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From the President



Buz Koehler

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The new year, a new start, well it's the thought that counts. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and made their New Year resolutions.

We have begun our trek towards this year's legislative agenda. We will begin sending out to each of the District Chairmen the status of each of the bills we are supporting and others that we are watching. Be sure that you attend your district meeting and assist us with your input concerning these important items. Change can only take place with your support and help. Again this year, as in the past, we will

need your help contacting your legislators and asking for their support for the legislation that is important to the volunteer firefighters in the state of Indiana.

The web site has changed considerably this past year and will continue to grow and change to fit the needs of the members. Soon we hope to have a map on the web page that will allow members to locate their department along with others throughout the state. As you read about a department in our quarterly newspaper you can then go to the web site and find that department on the map. If you want to contact someone or a department in a certain part of the state you can locate one in that area. Please continue to send your suggestions to the webmaster of any changes you would like to see.

Many of you have e-mailed questions to me. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you and encourage you to continue to send your questions and comments.

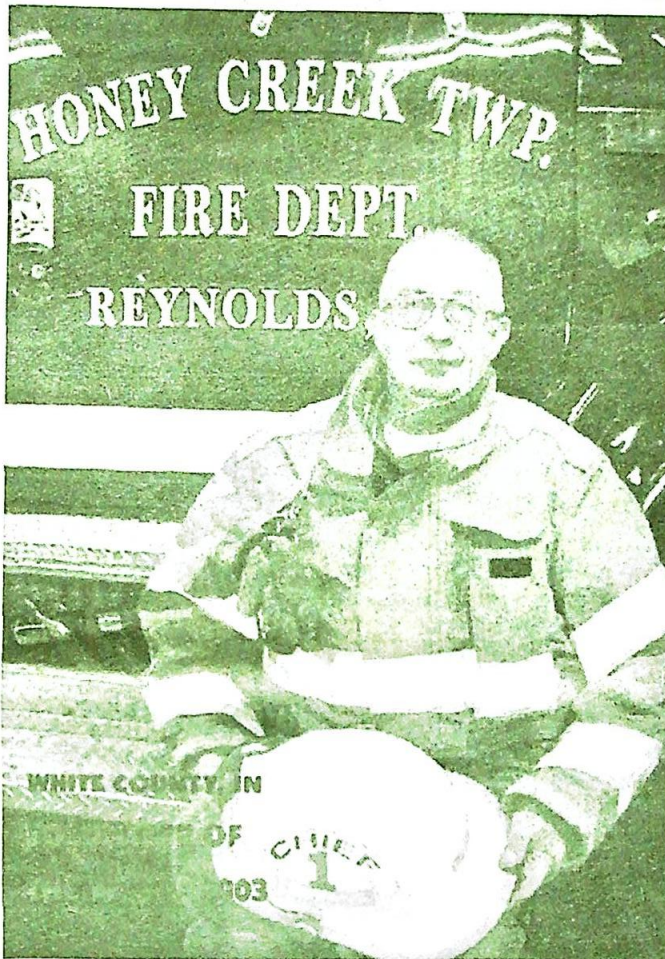
Please be safe and I'll see you at the district meetings.

President

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White County Volunteer of the Year 2003

Shields' heart is tied to Reynolds



Clarence W. "Chip" Shields, 59, is a life-long Reynolds' resident, so his heart is tied to the betterment of his hometown.

The many nominations for Shields as Volunteer of the Year mention -- his excellent leadership and stability as he serves as chief of the Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Letters from readers also speak of the confi-

dence he gives to the department and also the extra work he puts in for his community.

He was instrumental in the construction of the new fire station and he put up the lights at the ball park in Reynolds. He annually puts up the town's Christmas lights, works at chicken fries and at the county fair... and he is a silent volunteer -- he doesn't

make a big fuss.

Shields is a graduate of Reynolds High School and attended a trade school in Chicago. He and his wife, Connie, were married in 1966. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

His volunteerism he says simply, just came about naturally.

"In 1976, I was working at the Bank of Reynolds, two doors from the fire station and they needed some men to be on call," notes Shields, who has served as chief for about 23 years. "I first became a fireman under Chief Elmer Firth."

"Right after I became chief in about '78, the Bagdad Tire and Recapping burned. That was a big event, my first major fire -- we actually fought it for three or four days."

"That is my main reason for being on the department. I feel like I am giving back to the community -- what they give to me."

"Being raised around here, I know what helps the community," says Shields, now a self-employed electrician.

"Our department now has 22 members, some available in the day and some in the evening. It's hard when people's jobs are not here in the community."

As chief, his responsibility is to coordinate everything and jeep everything lined up, he says.

"The adrenaline starts pumping and you see you are helping people and the person you are helping is having a bad situation most of the time, but it kind of grows on you. That's what we are there for -- to help the community."

According to the nominations, "Chip neither asks for nor expects any rewards, praise or acknowledgment. He simply goes about doing what not only comes naturally to him but provides him with a sense of personal pride and accomplishment."

"In these small communities, it takes a lot of people to get things done," Shields says. "There are probably eight or ten other people that do just as much as I do in their own way."

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1. Damaged Clothing:

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All damage claims under this Article shall be submitted as follows: The member filing the claim shall submit the damaged article and proof of value to its department chief. The department chief may approve the claim and must submit the damaged article and proof of value to the District Chairman within sixty (60) days of damage occurrence. The District Chairman must approve the claim prior to submitting the damaged article and completed claim to a member of the Clothing Claims committee within ten (10) days. (The Clothing Claims committee will be appointed by the President). This committee must approve, disapprove or adjust the claim, after examination of the damaged article, at their next meeting. In case of total loss, the article will remain the property of the Association. Claims will be paid according to the current "loss schedule" of the National Dry Cleaners Association.

No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance for the damage of eye glasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to fifty dollars (\$50.00) except in the case of hearing aide in connection with eye classes, where a maximum allowance is limited to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Disputed claim awards may be appealed to the Board of Directors by the claimant at the next scheduled officer's meeting.

Suitable claim forms covering all necessary information shall be furnished by the Association to all member departments.

Hogan Twp. V.F.D. loses 28 year member



Dale Cotton passed away on October 1, 2003 after serving Hogan Twp. V.F.D. for 28 years.

He was also a member of the Aurora Life Squad. He is missed by all in the community.

(Photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

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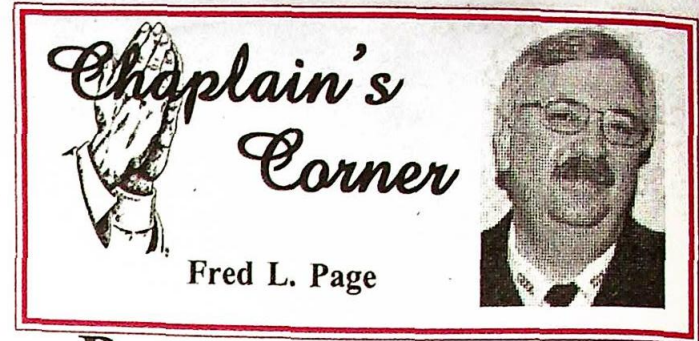
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Prayer For Today:

God of hope and promise, as we stand in the first weeks of this new year, we trust that it will be for each of us a year of growth: in our faith, in our skills, in our commitment to all the important relationships of our lives.

May we see with renewed vision your presence with us in all the times and places of our lives.

Day by day you comfort us, giving us the strength to help others in need. Day by day you confront us, giving us the hope that you are not finished with us yet and are calling us to better ways of living.

Day by day you fill us with your creativity and your compassion, so that our piece of the world may look more like your kingdom of heaven, your creation redeemed and whole.

Thank you for calling each of us to the task of firefighting, rescue, and emergency medicine. May we be the best we can be in service to you for the sake of those who call for our help.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Chaplain's Message:

Those of you who have heard my memorial services have heard the words I often use from the Hebrew Scriptures—the prophecy of Isaiah, speaking for God in the 43rd chapter: "But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ... you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, ... Do not fear, for I am with you."

As a firefighter, I've always found great comfort in those words. No matter what I face, I do not face it alone. Even when I'm walking through fire, God has claimed my life as God's own; so there is nothing of which I need be afraid. These promises from God are also spoken to you and to all those whom you love.

The Holy God of Israel is your Savior. The Almighty Creator of the universe has called you by name and claimed you forever. The Everlasting "I Am Who I Am" (that's what God told Moses when he asked God's name) is the one who honors you, loves you, and sees you as a precious child.

Keep these words from Isaiah in mind this year, especially when you have a day when you wonder why you bother doing what you do, or when you're afraid you've made such a mess of things that even God probably couldn't undo it (guess again!!!). Keep these words in your heart when you wonder about an uncertain future; the same God who has been faithful in the past and is faithful today will surely remain faithful tomorrow. The future is safe in God's gracious hands.

Grace to you and peace,
 Fred

In Memoriam

Firefighters who answered the final alarm during the past few months:

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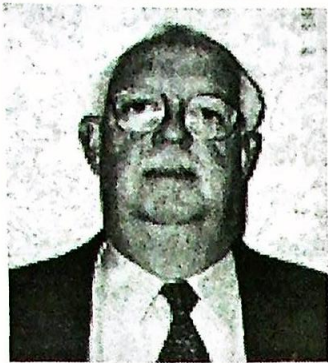
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From the Vice President



Jack Kerney

Looking at some of the bills that are being introduced in this legislature, I think it would be beneficial for every volunteer fire department to take a very hard look and see how SB187 would affect the continued existence and the funding for your department. The bill states as written; "Requires townships to merge upon adoption of an ordinance by the county legislative body." The way I interpret it, this is what could possibly happen: (1) all townships in the county could be merged into one office and one (1) trustee or manager, or (2) township offices and trustees could be eliminated, and all county fire departments would answer to the county commissioners. The consequences could be that departments could find themselves trying to get funding from their county commissioners or find themselves with no funding at all. Could this also mean that there could be a County Fire Chief, overseeing all county fire departments in your county? This is something to think about. Again this is only my opinion, and not the IVFA's. I would like to here your thoughts on this subject. (1-877-606-4832 or mcfdchief@aol.com)

IC 5.10.13.5 states that if you are entitled to PERF Benefits, and you contact hepatitis, tuberculosis, or meningitis while volunteering (not in the line of duty) you could forfeit your benefits. The IVFA is trying to determine how many volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance service personnel, volunteer law enforcement, etc. this code affects. We would like to present legislation to allow these employees who volunteer their services, and contact one of these diseases, that they would not lose their benefits.

IC 5-10-13-5 -- "Presumption that disability or death incurred in the line of duty" Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in section 6 of this chapter, an employee who: (1) is diagnosed with a health condition caused by an exposure risk disease that: (A) requires medical treatment; and (B) results in total or partial disability or death; (2) by written affidavit has provided to the employee's employer a verification described in subsection (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f); and (3) before the employee is diagnosed with a health condition caused by hepatitis or tuberculosis, tests negative for evidence of hepatitis or tuberculosis through medical testing; is presumed to have a disability or death incurred in the line of duty; (b) An employee who is diagnosed with a health condition caused by hepatitis and, if the health condition results in disability or death, wishes to have a presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty apply to the employee shall, by written affidavit executed before death, provide verification that the employee has not: (1) outside the scope of the employee's current employment, been exposed through transfer of body fluids to an individual known to have a medical condition caused by hepatitis; (2) received blood products other than a transfusion received because of an injury to the employee that occurred in the scope of the employee's current

employment; (3) received blood products for the treatment of a coagulation disorder since testing negative for hepatitis; (4) engaged in sexual practices or other behavior identified as high risk by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Surgeon General of the United States; (5) had sexual relations with another individual known to the employee to have engaged in sexual practices or other behavior described in subdivision (4); or (6) used intravenous drugs that were not prescribed by a physician; (c) An employee who is diagnosed with a health condition caused by meningococcal meningitis and, if the health condition results in disability or death, wishes to have a presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty apply to the employee shall, by written affidavit executed before death, provide verification that the employee, in the ten (10) days immediately preceding the diagnosis, was not exposed to another individual known to: (1) have meningococcal meningitis; or (2) be an asymptomatic carrier of meningococcal meningitis; outside the scope of the employee's current employment; (d) An employee who is diagnosed with a health condition caused by tuberculo-

sis and, if the health condition results in disability or death, wishes to have a presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty apply to the employee shall, by written affidavit executed before death, provide verification that the employee has not, outside the scope of the employee's current employment, been exposed through transfer of body fluids to an individual known to have a medical condition caused by AIDS or HIV; (2) received blood products other than a transfusion received because of an injury to the employee that occurred in the scope of the employee's current employment; (3) received blood products for the treatment of a coagulation disorder since testing negative for AIDS or HIV; (4) engaged in sexual practices

or other behavior identified as high risk by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Surgeon General of the United States; (5) had sexual relations with another individual known to the employee to have engaged in sexual practices or other behavior described in subdivision (4); or (6) used intravenous drugs that were not prescribed by a physician; (f) An employee who is diagnosed with a health condition caused by smallpox and, if the health condition results in disability or death, wishes to have a presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty apply to the employee shall, by written affidavit executed before death, provide verification that the employee has not, outside the scope of the employee's current employment, been exposed to another individual known to have smallpox; (g) A presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty may be rebutted by competent evidence; (h) A meeting or hearing held to rebut a presumption of disability or death incurred in the line of duty may be held as an executive session under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1).

As added by P.L. 185-2002, SEC. 3. Contact your district chairman or

the IVFA Office at (1-877-606-4832 or mcfdchief@aol.com.)

I hope everyone that wanted to nominate someone for the IVFA Awards have done so. The nominations were due February 1. It is not too early to nominate someone for 2005. The awards include Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Angel Award, and the Midwest Awards.

The three (3) Bridgeport Scholarships for \$1,500 each are due by March 1. All applications should be mailed to the IVFA Office. Applicant 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 for the (2) two years prior to the year of application. Applicant must be a high school senior, GED or enrolled full time in an advanced educational institution.

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Crown Point Fire/Rescue
September 17, 2003

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 27 members of 11 departments in District 1 with New Chicago Fire department as the trophy winner, and 46 members of 10 departments in District 2 with Cedar Lake as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, former Districts 2 chairman Larry Szott, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1 IVFAA chairperson Phyllis Vargo, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, Districts 1/2 IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Sobkowitz; 50 yr Gold card member (George Thiel - Griffith Fire), Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse gifts/supplies.

Chief Greg Delor gave a brief history of the Crown Point Fire Department and introduced its members.

Tim Divine of Bullard Cameras spoke on thermal imaging cameras.

Kevin Austin made a motion, seconded by Johnny O. to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, passed.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford announced the deadline for the next paper is October 10th, website IVFA.org is up and running. Three Bridgeport Scholarships will be available, deadline is March 1st. Johnny O. asked if grandkids of firefighters were eligible for the Bridgeport Scholarships. Past President Mitch Parish announced that heart attacks are now considered L.O.D.D.

District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss announced the deadline for the Miss Flame applications is October 15th.

No old business to report.

No new business to report, no deaths within the districts.

Good of the order: New Chicago FD will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 28th from 7-11.

St. John is having an open house from 11-3 on October 5th.

Cedar Lake and Lowell having an open house from 11-3 on October 12th.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at Munster.

Keith Austin won \$64 in the 50/50 drawing.

Marty Michaels of Griffith won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire. Wally Cox of Merrillville won a fire truck, Melissa Baumgardner of Crown Point won a knife, Mike Parks of Crown Point won a fire department flag and Bill Missel of Cedar Lake won a knife, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies. Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Terry Schriber to adjourn, passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
Districts 1/2

Munster Volunteer
Fire Department
October 15, 2003

In the absence of District 1 chairman Tom Orrell and District 1 and 2 secretary Diana Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland chaired the meeting and IVFAA corresponding Secretary

Martha Thomas took the minutes.

The Munster Fire Department honor guard posted the colors and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Guests included: Past President Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFAA District 2 chairwoman Ann Moss, IVFAA corresponding secretary Martha Thomas, District 1 and 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, 50 year gold card member George Thiel, Dale Smith and Rick Perry.

Program was given by Todd Apatro from the Lake County Coroner's office.

Chief Bob Nowaczyk gave a history of the department and introduced the members of the department. Chief Nowaczyk then presented Daniel Cole, long time member of the fire commission, with a model snorkel from the Franklin Mint for his dedication to the Fire Department.

Roll call was answered by 11 departments and 40 members from District 1 and departments and members from District 2.

Keith Austin made a motion seconded by Johnny O. to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's report: \$1,799.22.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford reported only four departments in Lake and Porter Counties have received FEMA grants this year. They are Dyer, Hammond, Schneider and Valparaiso. Make sure if you send in articles or pictures for the paper that you address the envelope to "PRINTCO", not the IVFA. The post office will not deliver mail without the proper name. Check the IVFA web site for information on fund raisers and available training.

PRNW Jim Bradford and District 2 chairman presented 25 year pins to the following Munster firefighters: Howard Grady, Mike Horvath, Chief Bob Nowaczyk, William O'Brien, David Pelc, John Shutka, Herbert Volkman, James Carr, John Peerbolte, Frank Pfister and Steve Preslin.

There were no firefighter deaths to report, however, Munster Fire Chief Bob Nowaczyk reported long time Munster Police Chief William Sudberry had recently passed away. A minute's silence was held in his honor.

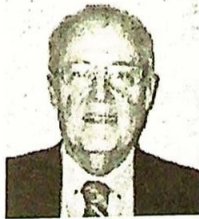
The next District 1 and 2 meeting will be held in Kouts on November 19th.

50-50 drawing: \$53.00 won by Wally Macchiarella from the Burns Harbor VFD. Clarence Moss won a knife donated by Rick Perry's Sales and Luke Danbach won a knick knack also donated by Rick Perry.

Motion made by Bob Szot seconded by Johnny O to adjourn. Carried.

Martha Thomas
Acting Secretary

DISTRICT 1-2



Paul
Watland
District 2
Chairman

Kouts Fire Department
November 19, 2003

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 27 members of 12 departments in District 1 with New Chicago as the trophy winner for the month and overall for the year, and 45 members of 11 departments in District 2 with Lowell as the trophy winner and Lake Eliza overall for the year.

Guests included president Buz Kochler and his wife Carol, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, former PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA Districts 1/2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 2 Miss Flame Charla Stovall, retired New Chicago Fire Chief Ralph Hill, Phil Griffith of EMA, Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire and Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Chief Sutter gave a brief history of the Kouts Fire Department. Phil Griffith of EMA spoke on the Citizen Corps.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

President Kochler spoke on the legislator meeting, announces coming soon for the website are information for the Ladies' Auxiliary, clothing replacement forms and the Bridgeport Scholarship forms, next year, three scholarships will be available. Announced that the Caucus Dinner will be on February 2, 2004, at the Indiana Rooftop Ballroom, and that the IVFA will have booth #100 at FDIC this year. PR Northwest Bradford spoke on the volunteer firefighters laws, specifically 36-8-12, advised the new certification rules (practical/written test) will go into effect in 2004, and every department will receive a one hour video on Drivers' Responsibilities, and it will be the responsibility of the Chief to make sure it's implemented. Bradford also spoke on HB216, advised FEMA still administering money, and a feasibility study possibly in the near future for the Grissom Air Force Base.

Past president Parish advised the Public Safety Officer Death Benefit as of September 1, 2003 was \$262,100.

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell thanked Jim Bradford, Paul Watland and Martha Thomas for covering last month's meeting.

IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss announced District 1 Miss Flame, Lindsey Degard was sick and unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer Moss advised account balance of \$1,812.22, patches available for \$2.

No old business to report.

Bill Howe of Schererville made a motion, seconded by Chief Ron Good of Lake Station, for the IVFA to purchase four tickets (two for District 1/ two for District 2) for the Fire Caucus in Indianapolis and have a drawing at the January meeting, passed.

District 2 Chairman Watland announced the death of Tim Reed of Lowell, and of Mary Mackin (mother of PR Northeast Mike Mackin). A moment of silence was observed.

Former District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry announced her mother, Betty Perry had a heart attack, her left ventricle blocked, requested her to be in everyone's prayers.

Good of the order: Lincoln Township advised of a Christmas Auction on Saturday, November 22, doors open at 4, starts at 5.

Lake Dale announced they're having "Pictures with Santa" on Saturday, December 6th.

Arson Investigator, "1st in Firefighter" class on December 6/7 from 8-4 p.m. in Delphi, cost free, contact by November 30th.

Next meeting will be January 21, 2004 at Lake Dale Fire Department.

Jim Bradford won \$68 in the 50/50 drawing and popcorn donated by Hoosier Fire. John Clapp won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire.

Ben Olson won a frame, Billy Aikens won a truck, and Dean Sable

won a statue, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Randy Small and Ray Chambers won IVFA History Books, donated by the IVFA.

Thanks to Kouts Fire Department, Happy Holidays to everyone!

Diana L Orrell,
Secretary
IVFA Districts 1/2

DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



September 25, 2003

San Pierre VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. There were 22 members representing six departments present.

Chief Al Eckert led the pledge. After the pledge, Associate State Chaplain Jerry Cohen from Springfield Township led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: President Buz Kochler.

The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$305.54.

Communications:

Comments from President Kochler:

1. Announced that he had a meeting with gubernatorial candidate Mitch Daniels and hopes to meet with all candidates next year.

2. Gave a report on the upcoming legislative packet.

3. Reminded anyone that may have questions to e-mail or call him and he would be happy to answer them.

4. Announced that Rensselaer FD is sponsoring a meth /anhydrous class on October 11th.

Comments from Chairman Sandy -
1. Announced that the Association membership is projected to be over 18,000 this year.

2. Gave a financial report of the Association.

3. Reminded everyone that all Association forms are available on the Association's website: www.ivfa.org.

4. Since the time change is approaching, reminded members that meetings are held local time of the hosting department.

5. Announced that he has been appointed by the Governor to the Indiana Emergency Services Commission and is representing volunteer fire departments.

6. Announced that the State Board of Health has a new bodily fluid exposure report form and had a copy available for copying.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Sandy announced that there is a pending by-law change to Article 15. The change will allow only the District Chairpersons to vote on amendments. He/she also must vote the wishes of the District. A motion was made and seconded to support the amendment. Motion passed.

Chairman Sandy announced that the rules for the Convention games are being added to the SOGs.

Good of the Order:

1. San Pierre will be having a Fish Fry on October 4th.

2. Springfield Township will be having their Haunted House the week before and continue thru the week of Halloween.

3. Lincoln Township will be offering an EMT class on Monday, Thursday and two Saturdays a month begin

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 3

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ning on November 10th at 6 pm.

Training: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Tammy Saxe won the 50/50 and Mike Knapp won a hat donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire.

Next meeting: November 20, 2003, 7:30 pm, (Refreshments at 7:00 pm), Lincoln Twp VFD.

November 20, 2003

Lincoln Township VFD

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 16 members representing five departments present. Chief Dave Kaufman led the pledge. After the pledge, Pastor Ron Devenport from Lincoln Township led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: Jim Bradford, PR NW.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$319.71.

Communications:

Comments from Jim Bradford

1. Announced that there is 10 pages of information on fire department law on the state's web site at www.in.gov. Go to the IC code section of laws and search Indiana Code 36-8-12.

2. Announced that 24-hour training will have a written and practical exam beginning next year.

3. Announced that Emergency Medical Dispatch certification has been mandated by the state and compliance date is 7/2005.

4. Announced that there is a continued study in establishing a Fire Academy at Grissom.

5. Announced that the IVFA will have a booth at FDIC.

6. Gave a report on FEMA grants and amounts Indiana departments have been awarded.

7. Announced that the Fire Institute dinner is February 2nd in Indianapolis.

8. Announced that there will be 3-\$1500 Bridgeport Scholarships next year.

9. Announced that all departments will be receiving a driver's education video soon and the Fire Chief will be responsible for signing that all members have received the training.

Comments from Chairman Sandy:

1. Reminded all departments that FEMA verifies NFIRS reporting with the State Fire Marshal's office prior to awarding grants

2. Announced that FEMA will be making random audits to verify departments are using the grant money as the application denoted

3. Announced that there are several grants available and that many of the sites can be obtained from www.firehouse.com

4. Chairman Sandy discussed the benefits of membership of the Association and reminded everyone of the Association's website and the many changes and improvements that are being made to it.

5. Announced that there is no legislative update yet.

6. Announced that the District still needs a Miss Flame candidate.

7. Announced that Hazardous Materials Operations level training will become part of the curriculum of EMT classes after 7/2004 if the EMS Commissions passes the proposal.

8. Announced that there are studies being done on AED use for pediatrics.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Sandy announced that the Edith House is in need of some major renovations. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed to dispose of the house.

Springfield Township will take care of the dismantling and disposing.

Good of the Order:

1. Lincoln Chief Dave Kaufman announced that he found a good website and the link is: www.volunteerfd.org. He also said the site is organizing a cruise next year for volunteer firefighters.

Training: Training Officer Kaufman showed a very good video called *VFIS Highway Safety for Emergency Services* and then the entire group played a game of Fire Jeopardy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm, Jim Hall won the 50/50; Dave Stephens won a set of S&S golf balls and Jim Bradford won a Fire Department mug donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire; Gerald Kaufman won a Hurst T-shirt, Tim Sandy won one MSA mug and Bob Gackle won the other donated by Tom Thode of 5-Alarm; and, Don Stoner won an IVFA 50-yr Anniversary book donated by the State Association.

Next meeting: January 15, 2004, 7:30 pm. (Refreshments at 7:00 pm), Kankakee Township VFD.

DISTRICT 7

Maurice Sorg

District 7

Chairman



November 17, 2003

Andrews

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorg at 8:05 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 30 members from 13 departments.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg reported on the quarterly meeting with the following subjects:

1. The IVFA Website article in the quarterly paper.

2. Presentation to Maynard Rich of Berne of the 50 year member award.

3. Reported the IVFA has 17, 131 members.

4. Reported that government funds for 911 purposes is to be used strictly for 911 expenses. Other uses of these monies is forbidden.

5. Reported that the amendment to change Article XV of the by-laws was not passed at the state level. District #7 voted to approve the change.

6. Reported the death of Bluffton firefighter Robert "Bob" Heckman on

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2004

District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2004

District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2004

District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2005

District 13-A Term: Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2005

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

November 13, 2003. Bob had over 31 years of service to the Bluffton department.

Second roll call was answered by 33 members from 13 departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2004 at Bippus. (BAKE SALE).

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 8A

E.W. Pape, Jr.

District 8A

Chairman



Happy New Year Firefighters.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

We are starting another year in the fire service with many improvements.

Please attend the district meetings to keep up on these new items.

Please let me know of any changes in your officers for 2004.

I wish to congratulate White River Twp. Fire Dept. on the new station. Also to congratulate Upland Fire Dept. on their new station.

I just received information that the fire service in the United States lost more firefighters on job in the year 2003 than any other year.

Please respond and complete your runs safely.

Good luck to all and see you at the district meetings. Don't forget to pay your dues in May.

**May 10, 2004
deadline is
April 10, 2004**

DISTRICT 9B



Randy Denton

District 9B

Chairman

In July, District 9B met at the Remington Vol. Fire Dept. Training that evening was on Decontamination and our own President Buz had to be decontaminated. Word has it this was the first time in years that his turnout gear had been wet. For the evening there were 26 firefighters and 14 guests present for the meeting. Eight departments answered roll call with 144 alarms. Elections were held and the results were that Randy Denton was elected to chairman and Larry Bartley, Secretary.

In September, the district met at the Rensselaer Vol. Fire Dept. Training was given on Terrorism. There were 30 Firefighters and seven guests present for the meeting. Seven departments answered roll call with a total of 116 alarms. A report on the Expo for Special Persons was given. A total of 335 special persons were present for the event.

The last meeting for the year was in November and was held at the Reynolds Vol. Fire Dept. Training was on Flashover and Back draft. There were 32 firefighters and guests present. Seven departments answered roll call with a total of 142 alarms. Everyone was asked to go to the web page. If your department has not entered info into the page, please do so.

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland

District 11A

Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a prosperous new year.

Our November meeting was held at Prairieton Fire Department on November 16th. I want to thank Dave Phelps for running the meeting for me. It's really great to have a Vice Chairman work as hard as Dave has. I want to thank all of the folks at Prairieton for hosting the meeting and the great meal. Thanks to West Central PR Diane Harrison and vice president Jack Kerney for getting the information out from the quarterly IVFA meeting.

Jasonville's new Fire Chief Harold "Pude" Keller has been very busy the past couple of months. First he went out in the community and got donations for a statue of a firefighter in full turnout complete with SCBA, then he got a fire ydrant and a Dalmatian donated to put in front of the fire house. Pude said this not only makes the firehouse look nicer but the firefighter is holding a child so maybe when the kids see a firefighter in turnout gear they won't be afraid of them. Chief Keller also has been painting the fire

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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

Looks like winter is here but spring will be on the way soon.

Since November I have attended four district meetings, one station dedication and two memorial services.

I spent a few days in the hospital before Christmas with pneumonia, but am okay now.

Hope everyone had a good holiday and was able to spend time with their family.

Hope you all try to attend your district meetings.

Be safe.

Your Treasurer,
Jack Harker

DISTRICT 11-A

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hydrants to comply with the NFPA indicating what size line is feeding the hydrant.

Chief Keller is also to be commended for a good save in downtown Jasonville on Friday 12/19/03. Chief Keller said when he first saw the fire he wouldn't give two cents for the whole block, within minutes from the first call Chief Keller called for mutual aid from Wright Twp., Lewis Twp., Sullivan, and Linton Fire Departments. The two upstairs apartments were burnt out but the buildings were standing and no other buildings on the block were damaged.

Congratulations to Lewis Twp. Fire Chief Bryan Husband and the rest of the firefighters for building a tower to train firefighters and for hosting a Rapid intervention course. Forty firefighters from nine different departments trained for Saving Our Own / RIT Deployment Operations Course. The instructor was Tim Sendelbach from Savannah, GA. The course was four hours

lecture followed by 16 hours of hands-on training.

Our next district meeting will be at Wright Twp. January 18 at 1:00 pm. The Miss Flame dance, complete with a band will be January 24 at the Kriestenstein American Legion Post 104 on Fort Harrison Road in Terre Haute. For anyone who would like to join us we will meet at Western Ribeye in Terre Haute for dinner at 5:00pm.

Don't forget the FDIC April 26th-May 1st at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Your IVFA will have a booth there. Be sure and stop by and visit with the folks working the booth.

Until next time brothers and sisters be careful out there.

District 11-A Chairman
Jack McFarland

DISTRICT 11-B

Larry Ketchum
District 11B
Chairman



Reelsville
November 9, 2003

The meeting was called to order by vice chairman Brent Bush.

The pledge to the flag was led by district Sgt.-At-Arms Dave Miller and the invocation was given by district chaplain Connie Mankin.

Vice chairman introduced the guests present and the auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller introduced her guests. The roll call was taken with 19 members from six departments and four guests present.

Vice chairman Bush introduced the guest speaker, Chief Bill Newgent of the Greencastle Fire Department who spoke on Farm Rescue. A very well presented program to those in attendance to enjoy. Vice chairman Bush called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the newspaper. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice president Jack Kerney spoke about the insurance for the firefighter, IC 36-8-12 spells out the guidelines. He also mentioned that the awards recipient's names are due in by February 1, 2004. The FDIC Show will be held April 26 through May 1, 2004. The IVFA will have a booth. He also spoke on several

the IVFA is pushing for approval during the next legislation. Chief Newgent spoke on the Indiana Fire Chief Ass'n. and encouraged all chiefs in attendance to join.

NEW BUSINESS: Auxiliary District chairperson Patty Miller announced that the district Miss Flame Dance will be held on February 7, 2004 in Clinton. Department announcements were given at this time. Vice Chairman Bush stated that the next district meeting will be held on January 11, 2004 at Cayuga at 1:00 p.m.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by the Auxiliary District Chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12

Larry Bruner
District 12
Chairman



The District 12 meeting was held at Lizton Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, November 17, 2003 with 24 members from 10 departments present.

Diane Harrison, West Central PR updated us on all that's been going on at state level. Discussion covered new equipment in the area and what membership would like to see at future meetings.

District 12 next meeting will be held at Hazelwood V.F.D. Monday, January 19th and the District 12 Miss Flame contest will be held at Hazelwood V.F.D. Sunday, February 15, 2004.

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson
District 14
Chairman

January 3, 2004
I trust everyone had a joyous holiday.

We have been busy getting things ready for the 2004 convention and I

understand the Holiday Inn has received many reservations already. Remember if you register by March 31, 2004 you will be entered into the drawing to have your convention stay comp. by the motel.

Roy and I attended the Crothersville Christmas dinner and has the best steak ever. I presented Chief Dennis Goebel a 25 year pin.

We will soon be holding an election for District 14 Miss Flame and have four candidates including our current Miss Flame, Cindy McKinzie.

I also attended the funeral for retired New Washington Fire Chief Charles Clapp.

The convention committee took December off due to the busy season but will be back at it in January.

Again, I'd like to thank Chuck Parker and his committee for their valued assistance in planning for 2004. See you at the meeting.

Al Williamson
District 14

DISTRICT 17A

Beverly Harker
District 17A
Chairman



My last District 17A meeting was held at Bicknell Fire Department on November 19, 2003.

There were thirty eight (38) members present representing eleven (11) departments. Nine guests were also at the meeting.

Two twenty-five (25) year pins were presented to Greg Bourland and Paul Koenig of Bicknell Fire Department for their years of service.

I attended one (1) new station dedication at Center Township on December 6, 2003. They have a beautiful new station that everyone in their community should be proud of.

District 17A has had two (2) deaths since November. One was Keith Thompson of Vincennes Township Fire Department and the other, Thomas Hays of Odon Volunteer Fire Department. These men and the years they gave to the fire service will not be forgotten.

My next meeting is January 17th, to be hosted by Vincennes Township. It is their annual sausage supper. I hope to see many of you there.

District 17A Chairman
Beverly Harker

DISTRICT 18

Charles Parker
District 18
Chairman



The November 20, 2003 meeting of the 18th district was hosted by the West Baden Springs Volunteer Fire Department in the new West Baden Government Complex.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by chairman Chuck Parker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was given by Bro. Giles Mahieu, district Chaplain.

A prayer and moment of silence was observed in the passing of Wilford "Gene" Waddle of the Birdseye Fire Dept. and Harry Cassidy of the Troy Fire Dept.

District secretary Kenny Lau reported that sending the meeting notices by e-mail was working extremely well and that a substantial savings in both time and money was being realized.

It was announced that Bro. Giles

received one of the six associate state chaplain's positions for the IVFA. He will serve his duties in the Southwest PR area. Bro. Giles is a 50 year resident of St. Meinrad Archabbey and has been a professed religious member at the Abbey for 45 years. CONGRATULATIONS.

Saint Anthony VFD announced the department will host the 2004 Fire Prevention Week parade and the date set is Sunday, October 10.

Chairman Parker thanked the Troy VFD for the outstanding job the department done in hosting the 2003 parade. The parade was held in conjunction with the town's 200th Centennial and 135th birthday of the fire department.

IVFA vice-president Jack Kerney spoke about the upcoming legislation and also on some training issues.

Sixty-one members attended the meeting representing 17 departments and reported answering 237 calls.

Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's office presented a program on the Integrated Mobile FT-IR Unit.

Special guests at the meeting were Jack and Barb Kerney, IVFA VP and IVFAA president; Jack and Bev Harker, IVFA treasurer and District 17A chairperson; Jim and Stella Abrams, Southwest PR director; Ralph Page, Southwestern Fire and Safety; Alex Smith and Keith Sander, M and S Fire and Safety; Jim Anderson, WDBC news director; Chris Peterson, US Forest; Mike and Victoria Bigler, State Fire Marshal's office, and Jillian DeKemper, 2003-2004 District 18 Miss Flame. Jillian represents the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman

I hope everyone had a blessed and safe holiday season, and I wish every one the best in 2004.

The new year has a good start already. It is time to be thinking about attending the state convention in Clarksville.

Five lovely young ladies represented their department in the Miss Flame contest. Beckah Williams represented East Enterprise V.F.D., Kim Narwold represented Batesville Fire and Rescue, Laura Merkel represented Morris V.F.D., Candace Gray represented Miller York V.F.D., Jessica Doll represented Sunman Rural V.F.D. Kim Narwold will be representing District 19 at the state convention.

It is too late for letters for the state awards at this year's convention, but now is the time to be thinking about members names for next year. Also scholarship applications must be at the IVFA Office by March 1st, so be sure to get them sent in time.

Sincerely,
Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

District 19 2004 Meetings

January 22, 2004: Hogan Twp. V.F.D. - Off Hwy. 350 about 2 miles west of Hwy. 50 at Aurora. Bring letters for district Midwest Award, 7:30 p.m.

March 25, 2004: Cedar Grove V.F.D., 7:30 p.m.

May 27, 2004: Aurora V.F.D., 7:00 p.m. E.S.T. (slow time), 8:00 p.m. D.S.T. (fast time)

July 22, 2004: Brookville V.F.D., election of officers, 7:00 p.m. E.S.T. (slow time), 8:00 p.m. D.S.T. (fast time)

September 23, 2004: Moorefield V.F.D., 7:00 p.m. E.S.T. (slow time), 8:00 p.m. D.S.T. (fast time)

November 18, 2004: Versailles V.F.D., Miss Flame judging, 7:30 p.m.

Ed Scheele
District 19 Chairman

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Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary was formed at Hartford City, Indiana in June, 1952. Mrs. Ridgeway of Hartford City acted as Chairman.

IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

Happy New Year!
I first want to offer my sympathy to the family of our past president, Mary Mackin. Even thru her illness the past few years, Mary continued to participate in our state auxiliary as much as she was able. We will continue to keep this family in our prayers. 2003 was a big year in the IVFAA. A number of changes were instituted as we strive to make our group a more aggressive one. Changes are not always easy and often times we need to make several before the right one is in place. I truly believe we have become more unified and that we are working to-

gether to try and meet the needs of our members. It certainly hasn't been the work of one person, but a combined effort of many.

Yesterday I saw a bumper sticker that read, "I may be slow, but I'm ahead of you." I thought to myself how can anything slow be ahead. Then I remembered a saying, "slow and steady wins the race." We are proceeding slowly, but steadily in our efforts to be and function as an organization of the 21st century. Hopefully our organization will continue to grow at a steady pace and as it grows; we as members will grow also. I hope by being involved it will help you realize the potential power of an individual and how you can make a difference. Volunteers do make a difference. It is in giving that we all receive. Please continue to support your leadership. Share with them your ideas and thoughts about our organization. As your president I feel we are heading in the right direction, we just need to keep forging ahead and work on the obstacles that get in our way.

The new year is here. I don't make resolutions any more because I usually end up not keeping any of them. Still I have many things that give me joy, peace and harmony in my life. I am grateful for the friendships that I have gained thru IVFAA. They are special. A big thanks from the heart for all those who have helped me with our goals, been there when I needed a pep

talk, let me have my gripe sessions, and those of you who have given me a love pat. I appreciate all of them.

Quote of the day, "Life is too good to waste a day. It's up to you to make it sweet." - Sarah Delany.

Barb Kerney

Holland VFD to host Valentine fundraiser

The Holland Volunteer Fire Department will once again be hosting their annual Valentine Dine and Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, February 14, 2004. This year features two new changes... the dance will be held in Dale, Indiana at the St. Joseph Parish Center with the dinner being catered by Sander Catering of Celestine.

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

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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Columbus, IN
November 3, 2003
President
Barbara Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with opening prayer led by our new Chaplain Phyllis Vargo. Mariam Schackel, Sgt.-

at-Arms, led us in the pledge to the flag. Barb explained about the resignation of Leslie Spears and we wish her well with her family. We will miss her.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray. The minutes were read by Diana and with no corrections, they stand as read.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand Aug. 7, 2003 =	\$8655.48
Income:	
Dues = \$1216.50	
Interest = .67	
Jewelry = 130.00	
V.P. Project = 105.00	
Unrelated income = 652.00	
Total Income = + 2104.17	
Disbursements:	
Operating Expenses = 228.36	
Rooms = 700.00	
Phone & Postage = 26.46	
Total Disbursements = - 954.82	

COMMITTEES FOR 2003 - 2004

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are a firetruck from the Mint, \$200,000 and a 19 inch T.V.

Bylaws: Leona Uryga asked that the mileage and annuals be put in the bylaws but as they are operating expenses they are already taken care of. A bylaw change about the changing of the name to Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary has to be presented on the convention floor.

Jewelry: E. J. Smith says that the tie tacks and charms are ordered.

Historian: Ann Moss has not received anything at this time.

President's Advisory: Toni Sorg says okay.

Lois Boaz: All letters have to be in no later than February 1, 2004 so that they can make a selection. Let's make their job harder by getting those letters in to them.

Old business: Make sure that everyone knows that the dues are \$5.00 now and get them in and filled out correctly so that no one is left out from the memorials. Faye Sallee and her committee needs those recipes for the cookbook. Barbara Parker needs items for the Chinese auction as soon as possible.

Sharon Angel gave a report for the 2004 convention. Get those reservations in for the rooms and registrations for the meetings.

President Barb adjourned the meeting with a prayer by Chaplain Phyllis Vargo and we wish everyone a safe trip home and Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Submitted by,
Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

Since this meeting we have had to announce the death of our past president Mary Mackin and we offer our deepest sympathy to her family and we will miss her so very much.

May 10th deadline is April 10th

IVFAA Vice President



Joann Hays

Holland fundraiser . . .

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Tickets for the Dine and Dance may be purchased from any Holland Volunteer Fire Department member or by calling 812-536-3331 and leaving a message. Tickets must be purchased in advance! Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (fast time). Music by Mobile Melodies will begin after dinner.

Thanks to generous donations of area businesses, there will be some excellent raffle and door prizes. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Fire Department member. Door prizes will be given away hourly.

Holland Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dine and Dance Committee
Elizabeth Elshoff,
publicity person

DISTRICT 19 / MEN

The District 19 IVFA meeting was held at the Eagle VFD, Oldenburg, on November 20, 2003 with 46 firefighters from 13 departments reporting 239 fire and EMS runs.

The meeting was called to order by president, Ed Scheele.

The pledge to the flag was led by Eagle fire chief, Gary Swain.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky, led us in prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Guests were Jeff Bell, 5 Alarm, Cleo Duncan, State Representative, five

Miss Flame contestants and their families.

Ed thanked Eagle Fire Department for hosting the meeting and Gary Swain introduced his members.

There will be 3 - \$1500 scholarships given away this year at the IVFA convention. Applications are available on the IVFA webpage: www.ivfa.org. If you don't have your department listed on the webpage, look it up and get it listed. Get your letters written for the awards for your firemen. Midwest award needs to be turned in at January meeting.

This year's convention is at Clarksville on June 10-13. The possibly State Fire Academy at Grissom A.F.B. is on hold for now because of the state financial situation. At the state meeting the by-law change about voting was defeated at the meeting.

Minimum insurance the fire department must carry is \$150,000 death benefit and include hart attack and stroke, \$250 a week for loss of work, \$75,000 for health insurance, and \$100,000 liability. A firefighter or EMS member that helps out at a scene that he is not toned to - if he is injured he is not covered by insurance.

There will be a state chaplain for each PR district. The chaplain for our PR district is Ed Gerdowsky from Batesville VFD.

If you need the PR chaplain for any funerals call him and he will bring a Bible and grave marker to present to the falling IVFA member.

The changes in the 24-hours to complete base training and the new driving training should be ready by May 2004. There will be a written and practical test for the 24-hours training and the driving training will be a video and every firefighter in the state has to view it and sign off on it.

Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy is July 17 and 18, 2004. FDIC show at Indianapolis is April 26 thru May 1, 2004.

Second roll call was for any unusual runs, events or fundraisers.

Meeting was adjourned by Bob Narwold and Rich Salatin, both from Batesville VFD.

Miss Flame judging was held. We had five candidates from our district: Laura Merkel, Morris VFD, Kim Narwold, Batesville VFD, Jessica Doll, Sunman VFD, Candance Gray, Miller York VFD, Beckah Williams, East Enterprise.

The judges questioned each candidate and the final was given to Kim Narwold, Batesville VFD.

Congratulations, Kim and thanks to all the other candidates to take time

out to represent your department.

The next meeting will be held at Hogan Twp. VFD at 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Merkel
District 19 secretary

IVFAA Chaplain



Phyllis Vargo

DISTRICT 11-A



Beverly Taylor

District 11-A
Chairman
IVFAA

Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We did!

We went to Colorado to visit our daughter and her family. The plane ride was a little bumpy but the mountains were beautiful. We had good weather the whole time we were there. It was good to get home but it was hard to leave the kids.

Our last District 11A meeting was at Prairie Creek on Nov. 16, 2003. We had a delicious meal of chili, hot dogs and desserts. We discussed finances and money-making projects. We are going to bring more information to the next meeting.

Our Miss Flame dance was held at American Legion in Terre Haute on Jan. 24, 2004. We had a cash bar and a band. Everyone had a good time.

Our next District 11A meeting is going to be at Wright Twp. on Jan. 18, 2004.

Till then I hope everyone stays healthy and warm.

District 11A chairman
Beverly Taylor
IVFAA

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller

District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Hello everyone! Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. It's now time to move on and start thinking about goals for the new year. I hope everyone tries to get out and visit our auxiliaries and tries to generate new ideas for helping our departments and organization. It is time to be looking for a Miss Flame to represent your District at convention. Let's have one from every District this year!

We had a great Thanksgiving meal a Reelsville in November at our District meeting, and we do appreciate all their hard work to get it prepared.

Our next meeting will be at Cayuga, January 11. They are always great hosts for the District. If there are any departments or Auxiliaries in our district who would like to host our meeting, please let Larry Ketchem or I know.

Well, I guess I will go for now. Hope your favorite team wins the Superbowl

and you have a great year ahead.

Please send in your registration and reservations for convention.

Try to stay warm!

Patty Miller
District 11-B Chairman

DISTRICT 19



Beth Caudill

District 19
Chairwoman
IVFAA

On November 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blooming Grove Fire Department, the IVFAA ladies of District 19 met for their meeting.

The chaplain, Marilyn Smith, led us with a Veteran's Prayer.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Beth Caudill. The pledge to the flag was said.

Roll call was answered by 10 members from four departments. Beth announced we have a new department that joined the District 19 IVFAA - Hogan Twp. Welcome ladies!!!

The secretary and treasurer's report were given and approved.

Marilyn Smith, chaplain, sent out 14 cards thru the district and the state. OLD BUSINESS: Viola Bruns and

Rose Weisenbach were on the nominating committee for the election of officers. The officers for 2004 are: Beth Caudill - president, Karen Merkel - secretary/treasurer, Marilyn Smith - chaplain. For the 2004-2005 dues are \$5.00. Miss Flame contest is on November 20, 2003 at Eagle Fire Department (Oldenburg).

NEW BUSINESS: State has a new chaplain - Phyllis Vargo. Send recipes for the state cookbook to Toni Sorg (address in paper). The 2004 convention is Thursday thru Saturday (June 10-13) in Clarksville. In the by-laws they would like to change Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary to Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary Association. Lois Boaz letters should be in by February 1, 2004 to the office or give them to Rose Weisenbach.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Batesville - Christmas party; Morris - Christmas dinner in December; Sunman - Christmas party in December.

The next meeting on February 10, 2004 at Sunman Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. We are having a White Elephant Sale. Please bring an item for the sale.

The 50/50 drawing of \$10.00 was won by Kathy Braun.

Marilyn closed with a Thanksgiving prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Merkel
District 19 Secretary

A Poem for the Firemen

Dear IVFA,

My name is Amy Parker. I live in Russiaville where my dad, Dennis, is a volunteer fireman.

For a school project we were asked to pick a type of person and write a poem about them.

I chose to write about volunteer firemen because for as long as I can remember every time my dad was at the firestation, I was there as well.

My grandfather, Sterling Johnson, was on the department before his death and my uncle, Steve Johnson, is still on the department.

These firemen are my family in more than one way.

I would like to share my poem with the other volunteer firemen in Indiana to show them how truly special they are.

If there is any way you can include my poem in one of your monthly newsletters I would appreciate it very much.

Thank you for your time.

God bless,
Amy Parker

April 1, 2003

At home is his son and number one fan,
he is a volunteer fireman.

He is a hero,
getting paid zero.

An inspiration to many.

His biggest fear? Does he have any?

He's as strong as can be.

Imagine the things he might see.

Dressed in heavy, hot gear,
the mask of his helmet will hide his fear.

Either in bright yellow or black,
is the jacket that shields his back.

His bright red truck with a siren that wails,
this is his weapon, he prays it never fails.

Saving people is what he does,
and his reasoning, "just because."

He does this for practically nothing,
volunteers sure are something.

The page is set off, if he's ready or not.

Arriving on the scene, the fire is blazing hot.

He doesn't think twice before going into action.

The job is not done until he has complete satisfaction.

After the fire it put out,
he begins to wonder and doubt.

He could have been better, another house he did not save,
but the family will thank him and tell him he's brave.

Fires are not all he does, it's more than that.

Gas leaks, wrecks, and maybe rescuing a cat.

Tomorrow he will go to his every day nine to five,
the family; however, know he's why they're alive.

His turnout gear sits in a heap on the floor
boots, bunker pants, and jacket, ready to go in a rush out the door.

He's not trying to be the center of attention.

It's what he does, it's really nothing to mention.

Mostly it's the rush and the thrill,
knowing the fire he destroyed didn't kill.

Just think, it could be your house one night,
he'll respond to the call ready to fight.

Trying to protect the community the best that he can,
give thanks he's around, he's a volunteer fireman!

By: Amy Parker

CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

- Men's Waterball Men's Cart Race Hose Replacement
 Women's Waterball Women's Cart Race

Our Fire Department will have a team(s)
to compete in contest(s) as checked above.

Contest to be held Sunday, June 13, 2004 at Clarksville, Indiana.

An Entry Fee of \$15.00 is required for each team entered in each contest.

Department Name _____

Team Captain: _____ Tele. No.: () _____

- All contest entry blanks should be postmarked on or before June 1, 2004.
- All departments that plan to enter team(s) should complete entry blanks for each team.
- Please include check or money order made out to: IVFA GAMES

-Please mail Entry Blanks, along with check or money order to:

Al Mendel
6608 East County Road 151 North
Avon, Indiana 46123
(317) 272-7932

Please bring your own raingear for each event. Trophies will be given for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, after the opening meeting.

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

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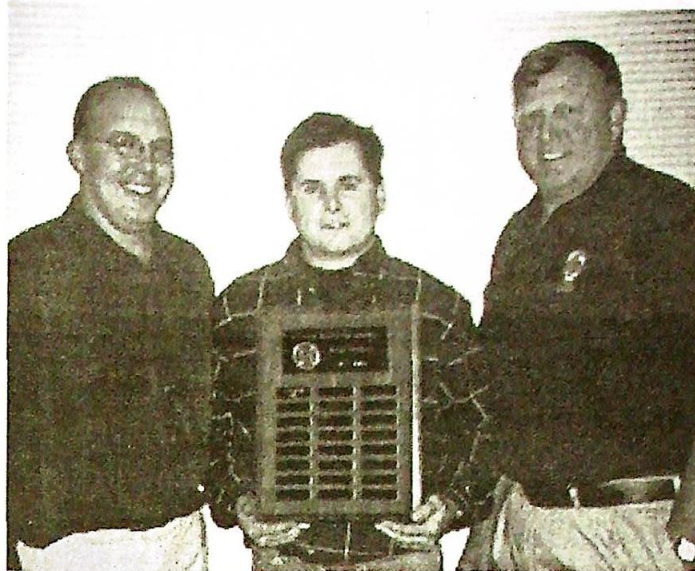
Annual awards dinner held at Huntingburg VFD

On December 3, 2003 the Huntingburg (Dubois Co. District 180 Vol. Fire Dept. held its annual awards dinner.

During the evening's activities several awards were given to department members. Years of service pins were given to the following members pictured. (photos courtesy of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept.)



(Left to right) Fire Investigator and IVFA District 18 secretary Kenny "Pooch" Lau, 30 years; Fire Captain Bill Moesner, 35 years; Fire Investigator and Public Education Officer John "Bull" Smith, 10 years and Firefighter Keith "Pee wee" Ingram, 10 years.



A NEW AWARD was presented this year also during the evening's festivities, the Annual Firefighter Safety Award.

This award is given to the department member who, during the past year, has demonstrated the most safety conscious attitude.

Pictured receiving the first Annual Firefighter Safety Award is firefighter Keith "Pee wee" Ingram from Department Safety Officer Roger Kissling (left) and Department Fire Chief Glen Kissling (right).



ALSO GIVEN during the evening was the Francis "Chick" Carson Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award. Pictured receiving the award this year from Department Fire Chief Glen Kissling (right) was Firefighter and Department Safety Officer Roger Kissling.



AT THE CONCLUSION of the evening's presentations, Ladies' Auxiliary president Amanda Thompson presented department fire chief Glen Kissling with a check to the department for \$500.00. This gift was made possible through fundraising activities conducted by the auxiliary during the past year.

Presented 25 year pins



Bicknell Fire Department members Capt. Paul Koenig in the plaid shirt and Chief Greg Bourlard in the black shirt are presented 25 year pins from District 17A chairman Beverly Harker on November 19, 2003 presentation at District 17A meeting held at Bicknell Fire Department.

The photo was taken in front of a 1935 Dodge fire truck.

Bicknell Fire Department also received a Federal Firefighter's Grant for \$225,000.00 to purchase a new pumper/rescue.

(Submitted by Chief Gregory A. Bourlard)

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To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a **paid-up member** of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your **Individual Plate Requests** to the IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724 no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the **number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

Renewal Months By First Letter Of Your Last Name

January 31 - Corporations & Fleet Vehicles	May 31 - Ho-I	Sept. 30 - So-T
Feb. 15 - A-Be	June 15 - J-Km	Oct. 15 - U-Wk
Feb. 28 - Bf-Bz	June 30 - Kn-L	Oct. 31 - Wl-Z
March 15 - C	July 15 - Ma-Me	
March 31 - D	July 31 - Mf-O	
April 15 - E-F	Aug. 15 - P-Q	
April 30 - G	Aug. 31 - R	
May 15 - Ha-Hn	Sept. 15 - Sa-Sn	

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.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
7. See additional instructions for **BMV** procedures.

BMV PROCEDURES

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

1. Submit or mail one (1) 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.

Happy Valentine's Day



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Morocco V.F.D. holds annual awards night

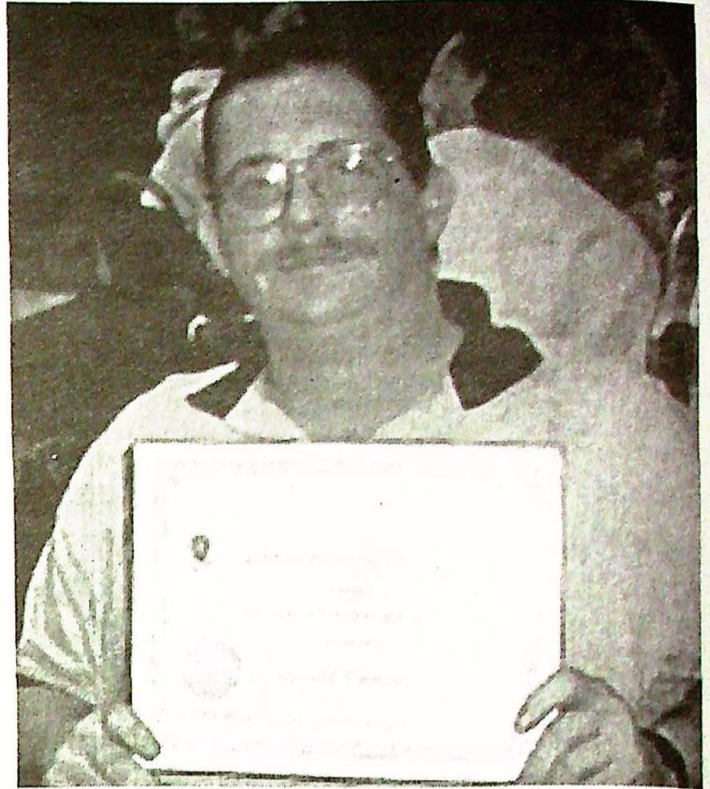
The Morocco Volunteer Fire Department held their annual award's banquet Saturday, January 10.

Guests included our IVFA president, Buz Koehler and his wife, district chairman, Randy Denton and family, Newton County Ambulance director Anthonye Van Wienan along with members of the Newton County Ambulance Service.

After a delightful buffet of food, the award ceremony was held. The first award was a special award given by Anthonye Van Wienan to Paramedic Mike Rieck and EMT Harline Smith for the delivery of a baby in August with the help of the Morocco Fire Department. Morocco members present at the birth were given pink stork pins and a chance to visit with the baby girl named Madison who was in attendance. The firefighters presented with pins were Scott Carlson, Donna Cornell, Jason Cornell, Vondall Fitzgerald, Cheri Glancy, Matt Hyde, John Kindle, and Corrie Myers.

The president of the department, Larry Bartley, presented his President's Award for distinguished service to the department and the community to Vondall Fitzgerald. Vondall is a three year member of the department. He is always willing to help with extra projects at the department and attends as many emergency calls as he can. Vondall was put in charge of a fundraising event in October and did a fine job.

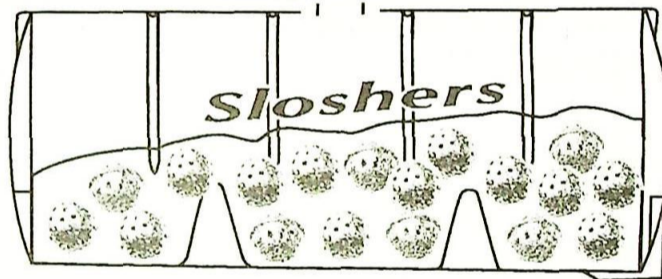
The Chief's Award was presented by Fire Chief John Kindle to David Clements. David has been with the department for nearly 10 years and has always put in extra time with the department. Dave is very active with all the fundraisers the department holds and is always willing to travel to pick up food and supplies. Dave has been the department treasurer for five years and last year took on the position of equipment officer. Dave's dedication to the department does not go unnoticed and this year he was recognized for his work.



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Jim Abrams

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

I attended District 15's meeting on Nov. 18th at Folsomville. After a great meal, Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman opened his meeting with a moment of silence for the volunteer firefighters lost since last meeting, Matt Kirklin of German Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. and Wm. (Bill) Clark of Chandler Vol. Fire Dept.

Next meeting Jan. 20th at Fort Brand.

District 17A's meeting was hosted by Bicknell Vol. Fire Dept.

After a wonderful soup supper, they had a hilarious clown skit enjoyed by all. Their next meeting will be at Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. Jan. 17th.

District 18's meeting was hosted by West Baden Vol. Fire Dept. on Nov. 20th. Chuck Parker opened the meeting and welcomed speaker Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's office and his wife, Vicki. Their next meeting will be held Jan. 15th at Birdseye Vol. Fire Dept.

I attended a memorial service in Jasper for volunteer firefighters Mike Brames. Our thoughts go out to his wife and family.

I attended a memorial service at Vincennes for volunteer firefighter Keith Thompson. Our thoughts go to his wife and family.

I attended a memorial service for Thomas Hays, Odon volunteer firefighter. Our thoughts are with his family.

It's always tough to lose members of our departments and families, but doubly so at this time of year with the holidays!

I also attended the funeral of Linda Porter, wife of Chief Greg Porter of Newberry Volunteer Fire Department. Linda will be missed!! She had a long struggle with her illness. Our thoughts are with her families.

Jim Abrams
PRSW

Convention Game Rules

- Contest entry blanks will be published in the May issue of the IVFA paper. This entry is to be completed for each team participating.
- All contest entry blanks should be postmarked on or before June 1, of the present year of the convention.
 - Include check or money order, made out to the IVFA Games.
 - A non-refundable fee will be required for each contest entered.
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- Mail entry blank, along with check or money order, to the chairman of the Games committee, listed on the contest entry blank.
- Drawings for the games will be conducted 1/2 hour following adjournment of the opening session at the annual convention. No entries will be accepted after drawings are completed.
- Participants in the games will be required to sign an injury waiver form before competing in the games.
 - Anyone under 18 years of age, must have a parent sign the form.
 - All team captains will be required to make sure all team members are current members IVFA members.
 - Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.
- Anyone wanting to participate in the games, who has not registered for convention, will be required to pay a registration fee on the day of the games. The entry amount will be listed on the contest entry blank.
- All contestants will be required to furnish all proper fitting protection gear.
- Waterball will be governed by the rules set forth in the IVFA State Waterball Rules, latest edition. (Adopted from the International Eayeball Rules).
- Hose Replacement will be governed by rules as set forth in the IVFA State Hose Replacement Rules, latest edition.
- Cart Race will be governed by rules as set forth by the IVFA State Cart Race Rules, latest edition. (Adopted from the International Waterball Rules).
- In all question of timing, rules, etc., decision of the judges will be final.
- Any protests shall be presented to a state games committee member prior to completion of the nest contest following contest in question. Decision of the committee will be final.

IVFA Legislative Session

IVFA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
2003-2204 SESSION
BY SHOKRINA RADPOUR
BEERING, ESQ.
IVFA LOBBYIST

This legislative session is a very unusual one. Typically, the Legislature meets for organization day in November and then adjourns until January. This year, the Legislature continued to meet after organization day for a special session, lasting seventeen days, devoted solely to the property tax reassessment issue. This is a "short" session, so the Legislature must adjourn on or before March 14. The main focus of the Legislature will continue to be property taxes, and ways to raise revenue to help reduce our State's deficit. Leadership of the legislature have said that there will not be much time to devote to other issues, and issues with a negative fiscal impact are not likely to be heard, or to move out of commit-

tee. This will be a good session for the IVFA to build relationships with legislators and to discuss long term legislative goals with them. It often takes a few years before legislators feel comfortable introducing bills on major new topics, such as a possible pension benefit.

Despite the short session, the IVFA has been successful in initiating two bills with fiscal impact, a personal income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters, SB 77, and the firefighting equipment loan to grant fund, SB 153. Both bills have been filed by Senator Allie Craycraft of District 26, representing Delaware and Madison counties. We are also working with Representative Paul Robertson, District 70, Clark, Floyd, and Harrison counties, on a bill to prevent reprimands on volunteer firefighters who are employed with local governmental units who arrive to work late because they are fight-

ing fires. We are hopeful that the bill will be finalized and filed before January 12th. If Representative Robertson does not file the bill this session, he has informed me that he will work with the IVFA to introduce the bill in the long session.

By the time this article goes to print, I will have e-mailed the first Bill Status Report to the members of the IVFA Legislative Committee and to the central office. These reports list the bills which the IVFA is either actively lobbying or monitoring and the action the Legislature takes on them. I send these reports on a weekly basis, and I speak with the representatives on the Legislative Committee on a weekly basis. Feel free to contact a committee member with any questions you have, or you can contact me at sbeering@cohenandmalad.com or (317) 636-6481.

Chandler VFD loses valuable member

William "Bill" Clark, a valuable member of the Chandler Volunteer Fire Department, passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2003. He had been on the department for over 42 years and was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association for most of that time.

Although he was 75 years old, he was usually the first to arrive at the firehouse and always had the doors opened, waiting for the other firemen to arrive. He kept a constant check on the equipment, making sure that everything was in proper working order and when needed made arrangements for repairs. He was always available to help anyone in need and will be greatly missed by the community.

Evansville Courier & Press
Saturday, September 27, 2003

CHANDLER -- William J. "Bill" Clark, 75, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, at his home in Chandler, Ind.

Bill operated the Phillips 66 Station in Chandler for several years and owned and operated Clark's Auto Repair in Chandler. He retired from J.H. Rudolph in 1989.

He was a member of Laborers Local 561. Bill served with the Chandler Volunteer Fire Department for over 41 years. He enjoyed camping. Bill and Dorothy traveled all over the United

States and Eastern Canada.

Bill is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy (Carter) Clark of Chandler; two daughters, Connie Monks and her husband, Damon, and Crystal (Pete) Wade and her husband, Don, all of Chandler; a son, William Clark Jr., and his wife, Terri of Baldwin, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Angie Harrell, Tammy Ellis, Brian Monks, Heather Kaiser, BJ Clark, Robin Walters and Christy Wade; 10 great-grandchildren, Matthew Minton, Cody Ellis, Cidney Mullis, Tyler and Christian Kaiser, Kelsey Harrell, Desi Taylor, Ariel and Cole Walters and Kaylee Wade; two brothers, Charles Clark of Evansville and George Clark of Kalama, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003, at Koehler Funeral Home-Perigo Chapel, 7022 Heim Road, Chandler, Ind., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Chandler, Ind.

Friends may call from 2 until 8 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. until service time Sunday at Koehler Funeral Home-Perigo Chapel in Chandler, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Chandler Volunteer Fire Department.

(Courtesy of Evansville Courier & Press and submitted by Chandler Volunteer Fire Department).

Wysong receives 25 year pin



GARY WYSONG, Harrison Twp. Alto F.D. receives his 25 year pin from Dee Mauntel, Secretary of District 9A.

(Photo submitted by Dee Mauntel)

Space heating the leading cause of home fires in winter

Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention

Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to the latest statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters-gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

In 1998, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

"As winter approaches, we want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely," said Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president for public education. "Simple steps can prevent a

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

Columbus, Indiana
November 1, 2003

President Buz Koehler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President gave the invocation. Vice president Jack Kerney then led the pledge to the flag. President Koehler introduced the guests: Jean Smith and John Davies.

President Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the August meeting. Mike Mackin, PRNE, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Don Cushman, PREC, made the second. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Buz Koehler - Travels have been a little lighter this quarter. I've attended five district meetings, two department visits, four fundraisers, three county meetings, one station dedication, several Legislative Committee meetings, and four other meetings, for a total of 3162 miles driven this quarter.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jack Kerney - Attended the Charlie Baker retirement party. Also attended two county meetings, one funeral, one convention meeting, one awards presentation at Jasper, attended the 911 memorial dedication at Terre Haute, four district meetings, attended the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting in Little Rock, AR, and the Greene County Firefighters Assn. for a total of 3236 miles traveled.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - Attended the Charlie Baker retirement party and attended two memorial services this quarter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - attended two district meetings, one memorial service, one open house, two fundraisers, one parade, and the Charlie Baker retirement party. He gave the quarterly financial report of the organization. Also explained the Profit and Loss statement in comparison to last year. Jim Parker, past president made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Jon Randle, District 9A, made the second. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Fred Page - has six associate Chaplains in place to be used if needed and the Chaplain is unavailable. He has one Associate Chaplain in each PR district. He had three calls for memorial services this quarter.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Jack Zeeks - pass.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Bill Bush - attended two district meetings and two firehouse dedications. Checked with trophy shop on remaining supplies for clocks.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

PRNW: Jim Bradford - attended five district meetings, one IVFAA district meeting, one "25 year pin" award, seven fundraisers, totaling 1657 miles driven this quarter.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - attended all district meetings except District 7, and drove 511 miles in the PR area.

PRWC: Diana Harrison - attended all district meetings, two fundraisers, and two memorials.

PREC: Don Cushman, attended two district meetings, presented the Midwest Award at District 13A.

PRSW: Jim Abrams - absent.

PRSE: Roy Richardson - attended District 14 and 19 meetings, one memorial service and one convention meeting.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: Tom Orrell - meeting held August 20, 2003 at Dyer Fire Department. District 1 had 48 members from 12 departments and District 2 had 17 members from five departments present. The program was presented by Chicago Fire Chief Bill Norris speaking about career/volunteer departments and the history of the fire service. They presented the District 1 "Midwest Award", two Gold Cards and two "25-Year" pins. They had one death in the district. The October 15, 2003 meeting at Munster Fire Department was cancelled. The next meeting is November 19, 2003 at Kouts Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2: Paul Watland - held meeting September 17, 2003 at Crown Point Fire Department. They had 46 members representing 11 departments in District 2 and 27 members representing 10 departments representing District 1. Tim Divine of Bullard Cameras spoke on Thermal Imaging cameras. Their next meeting will be November 19, 2003 at Kouts Fire Department.

DISTRICT 3: Tim Sandy - Absent.

DISTRICT 4: John Ferro - Absent.

DISTRICT 5: Don Kissinger - the last meeting was attended by 11 members from six departments. He presented two "Gold Cards". The next meeting will be November 13, 2003 at Monterey.

DISTRICT 6: Dave Elick - held meeting September 23, at Hamilton Fire Department. Presented one "Gold Card". They had one death in the district. The next meeting will be November 25, 2003 at Columbia Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7: Mort Sorg - held last meeting September 15, 2003 at Warren Fire Dept. Presented the "Midwest Award". The next meeting will be November 17, 2003 at Andrews Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A: Bill Pape - Absent.

DISTRICT 8B: Larry Petro - held last meeting at Bryant Vol. Fire Dept. It was officer election time and Larry was re-elected. Attended one station

dedication, presented one "Gold Card" and several fundraiser events in the district. They have had two line of duty deaths in the district this quarter. The next meeting will be November 19, 2003 at Dunkirk Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9A: Jon Randle - held last meeting at Bunker Hill Vol. Fire Department. He has attended several fundraisers and a county meeting. The next meeting will be Nov. 20, 2003 at Flora Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9B: Randy Denton - last meeting had 40 members representing seven departments. The program was about Meth labs. The next meeting is Nov. 13, 2003 at Reynolds Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10: David Israel - held meeting August 19, 2003 at Moral Twp. Fire Department with 12 departments and 28 members present. They held the district elections at the meeting. David Israel re-elected district chairman. The next meeting was September 19, 2003 at Southwest Vol. Fire Department with eight departments and 28 members present. The next meeting will be November 19, 2003 at Marietta Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11-A: Jack McFarland - last meeting was combined picnic with District 11-B at Forrest Park in Brazil. The next meeting will be November 16, 2003 at Prairie Creek Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11-B: Larry Ketchem - last meeting was 11A-11B joint picnic at Forrest Park in Brazil. The next meeting will be November 9, 2003 at Washington Twp.-Reelsville Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 12: Larry Bruner - Absent.

DISTRICT 13-A: Tim Martin - held meeting August 21, 2003 at Pendleton Vol. Fire Department with 14 members and seven departments present. The next meeting will be November 20, 2003 at Shirley Vol. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13-B: Dennis Spears - held last meeting at Centerville Fire/Rescue with six departments and 11 members present. He presented the "Midwest Award". The next meeting is undecided at this time.

DISTRICT 14: Al Williamson - held meeting October 15, 2003 at New Washington Fire Department with 33 members representing eight departments. Held election of district officers. Al was re-elected district chairman. The next meeting will be January 20, 2004 at Charlestown Fire Department Station #1.

DISTRICT 15: Steve Anderson - held meeting September 16, 2003 at Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Department. The Evansville Fire Department demonstrated the new State Hazmat Spectrometer that they have. They had 13 members representing eight departments. One death reported in the district. The next meeting will be Nov. 18, 2003 at Folsomville-Owen Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16: Ron Melton - Absent.

DISTRICT 17-A: Beverly Harker - held meeting September 17, 2003 at Veale Twp. Fire Department with 22 members representing nine departments present. Myron Mackey from Bicknell Fire Department spoke on E.M.S. The next meeting will be November 19, 2003 at Bicknell Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17-B: Jim Zeeks - held meeting October 18, 2003. The next meeting will be December 2, 2003 at Van Buren Fire Department.

DISTRICT 18: Charles Parker - held meeting September 18, 2003 at St. Meinard Fire Department with 75 members representing 22 departments. Presented 25 year pins. The next meeting will be November 20, 2003 at West Baden Fire Department.

DISTRICT 19: Ed Scheele - held

last meeting September 25, 2003 at Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. with 34 members representing 11 departments. The program was "Photography at Fire Scene". The next meeting will be November 20, 2003 at Eagle Vol. Fire Department in Oldenburg, IN.

DISTRICT 21: Don Fultz - held last meeting at West Point Fire Department with 32 members representing eight departments. They had three deaths in the district. The next meeting will be March 29, 2004 at Williamsport Fire Department.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jack Kerney - pass.
Jack Zeeks - pass.
Richard Glant - pass.
Mitch Parish - attend retirement party.

Ivan Nevil - pass.
Carl Bruns - pass.
Jim Parker - pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAMES: Al Mendal - pass.
CONVENTION GUIDELINE: David Israel - list of changes that need to be made to the Guidelines; the changes will be reviewed by the committee and printed for the next meeting.

CONVENTION 2004: Al Williamson - committee is moving along. Almost all information for the convention is in the newspaper or on the website. They have received the \$4000 startup money for the convention.

CONVENTION 2005: David Israel - just getting started for 2005.

EXECUTIVE: Buz Koehler - phoned the committee about our Lobbyist changing firms. The question was "Do we want to stay with Shokrina Beering or the Law Firm Bingham McHale?" The consensus of the committee was to stay with Shokrina Beering. This action to be brought before the Board of Directors to ratify that decision.

BUDGET: Jack Harker - the committee met last night and approved a new budget for the next year. The budget will be voted on in the Board of Director's meeting.

INSURANCE: Buz Koehler - reported from Jeff Stanfield the program is doing well at this time.

BRIDGEPORT: Carl Bruns - will present three scholarships in 2004. The form is now available from the website. Also all officers have copies of the forms.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford - mailed 17,012 papers this quarter. Again the paper is mailed out ahead of time. Please note that the newspaper address is: RENSELAER PRINTCO, 116 NORTH CULLEN STREET, RENSELAER, IN 47978.

AD-TAKER: Mitch Parish - one account outstanding, trying to make contact with the person. If no response by Nov. 15, 2003 the account will be filed in Small Claims Court. Mitch has about 100 50-year history books and he would like to get them in circulation. A motion by Jon Randle, District 9A that each district chairman get four to give away as they see fit. The motion seconded by Dave Elick, District 6. The motion passed.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: Jim Bradford - one claim for glasses was approved.

AWARDS: Jack Kerney - all awards will need to be in by February 1, 2004.

FIRE SCHOOLS: Jack Kerney - one request for District Fire School.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DIGEST: Larry Bartlow - not completed at this time.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Parker - our Legislative goals this year are: (1) H.B. 1347 that passed in 2002 that listed three diseases that if State PERF employees contact while serving as a vol

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Quarterly meeting report . . .

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unteer they would forfeit PERF benefits. We need the district chairman to find out how many volunteer firefighters this affects. (2) Want to add county and township employees to law that state employees are not reprimanded for being late for work while serving on an emergency situation. (3) Study report for changes in the Workman's Compensation Law. (4) Tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. (5) To change the loan program to a grant program.

MR. IVFA: Mitch Parish - passed out the new guidelines for Mr. IVFA. A motion by Larry Petro, District 8B, to accept the guideline change with the corrections of: (1) change fireman's to firefighter and (2) change chose to choose. Don Cushman, PREC, made the second. The motion carried by show of hands 21 for, 11 against and one abstention.

BYLAWS AND SOG: Jim Parker - proposal from convention games committee for rule to be in the SOG's. Tom Orrell, District 1, made motion to accept the rules for the SOG's. The second made by Larry Petro, District 8B. The motion passed by voice vote.

LOGO: Charles Parker - pass.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve Anderson - new membership lists are now ready for the district chairmen and they can see what needs work on in their district. Any problems with dates of service, contact Central Office with the correct information. Need program for associate membership; have input for next meeting. Also discussed ways to identify paid members serving on more than one department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Jack Kerney - pass.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Don Kissinger - will take new pictures for everyone tomorrow morning.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Mitch Parish - attended meeting in Little Rock, AR. Forty-one states were represented. While there he attended several workshops and seminars. They included ways to increase membership, increase benefits to members and overall membership retention.

FIRE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION: Jack Kerney - All Fire Schools for this year are complete. The schools all had good attendance.

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING INSTITUTE: Buz Koehler - The Board approved the rescue procedure for Search and Rescue dogs.

EMS: Pass.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: Buz Koehler - The dinner is February 2, 2004 at the Indiana Rooftop Ballroom. A seminar is planned for the afternoon.

WEB PAGE: Buz Koehler - Web Master wants to add place to list district meetings. Need to think about changes for next year.

WEB ADVERTISEMENT: Tim Sandy - not meet.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney - 2003 membership is 17, 131. License plate applications for this year are 4115.

OLD BUSINESS

2002 CONVENTION: Steve Anderson - records not complete at this time.

2003 CONVENTION: Charles Parker - everything paid and records complete.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: All quarterly meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN. The room rate will be \$74.

Meeting recessed at 1900 hours.

Meeting reconvened at 08:30 Sunday, November 2, 2003.

Chaplain Fred Page gave the morning minute message.

NEW BUSINESS

TERRORISM ADVISORY COMMISSION: Fred Page appointed as the IVFA representative.

MISS FLAME COMMITTEE: Patty Miller - brought application forms and the guideline rules for the contest. Need the district application sent to her no later than March 10, 2004.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAINS:

They are to be used at the request of the State Chaplain if he is unable to attend. Payment of expenses to be brought up in Board of Director's meeting.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION:

Ivan Nevil - The Board is readopting rules for certification to include new NFPA rules and the mandatory driver training. H.B. 216 Certified Medical Dispatchers; medical dispatchers must be certified in medical dispatch by July 1, 2005. Statewide Mutual Aid - everyone is included unless they send a letter to SEMA to opt out of the program. Grissom Training Program is on hold at this time. In December there will be a National Credentialing of Firefighters. This program will be in place by Feb. 2004. Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy will be July 16, 17, 18, 2004. The FDIC Conference will be April 26 - May 1, 2004. The IVFA will have a booth this year.

President Koehler asked for any other new business. Having nothing, he called for a motion to close the meeting and open the board meeting. The motion to close the meeting was made by Mike Mackin, PRNE. Paul Watland, District 2 made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2003

Chairman Jack Zeeks opened the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PRNE Mike Mackin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. PREC Don made the second. Motion passed.

Approval of the 2004 budget. A motion by past president Jim Parker to accept the proposed budget as presented by the budget committee. Tom Orrell, District 1, presented the second to the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Supplies requested by Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush for envelopes, decals, and vouchers. A motion by President Buz Koehler to allow the expenses for the supplies. The second was made by vice president Jack Kerney. Motion passed by voice vote.

Fire Service Dinner Feb. 2, 2004 - Jim Parker, past president made a motion to pay for the tickets for those directors that want to go. If they sign up to go and don't go, the individual is

required to pay for the ticket. Don Fultz, District 21, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Lobbyist - Shokrina Beering, our Lobbyist, is changing firms. Her fees will be the same, short session \$30,000 and long session \$35,000. A motion by Don Cushman, PREC, that we stay with Shokrina Beering as our Lobbyist. Dave Elick, District 6, made the second. Motion passed.

Mr. IVFA Trophies - Don Cushman made a motion to purchase five Mr. IVFA trophies. President Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

FDIC Conference - need to purchase supplies and handouts for our booth at the FDIC Conference. PREC Don Cushman made a motion we allow \$2000 for supplies for this. President Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

Associate Chaplain - A motion by Ivan Nevil, past president, that the State Chaplain or his designee be allowed the \$75 fee for doing a memorial service. Dave Elick, District 6, made the second. Motion passed.

Bylaws and SOGs - three items were passed at the August meeting for first reading. Second action is needed today.

1. Proposed change to SOG article 16. To change the number of scholarships awarded each year from two (2) to three (3). A motion to accept the change was made by Tom Orrell, District 1. Paul Watland, District 2, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. BYLAWS AMENDMENT changes to Article XV. The Bylaw to read as follows: *These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the District Chairmen present at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The amendment must first be presented at a regular district meeting in writing and passed. The amendment must then be presented in writing at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors and then taken back to all the districts for their vote before action can be taken on the amendment at the next regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The District Chairmen must vote the way their districts instruct them.*

Call for roll call votes. Those voting yes are: District 1, 2, 6, 7, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 13A, 14, 18, 19, 21, PRNW, PRNE, PRWC, PREC, PRSE, president Koehler, treasurer Harker, past president Parish, past president Bruns and past president Parker. **Total Yes 24.**

Those voting No are: Districts 5, 13B, 15, 17A, vice president Kerney, chairman of board Zeeks and past president Glant. **Total No 7.**

Those abstaining are: District 11B, 17B, secretary Bartlow, Sgt.-at-Arms Bush, Chaplain Page, and past president Nevil. **Total Abstaining 6.**

Those absent are: Districts 3, 4, 8A, 12, 16 and PRSW. **Total Absent 6.**

Bylaw changes require a 2/3-majority vote to pass. This vote required twenty-five (25) yes votes to pass. The change is therefore defeated.

3. IVFA SOG for convention games

rules: A motion by PRNE Mike Mackin to accept the games committee rule and guidelines for the SOGs. District 1 chairman Tom Orrell made the second. The motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: nothing. Past president Mitch Parish made a motion to adjourn. Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, secretary

Space heaters

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tragedy in your home." NFPA recommends these safety measures:

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Three generations of firefighters



TOP LEFT - Jeff Gray, top right - Steve Gray, bottom left - Forrest Gray Sr. and bottom right - Dale Gray.

(Photo submitted by Diana Gray)

Forrest was a member for the Andrews Vol. Fire Dept. for 22 years. Dale is also a member and just celebrated 25 years.

Son, Jeff, has also been on the department for 25 years.

Son, Steve, is the City of Huntington Fire Marshal and was a member on Andrews Fire Department prior to moving to Huntington. He has a total of 20 years in the fire service.



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Firefighting community honors Page for 50-plus years of service



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Little did Alfred "Doc" Page know when he arrived at the Walden Inn to celebrate his 71st birthday, his fellow firefighters had another celebration in mind.

Members of the Greencastle Fire Department, the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office and other area fire departments appeared in support and celebration of Page's 53 years as a

firefighter.

"He was totally surprised," GFD Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Mace said of Page's reaction to the surprise recognition ceremony Wednesday. "They (all the firefighters) walked in and a bunch of people from his present and past in the fire service were here."

The GFD presented Page with a plaque to commemorate his 50-plus years in the firefighting, Chief Bill Newgent explained. "Doc's not retir-

ing," Newgent stressed, "he's still very active in our fire department. He does a tremendous amount of hours for the fire department."

The 71-year-old currently serves as a reserve member of the GFD and safety officer.

Page also received a gold card and lifetime membership to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, an accreditation earned after 50 years of work. Chief Deputy for the State Fire Marshal Michael Biggler presented Page with a governor's award.

But perhaps the most personal presentation of the evening came in the form of a leather bucket. The leather bucket was the same Page himself gave to a retiring firefighter friend years ago at a retirement party. Since then, the bucket was turned over to the state for auction after this firefighter's death.

GFD purchased the same leather bucket at a state auction for Page.

For the celebration, GFD safety officer John McPherson wrote a brief history of Page's 53-year career and Newgent read the history to the crowd of 75 friends, family and firefighters.

Page began his firefighting career in 1954 as an 18-year-old with the Haddon Heights Volunteer Department in suburban Philadelphia. At Haddon Heights, Page moved up the ranks and became the youngest captain in the department's history.

"Those that served with him no-

ted that he was not your normal recruit," McPherson continued. "He loved to train and had a passionate heart for other firefighters and victims that he came into contact with."

In 1969, Page graduated from the Lincoln National Chiropractic College, completing the five-year program in little more than three years.

Soon after, Page arrived in Greencastle and started a local chiropractic practice. While working, he earned a master's degree from DePauw University.

Much like in Haddon Heights, Page volunteered at the DePauw Fire Company and recognized the need for a better ambulance service in the county. Thanks to Page's help and organizational skills, the DePauw Fire Company made its first ambulance run on May 7, 1974, helping a child with the mumps.

The ambulance service later moved into the basement of a volunteer's home

and became known as Operation Life.

After his graduation from DePauw in 1976, Page and his wife Dorci began to travel to local and state fire departments, schools and industries to teach CPR, rescue and firefighting courses.

He has received further degrees from the University of Cincinnati, in the field of fire service and dynamics, Texas A&M Fire School, as a master rope technician.

Page has received certification in high and low angle rescue, auto extrication, truck and bus extrication, swift water rescue, confined space, and other applications in fire, rescue and EMS.

"Doc's career began just like any other young, energetic recruit," McPherson concluded. "Whenever he leaves the fire service, he will have become a local icon - a model - for future firefighters in this county."

(Article submitted by Fire Chief Bill Newgent, Greencastle Fire Department and courtesy of the Banner Graphic)

H.V.F.D receives a new rescue engine



Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. took delivery of a 2003 American LaFrance rescue pumper engine.

Hazelwood is located in central Indiana, 20 miles west of Indianapolis in Hendricks County and one of two departments in Liberty Twp.

Larry Bruner is chief and the IVFA District 12 chairman, assistant chief is Wade Stevens.

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(submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)



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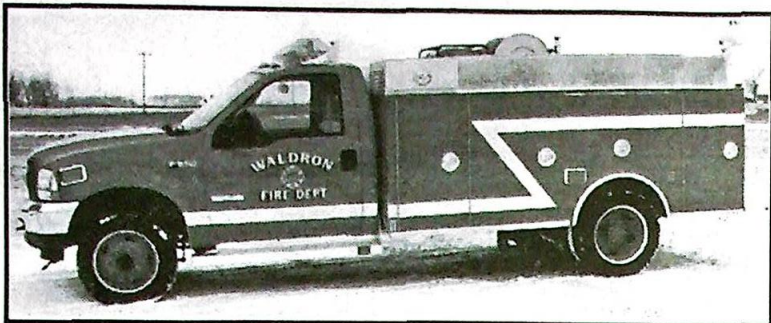
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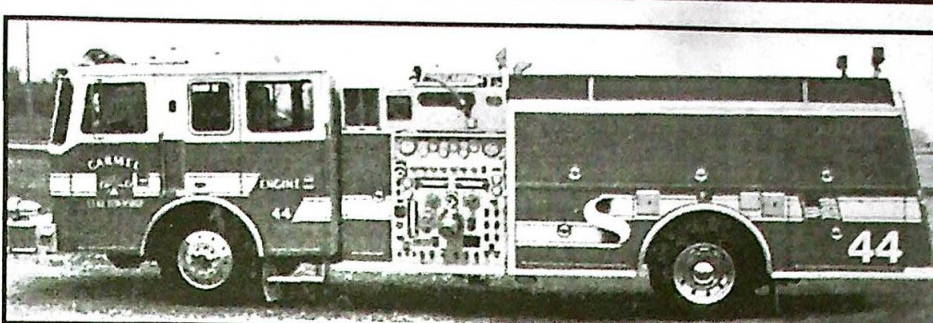
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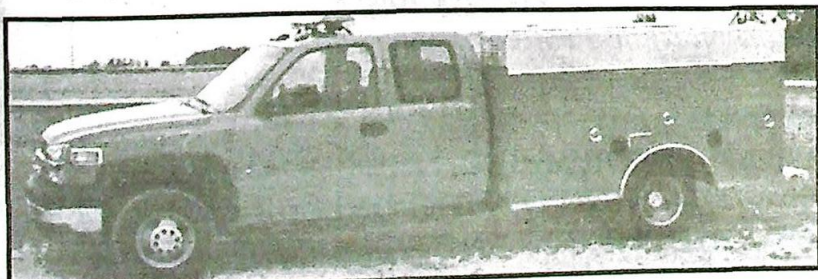
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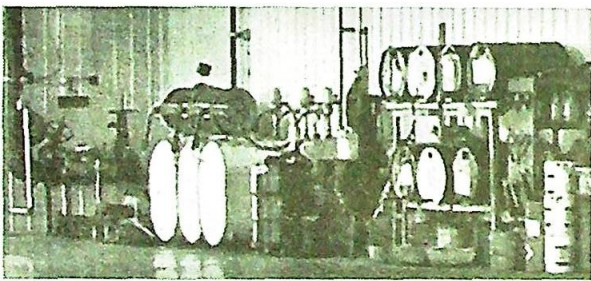
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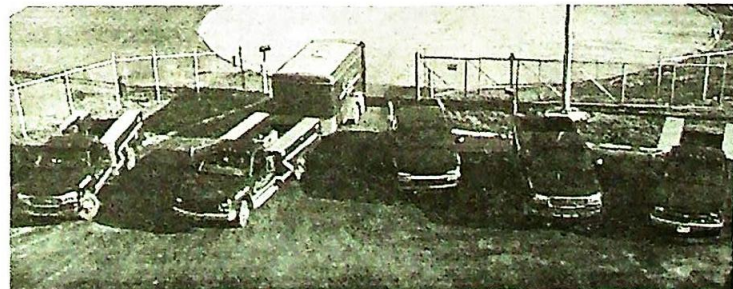
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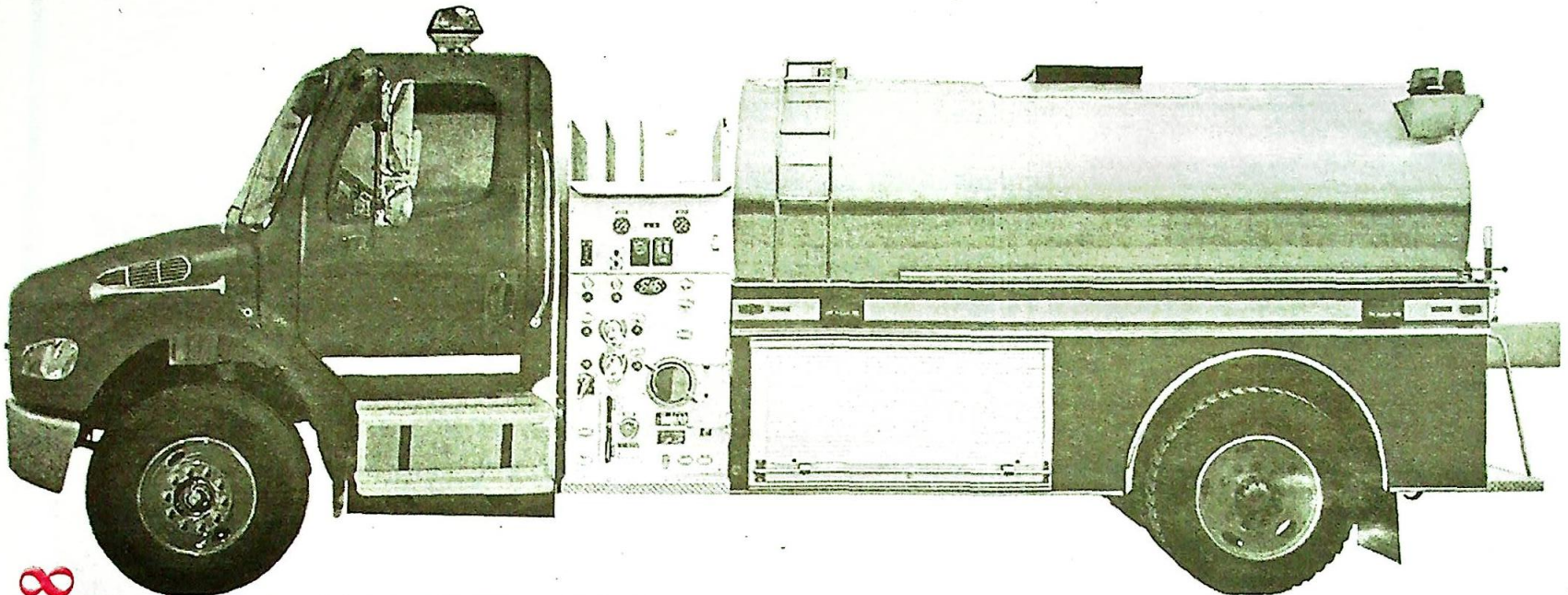
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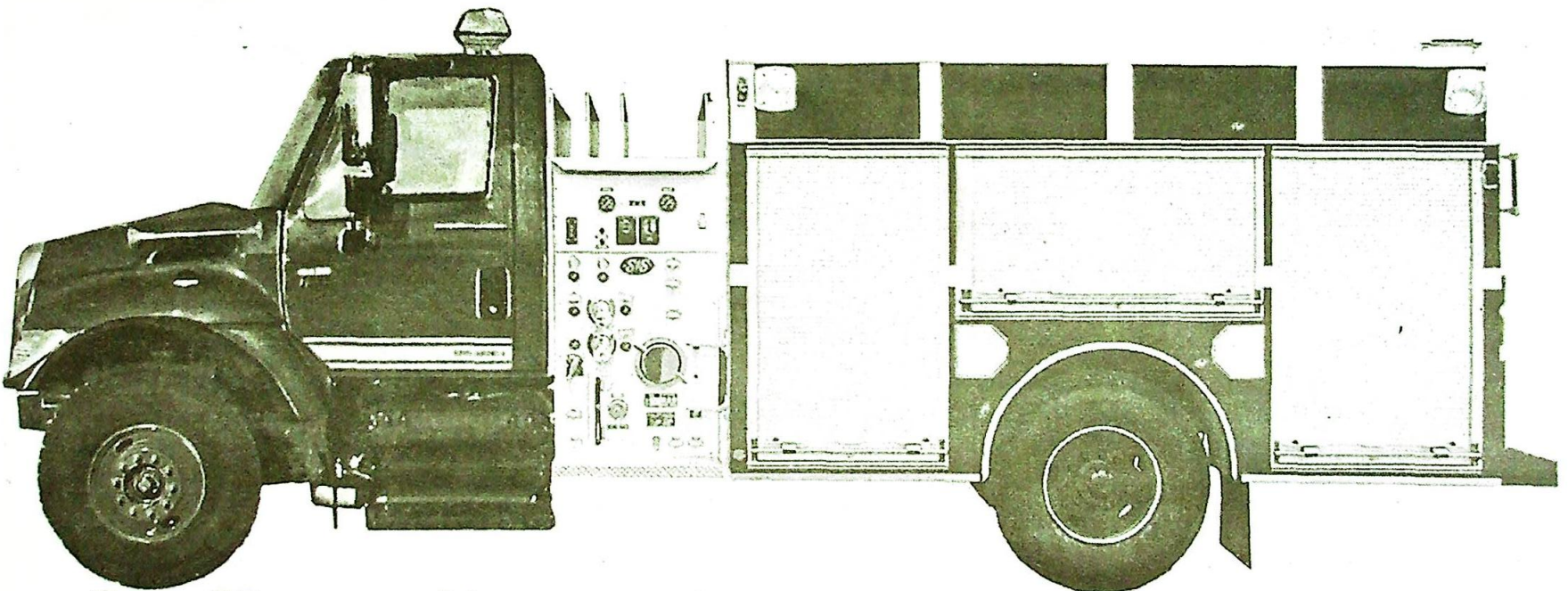
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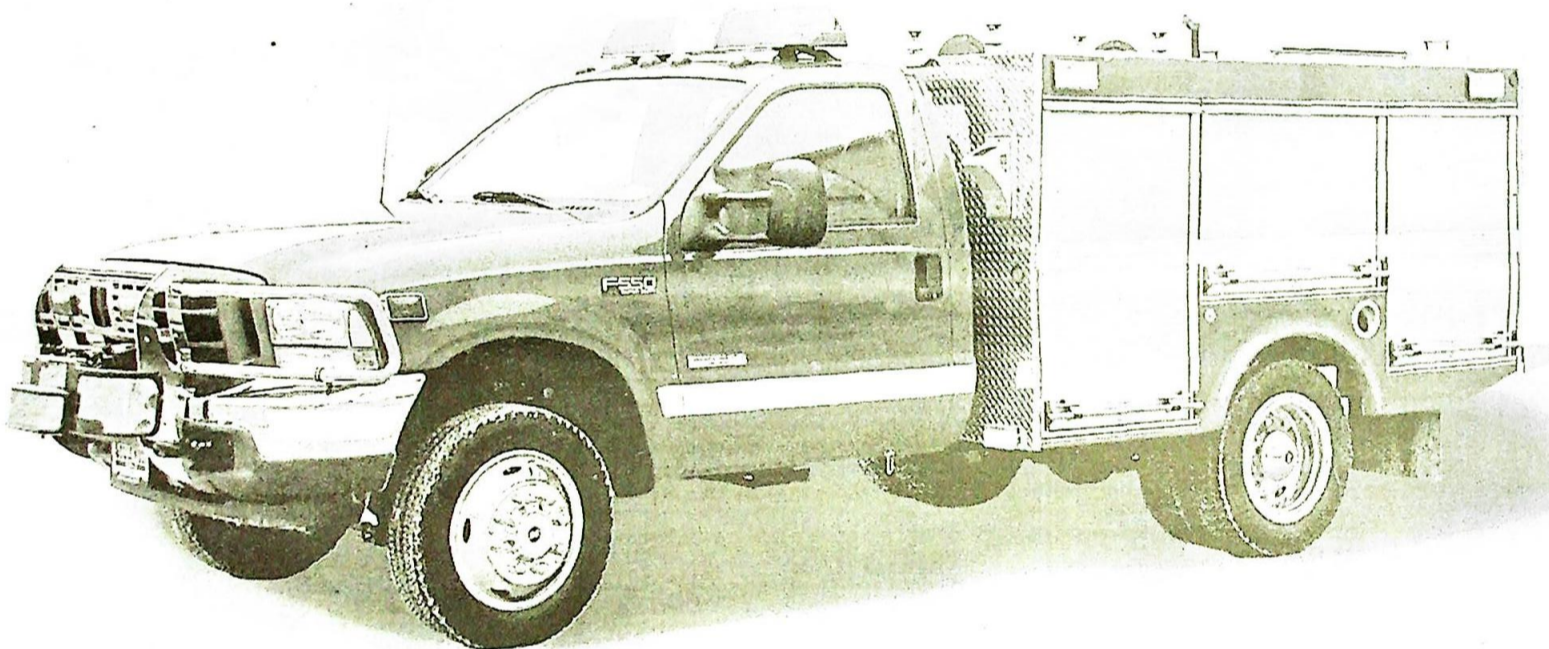
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Firefighters honored, compete

By STEPHANIE DEBOLT
Goshen News Staff Writer
Sunday, October 5, 2003 -- The intermittent rain did little to dampen the spirits of those who gathered at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Benton Township Sept. 28 to honor those who serve communities as firefighters and emergency medical workers.

The event was the fourth annual appreciation Sunday and Fire Challenge. The morning began with a memorial service at the church conducted by the Revs. Daniel Haifley and Daniel Duncan.

Special guests to judge the event and greet the firefighters were Buz Koehler, president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association; John Ferro, District No. 4 chairman of Elkhart and St. Joseph County Indiana Firefighter's Volunteer Association; Gary Robison, deputy of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office; and Jerry Vaughn, training chief of Elkhart Fire Department.

"This day is intended to be much more than a thank you," the Rev. Duncan said, "Due to their bravery, sacrifice and dedication, we can all sleep easier and live better lives."

After the service, the ladies' auxiliary of the church hosted a carry-in luncheon, featuring a hog and beef roast serving more than 300 people.

"They began cooking the meat at 1 this morning," Duncan said.

Michelle Hagar, member of the auxiliary, explained the dedication of the women of the church. "They know how to put on a feast, and most of us brought three or four dishes a piece

today. We wanted to be sure to be prepared to feed the people," she said.

The Samaritan medical helicopter and medical staff also attended to show support for the activity. Pilot Dean Carter was excited to be there. "This is amazing -- so many people turned out to show support," he said.

The highlight of the afternoon included a competition for the firefighters. The scenarios they responded to involved the smell of gas and an initial explosion at a propane pump house, with a victim and subsequent propane fire.

Allpro Propane provided the gas for the explosion and fire for the firefighters to battle. The teams were judged on safety criteria and how they chose to attack the fire.

The training device, provided by Elkhart city, had the appearance of a metal Christmas tree, which sprayed gas from outlets along each branch. The departments had to control the blaze, with a curtain of water that would allow the team to reach a shut off valve.

"This is a great exercise. We need practical experience like this, and many of the men haven't had an opportunity to fight this type of fire or train like this," explained Victor Hagar, member of the church and Benton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

"The volunteers train real hard, and activities like this are an absolute necessity," Koehler said, "The community gets its money's worth from fire departments."

The Milford Fire Department was the defending champion, and departments from New Paris, Osolo Town-

ship, Clinton Township and Ligonier competed. Members of the Benton Township Fire Department providing back up protection during the contest.

"We really couldn't have done it without the help of the Benton department. Victor has worked hard and the firemen from Benton have helped a lot," Haifley said.

This year, Ligonier took top honors and the traveling trophy after the judges unanimously selected their team. The team consisted of Barry McDonald, Bob Geller, Kent Moser, Andy Hastings, Scott Ritchie and Wayne Percy.

"We're glad to come out and participate. It's good practice," Ritchie said.

"They did a good job," commented spectator Sara Pretzell, 11, of Cromwell.

Sending their comments by letter were U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola, R-2nd District, who commended the church and firefighters for their "devotion to the community" and U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, R-3rd District, who wrote, "Their dedication to others is indicative of the biblical admonition to 'think of others more than ourselves.'"

Prior to his death, Gov. Frank O'Bannon had written Haifley and Duncan, noting, "I applaud the hard work by Grace Bible Baptist Church of Syracuse in organizing the games to promote and recognize physical fitness within the fire community, and to encourage the interaction between emergency and public safety professionals, and the communities they serve."

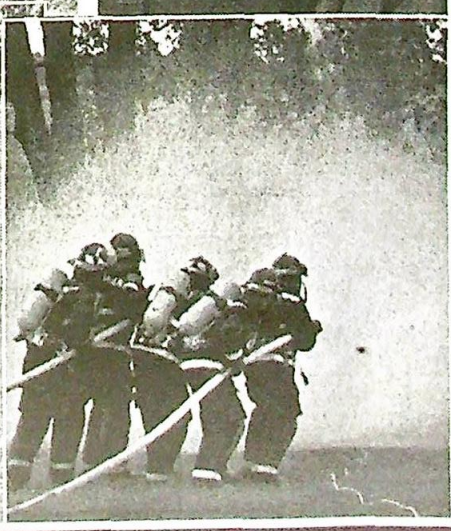
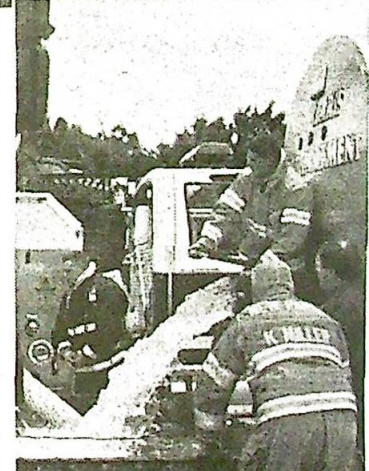
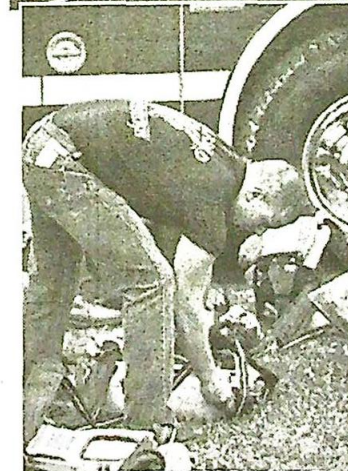
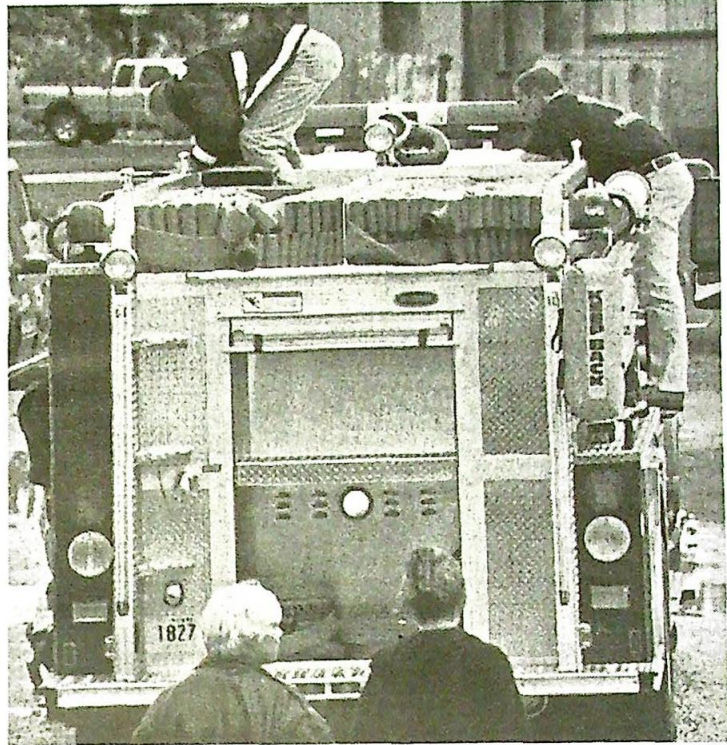
Plans have already begun for the

competition next year, according to Hagar. "It's a huge event, and I hope more teams will make time to attend next year," he said.

During the awards ceremony, the Revs. Haifley and Duncan, along with master of ceremonies Steve Hite, executive director of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, honored the winning team, the state dignitaries and

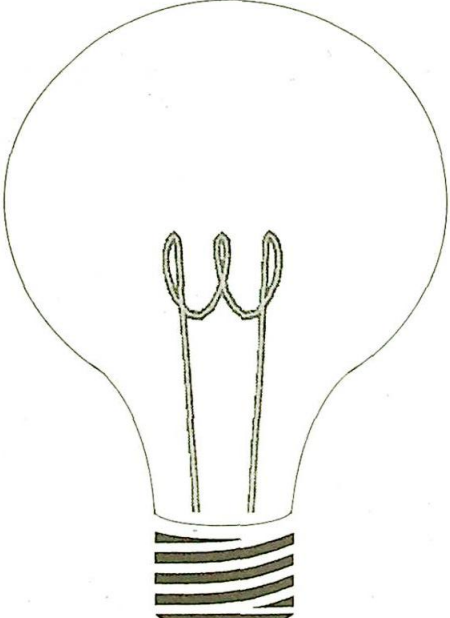
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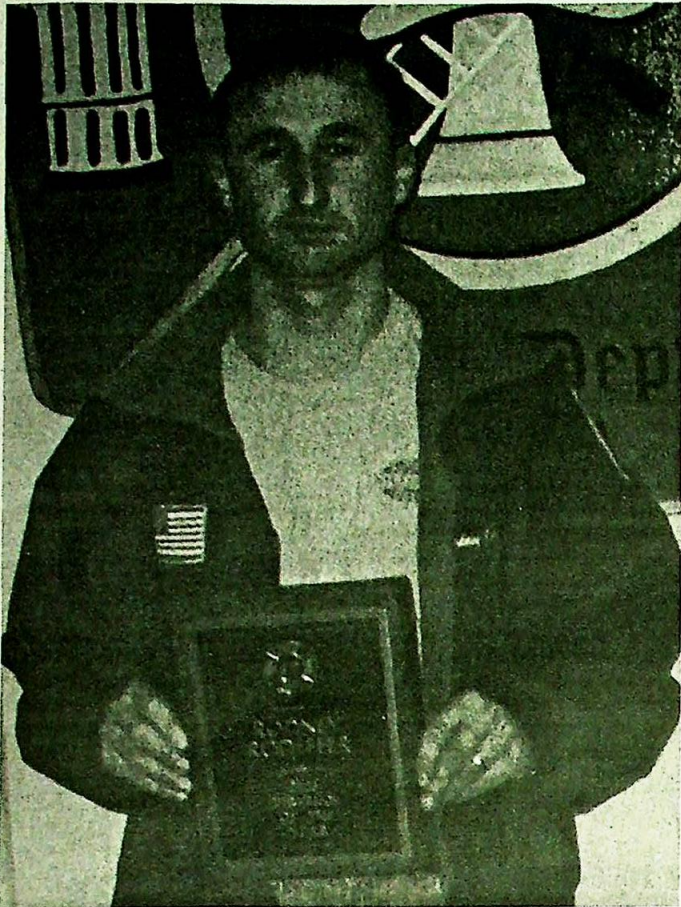
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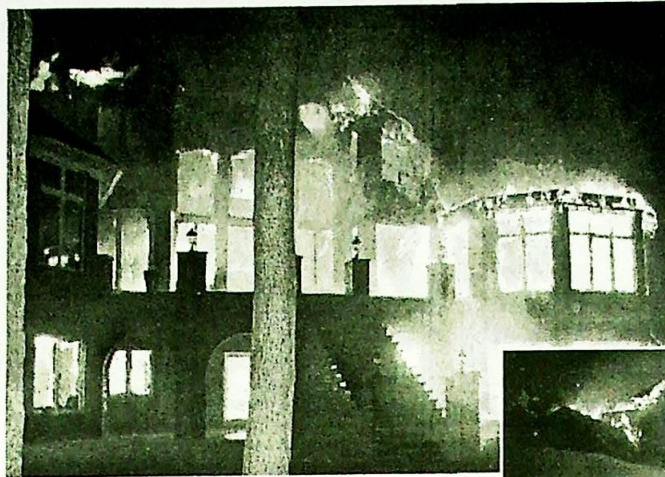


Fireman of the Year

Rodney Rodeffer receives Fireman of the Year for 2003. He is a member of the Parker Volunteer Fire Department in Parker City, Indiana.

(Photo submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

Everton VFD responds to house fire



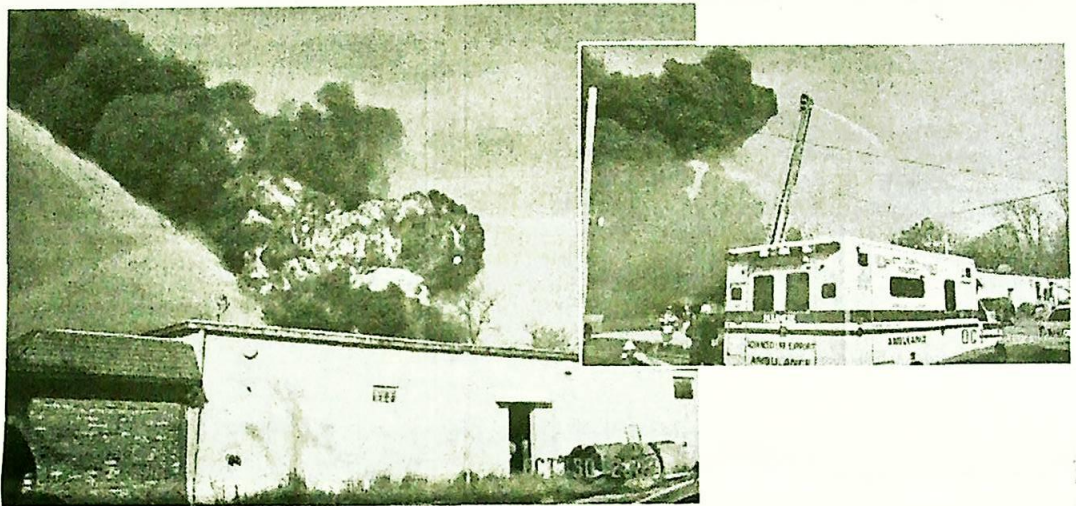
This house fire was a mutual aid run with the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department.

This house was unoccupied at the time of this fire, it had over one million dollars insurance coverage.

(Photos submitted by Gary W. Hardin, photographer, Everton Volunteer Fire Department, Connorsville, IN)



... and answers paint company fire call



This paint company fire was a mutual aid run with the Connorsville Fire Department. The injured man lived for about a month before he died of his injuries. The cause was static electricity as he was pouring paint into a larger container.

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Ferdinand VFD takes delivery of pumper/tanker



In March of 2003, the Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept. took delivery of a 2003 Pierce Pumper/Tanker. The truck sits on a Freightliner chassis with a 330 HP Cummins diesel engine. The truck carries 2,500 gallons of water, with a 1,250 gal. per minute pump. This truck replaced a 1966 pumper and a 1978 Ford tanker.

In October of 2003, the department took delivery of a 1995 Pierce 75' Aerial purchased from the Avon Fire Dept. This truck sits on a Lance 4 door custom cab and has a 450 HP Detroit diesel engine with a 1500 gpm pump. This truck replaces a 1967 65' Ford Snorkel.

These trucks bring the total number of trucks to six for the 33 member department.

IVFA FIRELINE ~ www.ivfa.org ~

Happy Birthday to Us! Happy Birthday to Us! Happy Birthday to the IVFA Web Page! Happy Birthday to Us! Ok, so it's kind of corny – but the web page does celebrate its one-year birthday at the 1st of March. And what a first year for the “revamped” site it has been! The site continues to grow, and more importantly, used, by you the members.

Welcome to this Quarter's Edition of the IVFA *FireLine*. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

As of January 15th we have approximately 235 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in our State listed on the site. If your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted.

In the last couple of articles we have discussed some planned changes to the web site. Let us start off by saying thank you to everyone who has submitted suggestions for items they would like to see on the web site. EVERY suggestion we receive is considered, and if necessary, run past the IVFA officers. We cannot stress enough that this is your site and we are simply the persons who put it all together.

The three main calendars (events, training, and District Meeting) have been changed around so that they now display the event/topic/district at the top of the calendar listing. This will provide an easier method of quickly reviewing all of the calendar listings and finding the item you may be looking for. The District Meeting Calendar was added before the holidays and it is really starting to take off.

Two other planned improvement items that were previously announced in *FireLine* have taken a little longer to implement than originally planned. The first involves the electronic e-mail version of the *FireLine* that will detail

all of the Training, District Meetings, and Special Events for the upcoming months. Departments who have submitted their information, and provided an email address with that information, will receive the electronic *FireLine* automatically. Some testing continues to take place on automating this process, and we hope to have that completed and the first *FireLine* emailed within the next few weeks.

The second major item is developing a web page that will show a state of Indiana map and the IVFA district boundaries. Plans will include the ability to “click” on a particular district on the map, and access unique district specific pages. The main issue that has held up the completion of this project is that the latest District Boundary map was from 1985. What originally was thought of as some minor changes to districts that absorbed the old District 20 (located in and around Marion County) has turned into a much bigger project. We found that several of the district boundaries have changed over the years, not just those who took pieces of District 20. So over the holiday, in the quiet of the early morning, and with a lot of coffee, all of the departments in the state were plotted, and then “new” boundary lines established. The final step, before working on the web programming aspects of the projects, was to present this information to the IVFA officers and district chairmen on January 31st. Once we are confident that the boundary lines are indeed correct, we will then complete the web pages for the State Map and District pages.

In the meantime we are also working on other additions, which by the time this article appears in the newsletter, some may already be on the web site. These include an IVFA History section. While we continue to always move forward, we need and should remember those who went before us.

Pages will include past IVFA presidents, award & scholarship winners, and history on how the IVFA began.

Another new section is being planned for the IVFA Ladies' Auxiliary. Once we receive the information from them we will begin to upload it on the site. Pages will include their officers, chairwomen, meeting information, etc. We look forward to helping the Auxiliary promote their most worthy organization as well.

And finally: IVFA Convention 2004 coming in June! We will be adding additional conference information as we receive it from District 14, who tells us, “There's Fun in Store in 2004!”

In closing, this is your site and is intended to promote the IVFA and provide you the member with the information you need and want. Have an idea, suggestion, other item, gripe, whatever....email us at webmasters@ivfa.org and let us know what it is.

Best wishes for a safe & prosperous 2004.

See you “on-line”!

Smoke Eater and Buckshot
IVFA Web Masters

Fire company chaplain looks to experimental surgery for survival

By Erika Schmidt Russell
Assistant Editor
The Journal-Press

He was born in the doctor's office before the doctor came downstairs from dinner.

The doctor looked at his mother and said, “He sure is lucky.” Hence, he was named Lucky.

Now, Lawrenceburg Fire Company No. 1 Chaplain and 1st Lt. Lucky Harrell, 40, hopes to live up to his name.

Goodland firefighter honored for 40 years of service to community



GOODLAND - On November 29, 2003, the Goodland Fire Department honored Clifford “Butch” Johnson for 40 years of service on the department and to the community.

He served as chief for several years, giving the department leadership and lots of knowledge.

He will be missed, but never forgotten, his fellow firefighters said.

Pictured are: (left to right) - Jim O'Neal, Butch Johnson, Randy Deno and Don Lah.

(Article and photos submitted by Don Lah)

Harrell has been living with chronic pancreatitis for about four years, and the disease has reached a critical level. His only chance of long-term survival is experimental surgery, he said.

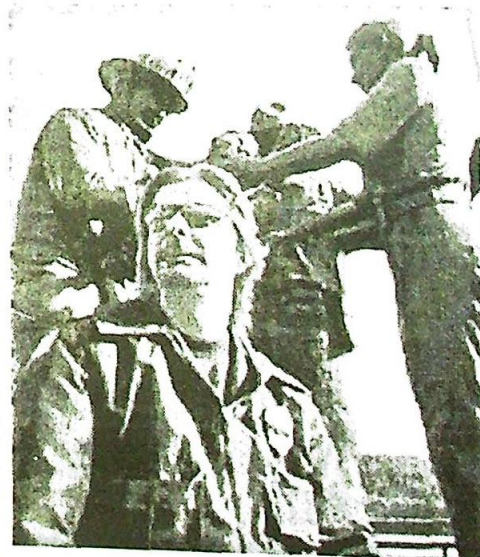
The surgery would remove his pancreas, and transplant islet cells from that organ into his liver.

Islet cells produce insulin, according to information provided by the Pancreatic Disease Center at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Insulin is an enzyme, secreted by the pancreas, that helps the body process glucose for energy, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

Chronic pancreatitis is caused by digestive enzymes produced by the pancreas becoming active while still in the organ, and the enzymes begin digesting and destroying the pancreas, according to the NDDIC.

Harrell will be the 13th person in the world to receive the experimental operation if enough money can be



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raised.

Surgeons at UC will waive their fee for the surgical portion of the procedure, but harvesting the islet cells from his pancreas will cost about \$10,000, said a letter from the PDC.

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Fire company chaplain . . .

Prairieon FD purchases Rehab 1

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An account has been set up at American State Bank to donate money for the surgery.

No fund-raisers have been planned yet, said Harrell.

"I have to do this because my mom lost her first baby. I don't her to have to bury another child," said Harrell.

Harrell has been active with the fire department for more than nine years. Besides serving as chaplain at Company No. 1, he also is active with fire prevention efforts in Lawrenceburg schools and area preschools.

"I was voted in on my birthday, April 10. The older guys knew I had been a street thug, but they took me under their wing. It was a big turning point in my life," said Harrell.

The fire department is an extended family for Harrell, and he missed fire prevention month demonstrations this

year for the first time.

"Some days, I don't feel like getting out of bed," he said.

Working with children in schools, and helping the "old-timers" have kept Harrell going for the past four years, but now he is on many drugs to keep the pain at bay.

Another surgery recipient told Harrell she feels like a different person, and he hopes the surgery will do the same for him, said Harrell.

Doctors from around the world will come to UC Medical Center to witness the surgery because it is done at two hospitals only, said Harrell.

Hopefully, the surgery will work, and Harrell can go back to doing what he loves, and will see completion of the new Lawrenceburg firehouse on Tate Street next year.

(Article courtesy of The Journal-Press and submitted by Kris Shannon, Aurora, Indiana)



About five years ago my department and Riley Fire Department were called upon for mutual aid by Honey Creek Fire Department on a structure fire in Youngstown, IN, just south of Terre Haute.

It was an attic fire in a fairly large, single story home. The reasons for the extra manpower were the weather conditions, the air temperature was around zero, and a long overhaul of the home.

During the course of the incident, two different partners of mine had to stand down because their SCBA's froze while tanks were being changed out. Then, most of us froze solid before a salamander was procured and fired up.

At that time I was thinking that I was getting too old for this and there has got to be a better way!

Because of other expenses, I had to wait until 2002 before I got the green light for my project. By then I knew exactly what was needed.

I wanted one of the largest busses that Bluebird makes for a few reasons: I liked the way they designed the steps because they were easier to walk up and down with full turnout gear on, the driver can see without any obstructions because of the huge windshield, there's lots of room and I like the way they look.

Well, as luck would have it, after the 2002 school year, the Vigo County School Corp. was having a public auction of some of their fleet. Myself, along with Chief Monte Hunt and president Tim Alvey, attended the auction. We talked to the head of the maintenance department, the auctioneer and most of the other buyers about what we needed, why and that we were only buying one unit. Everyone was receptive to the idea, and we felt we were able to buy a very nice, reliable bus. It is a 1990 Bluebird, 34 feet long with a Cummings diesel and an automatic transmission. It had only 81,000 miles on it with all the maintenance records and an invitation to call their shop if we have any questions or problems.

I contacted John Young and Bill Shepard at the A to Z Body Shop in Prairieon, IN about painting. They said the old paint would have to come off before it could be repainted. They own a media blasting booth in Rosedale, IN which they usually charge by the minute to use. It took three days and our labor, their expertise and labor to do, and they only charged us for the electricity! It took weeks for us to hand sand the rough spots and four days and nights to tape, prime and paint. They donated all their labor! Terre

Haute Auto Paint sold the paint at cost and talked PPG Paint into donating a gallon of red! The Sears store in Terre Haute sold us a generator at cost. Midwest R.Y. in Vigo County gave us a great deal on two roof mount air conditioners, installed. Terre Haute City Fire Department donated three ICOM radios. Other individual donations of material or labor come from Jake Compton, the late Jack Summerlot, The Payne's, Claude Mahurin, and Bill Chickadaunce, all of Prairieon, and Ross Malone of Otter Creek St. 2.

Rehab 1 not only allows the firefighter to get out of the elements, we have two microwave ovens and coffee pots which besides coffee, we serve hot and cold tea, hot chocolate, sport drinks, soup, and water. We have trauma and oxygen kits on board. It also seats 12 people.

The departments that have called for it say it's great, the departments that haven't say they will. We feel it is a great addition to our department and between the donations, deals, and our labor we were able to complete this project for a remarkable \$10,000!

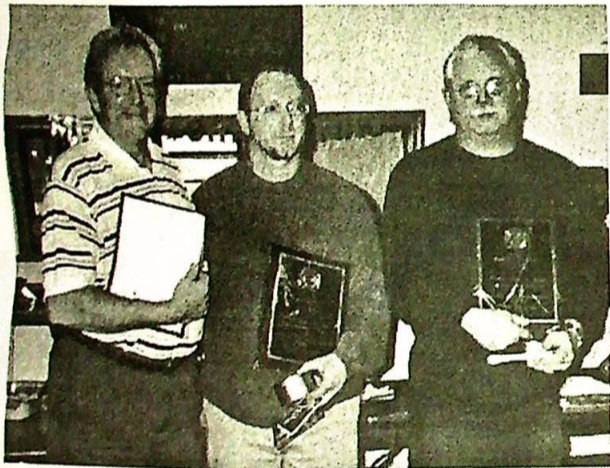
Mike Chervenko
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Prairieon Fire Dept.

Twenty-five year pins presented to three



MORT SORG, District 7 chairman, presented 25 year pins to Dale Gray, Jeff Gray and Phil Sunderman at the district meeting held November 17, 2003 at the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department.

(Photo submitted by Diana Gray)



Firemen retire

RETIRED FIREMEN from the Lapel Volunteer Fire Department are pictured above. They are Kenneth Bourke, James Bauer and Douglas Gibbs.

We wish them all the best of luck.

(Photo submitted by District 8-A)

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THE PRAIRIETON Fire Department and Auxiliary, in conjunction with Little Cee's Pizza collected enough goods for six big Thanksgiving baskets to be given to needy families in the community. Thanks goes to Buddy Bonham, Eula Asbury and Little Cee's Pizza.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2003 - The Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department was thrilled when the Roanoke Department asked if they would like Roanoke's old 1979 fire truck.

Jonesboro, a city of about 1,700 people, has two trucks (1965 and a 1976) and no money in sight for a

newer model.

Roanoke was more than happy to help out and agreed to sell their truck for one dollar.

The Jonesboro Fire Department also received the FEMA Grant this year for \$82,500.

This will also buy the department 20 sets of turnout gear, head to toe and

15 SCBA's replacing 10-year-old gear and 20-year-old SCBA's.

The department is also purchasing a thermo imaging camera with fundraising money and the Jonesboro Fire Department is applying for the D.O.C. Grant for \$165,000 to update a second line pumper that is a 1965 International truck.

The Jonesboro Fire Department is in District 8A, Department #27007, Jonesboro, Indiana 46938.

(Article courtesy of The Roanoke and submitted by the Jonesboro Fire Department, Jonesboro, Indiana)

Schroder, Skinner honored

Award recipients noted for commitment, leadership skills

By Kristina Baker
Pharos-Tribune staff writer

NOVEMBER 3, 2003 -- A 21-year veteran of Cass County EMS and a fairly new member of the Royal Center Fire Department took top honors Monday night in being named Cass County's Emergency Medical Responder of the Year and Fireman of the Year.

It wasn't one particular incident, but rather their commitment to their departments that earned RCFD Assistant Chief Ed Schroder and Cass County Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Tom Skinner the awards presented by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #323 during a combined banquet Monday evening.

For his efforts in fighting fires, as well as securing funding for his department and establishing a countywide fire association, Schroder was named Fireman of the Year at the 21st annual event.

"Ed Schroder has dedicated himself to the improvement of not just Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department, but to the enhancement of all volunteer departments in the county," wrote one nominator. "He has worked tirelessly to establish a cohesive Cass County Fire Association," which has increased the level of preparedness and professionalism of the area volunteer fire departments.

In addition, over the past year Ed has been instrumental in acquiring funding for a new fire engine for the RCFD and obtaining a FEMA grant to upgrade obsolete equipment for the department, said another nominator. "All of the above mentioned items only scratch the surface of what Ed Schroder has done for his community and the county."

Schroder joined the department approximately five years ago, after members made several attempts to recruit him. It was a realization that "it could be my house or my family in need of assistance," said Schroder that finally persuaded him to join.

Ever since, he has been a great asset to the department, according to Roger Knebel, president of the RCFD. Through his leadership, Schroder has furthered the advancement of the department with new equipment and training. "It's hard to imagine where the department would be without him," said Knebel.

It is his involvement with the organization of the Cass County Fire Association, however, that Schroder holds with highest regard.

Most fire departments encounter the same problems, from funding issues to training, said Schroder, adding that through the fire association, departments are able to network together and solve the problems everyone else is also experiencing.

Emergency Medical Responder
Leadership skills and commitment

also were among the qualities used to describe the recipient of the Fourth Annual Emergency Medical Responder of the Year Award. More importantly, nominators cited it was his ability to handle critical situations with calmness and professionalism that made Cass County EMS Paramedic Tom Skinner deserving of the award.

"He is an exceptional paramedic, always using good judgment and skills in a complicated situation," said one nominator.

"Tom works well with everyone, comes in whenever he is needed, always tries to make (the) patient comfortable . . .," wrote another nominator.

In addition to his 21 years of service with Cass County EMS, where he is in charge of scheduling, Skinner also volunteers his skills and spare time as a paramedic with the Twelve Mile First Responders.

Working as a paramedic, you encounter something different all the time, said Skinner, adding that being able to help others is what he enjoys most. "It's a very fulfilling job."

And while nominators say there is no single incident that makes Skinner stand out from the rest, it is his ongoing commitment that is noteworthy.

"There is not 'one' incident that comes to mind. It is every incident, every run and every situation that makes me want to nominate Tom for this award," said one nominator. "I have worked many nights with Tom and have responded to many calls with him. Calls ranging from upset stomach to cardiac arrest, and from falls to car wrecks -- and with each call, Tom is able to give each patient the highest level of care that is required and expected."

"Tom's professionalism and skills not only make him a great paramedic, but he has also been a great teacher. I have learned a lot from Tom, but perhaps the most important lesson I have learned is to relax, smile, do the best job you can, and then have another cup of coffee."

Past winners:

Past award recipients of the Fireman of the Year award include: Howard Slifer, Jr., Twelve Mile, 1983; Ward Lesh, Clymers, 1984; Zane Hanna, Logansport, 1985; Ken Winegardner, Logansport, 1986; Ron Holcomb, Logansport, 1987; Jeff Strong, Onward, 1988; Joe Casalini, Logansport, 1989; Allen Tribbett, Royal Center, 1990; Richard Baier, Logansport, 1991; Charles and Paul Mays, Onward, 1992; Tom Nethercutt, Georgetown, 1993; Leroy Birnell, Walton, 1994; Isadore Davis, Royal Center, 1995; Bill Cox, Logansport, 1996; Randy Landis, Logansport, 1997; John Shivley, Logansport, 1998; Steve Williams, Logansport, 1999; Larry "Buck" Larimore, Logansport, 2000; Kim Costello, Scott Jones and Rex Danely, Logansport, 2001; and Dave Huff and Kenny Ott, Logansport, and Dale Brown, Walton, 2002.

Past award recipients of the EMS of the Year award include: Sue Grandstaff, 2000; Chris Cover, 2001; and Roberta Houser and Jason Miller, 2002.

(Article courtesy of Pharos-Tribune)

(Kristina Baker may be contacted at 722-5000, Ext. 5148, or via e-mail at kristina.baker@pharostribune.com)

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- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Miss Flame Mixer
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - BBQ + Beer Bust
- 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Caesars Outing
- 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Karaoke

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH:

- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Seminars 1-2-3
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Miss Flame judging
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Men's officer's meeting
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch @ location of your choosing
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Vendors displays
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Miss Flame luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. - Close - Miss Flame judging
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- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Women's officer's meeting
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Southwest Fire)
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Opening meeting
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. - Belle of Louisville Cruise w/Firehouse Rhythm Band & Karaoke
- 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Entertainment - Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH:

- 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Registration + Chinese Auction
- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Coffee Klutch
- 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Women's business meeting
- 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Men's business meeting
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Vendors' displays
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch @ location of your choosing
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Memorial service (Morton Memorial Church)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Men's meeting (if needed)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Women's meeting (if needed)
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Miss Flame outing
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- 8:00 a.m. - ? - Games

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Milan Rescue 30 holds mortgage burning ceremony

Milan Rescue 30 held a mortgage burning ceremony in October, 2003.

The station is completely paid for. Irvin Amberger has served the community for 37 years on the rescue squad.

He was presented a pin from the IVFA for 25 or more years of service. He also received a certificate from the State EMS Commission for his many years of service.

Also receiving certificates for their many years of service were Nancy Hershman, Richard Smith, Jon Nickols, and Ralph Jones.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) - Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman presented Irvin Amberger, Milan Rescue 30 with a 25 year pin. Irvin also received a certificate from the State EMS for 36 years of service to Rescue 30.

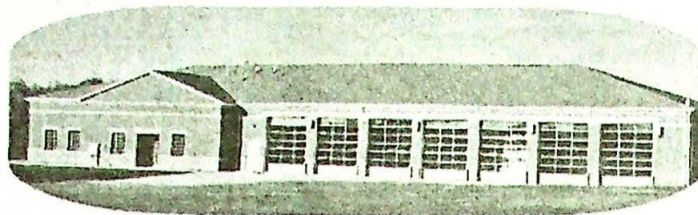
(photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Miss Flame contestants



2004 DISTRICT 19 Miss Flame contestants - (left to right) Jessica Doll, representing Sunman Rural F.D., Candace Gray, representing Miller York V.F.D., Laura Merkel, representing Morris V.F.D., Beckah Williams, representing East Enterprise V.F.D. and Kim Narwold, representing Batesville Fire and Rescue. (photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Aurora Vol. Fire Dept. holds open house and dedication



Aurora Vol. Fire Department held an open house and dedication ceremony of their new station on December 13, 2003.

The new station will serve the needs of the community for years to come.

There was good attendance by the community. Also attending was State Representative Bob Bischoff, Senator Johnnie Nugent, Mayor Richard Ullrich, Jr., and IVFA president Buz Koehler and wife.

Fire Chief Jef Lane introduced the firefighters and explained the need of the new station.

Officers are Fire Chief Jeffery A. Lane, Deputy Chief James A. Pickett and Safety Officer Mark A. Lane.

(Article and photos submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



(LEFT TO RIGHT): Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Buz Koehler, IVFA president, Gregory Faber, Aurora V.F.D., Kevin Klingelhoff, Aurora V.F.D. Greg and Kevin received 25 year pins on December 13, 2003.



Milan Rescue 30

MEMBERS OF Milan Rescue 30 are (left to right): Thomas Williamson, Gary Caudill, Ralph Jones, Irvin Amberger, Jon Nickols, Kristine Lindemann, Debbie Eaglin, Richard Smith, Robin Laws, Nancy Hershman.

(photo submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

Miss Flame contest held

District 19 held its Miss Flame contest on November 20, 2003 at the district meeting at Eagle Volunteer Fire Department, Oldenburg.

Five lovely young ladies represented their fire departments.

Jessica Doll represented Sunman Rural Fire Department; Candace Gray represented Miller York Volunteer Fire Department; Laura Merkel represented Morris Volunteer Fire Department; Kim Narwold represented Batesville Fire and Rescue; Beckah Williams represented East Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department.

Kim Narwold was crowned Miss Flame of District 19 and will represent District 19 at the State Convention.

(submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



KIM NARWOLD, Batesville Fire and Rescue, District 19 Miss Flame.

Clarence Vogelgesang and Allen Probst of Hogan Twp. V.F.D., near Aurora in Dearborn Co., received 25 year pins from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman at their annual chicken dinner.

In the top photo at right (left to right): Allen Probst, Hogan Twp. V.F.D., Dearborn Co., District 19, receiving 25 year pin from Ed Scheele, District 19, chairman.

In the bottom photo at right (left to right) is pictured Clarence Vogelgesang, Hogan Twp. V.F.D., Dearborn Co., District 19, receiving his 25 year pin from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

(submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



(LEFT TO RIGHT): Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Jeff Lane, Aurora V.F.D. fire chief and Buz Koehler, IVFA president. Jeff is holding a clock from the IVFA.

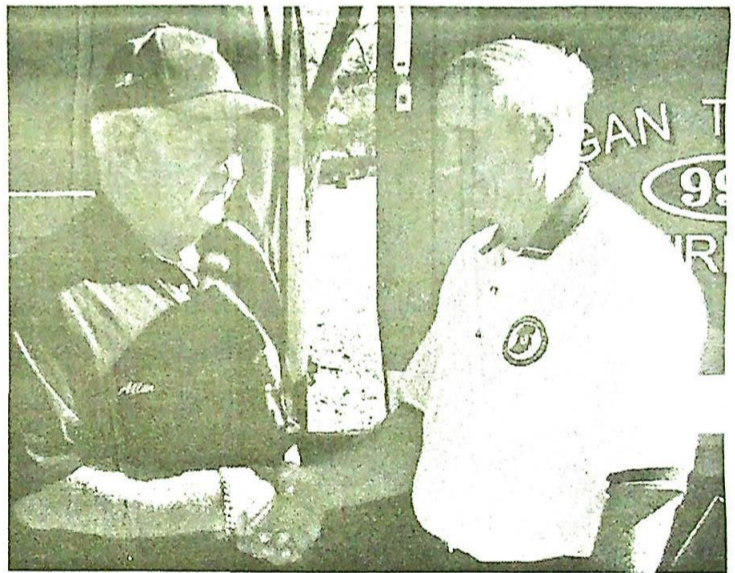


BUZ KOEHLER and Ed Scheele presenting IVFA clock to Aurora Volunteer Fire Department at the firehouse dedication on December 13, 2003.



BUZ KOEHLER, IVFA president and Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman presenting 25 year pins to Gregory Faber and Kevin Klingelhoff of Aurora Volunteer Fire Department.

Two earn awards



Public Relations Northeast



Michael Mackin

Hello Northeast Districts:
I'm sorry that I didn't get a report in the last issue of the paper.
I hope that everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season.
I do apologize that I did not make the November meetings for District's 5 & 7, due to my Mother's health,

which I do regret to report of her passing away on November 14th. I know my father, brother, sisters and I do want to thank everyone for all of the cards, thoughts and keeping us in your prayers.

On a happier note, I do want to announce to those who don't know, I did take the "big step" and was married on November 15th. My wife, Cathy, and I do want to thank all of you that were able to celebrate our day of starting our lives together.

As you all have heard, the legislation season will be in full swing at the time of printing. Be assured that your Association will be watching all of the bills that concern the fire departments in this great state. Again this year, the Association will try to introduce bills that will be helpful to those in fire service. So when you attend your district meeting, your district chairman will be able to give you the bill number. So when we ask you to call your representative, please take the time to call, to let them know how you feel about the bill.

Until we meet at your district meeting,

Mike Mackin
P.R.N.E.

2003 Miss Flame crowned in Troy



District 18 Fireman's Association's Jillian DeKemper of DuBois, was crowned 2003 Miss Flame by Amanda Verkamp, Miss Flame 2002 and the reigning state Miss Flame, Nicole Pane.

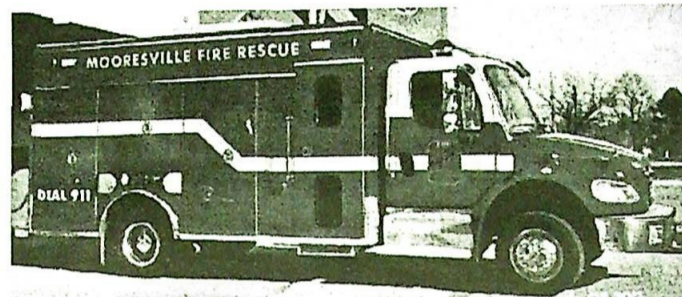
Pictured from left: Jennifer Dodd of Haysville, first runner-up and Jillian DeKemper of DuBois, Miss Flame.

Jillian is the daughter of Joe and Cherie DeKemper.

Megan Welp of Schnellville was second runner-up and also Miss Congeniality, not pictured.

(photo submitted by Chief Joe DeKemper, DuBois)

Mooresville FD receives a new rescue unit



MFD took delivery of a 2003 freightliner rescue unit.

This unit responds on every run Mooresville makes. It has its own generator power with extended lighting for night operations.

The unit is set up with extricating equipment for emergency responses and a mini command center to assist in any incident they respond to.

(Submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman)

North Manchester firefighter receives Lifesaving Award



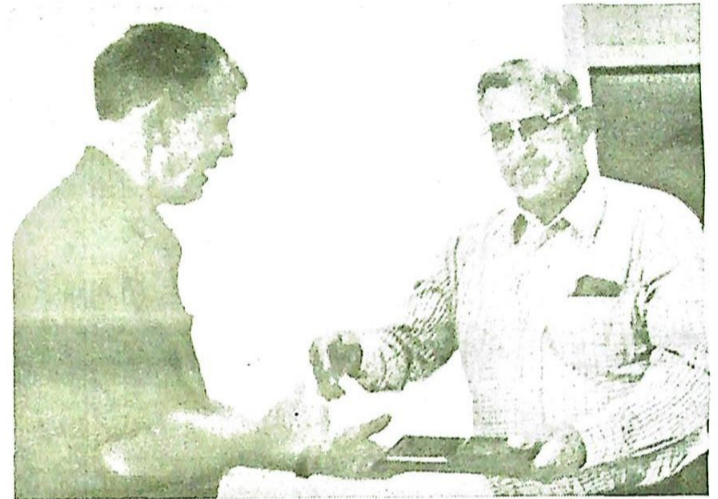
IN THE ABOVE photo, North Manchester firefighter Jerry Egolf receives a Lifesaving Award from Fire Chief Bill Morris and Assistant Chief Cam Kissinger for rescuing a 57-year-old North Manchester man from a house fire on October 27, 2002.

(Photo submitted by Cam Kissinger)

Midwest Award presented to Ron Myers

Ron Myers of Hazelwood V.F.D. was awarded the District 12 Midwest Award during their Christmas dinner. Ron is a 23 year veteran of H.V.F.D. He has 2nd class fire certification and an emergency medical technician certification.

(Submitted by Larry Bruner, district 12 chairman)



Larry Bruner, District 12 IVFA chairman, left and Ron Myers on the right.

May deadline is April 10, 2004

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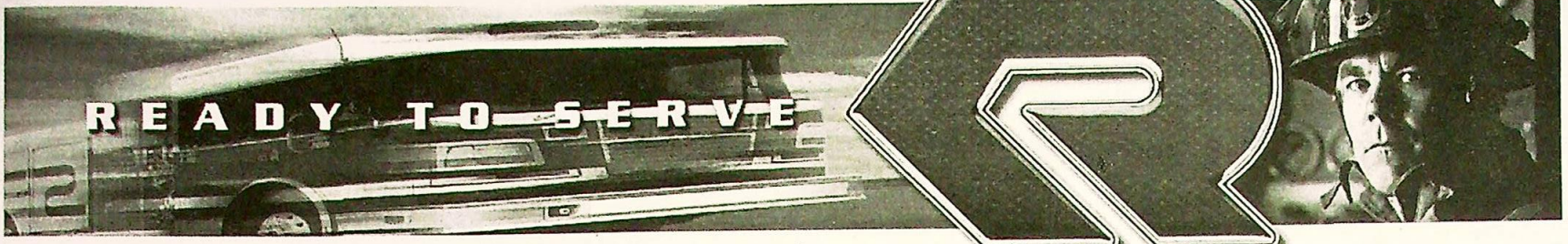
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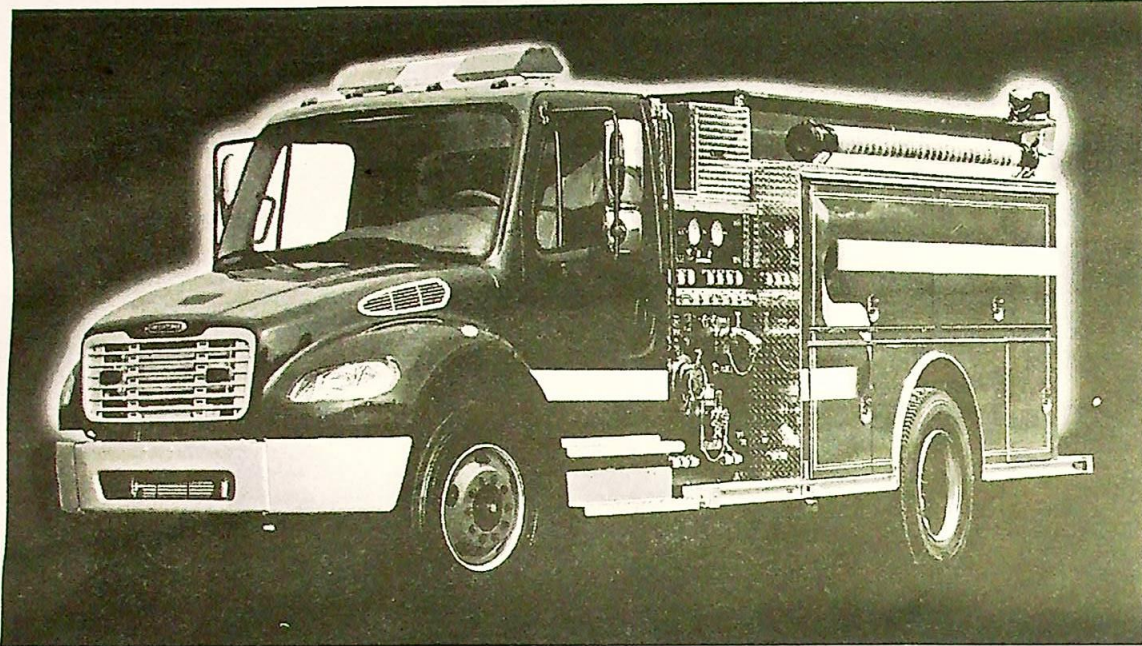
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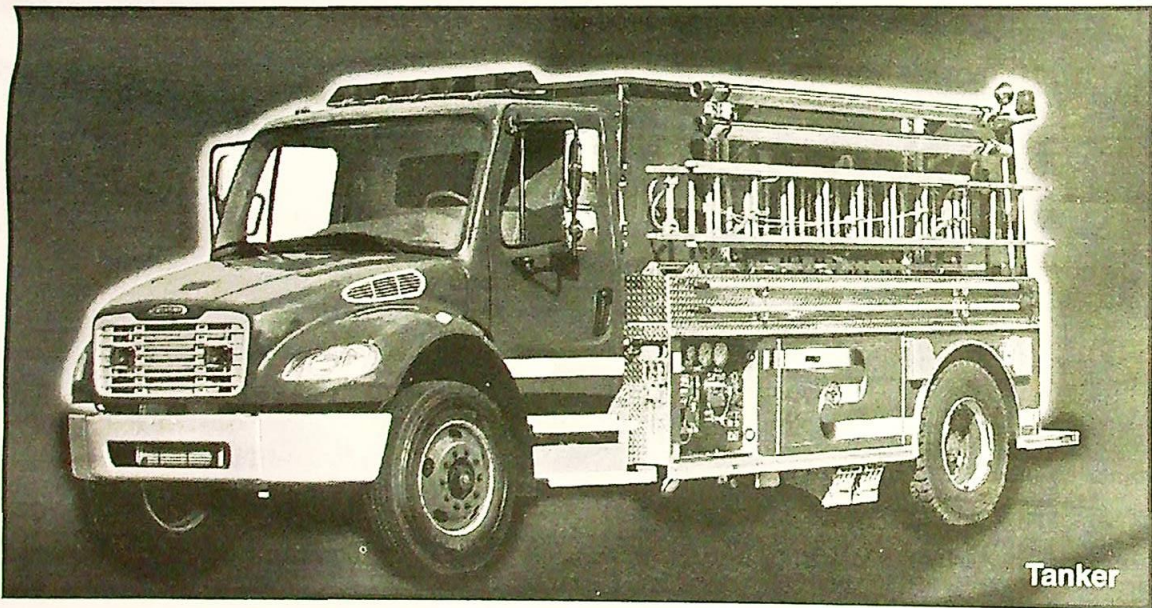
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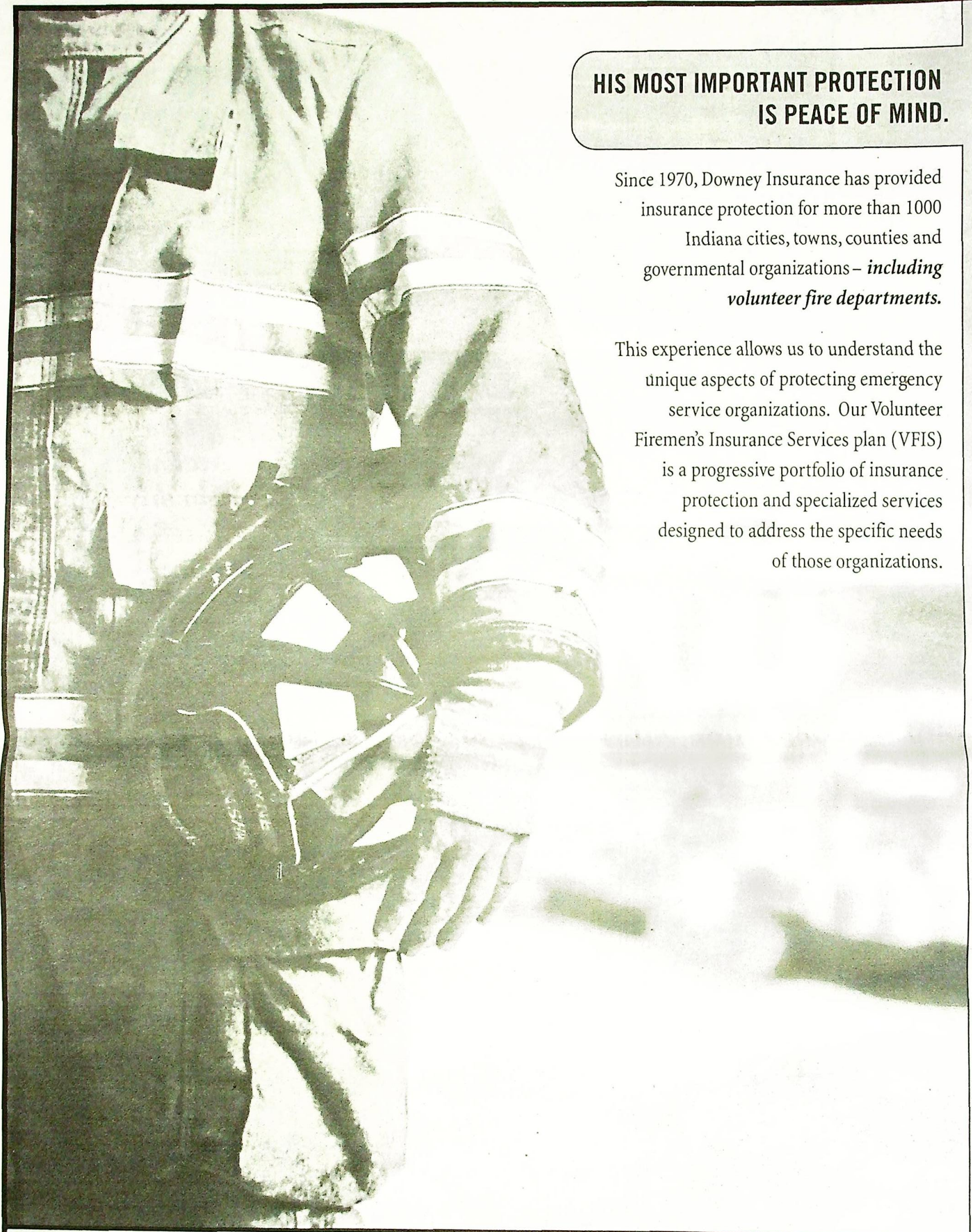
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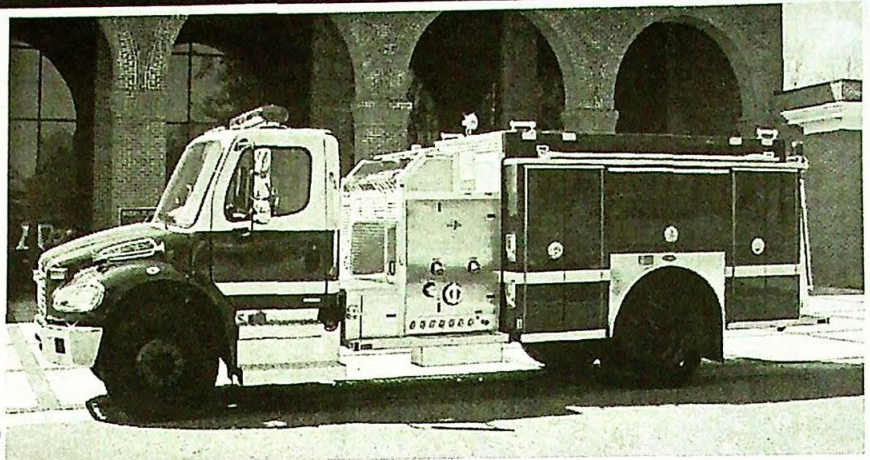
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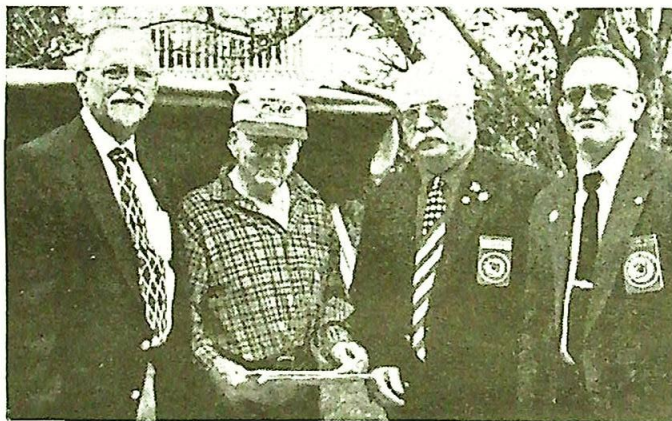
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Twenty-five year pins, 50 year gold card presented

On Nov. 24, 2003 at the Henry Co. Firefighter's Association meeting at Knightstown Volunteer Fire Department in Knightstown, Indiana, IVFA District 13A chairman presented Chief Robert Schaeffer with his 25 year pin and Bill Windsor with his 50 year gold card. Steve Nelson was not present.
(submitted by IVFA District 13A chairman, Tim Martin)



Bordner presented 50 year gold card



Wilbur A. Bordner, Plymouth Fire Department, was given a 50 year Gold Card by President Buz Koehler, Public Relations Northeast Mike Mackin and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 IVFA chairman)



Top photo - left to right: Bob Schaeffer - 25 year pin, District 13A chairman Tim Martin and Bill Windsor - 50 year gold card.
Bottom photo - Steve Nelson (left) is being presented his 25 year pin by Knightstown Fire Chief Bob Schaeffer (right) at the Knightstown VFD regular meeting on Dec. 2, 2003.

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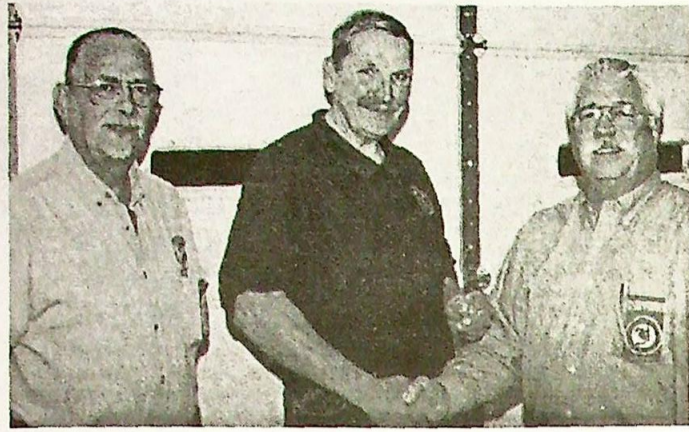
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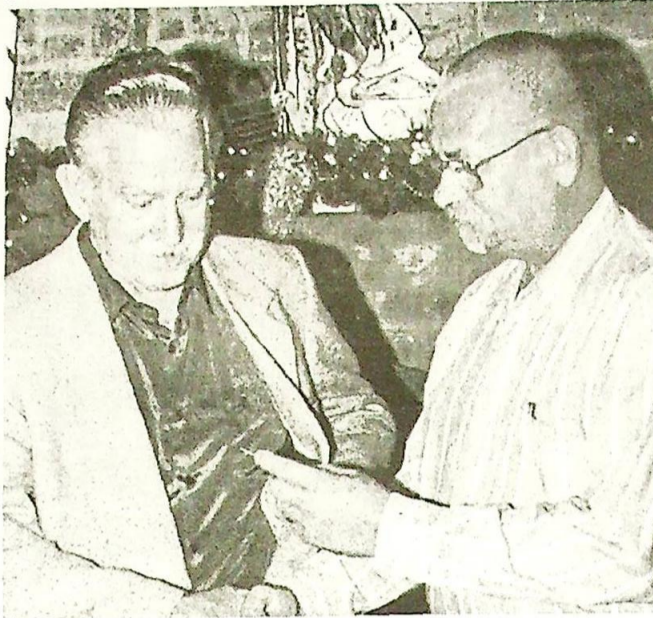
Farrer earns 25 year pin



TONY FARRER, (center), Bremen Fire Department, received his 25 year pin from President Buz Koehler, (right) and District 5 chairman Don Kissinger, (left).

(submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

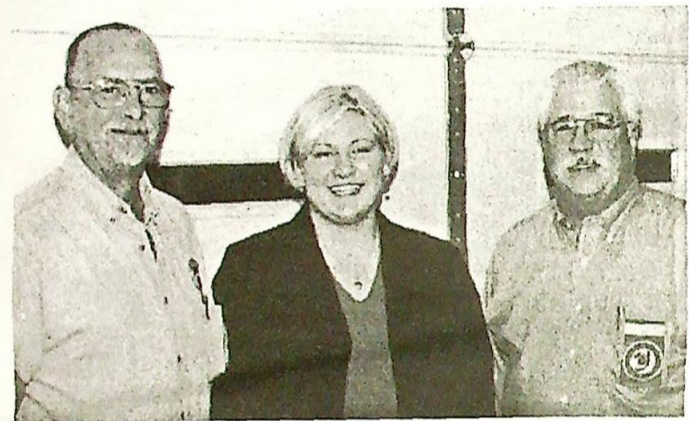
Fifty year Gold Card presented to Arthur Winkle



ARTHUR G. WINKLE, (left), Bourbon Fire Department, received his 50 Year Gold Card from District 5 Chairman, Don Kissinger, pictured on right.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

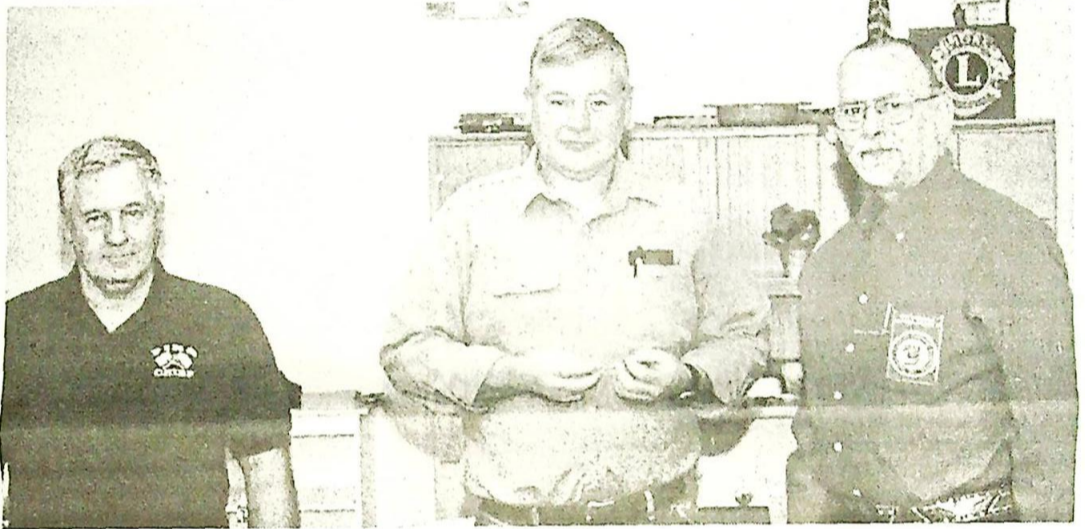
Holley Farrer, District 5 IVFA Miss Flame



DISTRICT 5 Miss Flame, Holley Farrer of the Bremen Fire Department with President Buz Koehler, (right) and District 5 Chairman, Don Kissinger (left).

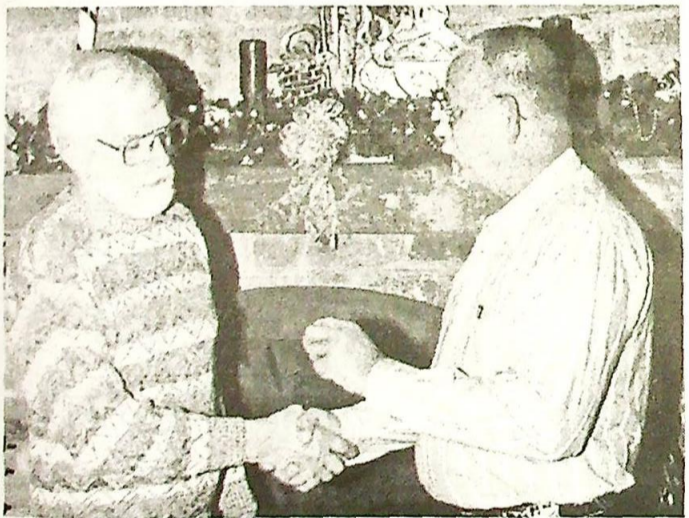
(submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Robert Clyde earns 25 year pin



ROBERT CLYDE, Kewanna-Union Twp. Fire Department, received his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger. (submitted by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger).

Middaugh receives 25 year pin



CARL WAYNE Middaugh, (left) Bourbon Fire Department, received his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger (right).

(submitted by District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger)

Silver Lake firemen earn pins



PHILLIP J. Shalley and Jack A. Warren, Silver Lake Fire Dept., received 25 year pins from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger. (submitted by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger).

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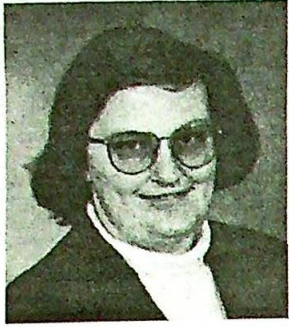
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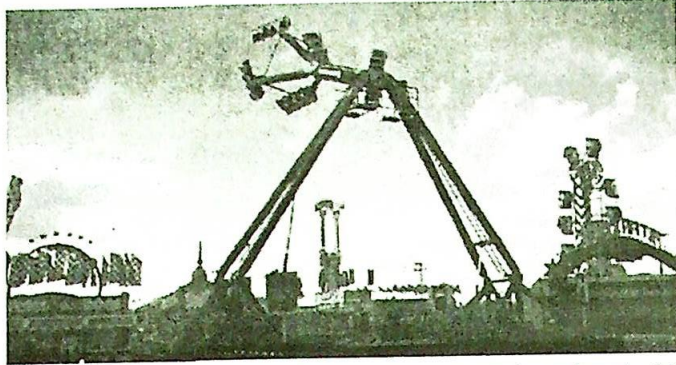


Diane Harrison

Hello Firefighters and Friends, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season. I have been able to attend all my district meetings and some fundraisers. Won't be long and it will be time for the fundraisers to start back in force, please let me know about them and we will try to attend. There are many Miss Flame contests coming up. Please attend these and support the contestants. Remember, they are representing us. Be safe out there.

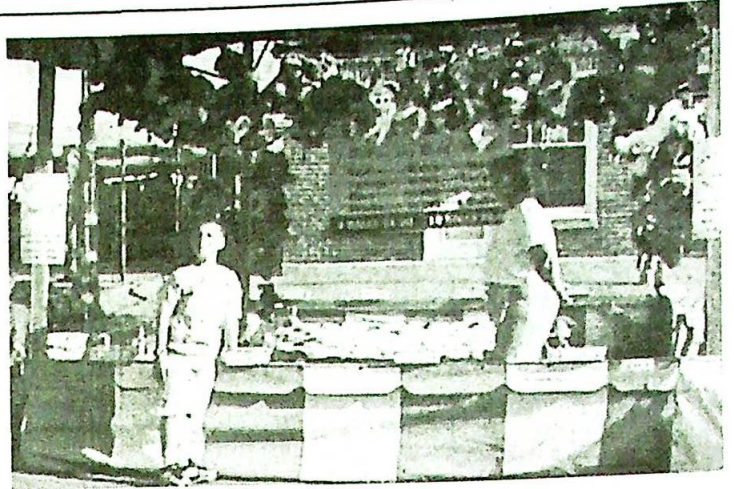
Diane Harrison West Central Public Relations

Fire departments join to host fall festival



FARMLAND and Parker Fire Departments joined together and hosted a fall festival. The event was held at the Monroe Central High School. It was a great success for the first year and plans are being made for next year.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)



Auxiliary hosts ball pitch event

AUXILIARY works ball pitch at the Farmland Fire Department and Lions Fair held recently.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

Complete Instructor I course



JOE BERTRAM, Melvin Natt and Larry Savage completed Instructor I Course and will add to the instructors who train the Farmland Department.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

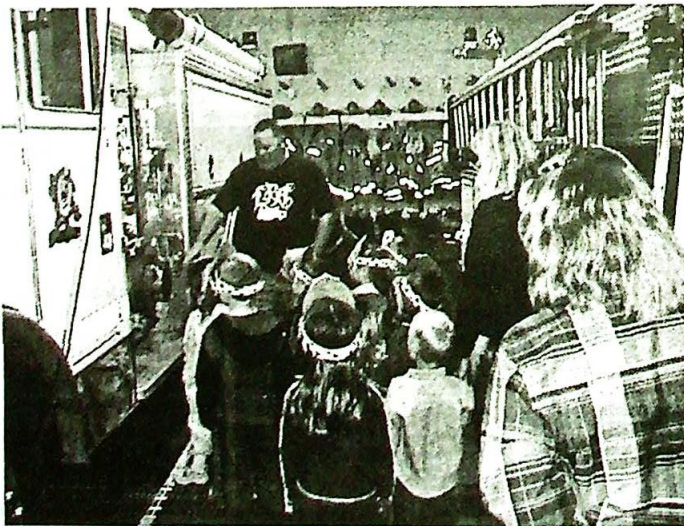


Frazier earns 25 year pin

JOE FRAZIER of Farmland receives his 25 year pin from past president Bill Sunday at Farmland's monthly meeting.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

Pre-schoolers learn about fire trucks at Farmland F.D.



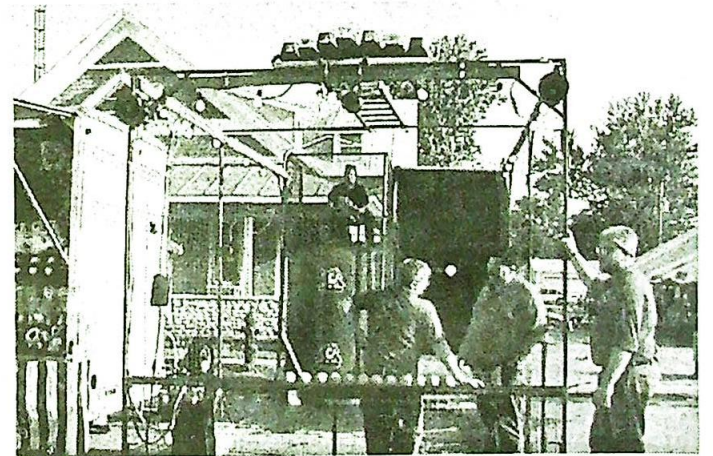
ASSISTANT CHIEF Melvin Nott shows pre-school kids fire trucks and fire prevention films during Fire Prevention Week.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

Firemen have Bozo booth at street fair

FARMLAND FIREMEN have Bozo booth at the Lions Fire Department street fair.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)



Donations received

Donations given to the fire department from area Farmland residents by two A.E.D.'s for fire department.

One will be used in police cars in Farmland, the other will be in the fire truck.

Assistant chief Jeff Willen and Town Marshal and fireman Kenny Marquis show AED units.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

Public Relations Southeast



Roy Richardson

December 25, 2003

Hi Chiefs & Firefighters, It's Christmas Day and I am in Clark Men. Hospital. I have been here four days and do not know when I will get out, soon I hope.

I hope to see all of you at the officer's meeting in February 2004.

Everything is going okay for the 2004 convention in Clarksville.

Ed, District 19, is doing an outstanding job in his district. Keep up the good work.

Al, District 14, is working hard on the 2004 convention in June. He is making sure everything is in order for you all to have a good time at the convention. Sorry, Ed, that I didn't get to your meeting but I had a very important Fire Chief's Association meeting to chair in Clark Co. The fire chiefs have been working on subdivision regulations and got the Indiana fire code adopted by ordinance in Clark Co. It was a big plus for Clark Co. firefighters.

District 16, please call me and let me know what's going on there. I have called but received no response. If District 16 needs help in any way, please let me know. I hope to get out of the hospital soon.

See you soon.

Submitted by: Roy Richardson, PRSE

Note: Roy was released Monday, Dec. 29.

Public Relations East Central



Don Cushman

Three complete Firefighter I course



MIKE COTHERN, Brandon Redmond and Molly McGuire completed Firefighter I at Farmland Fire Department. (submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)



Bennett receives 50 year Gold Card







RUSSELL BENNETT, retired chief of Farmland, receives his 50 year Gold card from past president, Bill Sunday from Farmland.

(submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

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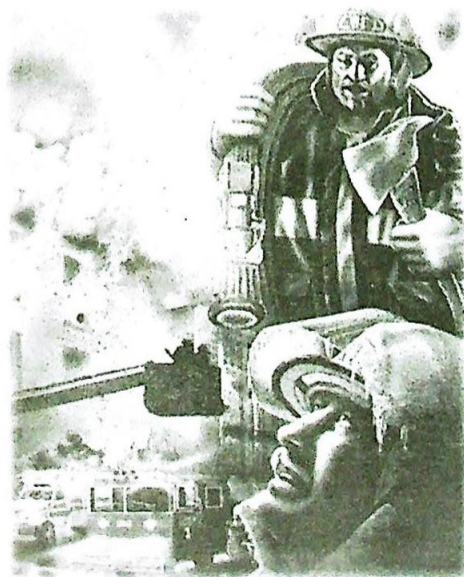
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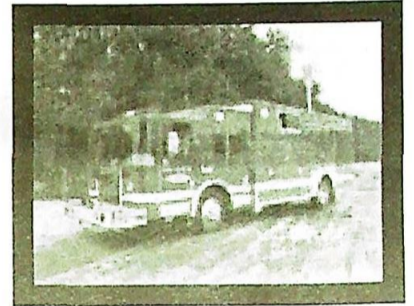
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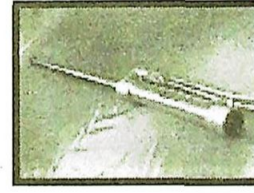
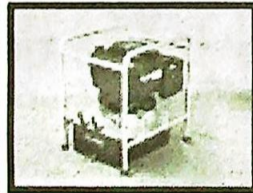
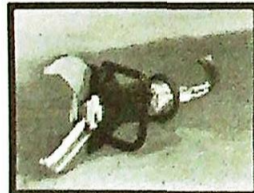
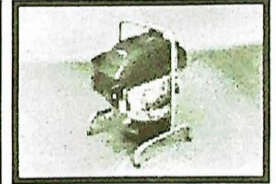
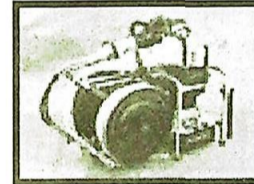
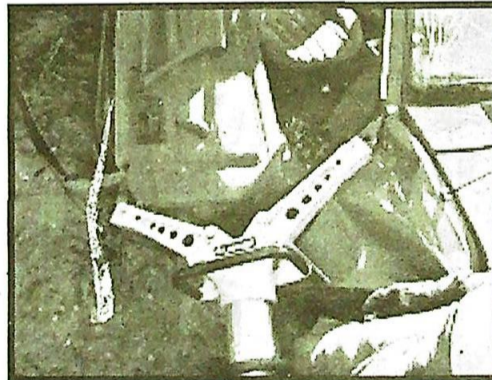
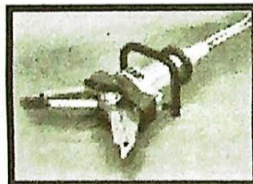
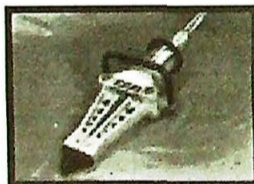


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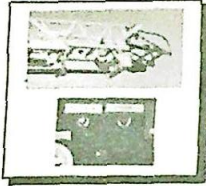
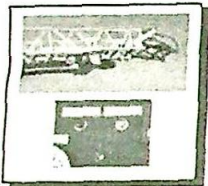
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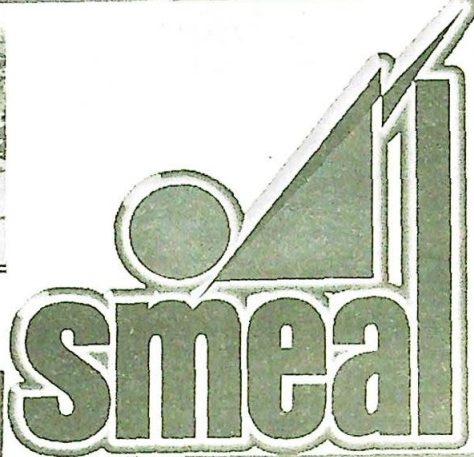
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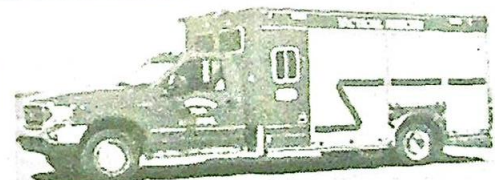
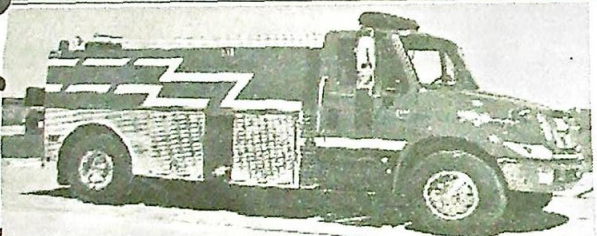
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Bennett honored with 50 year service plaques

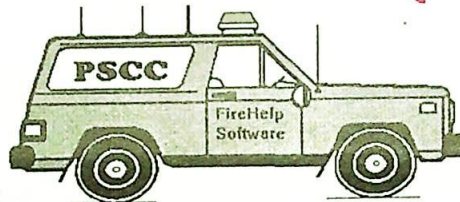


FARMLAND FIRE Department presenting Russell Bennett with two 50 year service plaques. (submitted by Bill Sunday, past president)

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