 year pin from Don Kissinger. Pictured are Hunter, Kissinger, Buz Koehler and Mike Mackin. (Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

50 year gold card awarded to Smythe



DON SMYTHE, Mentone Fire Department, received his 50 Year Gold Card from PRNE Mike Mackin, left. Also pictured are District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and Vice President Buz Koehler. (Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Bruner receives 50 year gold card



BURKET FIREMAN Alton Bruner receives 50 year gold card from Don Kissinger, V.P. Buz Koehler and PRNE Mike Mackin. (Photo submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Lane honored with 25 year service pin



SHOWN IS District 2 chairman Paul Watland presenting Robert Lane with his 25 year service pin. Pictured (left to right) - Robert Lane, James Crocker, Chief of Schneider Volunteer Fire Department, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Ken Belshaw, Assistant Chief, Schneider Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo submitted by District 2 chairman, Paul F. Watland)

Gettler presented with 25 year service pin



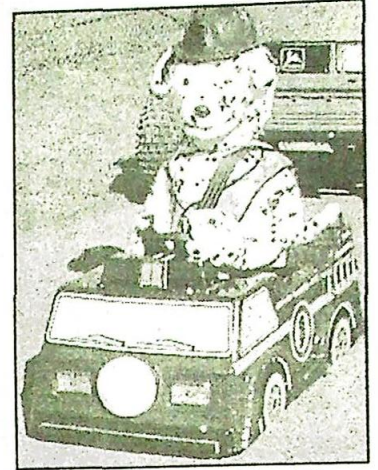
DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN, Paul Watland (left) presenting Duane Gettler, former Chief of the Crown Point Fire-Rescue, with his 25 year service pin. (Photo submitted by District 2 chairman, Paul F. Watland)

DeLor receives 25 year service pin



DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN, Paul Watland (left) presenting Greg DeLor, Chief of the Crown Point Fire-Rescue Department, with his 25 year service pin. (Photo submitted by District 2 chairman, Paul F. Watland)

Receives National Fire Prevention Grant



Greene County Firefighter's Association was one of nearly 200 fire service representatives from across the country who gathered at the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Spring meeting on April 5 when nearly \$300,000 in grants to 30 states were awarded for fire prevention for children in rural areas. The grants were made possible through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

FEMA Deputy Director Mike Brown, in partnership with NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg, handed out the checks to the worthy recipients. "The \$9,500.00 grants to each of the 30 states who applied will reach a high risk population that is near and dear to the firefighter's heart," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg.

The Greene County Firefighter's Association has used their grant monies to purchase a "Flashy the Fire Dog and Firetruck"! We will use it as another tool to teach fire prevention for young people as well as adults. We are planning to use it in parades, festivals, vacation Bible schools, pre-schools and any other opportunity we might have to promote fire prevention and safety. With the excess monies from the grant we were also able to purchase coloring and activity books, pamphlets and fire helmets. The Association would like to assist any community in their fire prevention and safety programs. If you live in Greene County and would like the assistance of Flashy and his firetruck, please contact your local fire department and they can assist you.

The Greene County Firefighter's Association would like to thank the NVFC. Without this grant we would not have been able to make "Flashy the Fire Dog and Firetruck" a reality.

How to obtain your past photos

If you have not received any photos that have been printed in past issues of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter newspaper, please contact Mitch Parish, IVFA ad solicitor.

All photos and news articles are given to Mr. Parish after each issue is printed.

We cannot store the photos and news articles at our office in Rensselaer due to the fact that space is limited.

So, please contact Mr. Parish and not Rensselaer Printco if there are any questions as to where your photos are. Thank you!

Hazardous Materials Operations course offered to agencies



The Clay County Emergency Management Agency and the Lewis Township Fire Department hosted a Hazardous Materials Operations course offered to all emergency response agencies in Clay, Greene and Sullivan Counties.

This event was attended by 19 Fire and Rescue personnel representing Lewis Township Fire/Rescue, Clay County Search and Rescue, Poland Fire Department, Clay City Fire Department, Jackson Township Fire Department, and Worthington Fire Department.

Don Young from Marion County Hazardous Materials Task Force was the instructor and offered a tremendous learning experience. Although our localities do not have a Hazardous Materials Response Team, our agencies may at any time be dispatched to an incident involving hazardous materials.

OSHA mandates that anyone responding to this type of event must be minimally trained to the Operations Level.

Due to this mandate, this class will be offered again in Clay County in Brazil for those who were unable to attend the first class offered.

The classes offered by Clay County Emergency Management Agency are free to those who choose to attend. Please contact Gerri Husband at 812-448-8400 if you would like to register for the Operations class that will be offered August 10th and 11th.

The emergency response person-

nel work hard to protect their communities, putting in countless hours of training and fund raising, please support their efforts when you can!



IVFA Offering Shirts For Sale



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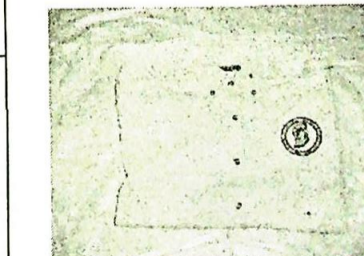
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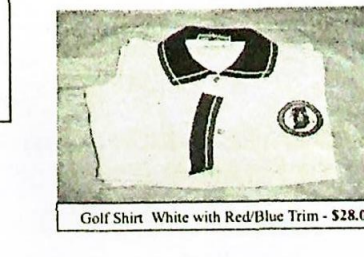
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	Golf Shirt - White with Pocket - \$20.00			
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Honoring a fallen friend



Firefighters from all over the state were on hand Friday afternoon for the funeral of Duane Lantz.

Lantz, of Pinola, one of the founders of Scipio-Township Volunteer Fire Department, died Monday at age 86.

Called "Father Lantz" by many for his chaplain work and the "Mayor of Pinola", Lantz took his last ride atop a Scipio fire truck from First United Methodist Church to Door Village Cemetery.

In the top photo, Starke County Honor Guard escorts the casket out of the church.

In the middle photo, the casket is being loaded onto Scipio Township Fire Engine.

The bottom left photo shows the flag folding ceremony.

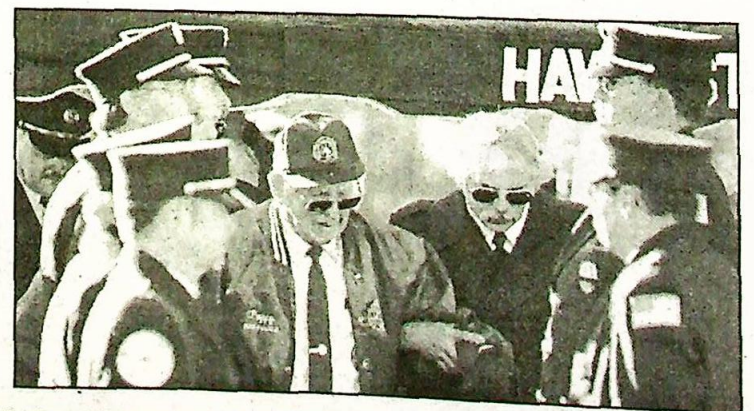
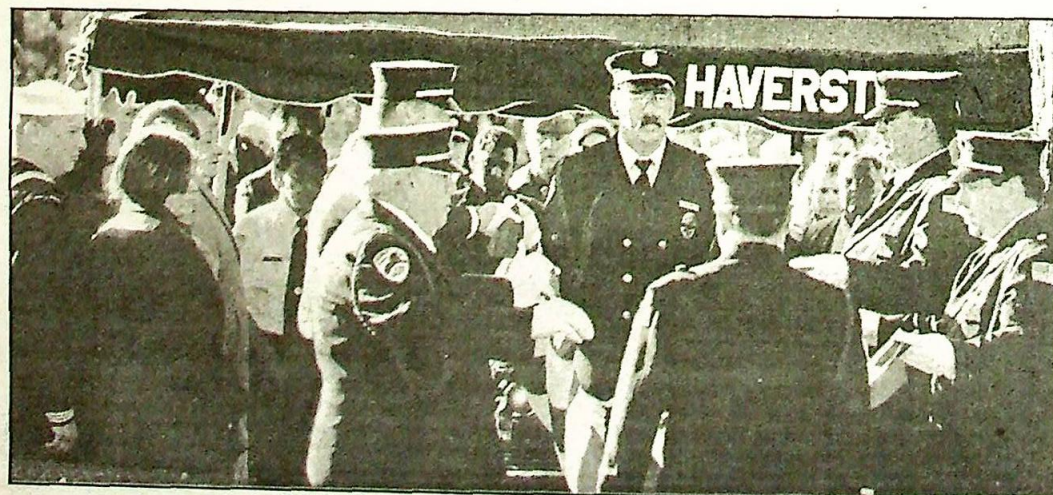
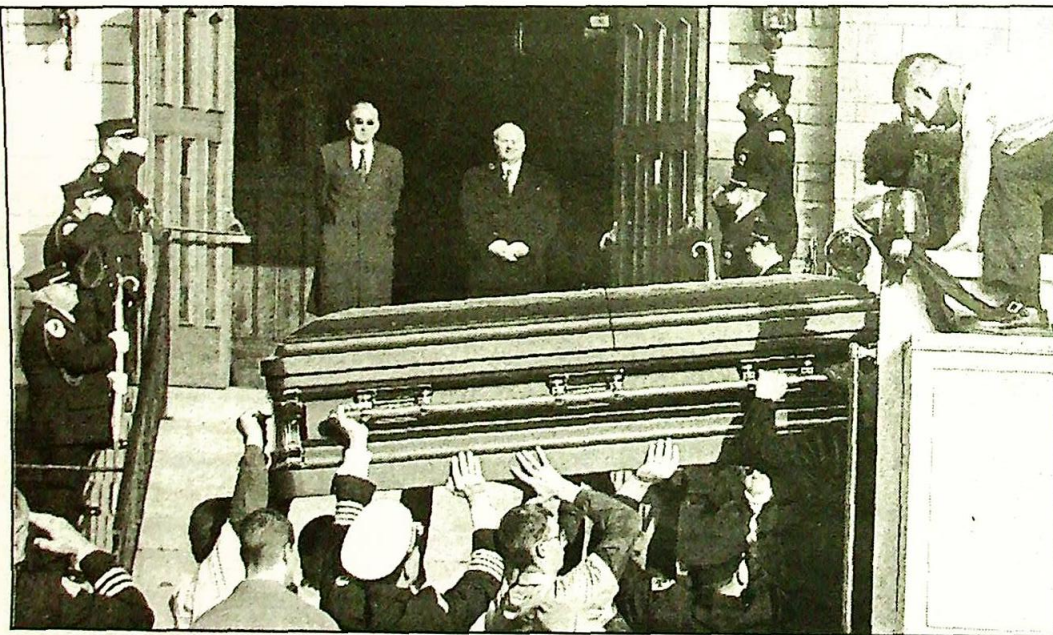
In the bottom right photo, retired Lincoln Township firefighter Gerald "Pappy" Kaufman, pays a final tribute to a longtime friend.

Duane Lantz had served as the IVFA Chaplain for more than 30 years.

*Photos by Bob Wellinski,
LaPorte Herald Argus*

*Article courtesy of the
LaPorte Herald Argus*

Submitted by Tim Sandy
District 3 Chairman
IVFA



Thompson named 2002 Firefighter of the Year



Pictured are (left to right): Pershing Township Fire Department president Joe McDermid, David Thompson and Chief Richard L. Blaker, Sr. (Photo submitted by Pershing Twp. Fire Department)

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department has named David Thompson as their 2002 Firefighter of the Year. The presentation was made at the department's annual recognition dinner on December 29, 2002.

"I didn't expect it," said Thompson. "I don't do any more work than everyone should be doing."

The award is given each year in recognition of outstanding service to the department and the community.

Thompson joined the fire department on June 9, 1998 and has since served in many capacities including driving instructor and truck maintenance duties. He is an Indiana certified Emergency Responder and is certified in search and rescue techniques by

NASAR. He is an active member of Rescue 36.

Thompson is a 1992 graduate of Brownstown Central High School and served with the United States Air Force as a jet engine mechanic. He is employed with the Indiana State Highway Department and attends Freetown Church of Christ. He and his wife, Lisa, reside near Freetown and have three children.

"We are happy to present this award to David," said fire department president, Joseph McDermid. "He has done a lot of work and has earned it."

The department presents the award on the basis of a vote of the membership.

Station clock awarded to department



Joe Bohnert, Cass Twp. fire chief, Myron Goodman, Dugger fire chief, accept an IVFA station clock from District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland.

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

Phelps awarded Governor's Award



Gary Robertson presents Dave Phelps, Prairieton firefighter, with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

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

Arnold Hughes honored with IVFA awards



District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents Arnold Hughes, Prairieton firefighter, with an IVFA Gold Card.

Gary Robertson presented Hughes with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

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

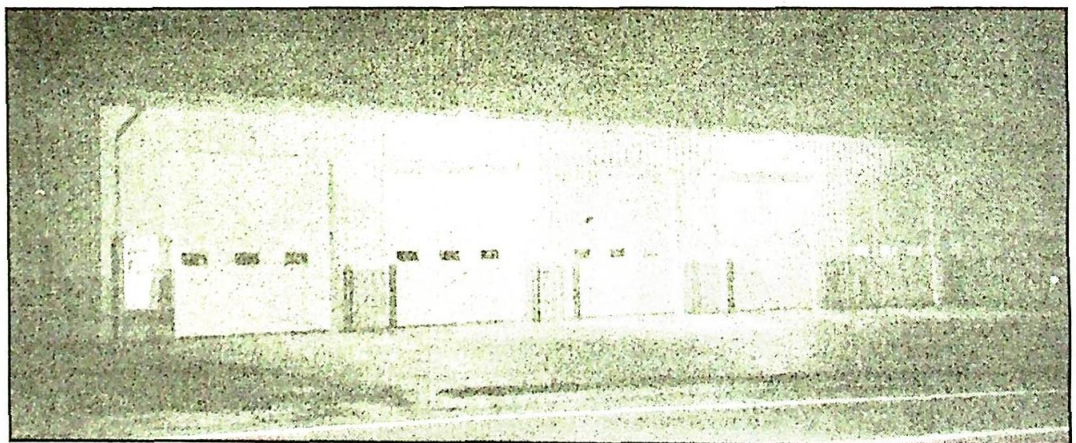
Twenty-five year pins presented to Prairieton firefighters



District 11-A chairman, Jack McFarland, presents IVFA 25 year pins to Prairieton firefighters Arnold Hughes, Geroge Asbury and Dave Phelps.

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

New firehouse for Jefferson Craig-Twp.



On November 21, 2002, District 19 chairman presented the IVFA clock to Jefferson Craig-Twp. fire department, Vevay, Indiana.

The new firehouse will serve the community for many years.

Many hours were spent by members of the fire department to make the firehouse a reality.

Pictured at left is the new Jefferson Craig-Twp. fire station, Vevay, Indiana.

(Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

Sharpsville VFD members receive 25 year awards

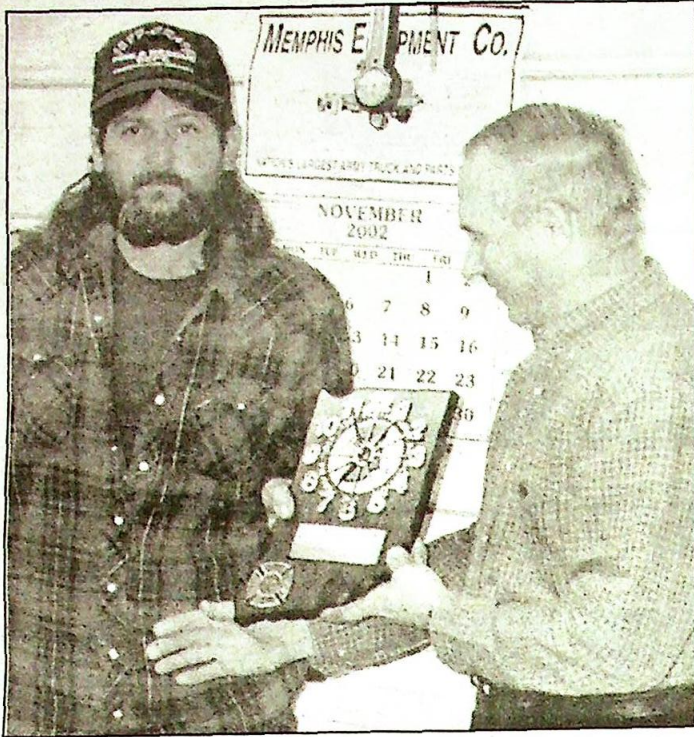


RECEIVING 25 YEAR awards from Sharpsville Volunteer Fire Department are: Jack R. Broyles - 49 years, Robert T. Buckey - 26 years, Hubert M. Henderson - 37 years - Ted W. Lorts - 40 years, Lester J. Rood - 35 years and Stanley E. Woodard - 37 years.

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

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Presented IVFA clock



Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, presenting the IVFA clock to Jefferson-Craig fire chief, Paul Reagan. (Photo submitted by District chairman, Ed Scheele)

Jefferson Craig-Twp. members



Members of Jefferson Craig-Twp. fire department, District 19, Vevay, Indiana. Harold Peelman on right end also received a 25 year pin. (Photo submitted by District chairman, Ed Scheele)

Carlson honored with service pin



Jerry Carlson was awarded his 25 year service pin at the September 12, 2002 meeting of the Kentland fire department from Randy Denton, District 9B chairman, for his 29 years of fire service.

Presented 25 year pin



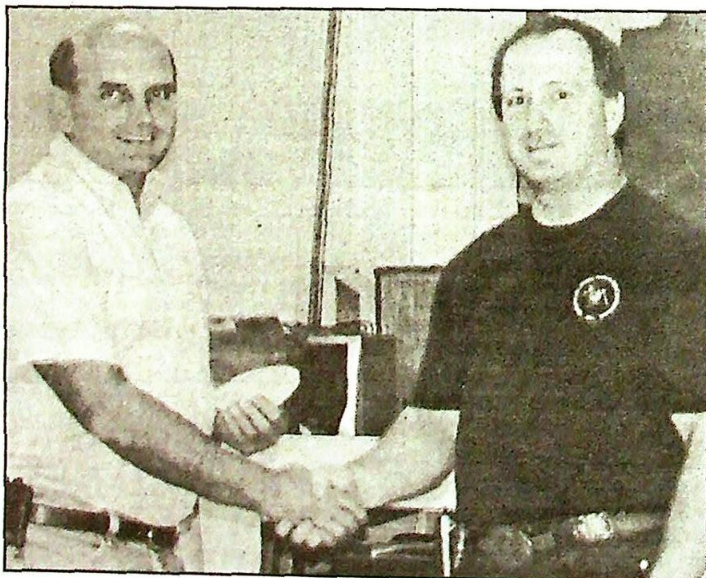
Charles A. Rolf, Versailles V.F.D., receiving 25 year pin from District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele. (Photo submitted by District chairman, Ed Scheele)

Carl Hall honored for service



Carl Hall was honored for his 29 years of service at the September 12, 2002 District 9B meeting at Kentland. Presenting the award is Randy Denton, District 9B chairman.

Sullivan awarded 25 year service pin



Calvin Sullivan was presented his 25 year pin at the September 12, 2002 District 9B meeting for 32 years of fire service to the Kentland fire department. Shown with Sullivan is Randy Denton, District 9B chairman.

Earl Hall receives 25 year pin



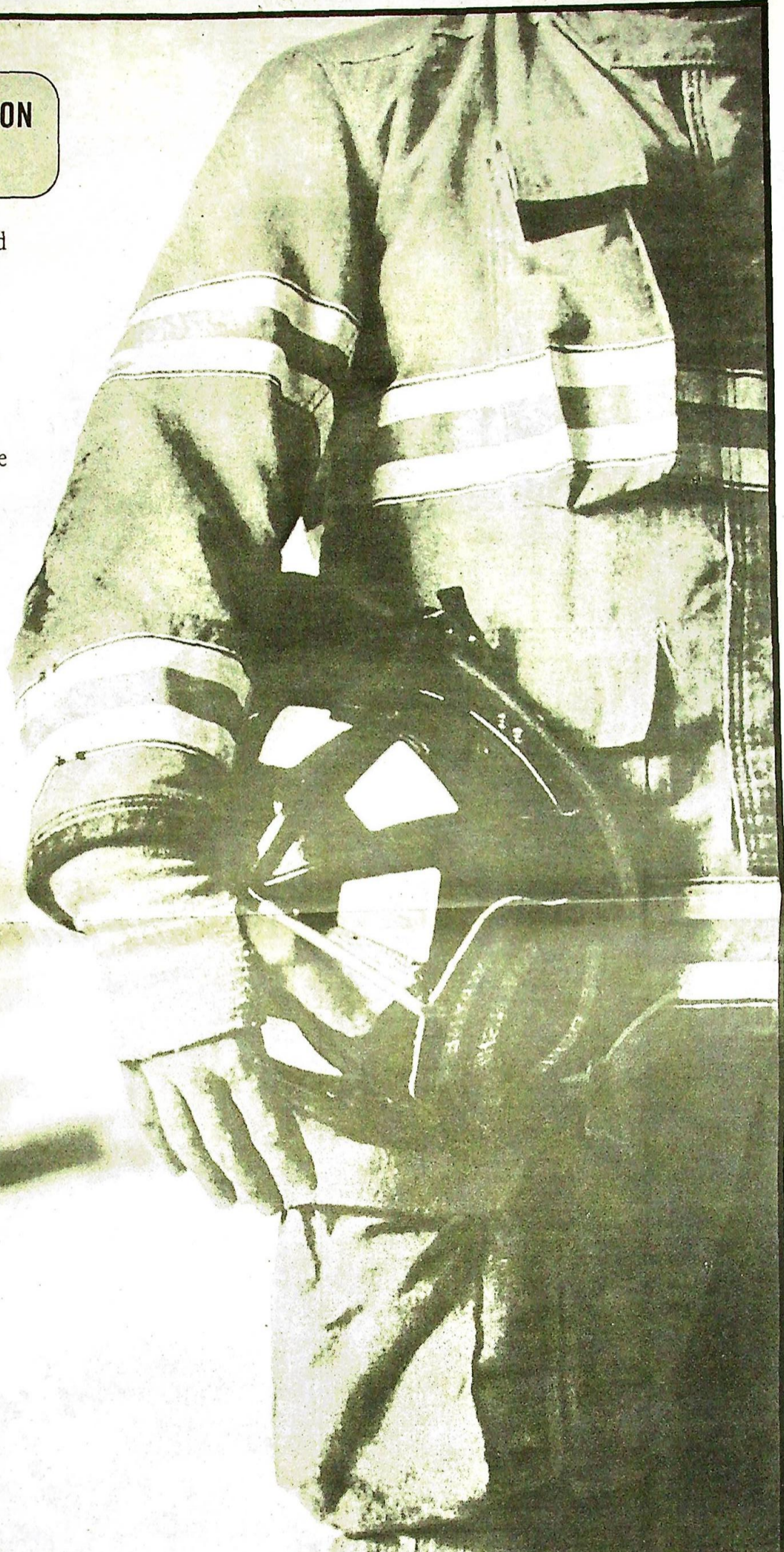
Earl Hall was awarded his 25 year service pin for 26 years of fire service at the September 12, 2002 meeting held in Kentland.

Awarding Hall with his pin is District 9B chairman, Randy Denton.

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