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From the President

Longtime Munster Fire Chief dies



Jack Kerney

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is a pleasure again to serve as your president.

February is shaping up to be a very busy month for me. This year will be very special for Barb and me, as we will both be serving as president's of two great organizations, the IVFA and the IVFAA.

I would like to thank Jack Zeeks for his many years as serving as our chairman of the board.

One new face on the executive board will be vice president Larry Ketchem. I am looking forward to working with Larry in the coming year. I believe he will bring a lot of fire service knowledge to the board.

Please keep us informed of your department awards ceremonies, fundraisers, and all other activities you would like for me to attend.

Shokrina Beering will again serve as our lobbyist for the 2005 legislative session. The first day of the session Shokrina had gotten two of our bills filled, SB94 which extends the no reprimand to private employers, and SB84 which is the firefighter income tax de-



Robert Nowaczyk

duction. She will be filing another bill, which will be tax credits for firefighters. I would like to congratulate Roger

Johnson for being appointed the next fire marshal of the State of Indiana.

The Fire and Emergency Services dinner will be February 7 at the Hyatt in Indianapolis.

Also coming up are the Indiana Fire Schools, Duneland and Jasper. Don't forget if you are an IVFA member you are entitled to a \$5.00 discount on each class you attend.

The IVFA awards three \$1,500.00 Scholarships each year. The applications are due in the IVFA office by March 1.

Our annual meeting and convention will be on June 14-15-16 at the Columbus Holiday Inn. I hope everyone will try to attend and make the 2005 Convention a huge success.

If you have any items or concerns regarding the fire service or the IVFA, please feel free to discuss them with me.

Again it is a pleasure to serve the Volunteer Firefighters of Indiana.

Robert Nowaczyk passed away November 17, 2004.

Bob was the Munster Fire Chief for 22 years. He was a member of the Lake County Fire Chief's Association, the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association, the National Fire Protection Agency, and the International Society of Fire Instructors.

Chief Nowaczyk was a board member of the Duneland Fire School and served on the Advisory Board of the Ivy Tech College, Fire Science Program.

A TRIBUTE TO CHIEF NOWACZYK

When Chief Nowaczyk died, the fire service lost a great leader, pioneer and gentleman.

His warm smile and gentle nature belied the energy and intensity of a firefighter who refused to be held back.

Though few can match his record, change, not tenure, was his trademark.

From the outset of his career, he challenged traditional ways and become a missionary for many programs that are taken for granted today.

He steered the ship of change on a continuous course, carefully adjusting to detours, but never losing sight of his destination.

This man accomplished so much in his lifetime that a listing of those accomplishments would take hours.

What he did was not really as important as why he did it and how he did it ... with energy, intelligence, insight, courage, commitment, decisiveness, dedication, care, humanism and humor.

Bob's career in the fire service began 31 years ago. After a little over six years as a firefighter, he rose quickly through the ranks and in 1982 became

the Chief.

Bob's strong beliefs in training, education and personal standards are grounded in the example he has set with his own life: A degree in Applied Fire Science, Master Firefighter Instructor, Master Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, to mention but only a few.

His leadership abilities are best illustrated by his son, Kevin's choice to make his mark in the fire service. Kevin is serving as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Munster.

As his assistant, Linda reflected earlier ... "I didn't lose a boss, I love my friend."

For me to best summarize, Chief Nowaczyk was unforgettable because of his humanness, values, professionalism, vision, stability, effectiveness, his friendship/loyalty, ability to know you more than you knew him, a pleasure to know and to have passed any amount of time with and more.

He was:

- A firefighters' firefighter.
- An officers' firefighter.
- An officers' officer and
- A firefighters' and officers' Chief.

He had the quality to demand respect, yet made you feel you first had a friend.

He genuinely loved - his family, his country, his God, his avocation, life in general and all of YOU.

He was a man who still makes anyone who knew him pause ... as his image passes in mental review.

Chief Nowaczyk
You will be missed.

By Patrick Gallagher
Associate Chaplain NW

State of Indiana mandatory firefighter training

By: Jerry A. Nulliner, Indiana
Fire Instructors Association, Inc.,
President

Since the State of Indiana started certifying fire fighters in the mid-1970's there has only been one certification that has been State mandated and that was for newly appointed fire fighters. This certification has been known for years as the 24-hour Certification, well that program has been revamped and now is known as the Mandatory Certification.

What does this change mean to the fire fighters and Fire Chief's in the State of Indiana, well they no longer have a set number of hours for a new fire fighter to sit in a class, which brings this, the only State Mandated training, in line with the remainder of the certi-

fication programs, which is objective and competency based. The competencies needing taught are still the same as the 24-hour, however now there is no hours assigned to each class.

This certification program will have the same reporting requirements as all other certification programs in that there will be a request for testing that must be submitted thirty (30) days

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I.V.F.A. Benefits

I.V.F.A. DISTRICT MEETINGS

What is a district meeting?

- A place to gather information.
- A place to meet those departments around you and in your district to discuss things that you have in common and problems that you may also have in common.
- A place to meet your state officers and ask them questions and voice concerns.
- A place to see new equipment and receive training in the form of a short program.
- A place to discuss and vote on items that affect the Association and your departments as members.
- A place to voice your opinions and give direction to the Association.
- A place to let everyone around you know what fundraisers and events are going on in your department.

District meetings are held every other month and in the evening at a time decided by the District and on a date set by the District. This allows each district to pick a time that will work the best for that general area.

Each year (usually in July) a district chairman is elected to represent each district at the state level and this is a very important meeting.

As members of the Association, we should look to one another for help to solve problems and lend support to each other.

Please support your districts by attending your district meetings.

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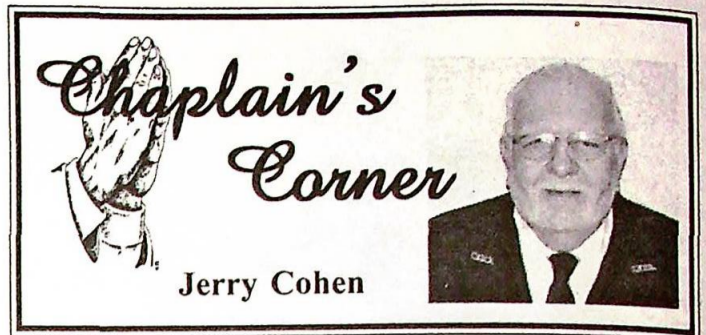
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Chaplain's suggestion for a having a good day.
 Start each day with a conversation with God (Pray)
 God is waiting to hear from you, He is a very good listener.

I thank you Lord God for all You do for me and my family.
 Today Lord give me a keen enthusiasm for life, a lively curiosity,
 and an interest in what this day may hold for me.

Help me face the challenges of today and grow in strength and wisdom.

Help me to reach out to others in their needs, to instill love and faith in their lives each day.

When the fire alarm rings I ask for Your protection for myself and my brother and sister firefighters. Let us get there in time to do our job well saving life and property. When I am away from home keep my family safe.
Thank you, Amen.

The Serenity Prayer

How many of us say this little prayer at the start of an AA or AL-ANON meeting and promptly forget it? This is the most powerful short prayer in the world today. Nothing can replace the Lord's Prayer, of course, but these words of the Serenity Prayer pack a lot of power and meaning.

GOD With the saying of this word we are admitting the existence of a higher power.

GRANT With the repeating of this second word we are admitting that this higher power is an authority who can BESTOW or GIVE.

ME We are asking something for ourselves for the Bible states, "Ask and it . . . and it shall be given." It is not wrong to ask for betterment of yourself, for with the improvement of your character people around you will be made happier.

SERENITY We are asking for CALMNESS, COMPOSURE, and PEACE in our lives which will enable us to think straight and govern ourselves properly.

TO ACCEPT We are resigning ourselves to conditions as they are right now.

THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE We are accepting our lot in life as it is. Until we have the courage to change any part of our lives we don't like, we must accept it and NOT ACCEPT IT GRUDGINGLY.

COURAGE We are asking for a quality of spirit to face conditions without flinching.

TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN We are asking for conditions to be different.

WISDOM We are asking for the ability to form sound judgments in any matter.

TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE We want to understand clearly a truth of fact. We want to see things differently in our lives so there can be some distinction. We need to sense a definite value in sobriety over drunkenness if we are to stay sober.

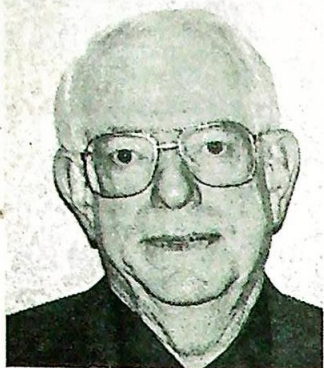
Help me, O LORD, when I want to do the right thing, but know not what it is. But help me most, DEAR LORD, when I know perfectly well what I ought to do, but can't find "the will to do it."

ASK ONLY IN LIFE FOR WISDOM, ALL OTHER THINGS WILL FOLLOW.

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From the Vice President



Larry Ketchem

You've gotta love this great Indiana weather we're having!! Where else can we have 30 inches of snow one week and 50 degree temperatures the next?

First of all, thank you so much for your support as I begin the new adventure of serving as your Vice

President for the upcoming year. I look forward to meeting a lot of you, as I attend various meetings and functions.

Be sure to get your convention and hotel reservations in ASAP. Also, don't forget letters of recommendations for Mr. IVFA and Lois Boaz, and the Bridgeport Scholarship applications.

Please feel free to contact me by any one of the various means that are available out there these days. Larry D. Ketchem, Box 6, Montezuma, IN 47862, 765-245-2643 or ldketchem@yahoo.com. If your department has a meeting schedule or a list of upcoming events, please send them to me and I'll make every effort possible to attend.

Again, thanks for your support and I look forward to a great year.

Larry D. Ketchem
Vice President

State of Indiana mandatory firefighter training

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prior to administering the written and practical test. This will also entail you to have a Proctor and Lead Evaluator assigned as with the reaming certification programs.

Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI) has a syllabus in place for this program and is very well put together and should be utilized to assist in administering the Mandatory Certification program. The Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education (IBFPS&E) has worked diligently on making sure there is a certification program in place that is responsive to the needs of the fire fighters in the State of Indiana. The Indiana Fire Instructors Association (IFIA) will be assisting in this process.

If you have questions concerning the Mandatory Certification program you may contact PSTI at 1-800-666-PSTI (7784), the IFIA office at 1-800-235-0282, or you can contact any of IFIA or IBFPS&E Board members to answer your questions.

Thank you for your time and efforts in making Indiana safe!

 **Don't forget to change your clocks Sun., April 3**

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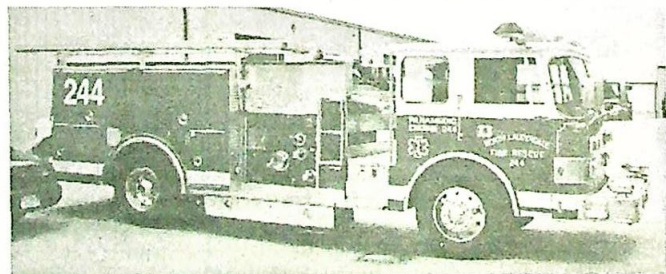
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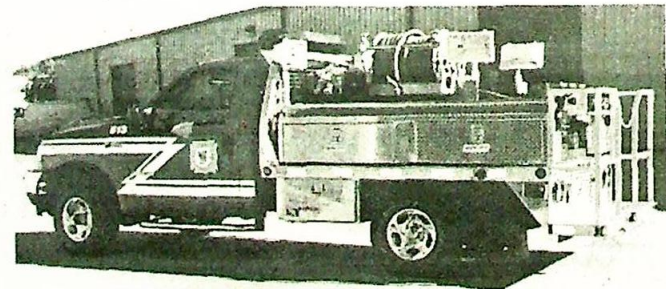
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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Tom Orrell
District 1
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Lowell Fire Department
20 October 2004
Firefighter Larry Stott chaired the meeting in District 2 chairman Paul Watland's absence. The meeting was

called to order at 7:38 p.m., and PR Northwest Jim Bradford led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 19 members of nine departments in District 1 with Union Township as the trophy winner, and by 43 members of eight departments in District 2 with Cedar Lake as the trophy winner.

Guests included: PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, Larry Stott of Crown Point FD, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, IVFA associate chaplain Pat Gallagher, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, John

Kierzkowski of the State Fire Marshal's office, Jim Kroll of Sklarewitz Uniform, Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire, Shawn Junker and Tom Steinler of Fire Service, Dale Smith of Southwestern Fire, Joseph Mika, 50 year member of Lowell, and 25 year member, Alex Esyenyi, also of Lowell.

Chief Eskridge gave a brief history of Lowell FD, and introduced its members.

Scott Musgrove of Lake County 911 spoke on the Lake County Command Truck.

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

Communications: Jim Bradford advised several departments in Indiana have received monies from the State Fire Marshal's office. Driver Safety films will be out in January of 2005, Hazmat books will be out in 2005, announced that Jerry Schnieder is the new PSTI Director, and spoke on 2003 Fire Code, section 1 204, 21-2. NIMS completed by September 2005, tied into the FEMA grant, download from computer at www.FEMA.gov/nims. Test on the Internet to get certificate, certificate needed to receive grant monies.

Jerry Cohen advised he and Pat Gallagher attended a course in CISM training and would like to see all state chaplains and associates get the same training.

Treasurer's report: \$1,618.75.

No old business.

No new business or deaths in either district.

Good of the order: WMD/Hazmat Course at Portage FD on November 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, 11 from 9A to 4P.

Jim Bradford presented 50-year gold card to Joseph Mika, and 25-year pin to Alex Esyenyi.

Chief Eskridge presented Mika with the Governor's Meritorious Award Certificate. John Kierzkowski presented Mika with a Medallion of Meritorious Service from the State Fire Marshal's office.

The next meeting will be at the Schererville Town Hall on November 17th.

Mike Hamm of Lowell FD won \$80 in the 50/50 drawing. Several others won items donated by Sklarewitz Uniform, Hoosier Fire, Fire Service and Southwestern Fire.

Bob Szot made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Billy Howe. Passed.

Schererville Fire Department
17 November 2004

District 1 Chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. President Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 52 members of 11 departments in District 1 with Dyer as the trophy winner (end of year winner was Merrillville station # 1).

Sixteen members of six departments in District 2 with St. John as the trophy winner (end of year winner was Crown Point).

Guests included: president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 Chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, John Kierzkowski of the State Fire Marshal's office, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies, and the following retired Schererville firefighters: Bob Butler, Roger Meyers, Paul Horgash, Ron Piefer, Joe Govert (past chief), George Troic, Terry Sherwood, Dick Gerkich, Frank Gard, Jim Vargo, Art Schwietzer, and past chief Norman Fortner.

Chief Joseph Kruzman introduced the members, and Billy Howe gave a brief history of Schererville FD.

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

Communications: president Koehler advised Bill Ruple was appointed to chair of house for public safety. He also spoke on HB1347, the LOSAP program, the Loan-to-Grant program, active firefighters exempt from being disciplined if late to work due to a fire, still trying to get \$2000 tax exemption for firefighters. Buz also announced the Fire Caucus dinner will be February 7th at the Hyatt Regency Downtown next year and reminded everyone to make their nominations for awards, due February 1st, 2005. President Koehler also thanked everyone for all their support of him during his tenure as president of the IVFA.

PR Northwest Jim Bradford spoke on monies available from FEMA for 2005-2009, advised the grant cap is at 1 million (no matching for fire prevention grants). Announced departments must be NIMS certified in order to receive grants by 09/06. Jim advised the Fire Marshal's office is still trying to give money away, not getting any takers. The driver/trainer video will be available 01/05, Hazmat books now available. January 10th, 2005 is the deadline for the next paper. To look up laws concerning volunteer firefighters, go to www.IVFA.gov (IC 36-8-12). 2005 Convention will be June 15th through 18th in Columbus, and in Kokomo for 2006. Chaplain Cohen spoke on NIMS, website is www.fema.gov/NIMS, and everyone must be totally compliant by 2007. Announced a defibrillator recall for Access Cardio Systems of Concord, MA, advised the company is no longer in business, some of the units fail to shock, others turn themselves on. Cohen also advised he would like to see a chaplain for every fire department in state and will help in getting them trained, eventually would like to see all chaplains also trained in CISM. Past president Parish requested as many people to attend convention this year, need their support for officers.

Treasurer's report: Ann Moss advised a balance of \$1,691.07 (Clarence not in attendance, in ICU at Southlake Methodist Hospital in Merrillville).

No old business.
New business: A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Chief Robert Nowaczyk (following the prayer for dinner).

President Koehler and PR Northwest Jim Bradford presented a 25-yr. pin to John Vaught of Schererville.

Billy Howe presented a plaque and watch to the following Schererville FD members: Jaroslav "Jerry" Balaz - for 15 years of service, Alfred "Fred" Belligio - for 19 years of service, Edward Jasaitis for 25 years of service (not present), Edward "Bo" Kaesser for 34 years of service (17 years as chief). Happy Birthday was sung to Betty Perry.



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District Meetings

DISTRICT 1-2



Paul Watland
District 2
Chairman

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Good of order: Billy Howe thanked all who brought food pantry items.

Diana Orrell put in a request for anyone interested in helping with donations for the Madison Center (take care of 90 children that won't have a Christmas otherwise).

The next meeting will be in January 19th, 2005 at Merrillville station #1 (no December meeting -HAPPY HOLIDAYS!)

Terry Sherwood won \$76.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Jerry Balaz won a pocket knife, Amber Kissinger won a picture, Drinda Gregor won a Dalmatian item, Kim Perry won a pocket knife and Paul Watland won a picture, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Bob Szot made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m., seconded by Billy Howe. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1/2

advice after his Department was inspected; 2. There was a group discussion about pending legislation in regards to eliminating

Township Trustees.
New Business:
1. Everyone signed a get-well card for Mrs. Parish who suffered a stroke.
Good of the Order:

1. Springfield Twp will be having a haunted house last two weeks of October; 2. Hanna Twp will be hosting a Halloween party.

Training: Training Officer Dave Kaufman gave an ISO review on alternate credible water sources offered the full review to any interested departments. He also had a new S&S pumper from Lincoln Twp Fire Department on display for all to see.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. after a prayer by Chaplain Jerry Cohen. Jerry Cohen won the 50/50; Ron Whitaker, Jim Hall and Brett Eccles won hats donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting:
November 18, 2004
7:30 pm (local time)
(Refreshments at 7:00)
Hanna Township Fire Department

DISTRICT 9A



Jonathon Randle
District 9A
Chairman

The meeting was called to order by chairman Jon Randle on September 23, 2004 at Emergency Management in Kokomo. The pledge was given.

Roll call: 13 members, 72 fire runs and 70 EMS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Announcements were made of various activities in fire departments: Sept. 25 - Ham and bean dinner at Cutler from 4-8; Oct. 2 - Camden pancake and sausage breakfast 6-11; Sept. 26 - Festival at Deer Creek (health fair); Oct. 30 - Young America Halloween party 6-10. Prerequisite is FF I/II. Call 765-453-3755 if interested.

The Website contains IC code for someone getting stopped and receiving a ticket on an emergency run to station, the chief SHALL discipline the firefighter.

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

HB 1347 deals with employees contracting certain diseases while working as a volunteer.

Young America received an EMA grant from TUMS.

Delphi received a grant from FEMA for a new aerial.

There is a push within the state to do away with township government. We need to support those who are against this law.

Bill Tygart from Howard County EMA received his 25 year pin. Rick Abresch from Howard County EMA was also recognized for 25 years of service to firefighting. He was not in attendance.

A card was read from the Ike Hollingsworth family thanking us for the flowers and other acts done for the family in his passing.

Ron Wertz from Camden Fire Department showed a foam nozzle that can be purchased from him very inexpensively. He had the nozzle there for inspection.

Larry Smith, Director of Howard County EMA gave a short talk. He then introduced Dorel A. Hunt from IDEM. He gave a presentation on the Indiana Spill Rule. Less than 55 gallons of oil, etc. does not need to be reported unless it enters water and causes a sheen and is reportable. The 24 hour number for reporting spills is 1-888-233-7745.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Tim Goltz.

June 15-18, 2005 the IVFA convention will be held at Holiday Inn, Columbus.

Next meeting will be at Kempton Volunteer Fire Department on November 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Ancil, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by chairman Jon Randle on November 18, 2004 at Kempton VFD. The pledge was recited. Roll call: 22 members, 62 fire runs and 49 EMS. Guests included Buz Koehler, Jim Parsons, Mitch Parish, Bruce Yonkers, Charlie Baker, Don Fultz, Bud Idlewine.

The minutes of the previous meet-

ing were read with a change of the word dismiss to discipline in the IC. Accepted.

Harrison Township Alto Instructor class was cancelled due to the death of the instructor's mother. Harrison Twp. Alto will be having a FF I/II class in January. More information will be available later.

The meeting in January will be held at the church in New Waverly instead of the fire house.

Jon Randle will be on sick leave after November 30.

Jim Parsons reported the following: They are now using fire extinguishers to transport ammonia for meth labs.

FEMA grants are still available. Departments must be NIMs certified by September 2006, www.FEMA/NIMS.com.

Fire Prevention grants do not need matching funds.

Fire Marshal grants are available. Just contact the office for paper work. These grants are given up to \$4,000.

The driver video should be available in January. Newspaper deadline is January 10, 2005.

Jerry Snider is the new PSTI director and Ivan Nevil is leaving as Fire Marshal on January 1, 2005.

Buz Koehler reported on upcoming legislation.

HB 1347 need changes for people who are in danger of contracting communicable diseases and are among the 4067 members of PERF.

All firefighters would be exempt from being reprimanded for being late to work for being on fire.

Length of Service Award - Persons would be paid \$5 per month for each year you are on the department.

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Bill Rupel was appointed to Public Safety and Homeland Security.

There will be a contest about 10 weeks before the convention to win a one night stay at the convention.

IN Fire Caucus dinner is February 7 at the Hyatt Regency on Capital Avenue.

If you have e-mail, you can be con-

tacted concerning bills, etc. in legislature.

We lost a fire chief in Munster and an assistant chief at Orestes. There are awards for Mr. IVFA, Midwest, Ollie Sandburg and Angel Award.

From the IVFA lice plate charge, \$3.00 goes to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. They give three \$1500 scholarships.

The 50/50 was won by Kristin Goltz and other give aways by Troy Bitner, Max King and Tim Goltz.

Chris Tragesser from Pike Township gave a program on vehicle fires stressing safety, appropriate gear, SCBA's and proper performance by firefighters when putting out vehicle fires. If you need to contact him for more information or a program, his cell number is 1-317-430-7203.

Next meeting will be January 20, 2005 at New Waverly church.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Ancil, Secretary

DISTRICT 11-A



Jack McFarland
District 11A
Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A: Our July meeting was held at Poland Fire Department.

Thanks to Stan Frank and all of his firefighters for making the meeting a success. Elections were held.

I was elected chairman, Dave Phelps vice chairman, Bridget Blanton secretary-treasurer, Pete Taylor chaplain, Steve Downing sergeant-at-arms. A 25-year pin was presented to Craig Neese. Thanks to Larry Ketchem for helping with the elections.

Our September meeting was a joint picnic with 11-B at Forest Park in Brazil. Thanks to everyone who helped

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DISTRICT 3

Tim Sandy
District 3
Chairman



September 23, 2004
Bass Lake - California Twp
Fire Department

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 16 members representing six departments present. Chief Phil Banasiak led the pledge. After the pledge, State Chaplain Jerry Cohen led the group in prayer.

Guests present were: President Buz Koehler, Chaplain Jerry Cohen, Associate State Chaplain Pat Gallagher, Jim Bradford, PRNW, Lucille Cohen, IVFAA District 3 chair, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$334.10.

Communications:

Comments from President Koehler: 1. Gave a legislative update and answered many legislative questions.

Comments from Jim Bradford:

1. Reminded everyone that the Fire Marshal still has grants available; 2. Announced that FEMA grant rules will require NIMS training; 3. Announced that the driver video is due out 1/05; 4. Announced that the haz mat books have been released for printing; 5. Stated there is still no word on Grissom as a Training Academy.

Comments from Chairwoman Lee Cohen: 1. Passed out the guidelines for Miss Flame candidates to all departments present and asked that any department with questions contact her.

Comments from Chaplain Cohen: 1. Introduced Associate Chaplain Pat Gallagher; 2. Offered the service of Chaplains for stressful/critical incidents/scenes; 3. Announced they will attempt to make as many district meetings as possible.

Old Business:

1. Chief Banasiak led a discussion about OSHA inspections and offered

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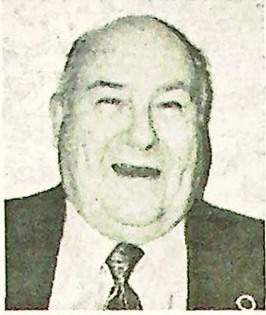
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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

The year 2004 has ended. I was fortunate enough to attend lots of IVFA functions during the year, such as the Indiana Fire Institute Dinner in Indianapolis, FDIC in Indianapolis, National Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington, D.C., the convention in Clarksville, plus several district meetings and department events.

I cherish my memories of all the friends I made along the way. Firefighters and their families are great people and I am proud to know so many of you.

Have a great 2005.

Your treasurer,
Jack Harker

DISTRICT 11-A

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make that a success.

It's almost time to make plans for the new year. I hope everyone will be able to attend the FDIC show. The IVFA will again have a booth. Don't forget to stop by.

Our next meeting will be at Prairieton Fire Department on November 21, 2004. Please plan to attend.

Thanks to all who filled out the survey and returned it to me. I hope it will get the legislation changed that affects all of those on PERF.

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

Jack McFarland

Greetings from District 11-A,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is starting the New Year off keeping all of their New Year's resolutions.

Our last meeting was held at the Prairieton Fire Department. Plans for the Miss Flame dance were made. The dance will be held at the Kriestenstein

American Legion Post 104, 2690 Ft. Harrison Rd., Terre Haute on January 22, 2005 - time 8:00-11:00pm. Come out and support the contestants.

We presented Harry Hayworth from the Prairie Creek Fire Department with his 50 year card. Congratulations, Harry a job well done.

Our sympathy goes out to the Don Tribby family and Jasonville Fire Department. Don passed away on November 27. I want to thank all of the firefighters and state officers who attended the memorial service. I also want to thank all of the fire departments who sent apparatus to the funeral procession. I know the family and the Jasonville Fire Department really appreciated it. Don had been a member of the IVFA for over 50 years and had received his gold card. He had also served as Chief of the department for 35 years.

Our next meeting will be held at the Prairie Creek fire department on Sunday, January 17th at 1:00 pm. I hope to see all of you there.

Until next time brothers and sisters be careful out there.

Jack McFarland,
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 11-B

Wm. Brent Bush
District 11-B Chairman

REELSVILLE NOV 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Bush with the Invocation given by district chaplain Con Mankin. The pledge to the flag was led by state Sgt.-at-arms Bill Bush. Chairman Bush introduced the guests present. They included vice president Jack Kerney, vice president-elect Larry Ketchem, state secretary Jack Harker, WCPD Diane Harrison, representative from the fire marshal's office, Mike Fowler.

The Auxiliary guests included district Miss Flame Ashley Doan, past presidents Maxine Davies and Lou Bartlow, president Barb Kerney and district chairman Patty Miller.

The roll call was taken with 27 members from four departments answering the roll. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Vice president Jack Kerney spoke on training requirements proposed at this legislative session. He emphasized that this was not an IVFA bill it would also have a (1) length of service pro-

gram, (2) tax exemption, (3) do away with loans for fire equipment. On the National Volunteer Fire Council vice president Kerney spoke on the proposed length of service program, the change of tax codes and mentioned on other federal bills that are being proposed. Vice president-elect Larry Ketchem talked about tying into a program where the firefighter could be a member of more than one department, therefore he could draw more than one pension.

District chairman Bush called on the other state officers present for their comments. VP Kerney spoke on the current license plate program. Chairman Bush spoke on the correct process covering damaged personal clothing claims and how they are supposed to be handled.

Vice president Kerney announced that was open for nominations for the office of Sgt.-at-Arms for District 11-B.

Jack Giles from the Wash Twp - Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department was nominated and elected to this office. The Ketchem family presented to the district, an equipment locker which had been constructed by the family for the district's use when displaying the district flags.

Patty Miller, Auxiliary district chairperson, spoke on the upcoming Miss Flame Dance next February to be held in Clinton.

Having no further business to transact, meeting was adjourned by the district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies,
Secretary

CAYUGA, IN - JAN. 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order by district chairman Brent Bush, the invocation was given by chaplain Mankin and the pledge to the flag was led by Sgt.-at-Arms Jack Giles. Chairman Bush introduced the guests present which included the state vice president, secretary, treasurer, Sgt.-at-arms, chairperson from District 17-A and a representative from the fire marshal's office. The district chairperson, Patty Miller, introduced her guests that were present.

Chairman Bush introduced the guest speaker who was State Representative Dale Grubbs who spoke on several issues such as the daylight savings time, the availability of state grants and the trustee issue, after which a lengthy question and answer session followed.

Roll call was taken with 10 departments and 24 members answering the

roll. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem nominated Robert Burgner from Veedersburg to fill the vacancy of district vice chairman. Secretary Davies cast one unanimous vote for Robert Burgner as the new district chairman. IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem spoke on the upcoming activities for the legislation session. District Auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller spoke about the upcoming Miss Flame dance to be held in February in Clinton.

Chairman Bush presented the local auxiliary president a check for the meals and presented a host certificate to Chief Wilson for having the district back in his station.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by the district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12

Larry Bruner
District 12
Chairman



The District 12 meeting was at A & A Twps. Vol. Fire Dept. in Eminence, IN on July 19, 2004 with 23 members present from six departments.

Guests included Buz Koehler, IVFA president, Diane Harrison - PRWC, and James Bruner, Fire Marshal of Mooresville Fire Department.

Fire Marshal Bruner shared information about M.E.R.I.T. (Multi-agency Emergency Response Intervention Team). MERIT is specialized teams set up throughout Indiana to assist firefighters and emergency medical personnel to cope with the trauma aftermath they are sometimes subjected to during incidents they respond to. Discussion followed; how to identify the need, when to contact MERIT, their program in general, and required follow up.

IVFA president Buz Koehler officiated over the election of officers for District 12 2005 officers. The following officers were elected: District 12 chairman Larry Bruner of Hazelwood VFD, Assistant Chairman Brian Edwards of Lizton-Union Twp. VFD, Secretary Debbie Heylmann of Amo VFD.

James Bruner of Mooresville FD will be District 12 Chaplain and Tony Cure of Paragon VFD will be our official photographer.

Three 25 year awards were presented. Richard Finney with 40 years of service at Paragon VFD, Gary Drake with 28 years of service at Paragon VFD, and Jack Heylmann with 38 years of service at Amo VFD. The Midwest Award for District 12 2003 was presented to James R. Bruner of Mooresville Fire Department. James started his service in firefighting at Hazelwood VFD in 1963. He became a volunteer at Mooresville Fire Department in 1976 and a year later in 1977 he became a full time career firefighter. During his career at Mooresville FD he has served in just about every position in the fire service profession to include over nine years as chief.

An update was given on the status of new equipment in the area. Amo-Mill Creek District 5 now has a 3,500 gallon tanker ready for operation.

District 12 next meeting will be held at Eel River Vol. Fire Dept. in North Salem September 27, 2004.

May deadline:
April 10, 2005

DISTRICT 14



Al Williamson
District 14
Chairman

January 5, 2005

Greetings to all,
I hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season.

Our prayers certainly go out to all the tsunami victims. As bad as the snow was and now the rain is throughout Indiana we can still be thankful in comparison. As a 911 dispatcher I fielded many calls from stranded motorists on I-65 and other local highways, but thankfully there were no serious incidents as a result of people being stranded in my area.

Congratulations to Crothersville-Vernon Twp. on getting their new station up and running. They hosted the last district meeting and I presented them with a clock for the station. We also had a great Christmas dinner with them and we thank all the Crothersville-Vernon Twp. firefighters for their hospitality.

I want to thank all of the 2004 IVFA officers for their service and help during their time in office. Congratulations and good luck to all the incoming officers, new PR's and district chairmen. Welcome aboard.

Recently one of our own McCulloch/Clarksville Station 3 firefighters used his training when his young daughter awoke her parents telling them her sister was having a seizure. Prior to EMS arriving the child stopped breathing and her firefighter father administered CPR and to the credit of sister and father, Madison is enjoying another Christmas. Great job, dad.

Submitted by
Al Williamson
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17A

Beverly Harker
District 17A
Chairman



Since my last article in the November newspaper, I held a district meeting on November 17, hosted by Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department. Attendance was low, we discussed how to get more people to attend district meetings. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

On January 8th, I go to present a certificate to Robert Showalter of Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department to honor him for 48 years of service. A very nice reception was held for Bob and his wife, Sue to let them know how much they were appreciated.

By the time this gets printed I will have held a district meeting in Vincennes on January 15, Vincennes Township annual sausage supper. Hopefully, I will have seen lots of you there.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays.
Beverly Harker
District 17A chairperson

DISTRICT 17B

Tim Deckard
District 17B
Chairman



Greetings IVFA members,
Hope everyone had a great holiday. Now we're ready to start a new year. I want to congratulate our new Indiana

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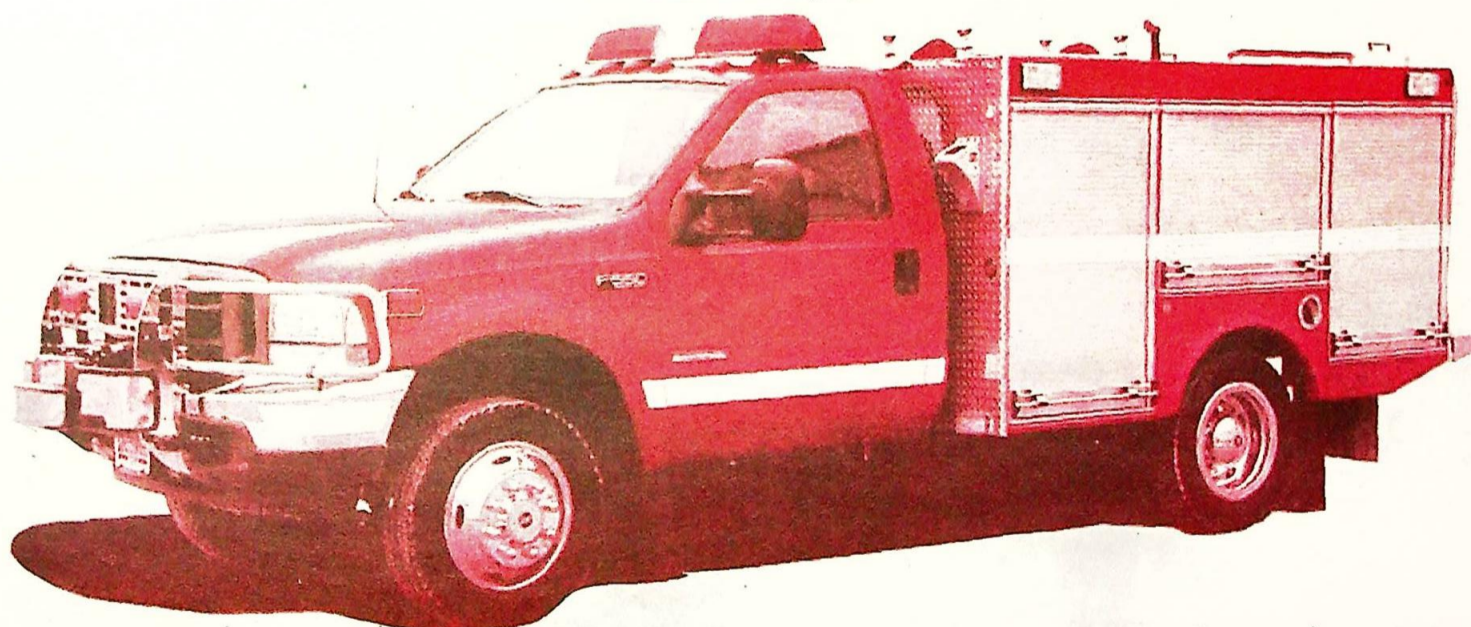
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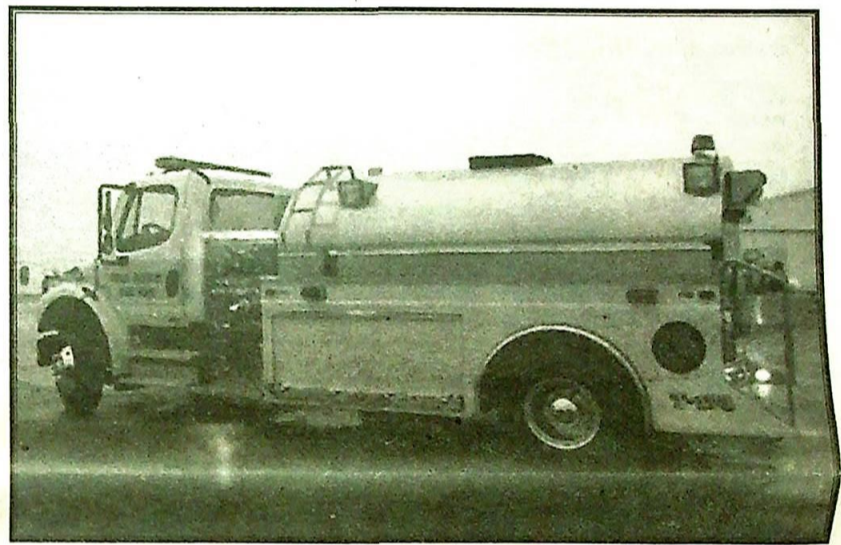
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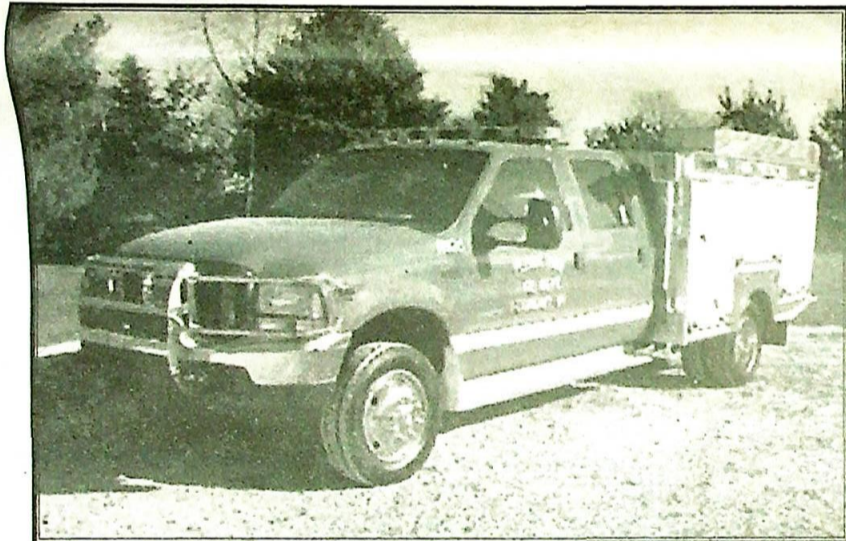
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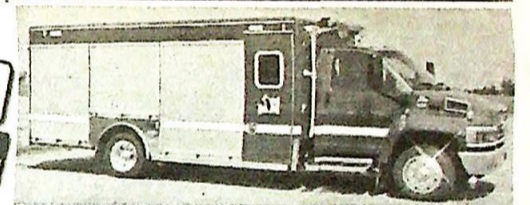
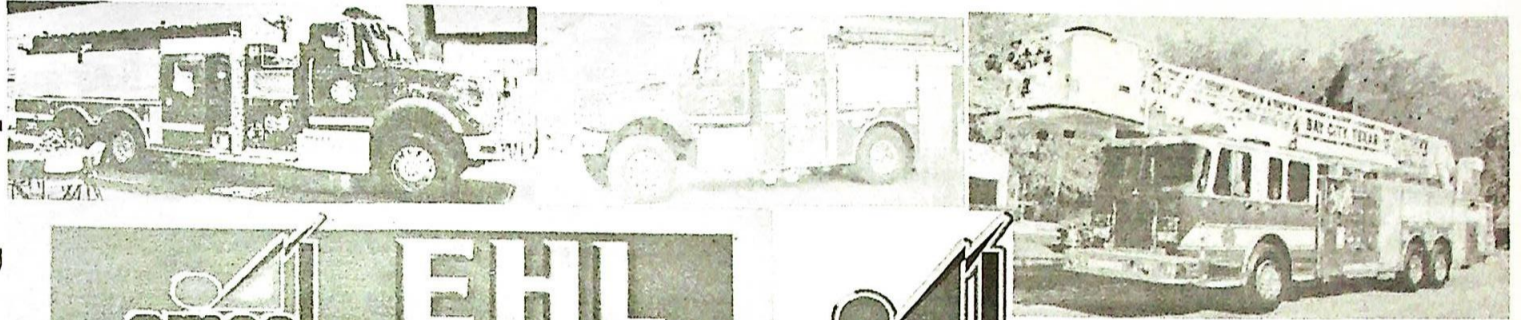
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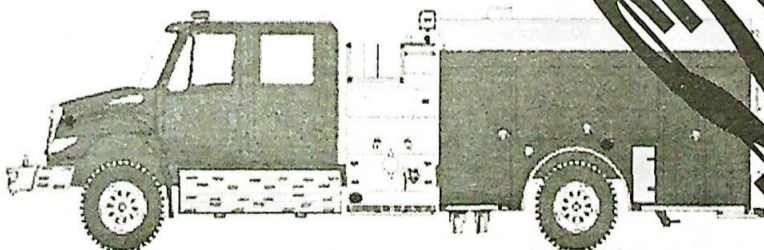
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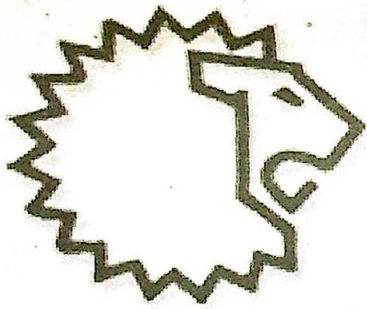
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

QUARTERLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2004
HOLIDAY INN
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Koehler called the meeting at 3:00 P.M. He called on chaplain Jerry Cohen for the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by vice-president Jack Kerney.

Guests were Jean Smith, Lloyd Wright and Ross Emory.

President Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. District 8A chairman Bill Pape made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. District 3 chairman Tim Sandy made the second. The motion passed by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Buz Koehler - attended five district meetings, two county meetings, four award presentations, four department visits and eight fundraisers this quarter.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jack Kerney - attended several district meetings, Fire Chief's Association meetings, one firehouse dedication, one Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meeting and several Fire Prevention events.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Bartlow - Needs any address changes and the copies of the district chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack Harker - attended four district meetings, 1 station dedication and three fundraisers. Presented the proposed Budget for 2005. Explained the Profit and Loss for the year 2004.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Jerry Cohen - Attended the Federation of Fire Chaplains Conference in Louisville. Participated in the Critical Incidence Stress Management class. Hopes to implement this chaplain's program with all fire chaplains in the state. Also urged everyone to use the Links on the IVFA web page. It has a lot of information available for everyone to use, as many programs are changing and we need to stay in tune with the changes.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S REPORT: Jack Zecks - Pass.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Bill Bush - Has supplies with him if anyone needs some.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNW: Jim Bradford - Has attended five district meetings, two IVFAA district meetings, two award presentations, two newspaper meetings, one memorial service, one Special People Expo and seven fundraisers. Traveling a total of 1777 miles.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - Absent.

PRWC: Diana Harrison - attended all district meetings in the area.

PREC: Don Cushman - attended all district meetings and the Convention 2006 meetings in Kokomo. Driven a total of 858 miles.

PRSW: Jim Abrams - attended all district meetings, one station dedication, and several fundraisers.

PRSE: Bob McKenzie - attended all district meetings and three memorial services.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: Tom Orrell - Last meeting was September 15, 2004 at Ainsworth/Deep River Fire Department. Jim Jaracz, CFPS of Hobart F.D., presented the program on "Line

of Duty Deaths" and the "Fallen Firefighter's Foundation."

They had 34 members from 10 departments in District 1 and 18 members from five departments in District 2. The next meeting will be November 17, 2004 at 1515 West U.S. 30 (St. John Community Center) hosted by Schererville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2: Paul Watland - held meeting on August 18, 2004 at Porter Twp. (Boone Grove) with 31 members representing eight departments from District 2 and 25 members representing 11 Departments from District 1.

Also held meeting on October 20, 2004 at Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept. with 43 members representing eight departments and District 1 with 19 members representing nine departments. The next meeting is November 17, 2004 at Schererville.

DISTRICT 3: Tim Sandy - has one death in the district. The next meeting will be November 18, 2004 at Hanna V.F.D.

DISTRICT 4: John Ferro - John has had to resign due to health problems. Greg Freed is the newly elected district chairman.

DISTRICT 5: Don Kissinger - held meeting September 9, 2004 at Macy-Allen Fire Department with nine members representing 5. The next meeting will be November 11, 2004 at Largo Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6: Dave Elick - held meeting September 28, 2004. He has attended two county meetings and four chief's meetings. The next meeting will be November 16, 2004 at Jefferson Center Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7: Mort Sorg - held meeting at Decatur Fire Department. Had good attendance. The next meeting will be November 15, 2004 at Geneva Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A: Ernest W. Pape, Jr. - held meeting September 9, 2004 at Lincolnville V.F.D. with 15 members representing 10 departments. Discussed Convention 2006, problems in the district and presented "25 Year Pins". The next meeting will be November 10, 2004 at Madison Twp. (Hobbs).

DISTRICT 8B: Larry Petro - last meeting was attended by 15 members representing six departments. Election of district officers was held. Larry Petro was re-elected and Lloyd Wright was elected his vice-chairman. The next meeting will be November 10, 2004 at Loasantville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9A: Jon Randle - held meeting at Howard County EMA on September 23, 2004 with 14 representing five departments. Dorel A. Hunt with IDEM presented the program. The next meeting will be November 18, 2004 at Kempton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9B: Randy Denton - held last meeting at Wolcott with 40 members representing eight departments present. The program was about Meth Labs. The next meeting will be November 11, 2004 at Brook Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10: David Israel - held meeting August 18, 2004 at Waldron Fire Department with 34 members representing 12 departments. Election of officers for 2004-2005. All officers re-elected. Scott Chasteen presented a

program on "Driving and Parking on Highway and Interstate Emergency Runs". The next meeting was held September 15, 2004 at Burney-Clay Twp. Volunteer Fire Department with 26 members representing 11 departments. Continued the Driving to Emergency Runs program and discussed the Legislative program. The next meeting was held October 20, 2004 at Trafalgar Volunteer Fire Department with 28 members representing nine departments present. The next meeting will be held November 17, 2004 at Manilla Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A: Jack McFarland - Last meeting was September 19, 2004 at Forrest Park in Brazil. It was the joint picnic with District 11B. The next meeting will be November 21, 2004 at Prairieon Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11B: Brent Bush - last meeting was picnic with District 11A. The next meeting will be November 14, 2004 at Reelsville-Washington Twp. Fire Department. Miss Flame Dance will be February 12, 2005.

DISTRICT 12: Larry Bruner - held meeting September 27, 2004 at Eel River Fire Department. Next meeting is November 15, 2004 at Danville Fire Department. The meeting for January 17, 2005 will be at Gregg Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13A: Tim Martin - Absent.

DISTRICT 13B: Dennis Spears - had meeting at Clay Twp. Fire Department with 14 members representing nine departments present. The next meeting will be announced.

DISTRICT 14: Al Williamson - had meeting at Hamilton Twp. Fire Department on October 27, 2004 with 14 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be at Crothersville Vernon Twp. Fire Department on January 10, 2005.

DISTRICT 15: Steve Anderson - had meeting September 21, 2004 at Haubstadt Fire Department with 14 members representing seven departments. Next meeting will be November 16, 2004 at New Harmony Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16: Ron Melton - Absent.

DISTRICT 17A: Bev Harker - had meeting September 23, 2004 at Palmyra Twp. Fire Department with 20 members representing six departments present. The next meeting is November 17, 2004 at Richland Taylor Fire Department. The Vincennes Twp. Fire Department sausage supper and district meeting will be January 15, 2005.

DISTRICT 17B: Tim Decker - attended two County Chief's meetings, one station dedication, two Firefighter Appreciation banquets and three fundraisers. Host for next meeting not decided.

DISTRICT 18: Charles Parker - had meeting September 16, 2004 at Santa Claus Fire Department with 75 members present. The next meeting will be November 18, 2004 at St. Henry Fire Department.

DISTRICT 19: Ed Scheele - had meeting September 23, 2004 at Moorefield Fire Department with 32 members representing 10 departments. Presented the District Midwest Award

and "25-Year Pins". The next meeting will be November 18, 2004 at Versailles Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21: Don Fultz - held meeting August 30, 2004 at Sheridan Fire Department with 30 members representing six departments present. Next meeting will be November 29, 2004 at Thorntown Fire Department.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT

Jack Kerney - Pass.

Richard Glant - Pass.

Jack Zecks - Pass.

Mitch Parish - Thanked everyone for cards and phone during his wife's illness.

Carl Bruns - Pass.

Jim Parker - Pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention 2004: Al Williamson - at last meeting they audited their records. They have one outstanding bill and one bad check.

They have returned the \$4000 loan to the IVFA treasurer.

Convention 2005: David Israel - need a credit card machine. Can make room registration at the February officer's meeting. Convention 2006: Bill Pape - nothing. Just getting started.

Executive Committee: Did not meet.

Budget: Jack Harker - the Committee Schools for the year is complete.

Digest: Larry Bartlow - unable to schedule meeting. Hope to have a meeting in the next two weeks.

Legislative: Jim Parker - nothing new at this time. Our priorities for Legislature have been passed on to our Lobbyist. Also attended a Legislative Committee on the mandating of Fire Fighter I training. We have to watch this issue. Much discussion on this problem. Mr. IVFA: Mitch Parish - has one letter at this time.

By-Law and SOG: Jim Parker - Change SOG Article XII, Item 1 to read "Emergency response gear such as helmets, bunker coat, gloves, boots, bunker pants, etc. are not covered by this damaged clothing article even though they may be the personal property of the individual". A motion was made by Jim Bradford to accept this change. Bill Pape made the second. The motion passed by voice vote. New copies of the By-Laws will be passed at the February meeting.

Logo: Charles Parker: Pass.

Membership: Steve Anderson - membership is 16,435 as of October 24, 2004.

Public Education: Jack Kerney - nothing. Fire Schools for the year are complete at this time.

Parliamentarian: Jim Parker - Pass. Photographer: Don Kissinger - take pictures of new district chairman and officers tomorrow morning.

Games: Al Mendel - everything stored for the winter.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney - meeting at Asheville, North Carolina. Attended workshop on National Incident Management System. The complete NIMS program can be downloaded from the FEMA web site (www.FEMA.gov/NIMS). NVFC ready with revision to Tax Code 457 for the LOSAP program. Rural Fire Department Equipment Priority Act - help provide Government surplus firefighting equipment to the Fire Service at a higher priority. NVFC provides a Web site for Volunteer Departments to calculate their worth to the community. The site is: www.NVFC.ORG/news/2004-cost-savings.HTML.

Meeting recessed at 7:02 P.M.

Meeting reconvened Sunday, November 7, 2004 at 8:30AM.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Minute Message.

PSTI: No meeting.

Indiana Fire Instructors: Jack Kerney - Next meeting is November 20, 2004.

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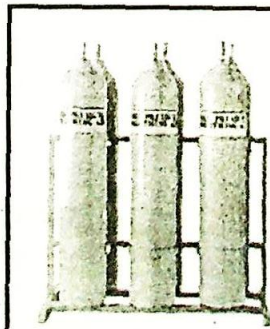
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Board of Firefighters Standards and Education: Jack Kerney - approved four variances and denied two. Fire Marshal Ivan Nevil spoke on Legislation. Trying to get Fire Works legislation put under Home Rule. Legislation to allow BFFPSE to require continuing education for Special Operation Certification. Indiana NIMS program has been sent to federal government for approval. Task force to study continuing education for Firefighters.

EMS: Tim Sandy - presented various awards to EMS personnel. Next meeting is November 19, 2004. Commission approved infant defibrillation; the guide is listed on the EMS website.

Fire Service Institute: Mitch Parish - The next meeting is November 8, 2004. The Fire Caucus Dinner is February 7, 2005. Need to decide if the IVFA wants to send their directors. Motion by Jack Kerney that we send all directors that want to go. Tim Sandy made the second. Motion passed

Web Page: Buz Koehler - The Memorial page and the History page are up and running. Going to get a Legislative page up and running by the end of the year.

Combined Convention: Mitch Parish - Nothing new.

Central Office: Jack Kerney - Printed out packet for everyone that includes: paid/not paid list, bad address list, membership roster for each department, pay history, and a list of each department officer. Also a list 2005 IVFA officer's meeting dates.

OLD BUSINESS

Credit Card Machine - used for Conventions. Have not located old machine from Evansville. Machine cost \$450.

Survey for H.B.1347 - 68% of districts has submitted information. Approximately 3047 IVFA members affected by this Bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Chaplain Cohen states that he has only 12 Protestant and six Catholic Bibles. Need to purchase some more.

Legislative Committee: Training Guideline - As a result of Jim Parker attending the Legislative Firefighter Training Study Committee meeting this summer some of the things we need to be ready for are: (1) training at no cost to the volunteer; (2) funding provided by state for all instructors, books, printed material, and lap top computers for instructors if need; (3) require employer to allow employ the time to attend classes with pay reimbursed by the state; (4) state to recognize all prior training; (5) keep 24-hour training; (6) crossover class from 2nd class Certification to Firefighter I; (7) obtain Firefighter I within one year. At this time no bill has been written but it could happen at any time; so be ready.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Jim Bradford made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2004

Chairman of the Board Jack Zecks called the meeting to order.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Kissinger made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Dave Elick made the second. The motion passed.

1. Credit Card Machine - Jim Parker

made a motion to purchase a new machine to be controlled by the Central Office. The machine has to be returned to the Central Office by the August meeting following Convention. The next year's Convention Committee will bring a void check so the Central Office can have the machine reprogrammed for their Convention. If a Convention Committee loses the machine they shall reimburse the IVFA for the cost of the machine. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

2. Bibles - Jim Parker made a motion the Chaplain control the stock and the distribution of the Bibles. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed. Buz Koehler made a motion that the Chaplain purchase 100 Bibles. Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed.

3. Fire Caucus Dinner - Jim Parker made motion to send 24 Directors. If they can't go or find a replacement they reimburse the IVFA the cost of the ticket. Bill Pape made the second.

Motion passed.

4. Approve the 2005 Budget - Tim Sandy made a motion to accept the 2005 budget as presented. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

Old Business - The treasurer's office purchased a Sharp copier for \$635.

New Business - Larry Ketchem brought up the need to update our organizational flag. Jack Kerney made a motion to have Larry Ketchem research the cost of a new flag and report back at the next meeting. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

Having no more business to transact the chairman called for a motion to adjourn after the benediction by Chaplain Cohen. Don Kissinger made the motion to adjourn. The second was made by Dave Elick. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bartlow

Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

Receives 25 year pin



METAMORA ASSISTANT Chief Dan Holland (left) receiving 25 year pin from District 19 Chairman Ed Scheele. (Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

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ST. LEON Fire Chief Don Schuman (right) receiving 25 year pin. from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. (Photo submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

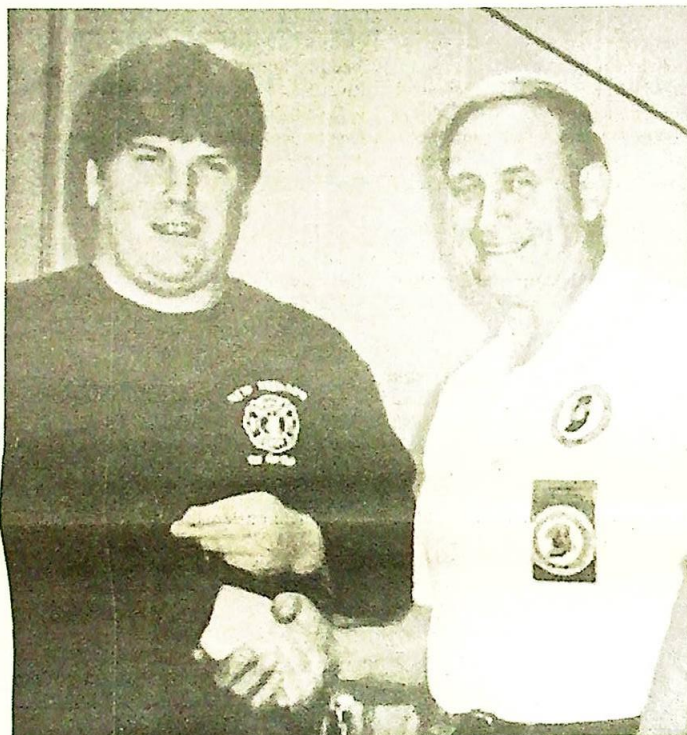
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IN THE ABOVE PHOTO - HOGAN TWP. V.F.D. firefighter Russel Probst (right) receiving 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

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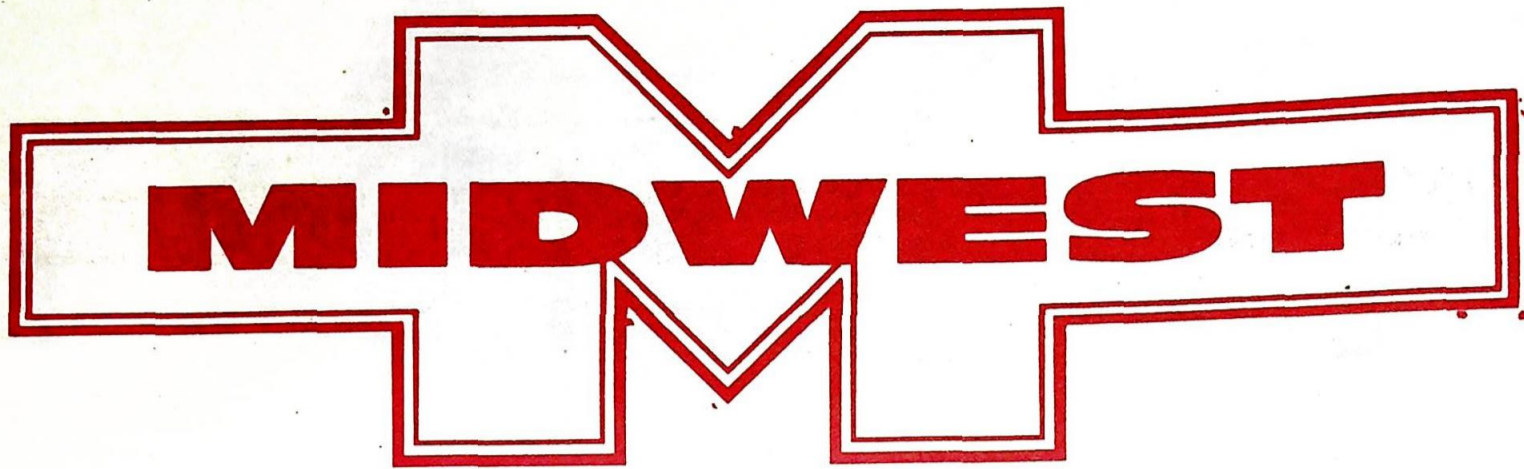


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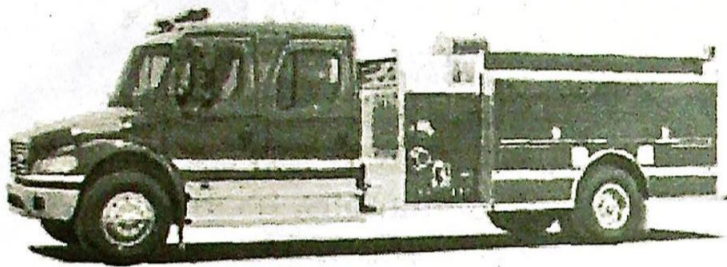
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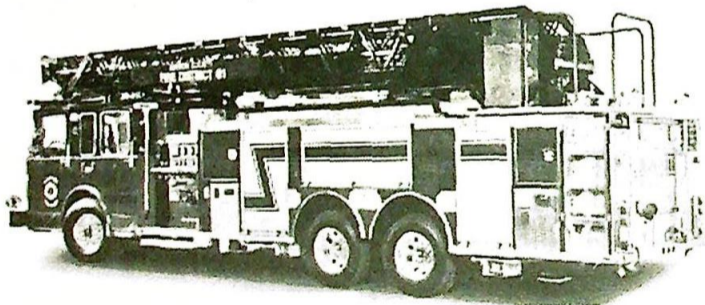




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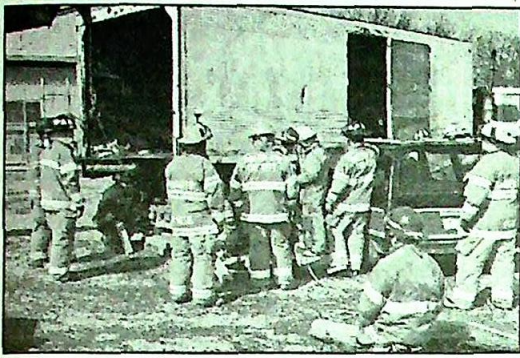
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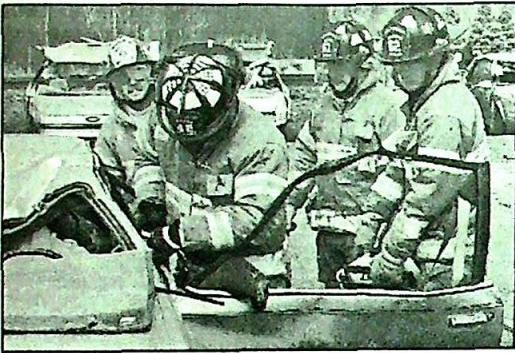
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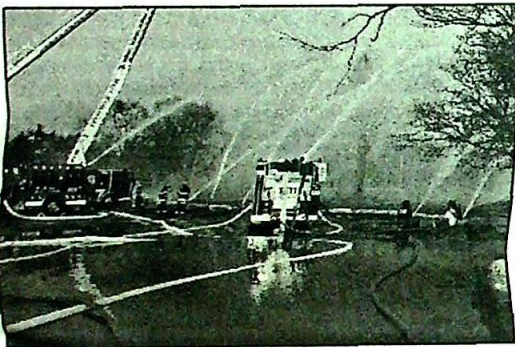


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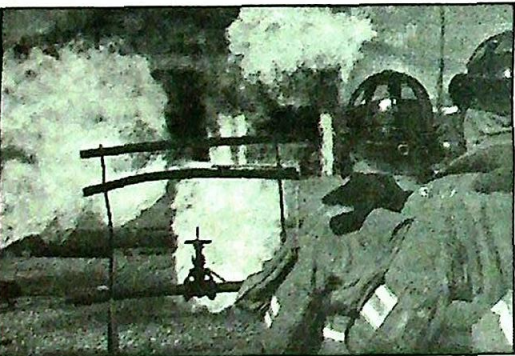
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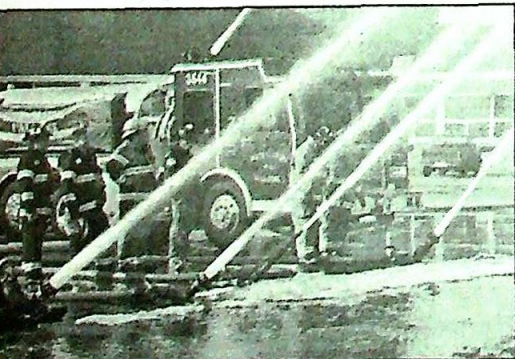
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DISTRICT 17B

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State Fire Marshal, Roger Johnson and look forward in hearing from him in our district meetings. Let's all get behind Roger and help show him our support.

District 17B sends sympathy to the family of Don Tribby and members of the Jasonville Fire Department in the passing of their retired fire chief. Don was a good chief and great community leader and will be greatly missed.

Great applause comes from District 17B to the following fire departments in the district that has recently been awarded FEMA grants from the Fire Act Grant in Firefighter Safety and Operations. Wayne Harrison Montgomery, Mitchell, and Oolitic fire departments.

I would like to congratulate fire chief Vernon McGaha of Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department for receiving the EMS EMT of the Year award and Eastern Volunteer Fire Department Green Co. for receiving the BLS Provider of the Year award.

Just a reminder to the fire departments in District 17B, the District 17B Miss Flame judging will be held Saturday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ellettsville Fire Department, Monroe County. Any young lady meeting the qualifications and wishing to be a contestant needs to contact District 17B chairman by February 18.

Hope everyone is marking your calendar now and making plans to attend the IVFA convention held June 15-18 in Columbus. Pre-registration deadline is June 1. Come and enjoy, I know you will have a great time.

Don't forget deadline for the Bridgeport Scholarship is March 1. Anyone interested in an application can contact me or the IVFA Central Office.

Tim Deckard
District 17B chairman

DISTRICT 19



Ed Scheele
District 19
Chairman

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year. We are all looking forward for spring. A lot of District 19 had over 20 inches of snow right before Christmas, making travel difficult.

The state IVFA convention is fast approaching. It is at Columbus, close to District 19 this year. It would be good to have a large turnout to help support our Miss Flame candidate. There still is time to get applications sent in for the three \$1500 scholarships. Scholarship forms are on the web page. All the district meetings for 2005 are also on the web page. The starting time for the meetings during the winter months has been changed to 7:00 p.m.

I thank the six lovely young ladies that entered the district Miss Flame contest. Kim Narwold represented Batesville Fire and Rescue; Becky Williams represented East Enterprise V.F.D.; Addie Word represented Hogan Twp. V.F.D.; Ashley Broughton represented Lawrenceburg V.F.D.; Sarah Merkel represented Sunman Rural Fire Dept. Congratulations to Ashley Hountz on being named District 19 Miss Flame and will represent District 19 at the state convention. I thank Versailles V.F.D. for all your help with the contest, and Crystal Armbruster, District 19 IVFAA chairperson and Beth Caudill, IVFAA state chaplain for your help. I thank the judges, Richard Purvis, B.J. Myers, and Donna Mathews. They had a difficult decision.

Ed Scheele,
District 19 chairman

**IVFAA
Vice
President**



Joann Hays

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Ann Moss

District 2
Chairwoman
IVFAA



November 4, 2004
The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of the I.V.F.A.A. District #2 at 7:15 p.m., followed by pledge and prayer.

Meals provided by Crown Point ladies' auxiliary.

Ann introduced the guests in attendance, which were Jim Bradford, PR Northwest, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary for the I.V.F.A.A., Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman, Ike Rensch, Lowell F.D., and Jake Thomas, Merrillville F.D.

Roll call was taken with 33 members representing 10 departments and two individuals.

Minutes were read from September 2, 2004, passed as read.

Treasurer's report was given,

passed as read for audit.

Phyllis Vargo, District 1 chairman, introduced the judges for the Miss Flame, they were Bob Schramm, former owner of Heritage Flowers in Crown Point, Kathy Arvia, service desk associate for Jewel Store in Crown Point, and Chris Porgorny, service clerk, associate for Jewel Food Store in Crown Point.

Ann presented 25 year certificate to Jackie Rensch, District 2, and Bonnie Niksch, and Ruth Niksch, District 1.

Ann also presented attendance award to Lake Dale Auxiliary for winning attendance trophy three times in a row.

OLD BUSINESS: Marge talked about the district fundraiser. If you not turned in your Butter Braid order, it needs to be to Marge by Sunday 28th. Pick-up will be at Crown Point Station at 6 p.m. on December 8th.

NEW BUSINESS: Silent auction is going on, will be closing bids.

Phyllis introduced our Miss Flame winner for District 2 is Megan Lambert. Congratulations and good luck to Megan at state.

Department announcements.

Attendance trophies: Liberty Twp. District #1, Lake Dale District #2.

Motion was made by Martha Thomas, seconded by Mary McGregor to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Baumgardner,
Sec., District 1 & 2

DISTRICT 3

Lucille (Lee)
Cohen

District 3
Chairwoman
IVFAA



The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at Michiana Volunteer Fire Department by chairperson Lee Cohen.

Prayer led by Jody Brinckman, District 3 chaplain. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was followed.

Lee Cohen welcomed guest Bonnie Stoner from Kankakee V.F.D.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman gave a memorial service for Member #37, Mrs. Lucille Tyskie of Springfield Twp. V.F.D.

Secretary/treasurer Kim Krueger read the minutes from our July meeting and gave a report on the treasury. Both stood as read.

Chairperson Lee Cohen made the following reports and suggestions:

1. Gave an I.V.F.A.A. state officer's report for August 1, 2004; 2. Each auxiliary present was given a folder containing the guidelines for the Miss Flame contest with the proposal of having a contact person and promotion ideas; 3. Survey forms and rationale were also passed out with information about changing our meeting dates and the thought of having the host department supply a potluck instead of refreshments; 4. Volunteers needed for a treasury audit; 5. For the 2004/2005 Budget Convention Chinese auction, Mary Norwatzke made a motion that we make a gift basket that represents our district and for each auxiliary to donate items to the gift basket. Dawn Boles seconded the motion. Bonnie Smith of Springfield is the contact person for the Chinese auction.

Upcoming events: Coolspring is having a cow-drop bingo on October 9, 2004; Kankakee is having a pancake breakfast on October 31, 2004.

Honesty bag themes: September - Put a penny in for each letter of your birthstone; October - Why worry? Just put in a dime.

50/50 drawing was won by Jody Brinckman of Springfield and Dawn Boles of Michiana.

I.V.F.A.A. cookbooks were distrib-

uted for the fundraiser.

Our next meeting is at LaCrosse V.F.D., Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman said closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by Kim Krueger

Submitted by Lee Cohen

The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at the LaCrosse V.F.D. by chairperson Lee Cohen.

Opening prayer led by Jody Brinckman, District 3 chaplain, followed by the pledge to the flags.

District 3 secretary, Kim Krueger, called the roll. Coolspring, LaCrosse, Michiana and Springfield were represented. September meeting minutes were approved as read. The treasury report was filed for audit.

I.V.F.A.A. state officer's meeting in November 2004 at Columbus, IN was reported on by the Chair. Bonnie Smith, Springfield, won the craft item made at the social gathering.

Chaplain Jody Brinckman reported on the card remembrances sent and displayed the decorated notebooks containing past secretarial records. Each of the meeting's records were placed in plastic folders to preserve. It is hoped that any past records can be found in order to complete the history. Contact the chaplain for information.

Old business: • Our Favorite Recipes 2004 fundraiser sale is going on well. • 2005 I.V.F.A.A. District 3 Convention Chinese Donations developing well. • Meeting format survey report - Each hostess group to decide its own meeting format.

New business: • Certificates of Appreciation were passed out. • I.V.F.A. legislative support program discussed with legislation addresses provided for support mailing. • Reviewed the Bridgeport Scholarship program and application deadline. • Reviewed The Mary Mackin Miss Flame Scholarship Fund. Dawn Boles and Leona Uryga, both of Michiana, to develop a benefit fundraiser program response for membership adoption in February 2005.

DISTRICT 11B



Patty Miller
District 11B
Chairwoman
IVFAA

Happy New Year!! Have you kept your New Year's resolutions? I personally don't make any, because I break them the first day!! I hope your resolve is better than mine is. I hope everyone is doing well and keeping healthy.

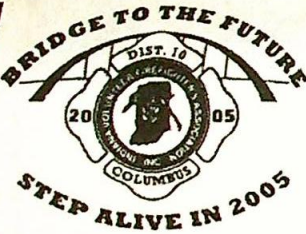
I would like to invite everyone to the annual District 11-B Miss Flame dance, February 12, 2005 at the Moose Lodge in Clinton, IN. The dance begins at 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. with the music being provided by the Gilbert Brothers Band. It is always a great time and the public is invited. Help us celebrate the crowning of our new Miss Flame and just have a great time beating the dull humdrum of winter!!

Our next meeting will be held at Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department on January 9, 2005. Our last meeting was held at Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department. We had a great meeting and a great Thanksgiving dinner as always. We talked with the ladies at that department and are proud to invite them to join the IVFAA. I would like to come to any department that is considering joining the IVFAA. If your department is not a member, please call or write and I will make every attempt to come and lend a hand getting you started.

I look forward to spring, just need to hang in there a couple more months! Don't forget, come join the fun on February 12.

Patty Miller
District 11-B, IVFAA chairman

May 10 deadline - April 10



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IVFAA President



Barbara Kerney

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a good holiday and was able to enjoy the beauty of the season surrounded by family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the IVFA members for their support and their generosity during the past several years. As most of you know our membership has shown a decline and our budget was in disarray. The IVFA has assisted us in a number of areas where we

needed help. It has certainly given us an opportunity to get our group back on track. I am looking forward to strengthen our working relationship with the IVFA officers this year. Jack and I both consider it an honor to be at the helm of these two great organizations.

One of my goals last year was to try to update our organization. After 50+ years of service and assistance to the fire service and our communities, our membership needed to address some much needed changes in how we were to operate our organization. One of the main items we addressed was updating our organization's name and makes it synonymous with the IVFA. Our name should reflect the name of the IVFA as stated back 50 years ago in our Articles of Incorporation. The name change was voted on by membership present at our 2004 convention. As directed by the members, the IVFA attorney has made the necessary changes and has filed them with the Secretary of State. Our name now will reflect the change and we will be known as Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary. Thanks to all those ladies who did the "leg work" to get this change made.

We still are putting forth a team

effort to increase our membership. I hope each of you will become a one-person public relations committee. Talk to others at the firehouse about our organization, have a positive attitude, call and invite those in your community who have lent a hand at some of your activities, make them feel welcomed and needed. Developing membership is everybody's business, not just the membership committee. Utilize the talents of your present members to obtain new members. Make others aware that the IVFAA is a unique group that offers service, fellowship and are willing to do whatever is needed to be done when called upon.

Whether you are a new auxiliary or one that has been around for many years, we all still need continual review and updates and ready to meet new challenges. Take time to make a self-assessment and see how you can better serve your auxiliary. Let your officers know of your ideas and suggestions.

I am looking forward to 2005 and know with everyone's help we will have a great year. Thanks for your support and help.

Barb Kerney

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Martha Thomas
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

COLUMBUS, IN NOVEMBER 7, 2004

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with a Prayer given by Chaplain Beth Caudill. SGT-at-arms Miriam Schaekel led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Diana Gray gave the roll call with 23 members and six guests present at this meeting.

Diana read the minutes with the correction of the wrong treasurer's report read at the August meeting.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy Reiter gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand July 31, 2004.....\$ 13,465.69

INCOME:

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Interest2.18
Jewelry150.00
V.P. Project220.00
Unrelated Inc.16.62
Mary Mackin Fund.....60.09
Total Income: +1,658.89

DISBURSEMENTS:

Annuals.....200.00
Phone & Postage.....31.00

Total Disbursements -231.00
Balance on hand Nov. 6, 2004.....\$14,893.58

Martha Thomas read a card from Dorothy Reiter and Marlene Poling thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers on the passing of their brother.

Diana stated that we have 48 depts., 45 Ind., 15 life, and 567 paid by their depts., with a total of 612 members at this time.

Beth Caudill gave her Chaplain's report as follows, two sympathy cards and 12 get well cards. It was noted that Dist. 4 IVFA chairman John Ferro is ill, Jack Cox is back in the hospital, Bill Kensey has had back surgery, and Clarence Moss is having surgery soon. If I have missed anyone our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lou Bartlow says that the books are just great.

Lou Bartlow and her committee did a financial study and passed on their ideas for the income and expenses for the coming year.

Miss Flame chairman Patty Miller was absent and Eula Bush spoke for her asking that the applications be turned into her by March 10th so that she can start getting the letters out to the girls. We know that not all district meetings are held at the same times.

Joann Hays would like to see that all the cookbooks and money could be turned in by the Feb. meeting.

Eula Asbury will be in charge of the raffie tickets so when you need more just contact her ladies sell, and sell. Joann has the firetruck donated

by Downey and we will have the \$200.00 and also an anniversary Firemen's clock.

E. J. Smith gave her report on the jewelry and she says that she's waiting for the logo and that she still has old jewelry for sale. See her at the meetings for anything that you need.

E. J. Smith and the committee for the Lois Boaz award would like to hear from deserving ladies to win this award. Send your hand written letters to the committee and make their job harder than ever.

Barb Kerney passed out an update on the list of officers and the names of their spouses.

Barb Kerney as new business read a letter she had received from District 3 chairman Lee Cohen and a discussion followed and Lou as president's advisory gave her opinion on the matter.

President Barb would like the members to take back to their districts to help add to our membership as we need more members.

Barb Parker has forms for the Convention registrations and room reservations and they need to get them soon. President Barb read a poem "Head Majorette" and we need help her all that we can as we are all in the band together. She also stated that we will have a get-together at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon. Make sure to be there and we'll all have a good time.

Barb adjourned the meeting and as a reminder of the next meeting will be Feb. 5th & 6th so get your rooms by Jan. 15th. See you then. We hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

We had an auction of some handbags and made some money and know some handbags are going to a good home. It would make a good project at another time and recycling is always good.

A new address for Susie Stout, 1780 W. 200 N., Wabash, IN 46992 and a new Dist. 19 Chairman, Karen Merkel, 13371 N. CR450 E., Batesville, IN 47006, #812-934-5703.

Martha Thomas

submitted by Martha Thomas,
IVFAA corresponding secretary

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Lou Bartlow

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June Cahill
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Barbara Ketchem

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E.J. Smith

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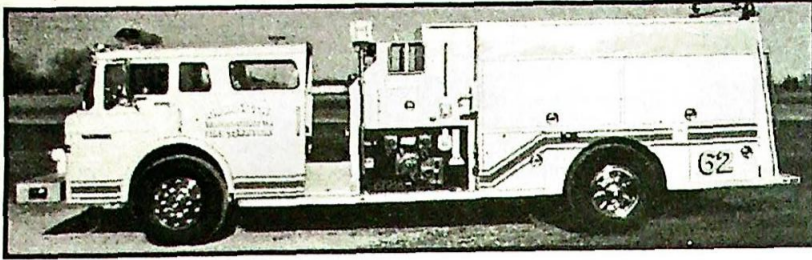
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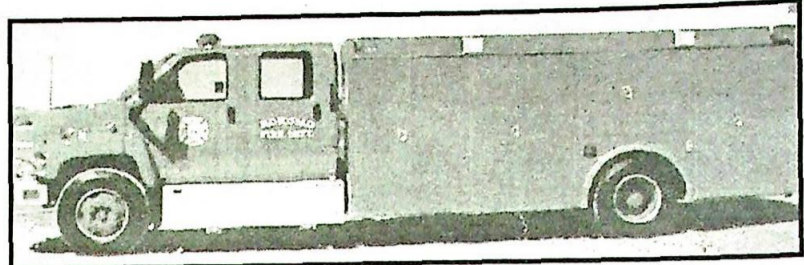
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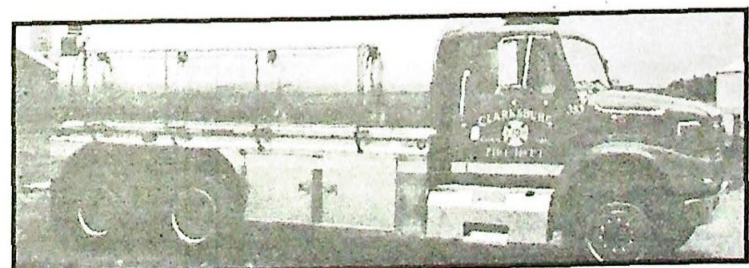
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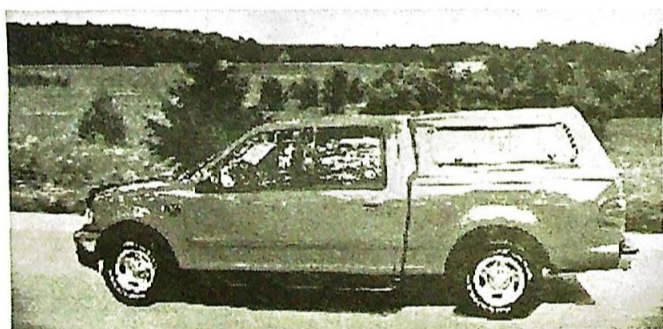
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Van Buren Twp. FD takes possession of new rescue engine



VAN BUREN TWP. Fire Department recently took possession of their new Rescue Engine.

This new rescue will replace the 1978 Ward LaFrance which now is in service at Gosport Volunteer Fire Department in Owen County.

This new rescue engine was acquired through the FEMA Fire Act Grant. The new rescue engine is a 2004 Spartan engine built by Summit Fire Apparatus and Custom Fabricators in Edgewood, Kentucky.

Shown in this picture is firefighter Rob Pursell and Steve Gilliam doing training with the new rescue engine.

(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

Bloomington Twp. firefighters receive 25 year service pins



TIM DECKARD, District 17B chairman, recently presented five firefighters from Bloomington Twp. Fire, 25 year service pins.

Pictured, left to right: Tim Deckard, Bob Naylor, Jim Dawson, Cecil Hudson, Faron Livingston - Fire Chief, and Marc Presti.

(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)



John Gagnon earns 25 year service pin

JOHN GAGNON of Henry Twp. Fire Department, Fulton Co. receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

George Stephen presented 50 year gold card



GEORGE STEPHEN of Henry Twp., Fulton Co., is presented a 50-year gold card by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

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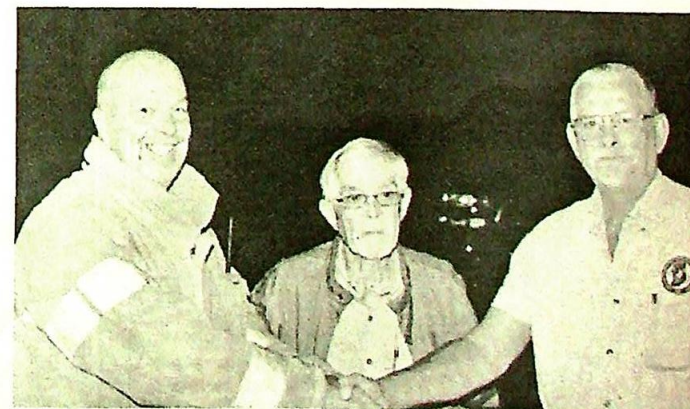
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Duane Hackworth receives 25 year pin



DUANE HACKWORTH of Henry Twp., Fulton Co., receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger as George Stephen looks on.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Woman turns a high school project into a full-time dream

by JANIS THORNTON, Staff Writer, The Times, Frankfort, Indiana
 JANUARY 24, 2004 - MICHIGANTOWN - A 21-year-old Michigantown woman spent a third of her life formulating a plan.

In November, she framed her just-issued state license and hung it on her wall. It meant her long-anticipated daycare center was finally official.

Sarah Brovont opened Sarah's Little Angels Day Care last August, but she first began planning it in 1997, when she was a freshman at Clinton Central High School. The entrepreneurial plan was an extracurricular project she undertook for FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America).

Wearing a T-shirt proclaiming, "Kids are my business," Brovont seated herself at her kitchen table Wednesday to talk about the events that led to her fulfilled dream.

"I did a lot of research on the regulations," Brovont said, explaining how she launched her plan nearly seven years ago. As she spoke, preschoolers

darted about, laughing and playing games, while their substitute caretaker, her grandmother, Donna Faye Snodgrass, watched over them.

"I volunteered at the YMCA Kid's World and I talked to different centers around the area," Brovont added.

Her completed proposal filled 75 printed pages, which she assembled in a three-ring binder. Next, she gave a 10-minute presentation of her plan before a panel of three judges at the state FCCLA conference in Indianapolis.

Was she nervous?

"Very," Brovont said in her soft-spoken voice. "I had a few visual aids, and I basically took my notebook, had my pages marked and flipped from page to page."

The only competitor from Clinton Central, she earned a gold medal and the right to progress to the nationals, held that year in San Diego, Calif. her entire family -- her parents, George and Elaine and brother Noah -- accompanied her.

"I got a gold medal there as well," she said.

Brovont can't remember a time in her life when she didn't want to work with preschoolers.

"I just love kids," she said. "My mom said when I was little, I used to line my baby dolls up and pretend I was teaching them."

Growing up, her parents opened their home to foster children, thus she was almost always surrounded by children.

"These kids would give up their own beds," said Grandmother Snodgrass, referring to her granddaughter and grandson. "They would sleep on the couch, the floor or anything."

After high school, Brovont attended Ivy Tech, graduating in 2002 with an associate's degree in early childhood education. For the next year, she acquired experience in her chosen field by working at an Indianapolis-based child care center.

Ready to embark on her dream, she rented a house from her parents on Ohio Street. She received her license in November from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, permitting her to care for 10 children in the home.

For Brovont, the reality of her business exceeds her expectations.

"I knew I would enjoy it, but it's better than I thought it would be," she said. "I get to play with kids all day. I get to play like a kid, too."

Snodgrass expressed pride in her

"I just love kids," she said. "My mom said when I was little, I used to line my baby dolls up and pretend I was teaching them."

granddaughter's accomplishment.

"It's not something I didn't think she would do," Snodgrass said. "I firmly believe it's where she needs to be."

Now, Brovont is looking ahead to even bigger aspirations, keeping her eyes peeled for a larger, commercial location.

Although noting uncertainty about when that might occur, Brovont said, "I'm going to have a center instead of a home."

Sarah's Little Angels Day Care is open from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Brovont provide the children breakfast, lunch and two snacks, in addition to a full curriculum of fun activities both inside and out, weather permitting.

Sarah was District 21 Miss Flame for two years and had received a Bridgeport Scholarship to help with her education.

(Article courtesy of The Times, Frankfort, Indiana)

(submitted by Elaine Brovont)

Cindy Walker receives "Firefighter of the Year" award



FIRE CHIEF James Deffendall presenting Lt. Cindy Walker with the Firefighter of the Year Award.

(submitted by James Deffendall, chief - Oakland City Fire Department)

The Oakland City Fire Department has named their first recipient of the "Oakland City Firefighter of the Year Award."

The honor went to Lieutenant Cindy Walker. Cindy has been with the department for nine years.

In October, 1993, she became Oakland City's first female firefighter. She holds the position of Secretary/Treasurer and is the department's grant writer. She has been instrumental in gaining approximately \$100,000 worth

of grants for the department.

With these grants the department was able to upgrade their communication systems, received a generator for the new state of the art station, equipment to outfit the new Rapid Intervention Team, as well as a large amount of Fire and Arson Prevention literature and training robots for the schools.

She has been a great asset to not only the department, but also the community.

May deadline:
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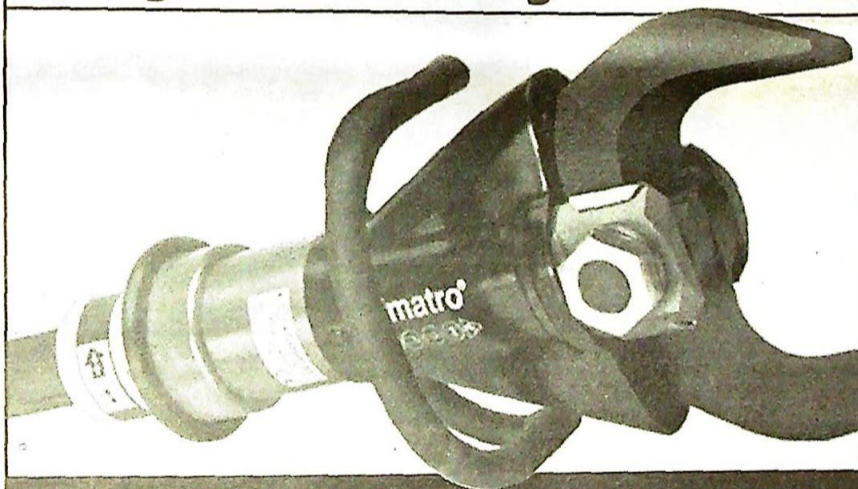
Attention Firefighters:

On Friday, March 4, 2004 the Murat Shrine Circus will be at the Pepsi Coliseum in Indianapolis.

The 7:00 p.m. performance will recognize firefighters and police officers by offering a family discount rate of \$7.00 per person to attend the Circus.

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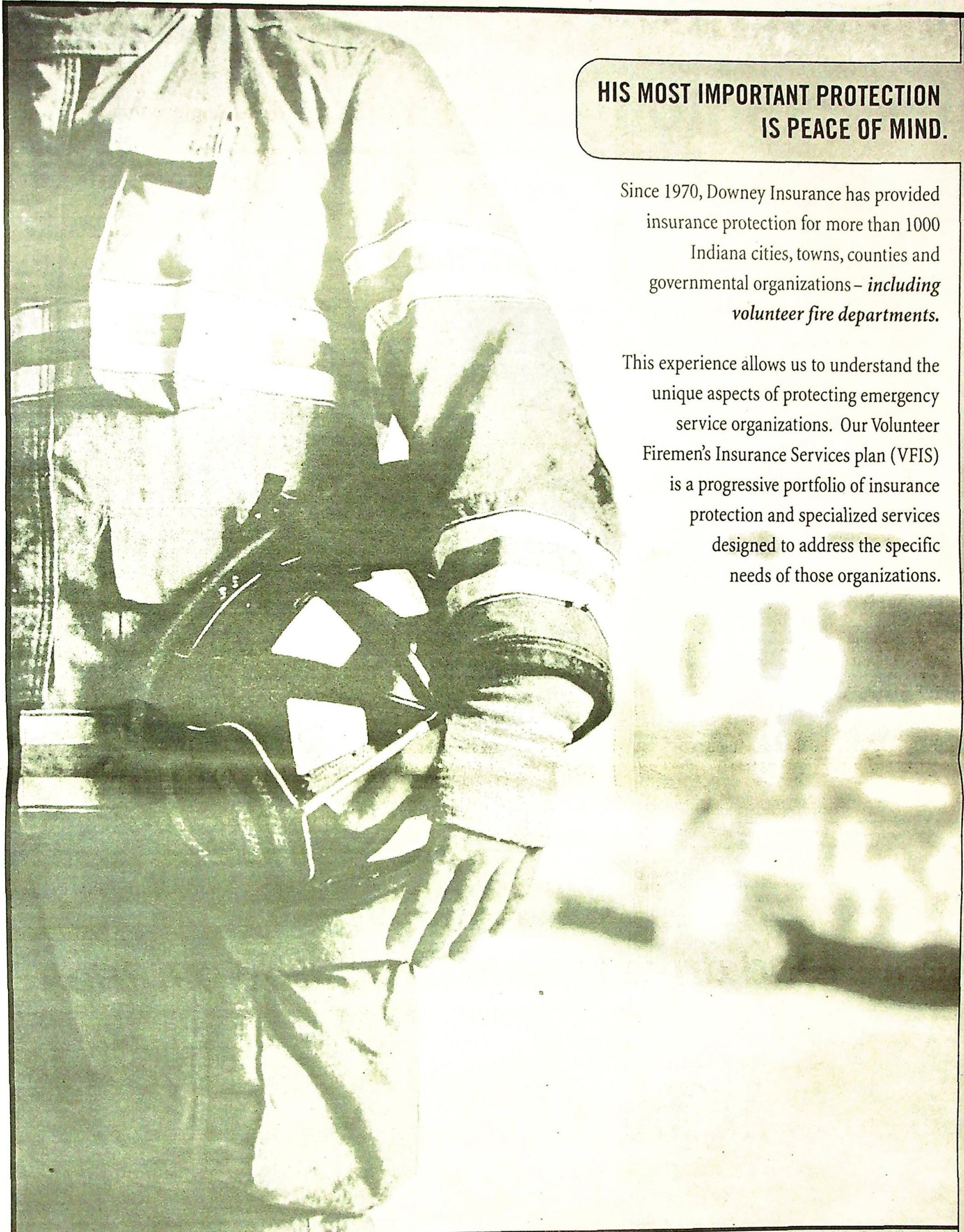
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Kris Biehl receives 25 year service pin



KRIS BIEHL of Urbana Fire Department, Wabash Co., receives his 25 year pin from District 5 chairman, Don Kissinger. (submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

Van Buren Twp. FD hosts Firefighter I/II class



VAN BUREN Township Fire Department of Monroe County recently hosted a Firefighter I/II class. Twenty-four firefighters from four area fire departments (Van Buren, Bean Blossom, Ellettsville, Bloomington Twp.) received state certifications in Firefighter I/II, Basic Passenger Vehicle Extrication, Haz-mat Operations. Eleven instructors completed the course by burning three vacant homes giving the students intense hands on live fire evolution training. Area fire departments involved in the live burns were Van Buren Twp., Ellettsville, Bean Blossom Twp., Bloomington Twp. and Eastern Greene. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)



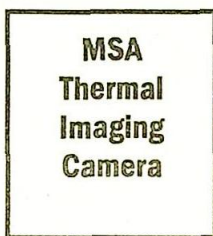
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Wiener food drive to help local food pantries



MISS FLAME District 2 Megan Lambert, auxiliary member and mother Tammy Lambert, firefighter Scott Abraham and auxiliary member Pam Abraham are shown taking donations for Crown Point Fire/Rescue's annual food drive. Non perishable items were collected by the fire department and ladies' auxiliary to help support the local food pantries. (submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1-2)



MELISSA BAUMGARDNER and assistant fire chief Gerard Abraham are shown also collecting non-perishable food for the annual drive. (submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1-2)

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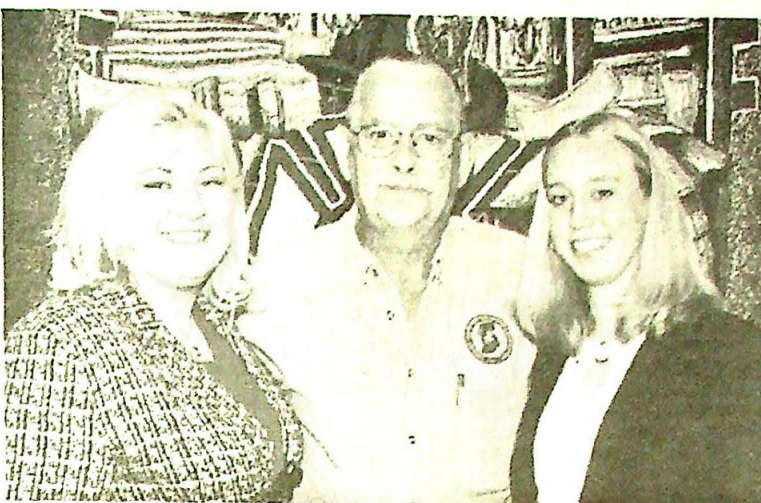


Jim Bradford

January 6, 2005
 I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.
 By now everyone should have the new haz mat books. If you haven't gotten yours, contact your county EMA director.
 It's not too early to get your reservations in for this year's convention in Columbus. The dates are June 15 - 18.
 Don't forget the Fire Marshal has grants available for up to \$4,000.00. Contact his office to get the forms.
 If you want a copy of the state laws pertaining to the volunteer fire service, go to www.in.gov and then to IC code section 36-8-12.
 The fire schools will be coming up this spring. Don't forget you get a \$5.00 discount on each class you take if you present your IVFA membership card.

Jim Bradford
 PRNW

Holly Farrer chosen District 5 Miss Flame



DISTRICT 5 Miss Flame Holly Farrer, on left, and runner-up Olivia Eyrich, on right, with District 5 chairman Don Kissinger.

Holly is from Bremen Fire Department. Olivia is from Bourbon Fire Department.

(submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman)

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Once again the Holidays have come and gone, and now we struggle through the longest part of winter, looking forward to the coming warmer days of spring. I certainly hope your holiday season was one of joy, and happiness. Due to the lead time in putting the quarterly newsletter together, we must submit our articles no later than a month in advance. For me, I am writing this article on Christmas morning, sitting in the warmth of my in-laws house in Michigan, admiring the 10 inches of snow on the ground. This is the same snowstorm which pretty much brought the southern half of Indiana to a grinding halt, and I know that many of our IVFA brothers and sisters put in many long hours assisting stranded motorists, not counting the other emergency calls.

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

THERE IS VERY SPECIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS YEARS IVFA ANNUAL CONVENTION LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS ARTICLE.

Department Information #1: As of the end of December we have approximately 360 of the 814 volunteer

fire departments/companies in the State listed on the site, which translates into just over 43% of the departments. If your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted. Also, as your department information changes, such as the name of the contact person who is listed, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., please remember to send me an update.

Focus Section: Our focus segment this quarter is the "Training Calendar" page. This is the perfect way of listing those big fire, rescue and/or EMS training classes. Events can be submitted by the Training Calendar Form. I also try to list other classes that I am made aware of, either from the State Fire Marshal's Memo, or brochures that I come across. The main goal of this page is to make all members aware of valuable training that is being offered to them.

Legislative Section: To help all members better understand legislative actions that may impact the volunteer service we have created the "Legislative Section". With the 2005 legislative session now underway we will do our best to provide you with regular updated information about the status of Bills, etc. This section will provide you information on all legislative ac-

tions which could, or will, potentially impact the volunteer fire and EMS services within Indiana. As updates are sent to us we will update this page. We will do our best to keep you informed as to the status of each bill as it works its way through the Legislature Session.

More than anything, we feel it is your responsibility to not only stay informed, but to also be involved in this process, as required. Many pending issues may be counter-productive to our membership and when those items are identified, we will post a "Get Involved" symbol that will identify when your help is needed. As IVFA initiated legislation is filed and is set for testimony in various committees, you may be asked to call, write or e-mail your State Senator or State Representative, and the members of the committee where the testimony will be heard. Your call or e-mail does not need to be lengthy; often times a "vote yes" or "vote no" is sufficient for a legislator. If you don't get involved then the Legislators will assume that the current action being proposed is acceptable to the volunteer services. To help you know who your Legislators are, we have provided a link to the State of Indiana web site. The State page will provide you your Legislators email address, and a map to help you identify who your legislators are, if you do not know. We are really excited about this new section as most of this information has not always been well communicated in the past.

Department Information #2: In the last update I told you about changes that will be made to the Department Information Section. While the current system provides a nice structured layout based on an alphabetical listing, I feel it can be redesigned into a more user-friendly system. Based on the same concept as the Memorial Section, you the user will be able to select the department information you would like to see based on three choices: alphabetical, by "County", and by "District". The ability to use these methods will provide you more specific information that can be used when sched-

uling special training events, coordinating meetings, etc. I have begun working on these changes, with the work currently concentrating on the underlying database that will store and 'feed' all of this information. I hope to have this redesigned section "on-line" by mid-February if everything goes okay.

Instructor Resource Center: In the last newsletter I discussed a possible resource center that could be used for instructors to list their special training qualifications, and for departments to locate a specialized instructor if one was needed. I went on to explain that I didn't know if there was a need for this type of information or not, and that I was going to let the members decide this by communicating to me whether they felt this section would be vital or not. Based on no feedback, I will assume that we can 'shelve' this project for the time-being. Maybe at some point in the future we will 'blow the dust' off this idea again and see if it may be useful.

Discussion Board: Thanks for the emails about this. NO, this project is not dead. I am still doing some research on how best to set-up and maintain this section. I will keep you posted.

Viruses: The IVFA Web and email servers are diligently set up to try and capture all potential emails, and SPAM, as they try to enter our system. Additionally, my PC also runs a web-based virus application that is updated every time I am on-line, and it scans not only my hard drives, but also all incoming and outgoing email for viruses. Recently our email servers are being hit with anywhere from 15-50 virus laden, or known SPAM emails a day. Fortunately the above mentioned systems appear to be working. I tell you this, because if you are trying to send us valid email requests, and they contain a virus, they will not make it through our server, and to me. I will get a message that a virus has been detected in an email, the email address, and what information was in the 'subject' line. The actual email message itself is deleted. Our ISP which hosts

our web and email servers does a great job of maintaining a "clean" site and verifying all emails to help protect our site, and to help prevent the spread of these types of viruses on to you.

Change at the Top: I look forward to working with President Kerney on changes/additions that he would like to have on the web site. I firmly believe that President Kerney will agree that the web site has gone beyond our initial expectations of being a valuable and viable communication tool within the IVFA. If you have suggestions or comments concerning the web page that you would like to pass along to President Kerney, you can email him at president@ivfa.org I'm sure he would like to hear from you.

CONVENTION 2005 - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: This year the IVFA Web Page will be running a "Convention Contest", with the winner receiving one night's free stay at the Holiday Inn, Columbus, during this year's convention. This one-night free stay is being donated by the fine folks at Holiday Inn, Columbus, and we thank them for their great hospitality, not only for the coming convention, but also for the quarterly officer meetings held there. So here's the deal - we will be running a contest, with (10) questions about information contained within the IVFA Web Pages. We are working out all the details, and all contest information will be posted on the site the week of March 6th. I will post a special "Convention Contest" update on the main page of the web site. I will tell you this - start reviewing the web pages, because I can guarantee you that a couple of the questions will require you to do a little digging.

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 me at webmasters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. Be safe and enjoy the rest of winter - hang in there, spring is coming!

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When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When the funds are low, and the debts are high, And you want to smile, but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

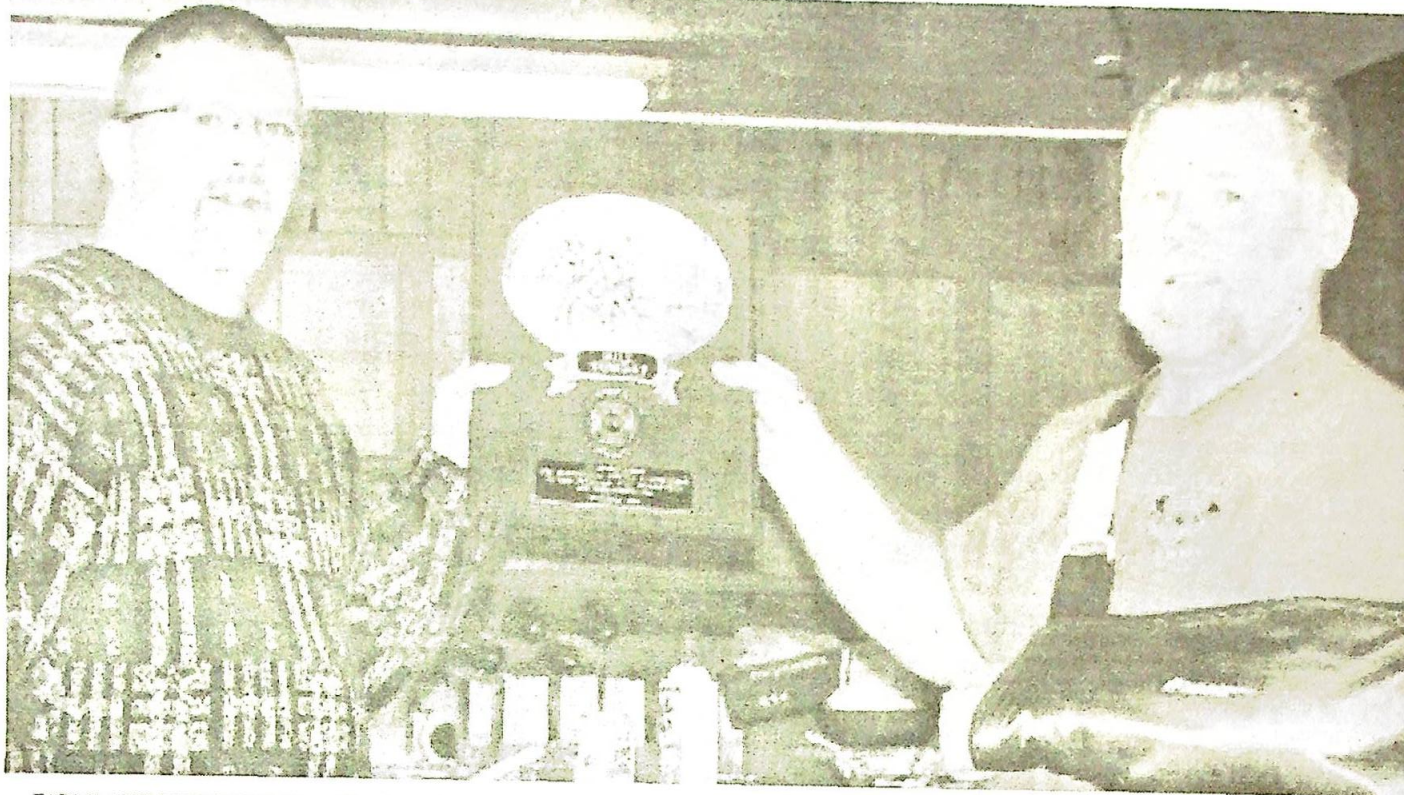
Life is strange with its twists and turns, As everyone of us sometimes learns, And many a failure turns about, When he might have won had he stuck it out; Don't give up though the pace seems slow, You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out, The silver tint of the clouds of doubt, And you can never tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems so far; So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, It's when things seem worst That you must not quit.

(submitted by Jerry Cohen, State Chaplain)

(submitted by Bill Sunday)

Bill Sunday honored for outstanding service



FARMLAND FIRE CHIEF Monte Wright makes a presentation from the department to Bill Sunday, a former fire chief at Farmland, and past president of the IVFA for his outstanding service to the department and for the department website that Bill is the webmaster.

(submitted by Farmland Fire Dept.)



In the above photo - pre-school fire prevention gets kids used to seeing firefighters in full turn-out gear just in case they should have to need them at their home.

Farmland hosted several classes of pre-school kids as well as grade school.

Pre-schoolers see firefighters in turn-out gear

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Farmland FD hosts Halloween parade



SOME KIDS will go to the extreme to win a prize.

Melvin Nott, assistant fire chief and deputy marshal and tonight photographer stands next to someone who is supposed to look like a Farmland police officer.

Well, it worked!

(submitted by Bill Sunday)

Ad Deadline for 2005 Convention Book is April 20, 2005

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FARMLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT has many categories at the annual Halloween parade in Farmland.

Several categories were checked for the best in each and prize money and candy were given to winners and candy to every one.

(submitted by Bill Sunday)

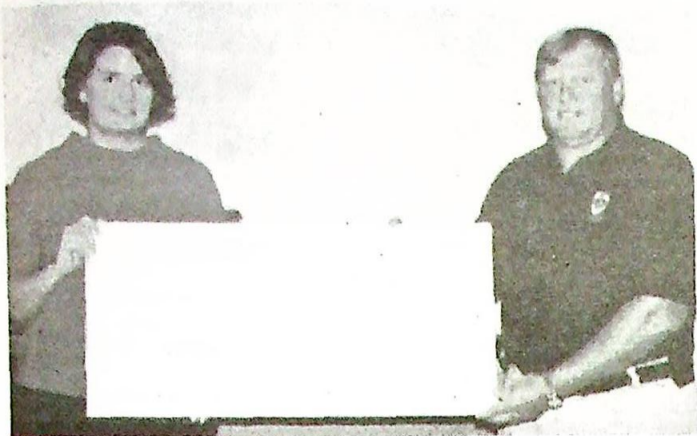


ASSISTANT CHIEF Jeff Willen separates kids into categories for judging.

This can be a busy job, too.

(submitted by Bill Sunday)

Dinner and awards presentation held



The Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas dinner and awards presentation on Wednesday, December 1.

Amanda Thompson, president of the Fire Department's Auxiliary is pictured presenting Fire Chief Glen Kissling with a check in the amount of \$500.00 made possible through fundraisers held by the auxiliary throughout the year.

Four of the department's members received years of service awards. They included Captain Gary Beadles - 25 years of service, Firefighter/EMT John Beadles - 20 years of service, Captain Scott Patberg - 20 years of service, and Firefighter and Department Training Officer David Kissling - 15 years of service.

Fire Investigator and Public Education Officer John Smith was awarded the Francis "Chick" Carson Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award.

Smith was also awarded the Department's Safety Award.

(submitted by John Smith, Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department)



John Beadles



John Smith



Capt. Gary Beadles



David Kissling

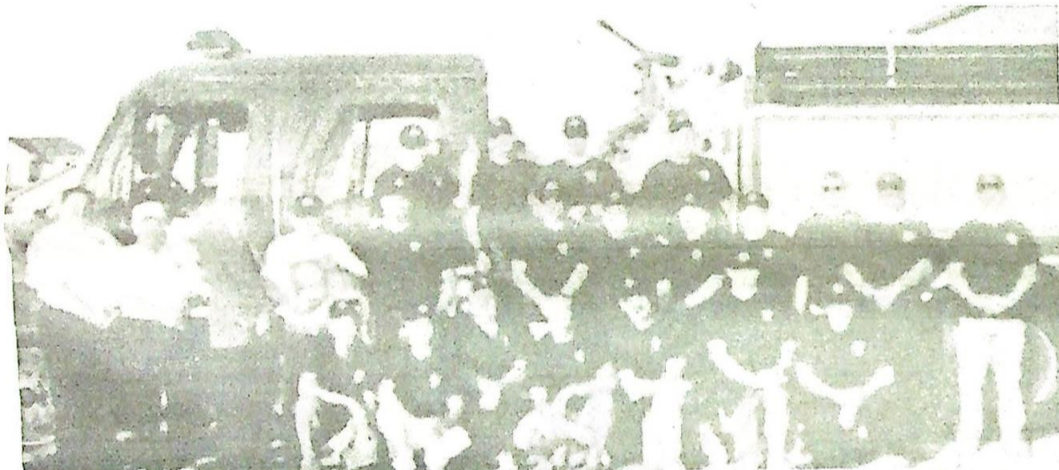
Craig Nees presented 25 year pin



JACK McFARLAND, District 11-A chairman, presents Poland firefighter Craig Nees with an IVFA 25 year pin.

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

Floyd Township receives Pierce Freightliner Contender



PICTURED are the Floyd Township Fire & Rescue members and their new 2004 Pierce Freightliner Contender.

The Floyd Township Fire Department is located at Heritage Lake and is not affiliated with Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by Dick Wood, chief, Floyd Township Volunteer Fire Department)

Nees congratulated on receiving 25 year pin



POLAND FIREFIGHTERS Angela Frank, Lanny Armour, Stan Frank, Brian Nees, and Freddy Reed congratulate Craig Nees on receiving his IVFA 25 year pin.

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

Children taught safety rules at 4-H fair



WRIGHT TOWNSHIP took their child safety trailer to the Greene County 4-H fair. Lewis Township firefighter Shery McFarland is shown here in the tornado room teaching children safety rules.

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

PRSW Harrison teaches children fire safety



PRSW Diane Harrison is teaching children in the Fire Safety room of the Wright Township safety trailer.

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

Farmland kids learn about fire prevention



ELEMENTARY KIDS and teachers learn about fire prevention from Farmland firemen. Several pieces of equipment and turnout gear were displayed. Stop, drop and roll was demonstrated and what kids might expect to see if they ever have an emergency. (submitted by Billy Sunday)

Farmland kids shown a rescue sweep



MELVIN NOTT, assistant Fire Chief at Farmland, shows kids and teachers what a rescue sweep looks like in case of a fire or problem that might take place at your house. Buddie system for searching is best and more men can be added if needed. Mike Cothorn and Joe Bertram are checking about a six foot path around the room. (submitted by Billy Sunday)

Pre-school children learn about fire prevention



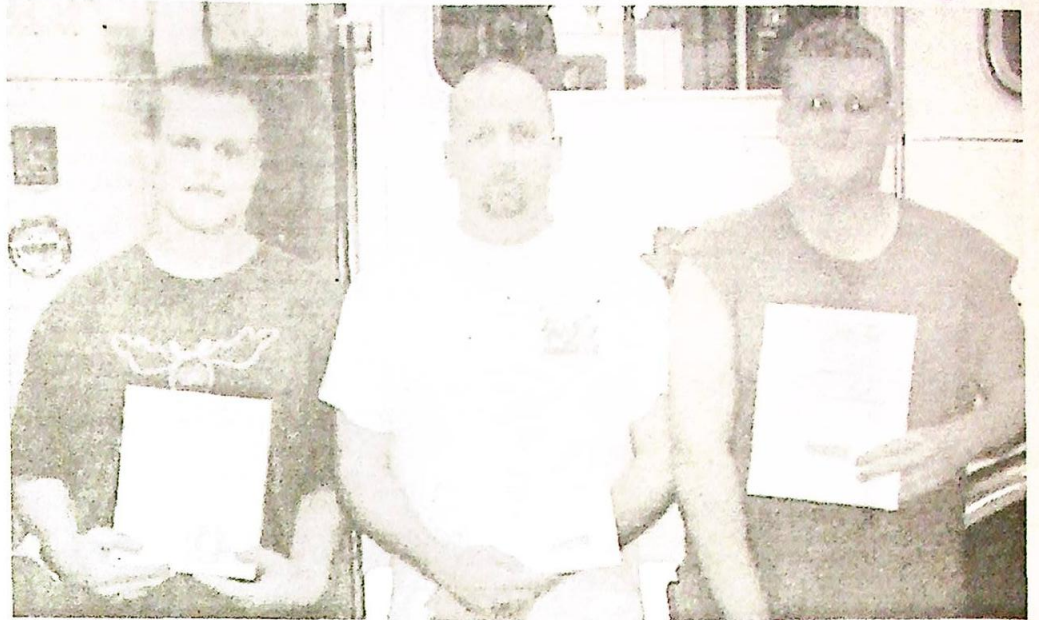
FARMLAND HOLDS FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS - A pre-school class sits and listens to fire prevention programs at the fire station. Kids get coloring books and a fire truck ride back to school. (submitted by Billy Sunday)



Mike Cothorn becomes certified instructor

MIKE COTHERN, Farmland fireman, is a certified instructor. Mike was just added to a list of instructors for our department. It makes training a lot easier with several instructors. Congratulations, Mike, good job! (submitted by Billy Sunday)

Farmland firemen receive more training



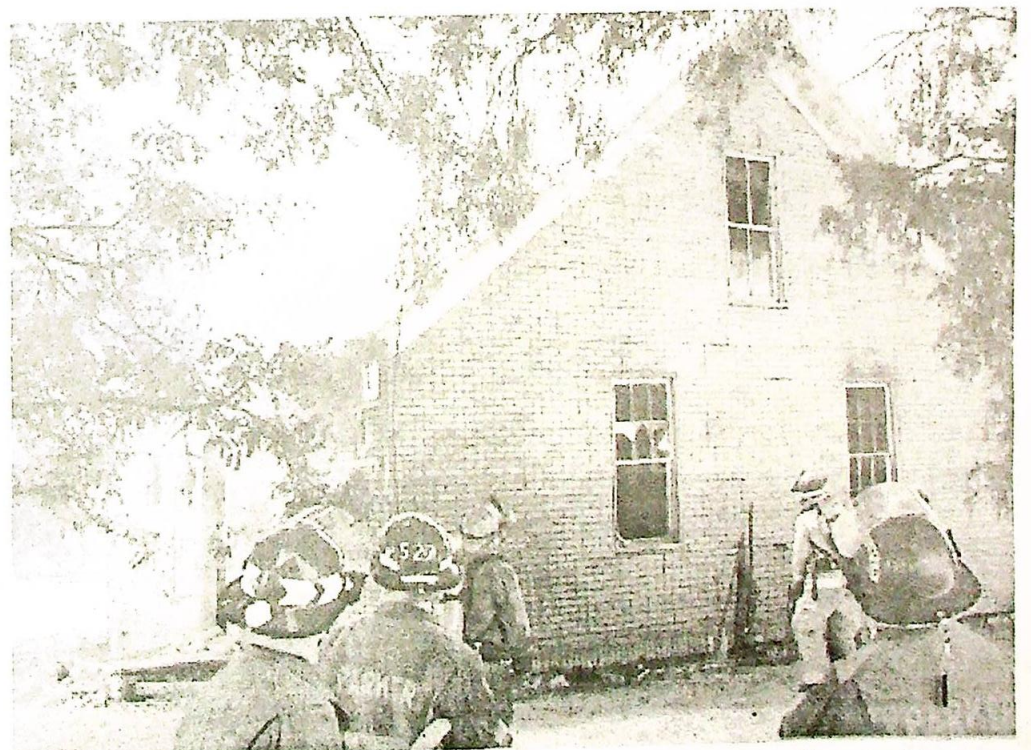
RICHARD VOSS, left, received his Basic Firefighter certificate. Todd Cummins, center, and John Clark, right, both received Fire Medic certificate. Farmland has 12 fire medics. (submitted by Billy Sunday)

Farmland hosts blood drive



FARMLAND FIREMEN & Auxiliary hosted a blood drive in Farmland. This must be the blood part in Blood, Sweat and Tears, because they really give blood this time. Dawn Willen waits on nurses from Ball Hospital to get the draw started. (submitted by Billy Sunday)

Farmland hosts training burn



SEVERAL fire departments join Farmland and spend several hours starting fires, putting them out and then over again to train young and older firefighters, many different areas of attacking fires. Farmland has recently burned for training two barns and one house. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Public Relations Southwest



Jim Abrams

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! World events have really made us see disasters can happen on a huge scale. We pray for all those who lost family members!

I attended District 17B meeting at Pleasant Run Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Tim Deckard's next meeting will be Thursday, January 27th at Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department. Dis-

trict 17B's Miss Flame contest will be February 19th at Ellettsville Fire Department.

I attended District 15's meeting in New Harmony on November 16th. Their next meeting will be January 18th at Scott Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 17A's meeting in Scotland, Indiana, hosted by Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department. Their next meeting will be sausage supper January 15th.

I attended District 18's meeting at St. Henry. Their Miss Flame was Amanda Gutzell from Schneverle Volunteer Fire Department. Their next meeting is January 20th at Jasper V.F.W.

St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department lost Tony J. Hosenour. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and department.

I attended a memorial service for Donald Couts of Lockhart Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and department.

I attended Bob Showalter's retirement party at Montgomery, Ind. He had 48 years of service to Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department. His wife, Sue, also retired. Our congratulations to both of them.

Jim Abrams, P.R.S.W.

Clarksville volunteer firefighters receive certifications



SEVERAL volunteer firefighters at Clarksville Fire Station 3 received state fire certifications recently.

From L to R: Shawn Seward (Firefighter I/II), Daniel Moody (Basic Firefighter), Scott Roark (Firefighter I/II), Keith Sellmer (Fire Officer I/II, Driver/Operator Pumper), Robert Jacob (Hazardous Materials Operations), and Tom Sellmer, Sr. (Fire Officer I and Driver/Operator Pumper).

Not pictured: John Sellmer (Firefighter I/II and Emergency Medical Technician), Charles Edelen (Basic Firefighter), and Chris Hauber (Basic Firefighter).
(submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

Harry Hayworth presented 50 year gold card



HARRY HAYWORTH, Prairie Creek Fire Department, third from the left, was presented with his 50 year gold card.

Also pictured, from left to right, Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman, Tom Eversole, Prairie Creek fire chief, Harry Hayworth, Jack Kerney, IVFA president and Larry Ketchem, IVFA vice president.
(submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

IVFA Legislative Session

2005 Legislative Session

By Shokrina Radpour Beering, Esq., IVFA Lobbyist and Counsel

This legislative session is sure to be a very interesting one. Indiana has a new governor, and control of the House has switched to the Republican party, which means a change in leadership of each of the House committees which are assigned bills for hearings. Changes to the language of bills, and as to whether or not bills should proceed to be heard by the full House or Senate, are decided in committees. This is a "long" session, so the legislature must adjourn on or before April 29. The new governor has a large agenda, so his proposals will receive the most discussion in both the House and Senate.

Your legislative committee met over the summer and decided its priorities for this session. Once again, the State's dire finances are driving the types of bills we are able to get sponsored, and those bills which will be heard in committees. The items on the legislative agenda are:

1. Clarification of IC 5-10-13-5 regarding public safety employees incurring a disability caused by hepatitis, meningitis, or tuberculosis to specifically include volunteers.

2. Expand legislation we passed last year, found in IC 36-8-12-10.5, to prohibit all employers from reprimanding employees when they are late to work due to volunteer firefighting activities. Last session we

were able to have the prohibition against reprimand enacted regarding employees of political subdivisions.

3. Initiate legislation regarding a length of service award program.

4. Reintroduce the loan to grant legislation.

5. Reintroduce the income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters.

I am very pleased to inform you that two bills have been filed regarding expanding the prohibition of reprimand to private employers. Additionally, Senate Bill 84 filed by Allie Craycraft provides for an adjusted gross income tax deduction of \$2,000.00 to volunteers who have been active for at least 6 months during a taxable year.

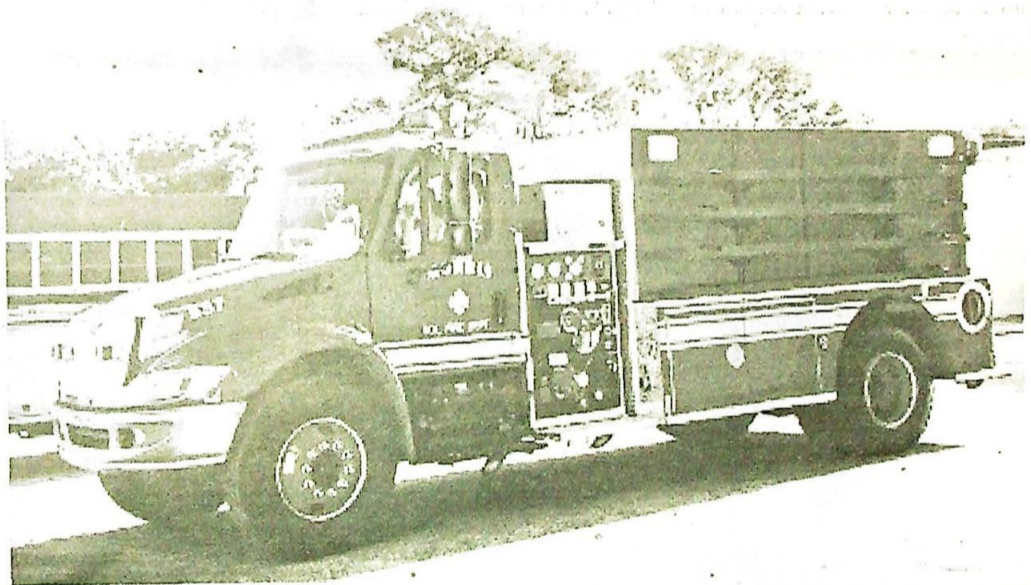
I have been working with representative Bill Ruppel, Chairman of the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and with members of the Legislative Services Agency, regarding a bill to clarify that IC 5-10-13-5 applies to volunteer firefighters. I am hopeful that this bill will be filed.

Because of fiscal constraints, no House or Senate member has agreed to sponsor the loan to grant legislation, nor legislation regarding a length of service award program. This is the first year that the IVFA has brought the idea of a length of service award program to the legislators. It often takes a few years before legislators are comfort-

able introducing a new concept, like this awards program. I anticipate that the Association will be successful in having an awards program introduced as a bill sometime in the future. Please let your State Representative and State Senator know of your support for this type of program, as well as for each of the bills the Association has had introduced.

By the time this article goes to press, I will have e-mailed the first Bill Status Report to the members of the IVFA Legislative Committee and to the Central Office. This report will contain not only the bills which the IVFA has initiated, but will also include those which the association has chosen to monitor or take a position against. I send these reports on a weekly basis and I speak to the members of the Legislative Committee on a weekly basis as well. Members of this year's Legislative Committee are Jack Kerney; Jim Parker; Buz Koehler; Larry Ketchem; David Israel; and Larry Bartlow. Please feel free to contact a committee member with any questions or comments you have, or you can contact me at sbeering@cohenandmalad.com or by phone at (317)636-2495, Ext. 218. A new feature of the IVFA web site is Legislative Update, so look for that as well.

Morris VFD takes delivery of new tanker



THE MORRIS V.F.D., Morris, IN, Ripley Co., District 19, has taken delivery of a new 1800 gallon tanker with 500 G.P.M. pump.

The truck was custom designed to department specifications.

It is a Pierce truck on an International chassis. It has side and rear dumps.

(submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)



Megan Lambert 2004 Miss Flame winner

PICTURED is Ann Moss, District 2 chairman, Megan Lambert, District 2 2004 Miss Flame winner and Phyllis Vargo, District 1 chairman.

(submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1-2)

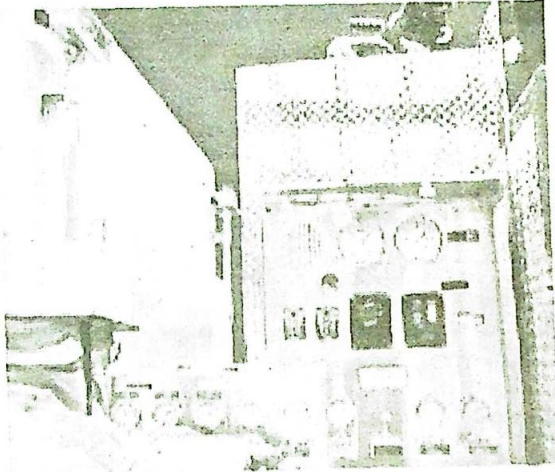
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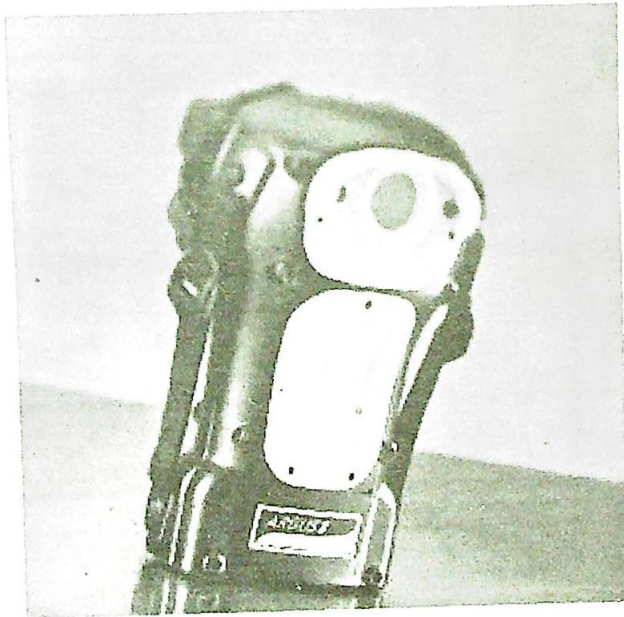
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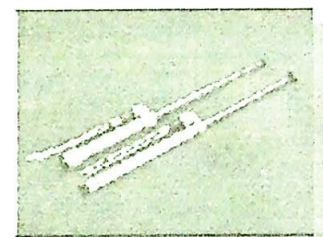
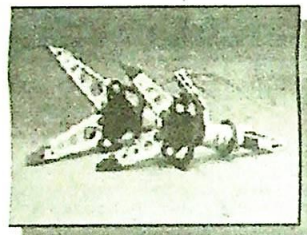
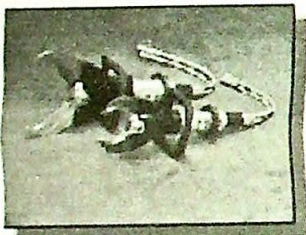
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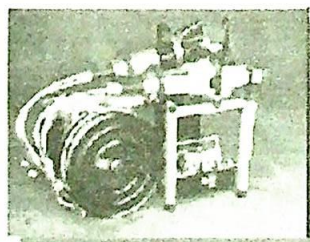
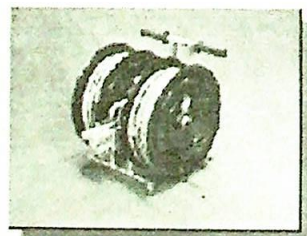
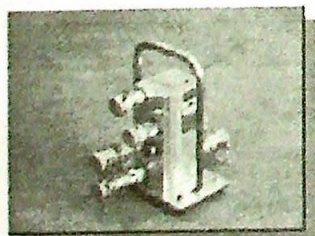
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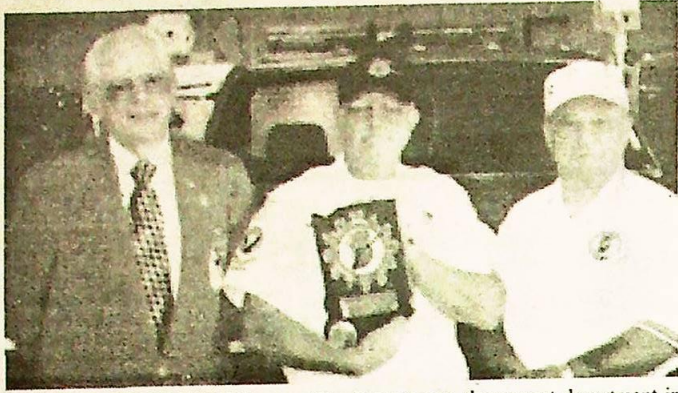
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Clock presented to Floyd Township fire station



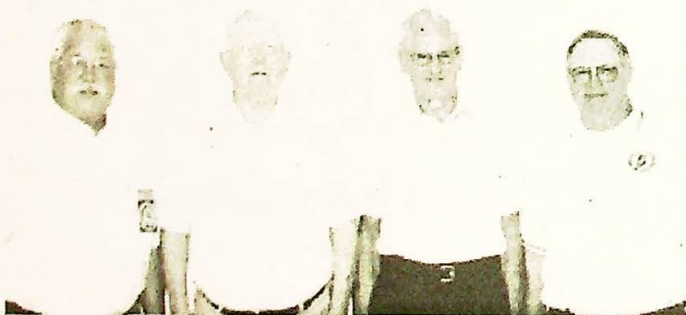
FLOYD TOWNSHIP Volunteer Fire Department, the newest department in the IVFA, holds open house and fire station dedication July 17, 2004. Dick Wood proudly accepts the clock presented to the new Floyd Township fire station by IVFA representatives Larry Ketchem and John Davies. (submitted by Dick Wood, chief, Floyd Township Volunteer Fire Department)

Sheridan VFD members earn 25 year pins



AUGUST 30, 2004 - Pictured, left to right, back row: Richard McCarty, Dave Kinkead, Richard Mosbaugh. Front row: Clifford Biddle, Kenny Moore, Von Walker. The above men received their 25 year pins from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association for 25 years of service for the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo submitted by Renai King)

Sheridan VFD members earn 50 year pins



AUGUST 30, 2004 - Fred Moss and Warren Millikan earned their 50 year pins. They are members of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, Sheridan, Indiana. Pictured left to right: L.E. "Buz" Koehler, president of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Fred Moss, member of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, Warren Millikan, member of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department and Don Fultz, Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, District 21 chairman. (Photo submitted by Renai King)

Lowell Dorsam recognized for 40 years of service



ON AUGUST 22, 2004, during the fire department's annual family picnic, Haysville CVFD Fire Chief Lowell Dorsam was recognized by the Indiana State Fire Marshal for his 40 years of service.

Nominated by fellow firefighter and past Fire Chief Dick Schmitt, Lowell was presented with the Fire Marshal's/Governor's Meritorious Service Award, one of the highest honors given to a volunteer firefighter in the state of Indiana.

Lowell became Fire Chief on January 1, 2003, after serving as Assistant Chief for 13 years.

Pictured (left to right): Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary, Lowell Dorsam, HVFD chief recipient of award, Dick Schmitt, nominator of award and Mike Bigler, deputy state fire marshal. (submitted by Ed Dicus, Haysville VFD PR)

Stilesville F.D. takes service of tanker



THE STILESVILLE Fire Department now have a 4000 gallon tanker in service. We would like to thank our local merchants for their contributions in making this happen. Special thanks goes out to the following people: Cecil Koger, Midland Co-op Stilesville, Jake and Don Reitzel, I-70 Wrecker Service and Joe Williams & Sons. (submitted by Diane Farthing - Chief, Stilesville Fire & Rescue, District 12)

Stilesville F.D. members complete Firefighter courses



EIGHT MEMBERS of the Stilesville Fire Department completed a Firefighter I & II course on April 16, 2004. The course was taught by members of the Greencastle Fire Department. Members completing the course are: Mitch Kelley, Diane Farthing, David Brock, Lowell Farthing, Gary Alex, Jim Boles, Lisa Wehman, James Kelley. Also pictured with the group will be Dr. Alfred Page. Special recognition was given to him for his vast knowledge and many years of dedicated service. (submitted by Diane Farthing - Chief, Stilesville Fire & Rescue, District 12)

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Earn Firefighter 1 and 2 certificates



WARSAW FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER'S who recently earned their state and international Firefighter 1 and 2 certification are: (Left to Right) William Cothran, David Rapp, Jacob Furbee, Brent Fifer and Dawn Wilkie. (Photo submitted by Warsaw Fire Department).

Ron McWilliams honored with 50 year Gold card



PAST PRESIDENT Bill Sunday presented Ron McWilliams with his 50 year Gold Card at District 8B meeting. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Gerald Cox presented 50 year Gold Card



PAST PRESIDENT Bill Sunday presents Gerald Cox his 50 year Gold Card at District 8B meeting. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Haunted Forest & Trick or Treat hayride a success

THANK YOU FOR OUR SUCCESSFUL EVENTS!

Haunted Forest event coordinator Ambulance Lieutenant Teresa Bennett and all CSVFD members would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our community for making the Haunted Forest such a success this year.

All the volunteers and visitors who either participated in or visited our Halloween event were not afraid to stay away, even after we experienced the strong winds on Saturday.

Lt. Bennett stated: "Without the support of all of the volunteers we could not have hosted such a successful event. We appreciate all the great help from department members but more especially those supporters from surrounding communities. This event truly was a community effort and we appreciate everyone's efforts. We look forward to another Scary Event next year starting at the Spooky Beach, then riding the hay wagon down the Haunted Trail and finally winding through the

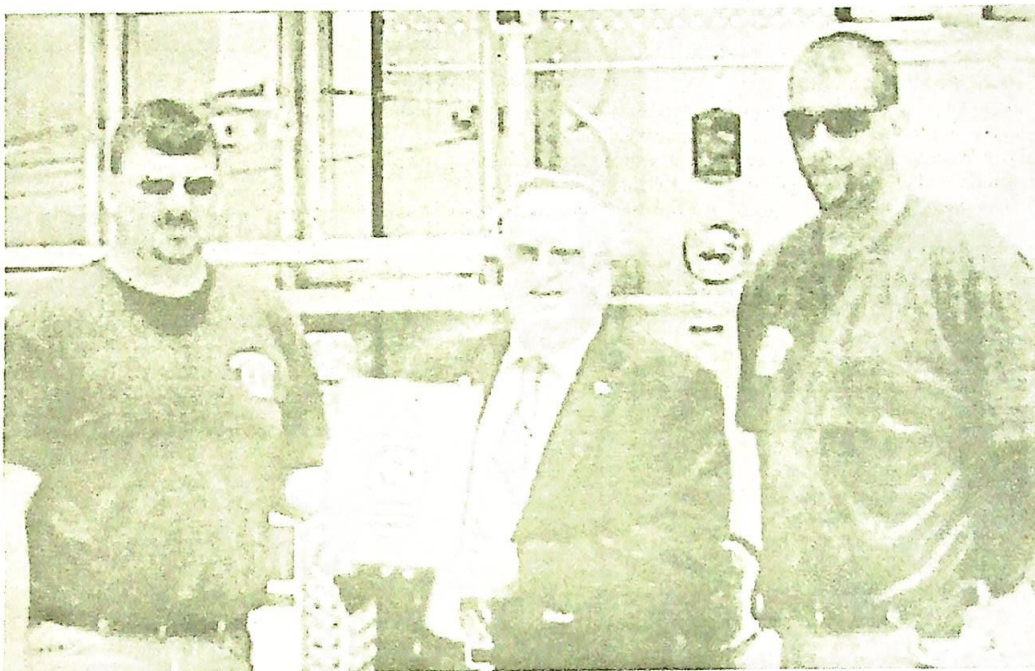
Haunted Forest!"

Then on Halloween night the fire department and community came together to hose the annual "Trick or Treat Hayride" for local children.

Dressed in their favorite costumes the kiddies boarded eight hay wagons at the CSLOA Clubhouse and traveled around the lakes trick or treating.

This SAFE EVENT was sponsored by the Cordry-Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance and was supported by the community.

Presentation of 50 Year Book held



PRESENTATION of 50 Year Book from Roy Richardson, to district chief Robert Jenkins II and Charlie Moon, president of the Charlestown Fire Department in the dedication of their new Charlestown Station #4, July 18, 2004.



PRESENTATION of 50 Year Book from Roy Richardson, to district chief Robert Jenkins II, at the dedication of Charlestown Station #4 - July 18, 2004.

Members receive cards and service awards



TWO 50 year IVFA members received Gold Cards and meritorious service awards.

Pictured (left to right) - Bill Sunday, past president, Larry Petro, District 8B chairman, Ron McWilliams, Buz Koehler, president IVFA, Gerald Cox, Ivan Nevil, state fire marshal, Mitch Parish, past president.

Past president Sunday presented Gold Cards to McWilliams and Cox and fire marshal Nevil presented meritorious service awards from the Governor's office.

(submitted by Bill Sunday)

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Community Risk Reduction Division

January 6, 2005
Dear Fire Chief & Public Safety Educator,

It's that time again the Community Risk Re-education Division of the Franklin Township Fire Department invites you once again to the Fifth Annual Public Education Symposium scheduled for March 4th, 5th and 6th. The theme continues to be Racing To Education.

Put it in your calendars and start talking about it with other educators in your area! Our attendance continues to grow thanks to you and your positive attitude toward this very important mission. We have once again scheduled some of the best nationally known speakers to come and educate the educators. They will bring with them new techniques, skills and tools that we all need to promote our common goal - Public Safety Education.

Be prepared, we want to hear from you as well. Tell us what is happening in your department. Share with all of us what is working for you to promote safety awareness in your community what could possibly be better than spreading great ideas from department to department? Why not make this a cost to coast effort? For those of you that have joined us before, you know how great of an opportunity this is to network and expand your resources.

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Farmland Fire Prevention Day held



FARMLAND Ladies' Auxiliary has a cake walk during Fire Prevention Day activities. Somewhere around 50 cakes and pies were walked off during the day. (submitted by Bill Sunday)



WHEN IT'S time for prize give away it's not hard to get everyone's attention. Three hundred boys and girls attended Farmland Fire Prevention Day. (submitted by Bill Sunday)



GAMES were played all day at Fire Prevention Day in Farmland. Lots of prizes and money are given to winners. (submitted by Bill Sunday)



FIRE PREVENTION Day at Farmland brings lots of people to town. Firefighters from other departments, sheriffs, police officers and of course, the new addition this year, the jumpolene in the background was a big hit. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Paul Kuntz awarded 25 year pin for his years of fire service



Mr. Paul Kuntz (left) receives 25 year pin from President Buz Kochler, during the District 4 meeting at Foraker October 27th. Paul has held several different positions in his department including Assistant Chief, and is the also the secretary for District 4. Congratulations, Paul, on your many years of service to your community and the IVFA. (submitted by Buz Kochler)

Farmland burns barn for training



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT was called to this barn that was on fire, fully engulfed and put it out. The owners called them back to burn the barn the rest of the way, so four hours of training was received for young new firefighters. (submitted by Billy Sunday)

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Van Buren Township F.D. winners in bucket brigade



BUCKET BRIGADE winners Van Buren Township Fire Department at the Monroe County Firefighter's Field Day along with the IVFA officers Jack Zeeks, Jack Kerney and District 60 State Representative Peggy Welch. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

Ellettsville F.D. participate in bucket brigade event



MEMBERS OF the Ellettsville Fire Department rushing to the start of the bucket brigade event at the Monroe Co. Firefighters' Field Day event. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

Zeeks presents Midwest Award to Steve Nolan



JIM ZEEKS (former District 17B chairman) presenting Midwest Award to Steve Nolan (Chief, Pleasant Run Fire Department). (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

Wayne Harrison Montgomery Fire Dept. waterball winners

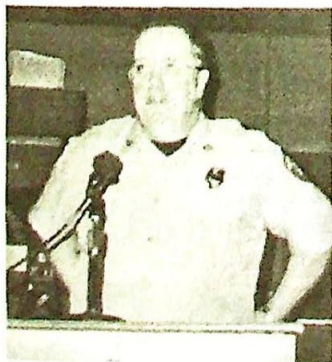
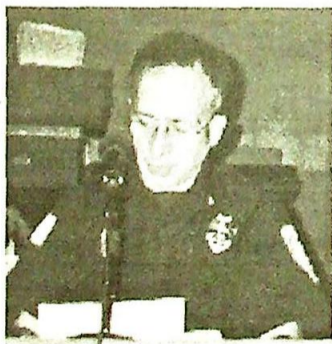


MEMBERS OF the Wayne Harrison Montgomery Fire Department winners of the waterball contest at the Gosport Lazy Days Festival along with 17B chairman Tim Deckard and Brenda Bowman from the Lazy Days Festival committee. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

Hollis reads Firemen's Prayer at 911 service

CLARKSVILLE Deputy Fire Chief Randy Hollis read the Firemen's Prayer at the recent 911 memorial service and dinner.

(submitted by Al Williamson)



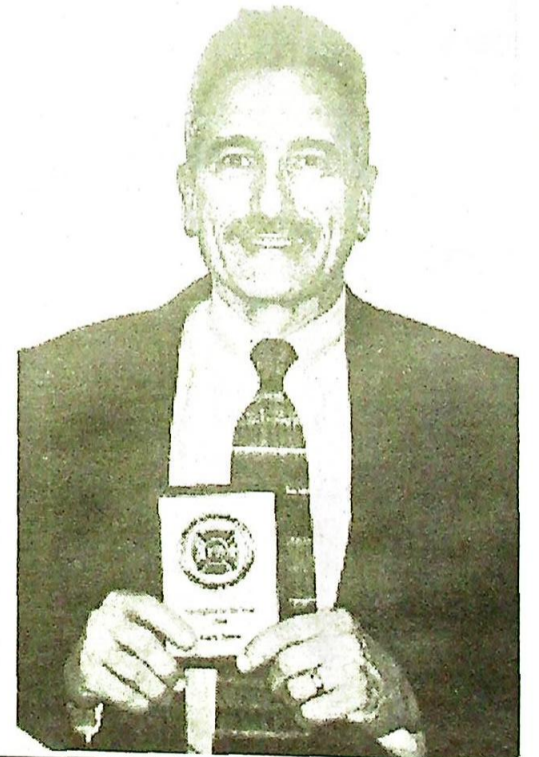
Totten named "Firefighter of the Year"

CAPTAIN GARY TOTTEN of Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Company in Columbus, IN has been awarded "Firefighter of the Year" 2004.

Totten has been with the department for four years and has, this past year, operated additionally as the Training Officer.

He also serves as the primary computer/technical implementer and advisor. He almost single-handedly brought the company into the 21st century for training and communication technology. He also functions as an excellent photographer, adding clearly to an interesting and indispensable fire company historical record.

(submitted by Board of Director's member, M. Maureen McNulty)



Gentry welcomes large crowd to 911 event

CLARKSVILLE/McCULLOCK Station 3 commander Earl Gentry welcomes a large crowd to the recent 911 memorial service and dinner.

(submitted by Al Williamson)

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Clarksville volunteer firefighters recognize life savers



ON NOVEMBER 21, 2004, Clarksville Fire Station 3 recognized seven-year-old Morgan Hammel and firefighter Dennis Hammel for saving the life of Madison Hammel.

Early in the morning, Morgan was woken up by the sounds of her sister's seizures. Morgan had the presence of mind to wake her parents. Before EMS and fire units could arrive, Madison stopped breathing and her father had to start CPR. Madison started breathing again as the first EMS units arrived at the resident.

From left to right: Madison Hammel, firefighter Dennis Hammel and Morgan Hammel.

(submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

Manilla VFD firemen awarded 25 year service pins



PICTURED (left to right) - District 10 chairman David Israel, Danny Kuhn, Brian Waltz and Robert Hill.

(submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman)

2005 IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 AM	GOLF OUTING	HARRISON LAKES COUNTRY CLUB
NOON TO 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CONV., GAMES & TOURS)	HOLIDAY INN - HOLIDOME
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	MEAL	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	DANCE - D.J.	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM D
8:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	MISS FLAME MEETING, MIXER	HOLIDAY INN-BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CONV., GAMES & TOURS)	HOLIDAY INN - HOLIDOME
8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	MISS FLAME JUDGING	HOLIDAY INN - GAVEL-HERALD DIRECTORS ROOMS
9:00 AM TO 1:30 PM	NASHVILLE TOUR	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM	SEMINARS	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A - A 2
12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM	MISS FLAME LUNCHEON	HOLIDAY INN - BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
1:30 PM TO CLOSE	MISS FLAME FINAL JUDGING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A - A 2
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	TOURS	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM	IVFAA OFFICER'S MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - BARTHOLOMEW ROOM
4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	IVFA OFFICER'S MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A
5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM	HOT DOG & BEER BUST (SOUTHWESTERN FIRE)	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM	OPENING MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM A & B
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:30 PM TO 12:00 AM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
9:00 PM TO 12:00 AM	DANCE - D.J.	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM C

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH

6:30 AM TO 8:00 AM	COFFEE KLATCH - FIREFIGHTERS & AUXILIARY	HOLIDAY INN - PRE FUNCTION AREA
8:00 AM TO 10:30 AM	IVFA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM A & B
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CONV.)	HOLIDAY INN - HOLIDOME
8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM	VENDOR DISPLAYS (OUTSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM	VENDOR DISPLAYS (INSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - PRE-FUNCTION AREA
8:30 AM TO 10:30 AM	IVFAA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM C
11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM
12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM	LUNCH	ON YOUR OWN
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
1:30 PM TO CLOSE	IVFA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUED	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM A & B
1:30 PM TO CLOSE	IVFAA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUED	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM C
2:00 PM TO 4:30 PM	TOUR OUTLET MALL	TAYLORSVILLE
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM	PIZZA PARTY - CHILDREN & TEEN	HOLIDAY INN - UPPER TERRACE
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM	CONVENTION BANQUET	HOLIDAY INN-CRYSTAL BALLROOM
9:00 PM TO 12:00 AM	BEER WAGON	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
9:30 PM TO 12:30 AM	DANCE - BAND	HOLIDAY INN - CRYSTAL BALLROOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH

7:00 AM TO 8:00 AM	INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FOR GAMES	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM	CONVENTION GAMES	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO CLOSE	VENDOR DISPLAYS (OUTSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - WEST PARKING LOT
8:00 AM TO CLOSE	VENDOR DISPLAYS (INSIDE)	HOLIDAY INN - PRE-FUNCTION
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Five students from Gibson Southern High School were honored for their actions taken Thursday, August 26, 2004.

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The ditch was flooded due to torrential rains that were falling across much of southern Indiana. The group was able to open a rear door, and pull the female driver out just moments before water filled the vehicle. The driver, a fellow Gibson Southern student, was uninjured in the incident.

On Thursday, October 14, the young rescuers and their families were invited to the Ft. Branch VFD Station #2 for a pizza party in celebration of their heroics. The night concluded with Fire Chief Andy Paul presenting each young man with a plaque in honor of their actions.

(submitted by Steve Anderson)

Ashley Hountz chosen District 19 Miss Flame



DISTRICT 19
Miss Flame
Ashley Hountz

(submitted by
District 19
chairman, Ed Scheele)

Brookville V.F.D. receives IVFA clock



BROOKVILLE V.F.D., District 19, receiving an IVFA clock for their firehouse from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.
(submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

Brown County VFD members receive 50 year gold cards



BROWN COUNTY Volunteer Fire Department members (left to right) - Max Kritzer, 17B chairman Tim Deckard, Dallas Kelp receives 50 year gold cards from district chairman Tim Deckard.
(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

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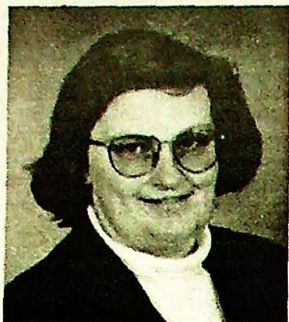
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Diane Harrison

January 10, 2005 Hello Firefighters and Friends; Hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

Right now we are fighting flooding and expecting more rain for the next three days.

It's about time for fundraisers to start up again, let us know if you have anything going on and we will do our best to attend.

In District 11-A we are working hard on our annual Miss Dance. It takes a special young lady to take time out of their busy schedules to give to us.

Hope everyone remembered to submit names for all the awards that were due February 1, 2005.

Keep safe out there, Diane Harrison WCPR

May deadline is April 10

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

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Plan now for 2005 Convention

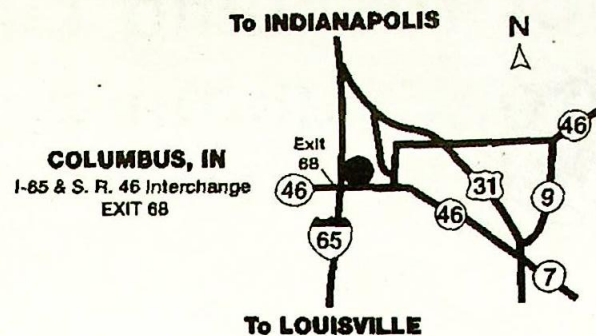
Folks, it's not too early to start planning for Convention 2005 at Columbus. Reservation forms for the Holiday Inn are in this issue of the paper as well as registration forms.

You should make your room reservations early. Remember we filled all of them in 1999! We have some great times planned for you, starting with a golf outing Wednesday morning, June 15.

The Holiday Inn is really easy to get to. It is located at the intersection of I-65 and Ind. 46. That's at Exit 68 on I-65.

If you are late making your reservations, and the Holiday Inn is filled, there are several other motels at the same intersection: Ramada, Super 8, Motel 6, Days Inn, Knights Inn.

Your hosts, Dave Israel Jim Parker



Harold Salyer earns 25 year pin



DISTRICT 2 chairman Paul F. Watland presents Harold Salyer of the Kouts VFD with his 25 year service pin. Chief Don Sutter looks on. (submitted by District 2 chairman Paul F. Watland)

District 19 Miss Flame candidates



PICTURED (left to right) are District 19 Miss Flame candidates -- Kim Narwold, representing Batesville Fire and Rescue; Ashley Broughton, representing Lawrenceburg V.F.D.; Miss Flame Ashley Hountz, representing Sunman Rural Fire Department; Becky Williams, representing East Enterprise V.F.D.; Addie Word, representing Hogan Twp. V.F.D.; and Sarah Merkel, representing Morris V.F.D. (submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

Schneider VFD presented IVFA clock



PICTURED (left to right) - assistant chief Ken Belshaw and chief David Hamm of the Schneider VFD are presented with the IVFA clock and plaque by state IVFA president Buz Koehler. District 2 chairman Paul F. Watland looks on.

(submitted by District 2 chairman Paul F. Watland)

2005 IVFA Convention June 15-19

Dave Smith, Sunman RFD honored with 25 year pin



DAVE SMITH, Sunman Rural Fire Department, receiving 25 year pin from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

(submitted by District 19 chairman, Ed Scheele)

Here's what to know when you gas up and go

Gasoline refueling advisory and safety guidelines for consumers

Static electricity-related incidents at retail gasoline outlets are extremely unusual, but the potential for them to happen appears to be the highest dur-

ing cool or cold and dry climate conditions. In rare circumstances, these static related incidents have resulted in a brief flash fire occurring at the fill point. Con-

sumers can take steps to minimize these and other potential fueling hazards by following safe refueling procedures all year long.

Most important, they should not get back into their vehicles during refueling -- even when using the nozzle's hold-open latch. This will greatly reduce and minimize the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity.

A build-up of static electricity can be caused by re-entering a vehicle during fueling, particularly in cool or cold and dry climate conditions. If the motorist then returns to the vehicle fill pipe when refueling is complete, the static may discharge at the fill point, causing a brief flash fire with gasoline refueling vapors.

Motorists who cannot avoid getting back into the vehicle should always first touch a metal part of the vehicle, such as the door, or some other metal surface, away from the fill point upon exiting the vehicle.

Here are additional consumer refueling safety guidelines:

- Turn off your vehicle engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.

- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.

- Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.

- Do not over fill or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.

- In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately so that all dispensing devices and pumps can be shut off with emergency controls. If the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help.

- When dispensing gasoline into a container, use only an approved portable container and place it on the ground when refueling to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

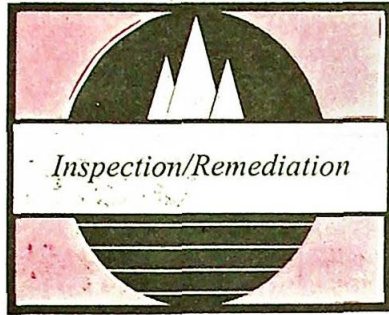
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CPSC offers tips to prevent home fires caused by space heaters

Devices associated with 21,800 fires and 300 deaths annually

As fire departments across the country battle winter home fires, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reminds consumers to demonstrate care when purchasing and using space heaters.

CPSC estimates that space heaters, including both fixed and portable heaters, are associated with about 21,800 residential fires every year.

About 300 people die each year in fires by these heaters. Fuel-burning space heaters also can cause carbon monoxide poisoning and indoor air pollution, because of improper venting or incomplete combustion.

"We're still seeing too many space heater fires," said CPSC Acting Chairman Thomas Moore. "While CPSC has worked hard with industry to improve safety standards for space heaters, consumers must exercise care in their purchase and use."

Consumers should be aware that older space heaters might not meet the newer safety standards. The CPSC has worked to upgrade the industry standards on electric, kerosene and unvented gas space heaters. An automatic cut-off device is now required, which turns off electric or kerosene heaters if they tip over. More guarding around the heating coils of electric heaters and the burner of kerosene heaters also is required to prevent fires. CPSC worked to upgrade the industry standard on unvented gas heaters, as well, to provide an oxygen depletion sensor to shut off the heater if the oxygen level drops too low.

Here are some CPSC safety tips for buying and using space heaters:

1. Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element. Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture, or other flammable materials.

2. Choose a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters meet specific safety standards.

3. Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps prevent pollutant build-up and pro

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Tips to prevent home fires . . .

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motes proper combustion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to provide sufficient combustion air to prevent CO production.

4. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.

5. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

6. Have a smoke detector with fresh batteries on each level of the house and a carbon monoxide detector outside your sleeping area.

7. Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.

8. Have gas and kerosene space heaters inspected annually.

Consumers who would like more information can receive a free CPSC booklet, "What You Should Know About Space Heaters," by placing a request at www.cpsc.gov or by sending a postcard to: "Space Heater Booklet," U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

May deadline:
April 10th

What's the best way to manage waste?

Compost your leaves, grass, weeds, brush, kitchen scraps and other organic waste.

The resulting humus is "green gold" that protects soil from heat and drought and returns nutrients to the earth that are vital to healthy lawns, gardens and croplands.

Fibrous plants and large leaves may have to be chopped before adding them to the compost pile. To counteract acidic ingredients such as oak leaves, add plenty of green waste such as grass or manure.

Decomposition requires air, so turning the pile every few days will hasten the process.

Reduce waste by cutting down on what you buy. Buy in bulk when possible and avoid overpackaged products.

Reuse, sell or give away items you no longer need. Consider chipping tree limbs to use as mulch.

Recycle everything possible. Glass and plastic beverage containers, metals, newspaper and corrugated cardboard at a minimum are collected for recycling in most communities. Recycle leaves by mulching them with your lawn mower and leave them on the ground rather than raking them up. This saves you time and fertilizes the soil.

Properly dispose of waste you can't avoid or recycle. Take it to a sanitary landfill, transfer station or compost facility. Or use a yard waste or

trash service available in your community.

For more information on how to compost and recycle, see www.in.gov/idem/oppta/recycling and www.epa.gov/cpaoswcr/non-hw/compost/index.html.

Remember, you can make a difference. Indiana's environmental future begins with you.

Open burning can cause . . .

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- * Shortness of breath and coughing
- * Stomach or intestinal upset
- * Headaches or memory loss
- * Skin irritations or burns
- * Eye damage

Smoke from burning five pounds of leaves contains about one pound of air pollution.

Your town, city or county may have an ordinance that is more restrictive than the state's open burning law.

If so, you must comply with that ordinance also.

Before you can open burn, call your local fire department, government office, or health department to find out.

It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood.

In general, businesses may not open

burn anything.

THINKING ABOUT BURNING TRASH OR YARD WASTE IN INDIANA?

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- RECYCLE
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