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From The President

Jack Kerney



I hope everyone had a nice Holiday. Barb and I would like to thank everyone that has called, sent letters and e-mails expressing the concern for our grandson's injury in Iraq. He was injured in a road side bomb that exploded under his tank. His tank commander was killed and Craig was injured. He has been returned to the United States and is recovering at his home in Georgia.

There has been a lot of mis-information and dis-information about the mandatory training that is being developed. One of the topics that came out of our summits last year, was that you wanted a mandatory training program complete with course outline, instructor and student manual. This is being developed and the first of three pilot programs will be available in February.

Found elsewhere in the paper are the most frequently asked questions that may help you understand some of the changes that are being developed.

2005 Convention highlights



Carolyn Zeeks
Lois Boaz Award



Amanda Gulgsell
2005 Miss Flame



Sherry McFarland
Ollie Sandburg Award



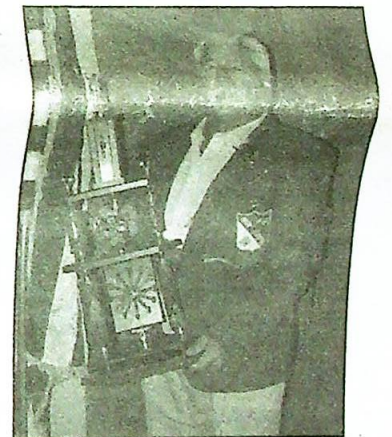
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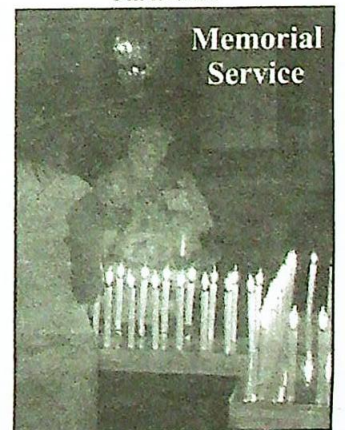
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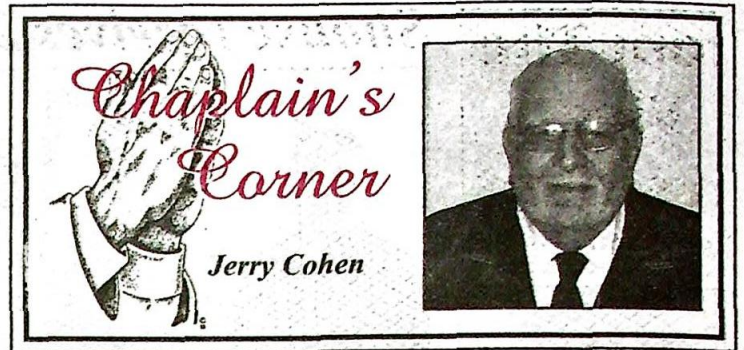
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On November 19, 2005 a group of fire department chaplains from across Indiana met and chartered a not-for-profit organization for fire chaplains in Indiana. Since that meeting we have applied for our Federal ID number, filed our "doing business as" forms with the County Recorder of Marion County, applied for and received our certificate of incorporation from the Secretary of State, State of Indiana and have applied for tax exempt status with the State of Indiana Department of Revenue.

Thanks to Jim Burns for his determination to get this organization off the ground. Jerry Cohen, the IVFA State Chaplain, was elected to serve as the first Vice President of the IFC; David Powell, chaplain of the Wayne-Twp. Fire Department was elected secretary-treasurer and Jim Burns, chaplain of the Sugar Creek Twp. Fire Department was elected president. Jim Dawson, chaplain of the Bloomington Twp. Fire Department and Melvin Camp, chaplain of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department were elected members-at-large of the executive committee.

Much progress has been made toward getting this new organization off the ground with the experienced help of Ed Stauffer, executive director of the Federation of Fire Chaplains, an international fellowship of fire chaplains. ICF is the FFC at the state level. Although we are not an affiliate of FFC, in the legal sense, we encourage all our members to become members of FFC to take advantage of the broader fellowship and many training opportunities.

The first training to be offered is a Basic Chaplain Course to be taught by Ed Stauffer the Executive Director of the Federation of Fire Chaplains. Class will be held April 24-25, 2006 at the New Palestine United Church, 15 East Main Street, New Palestine, IN. The cost is \$75.00. A manual is available through the Federation for \$49.95 + \$10.00 shipping and handling. For registration and information you can E-mail Jim Burns at burnsjasu@sbcglobalnet. or Jerry Cohen at ivfachaplain@myway.com.

We are working on getting critical incident training through the Federation in the near future.

Jerry Cohen IVFA Chaplain

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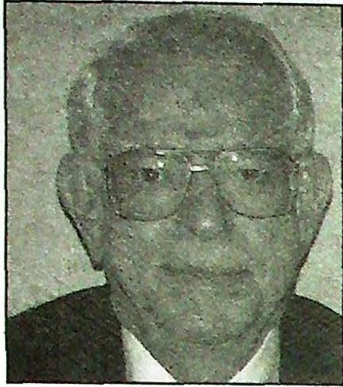
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From The Vice President

Larry Ketchem



As the Holiday season has come and gone and we have moved into the new year, we are facing many changes in how we do business. By that, I mean the Fire Service. Our mission has not changed. We will continue to protect the lives and property of those we serve, but we need to become more diverse in other areas of Emergency Services. This does *not* mean that we will become all things to all people, but we will be better at what we do.

Many new programs will be presented to the Fire Service this year and your IVFA will be part of the programs.

The first of these, will be for the Fire Chief, entitled *Roles and Responsibilities*. As we all know, in the past years this program was put on by the Fire Marshal's office. This year, it will be provided with the cooperation of IDHA (IN Department of Homeland Security), State Fire Marshal's office, IN Fire Chief's Association and your IVFA. By the time you read this news article, each of your department chiefs should have received a letter on times and locations for these classes.

Again this year, we plan to do more summits, like the ones held last year. Many of our members have asked that we have more of them in other areas of the state.

For those of you that are planning on attending the convention this year, get your reservations made AS SOON AS POSSIBLE by calling the number in this issue of the IVFA paper. We look forward to seeing you at convention.

Sincerely,
Larry D. Ketchem
IVFA Vice President

Shouse receives 25 year pin



On November 13, 2005, District 11-B chairman Brent Bush presented Reelsville firefighter Michael Shouse with his 25 year service pin.

Witnessing the presentation are his daughter, Reelsville firefighter Chell Daniels and District 11-B secretary John Davies.

(Photo submitted by Reelsville VFD)

Huddleston, Stickler serve as parade marshals



Ed Huddleston, seated in back of truck, and Wilbur Stickler, in the passenger's seat, were both parade marshals for Fire Prevention Day Parade in Farmland.

Driver, assistant chief Mike Osgood listens to stories when Wilbur used to drive the Model T's riding on.

(submitted by Bill Sunday)

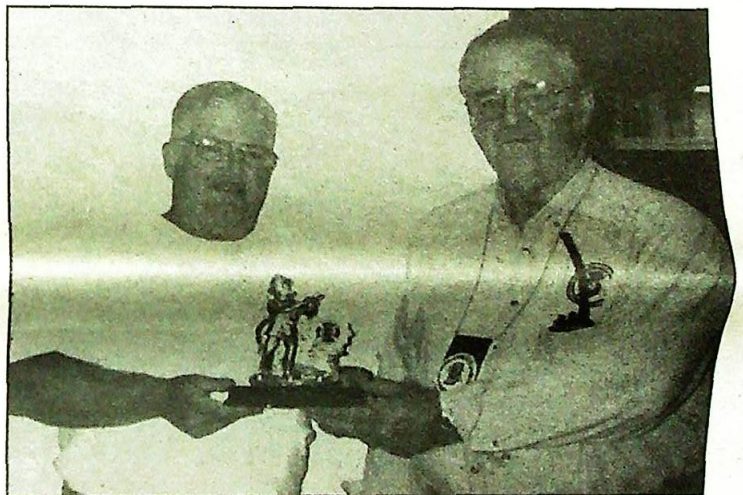
Huddleston awarded Gold Card for years of service



On October 8, 2005 Edward E. Huddleston of the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department was presented with his Gold Card for 50 years of service by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B district chairman)

Figurine awarded to Larry Petro for years as district chairman



On July 13, 2005 Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented a figurine to Larry Petro for his many years as District 8B's chairman.

This was done at the district meeting which was held at the Montpelier Fire Station.

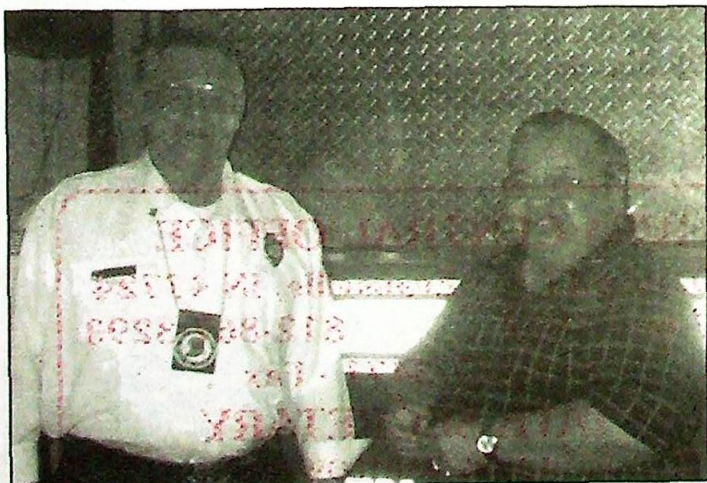
(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B district chairman)

Obituary

Robert E. Fleener

Robert E. Fleener, age 78, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2005. He had been an active IVFA member for 45 years. He was the past chairman of District 8A. An IVFA memorial was held on Monday, December 12, 2005.

Lykens awarded 25 Year Gold Card



On September 19, 2005 Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Mike Lykens with a 25 year pin.

Mike has been with the Stoney Creek Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B district chairman)

May Deadline: April 10, 2006

Haunted Forest held once again

The Haunted Forest once again returned to the Cordry Sweetwater Lakes area on October 28 and 29, 2005 being held from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. each night.

This annual event brings out all the scary goblins from the Forest Area. A hay wagon ride down the spooky beach trail into the Haunted Forest was held. Only the brave dared to go. Once arriving, several skits were held along the way - skits that were sure to make one have nightmares.

Lillian Scherer, the event coordinator stated: "Everything is in place with a coffin or two around every corner. You may walk with Dracula, the crazy man or even an old witch. But, never fear as the Cordry Sweetwater Volunteers are near. If that's not enough to scare the pants off you, our neighborhood residents will be there, too."

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

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Tom Orrell

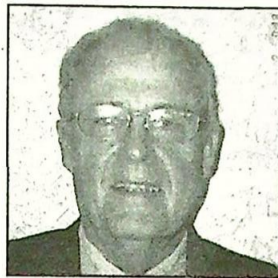
November 16, 2005
St. John VFD
District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 19 members and eight departments from District 1 and 41 members and eight departments from District 2.

Guests included IVFA past president and chairman of the board Buz Kochler, past president and IVFA paper ad taker Mitch Parish, IVFA state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PRNW Jim Bradford, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas who recorded the minutes of the meeting in the absence of the District 1 & 2 secretary Diane Orrell, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, District 1 & 2 treasurer Clarence Moss, District 2 Miss Flame Rebecca Proud, District 1 past chairman Bill Howe, District 2 past chairman Larry Stott and Dale Smith, Lake County Fire Chief's Association president Jack Eskridge, 50 year Gold card members George Thiel and Ralph Shillo and Fire Marshal inspector John Kierkowski.

St. John fire chief Fred Wilman gave a history of the department and introduced its members. He also thanked Tony Wirtz who prepared the great meal.

DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

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

Treasurer's report: Balance \$1556.04.

A very informative presentation on this year's burn camp was given by Mark Coopman.

Past president Buz Koehler reported the Fire Institute dinner will be held February 6, 2006. He is also selling fire department magnets for \$5.00 to help with expenses for the 2006 convention, which will be in Indianapolis June 28 - July 1.

Past president Mitch Parish reported on the mandatory NIMS program. All members of the department must be trained.

PRNW Jim Bradford presented a bylaws amendment to Article VI section 2 proposed by Ogden Dunes Fire Chief Eric Kurtz to rotate the convention sites by PR area. It reads as follows: TO FAIRLY DISTRIBUTE THE ANNUAL MEETING SITES AROUND THE STATE, A ROTATION OF THE SIX (6) PUBLIC RELATION AREAS SHALL BE INSTITUTED. THE ROTATION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: PRNW, PRNE, PREC, PRWC, PRSW AND PRSE. AN

EXAMPLE (THE SITE SHALL BE OFFERED TO PRNW. IF NOT ACCEPTED, IT WILL BE OFFERED TO PRNE. IF NOT ACCEPTED BY PRNE, IT WILL BE OFFERED TO PREC, ETC.). ONCE A PR AREA ACCEPTS THE MEETING, THE FOLLOWING YEAR THE OFFER SHALL BE MADE TO THE NEXT PR AREA IN THE ROTATION. IN THE EVENT, FOLLOWING SELECTION BY THE DELEGATES OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE SITE IS FOR ANY REASON UNAVAILABLE, A NEW SITE SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE BOARD USING THE ABOVE ROTATION AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE GIVEN THE MEMBERS. A motion was made by John Kierkowski seconded by Dale Morgan to accept the proposed amendment. Passed.

There was no old business.
There was no new business.
There were no fund raisers reported.

There was one reported death in District 1. Retired firefighter Don Fiscus from the Lake Station VFD. A minutes silence was held in his honor.

The next meeting will be held in District 1 at the Griffith VFD on January 18, 2006.

Tom Steindler won \$92.00 in the 50-50 drawing. Several hats, T-shirts and coffee cups donated by various dealers were then given out.

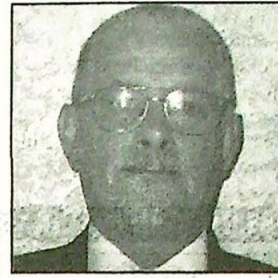
Thanks were given to Chief Wilman and his department for the great meal.

A motion was made by Keith Austin and seconded by Bill Howe to adjourn. Passed.

Thanks again to IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas who volunteered to record the minutes of the meeting.

Jim Bradford
PRNW

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Don Kissinger

November 10, 2005
Location: Kewanna-Union Township Fire Department Kewanna, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1934 hours by District 5 chairman Don Kissinger with the pledge of allegiance following.

Roll call: 14 members representing six departments.

Guests: Amber Farrer of Bremen, Miss Flame candidate 2006; Holly Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame candidate 2005; Olivia Eyrich of Bourbon, Miss Flame candidate 2006; Victoria Snyder of Kewanna, Miss Flame candidate 2006; Gene and E. J. Smith, Gene is PR NE representative elect.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district chairman Kissinger and approved with the correction that Don Kissinger is District 5 chair, not co-chair.

It was reported that the presentation on meth labs at the previous meeting was very informative.

There was no new business to report from the IVFA.

Gene Smith reminded all firefighters to be careful with regard to colder temperatures and the likelihood of chimney fires. Don Kissinger reported the death of a Lagro firefighter in a plane crash.

Also killed were the firefighter's wife, a son and a close friend. A daughter survives.

Dave Sickelka reported that an Indiana chapter of the Federation of Fire Chaplains is being organized at a meeting to be held November 19. Any department with a chaplain interested in joining should contact him.

Good of the order: Kewanna reported the addition of two new firefighters and that firefighter Joey Bucinski is joining the Monticello Fire Department.

Bourbon Chief Doug Eyrich reported that there is still discussion about mandatory officer training. This issue should be watched and opposed by the IVFA.

Cost calculators are available to determine how much a volunteer department saves their governing body. All departments are encouraged to complete this process through the website.

It was reported that the new firefighter tests are, in fact, more user friendly.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Allen Durst of Denver.

The Miss Flame candidates were being judged during the course of the meeting. The candidates then introduced themselves to the body and answered a question drawn at random. Judges Gail Scheeringa, Lyn Downhour, and EJ Smith then completed their deliberations. Outgoing District 5 Miss Flame candidate Holly Farrer then crowned the 2006 Miss Flame candidate, Amber Farrer. Olivia Eyrich was the runner-up.

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

Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka,
District 5 secretary/treasurer

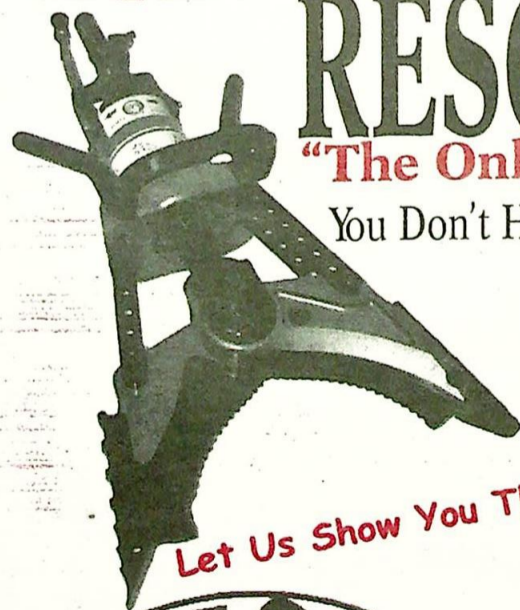
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

November 21, 2005
Mount Etna

Guests: Gene Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast, and Dave Sikelka, assistant chaplain.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Maurice "Mort" Sorg at 8:05 p.m.

The membership recited the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the membership.

The first roll call was answered by 29 members from 13 departments.

Chairman Sorg reported the passing of retired Fort Wayne Fire Department Chief Tom Lorraine.

Chairman Sorg advised the membership to submit applications for awards as soon as possible. These awards include: the Ollie Sandburg Award, Angel Award and Mr. IVFA Award.

Applications for IVFA license plates are now available.

Chairman Sorg informed the body of events from the quarterly meeting. One issue was two groups are attempting to acquire mailing lists from the IVFA. The IVFA attorney will review this request.

Chairman Sorg related other current fire service information.

The second roll call was answered by 29 members from 13 departments.

The next district meeting will be held on January 16, 2006 at Nottingham Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

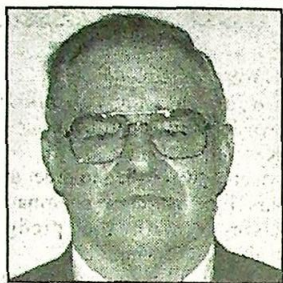
stations.
I will be notifying your chiefs about members of 25 year pins to be presented.

Please send me by e-mail or to the district meetings the update on your department officers.

See you at the district meetings and this year's convention.

Bill

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

On November 9, 2005 the district meeting for 8B was held at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, Pennville, Indiana at 7:30 p.m.

Lloyd Wright, district chairman opened the meeting with 35 members from nine departments present.

Roll call was held with the number of runs that had been made by each department. They had a total of 35 fire runs and 50 first responder runs.

During the business meeting a discussion was held about the upcoming Miss Flame contest which will be held at the Portland Fire Station on January 11, 2006. It was stated that the girls would like to have a casual and formal dress for their contest. Chairman Lloyd Wright encouraged each department to try and have a candidate for the contest.

The different fundraisers to be held by the departments are as follows: Ward Twp. Fire Department will be having a fish and chicken fry on December 3 from 4 pm to 7 pm; Ridgeville Fire Department will have a tool and Christmas auction on November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

The next district meeting will be held at the Portland Fire Station on January 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see all of you there.

Lloyd Wright,
District Chairman 8B

Royal Center
September 22, 2005

The District 9A meeting was held September 22, 2005 at the Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was presided over by chairman Jon Randle. The pledge was recited followed by prayer by Father Frank Kilcline.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Guests were Mitch Parish, Buz Koehler, Roger Johnson - State Fire Marshal, Gary Roberson from the State Fire Marshal's office, and Father Frank Kilcline.

It was reported that a Taylor Township firefighter was injured in a fire truck accident.

Several fundraisers were reported and reports on injured firefighters.

Cass County EMA reported there will be a 2005 Homeland Security Conference on October 21-23, 2005 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. Tom Ridge will be the featured speaker.

There will be a chili cook-off in Logansport on October 23.

Delphi will have a Ham and Bean supper on October 22.

Young America should start breaking ground for a new fire station in about a month.

There are no new candidates for Miss Flame for 9A. It was moved and seconded that Nicole Randle be our representative for Miss Flame. Carried.

Fundraisers of firefighter magnets are available for \$5 for the district convention.

Lanyards are also available for IVFA for \$3 as a fundraiser for Nicole.

State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson gave the program. There will be 10 regional training facilities in the state. This should be uniform training regardless of the area of the state. Firefighters are the resource for Homeland Security. We need to do planning for the future. Online training is available now. We are one of eight states in the United States that does not have free training provided for firefighters. Several questions were raised and answered by the Marshal.

50/50 of \$17.00 was won by Tim Goltz.

The next meeting will be November 17 at Russiaville Fire Department.

Jon Randle - Chairman
Joyce Ancil - Secretary

DISTRICT 9B CHAIRMAN



Randy Denton

Chairman Randy and his Secretary Larry traveled to Burnettsville in May to reinstate their department into the IVFA. It is good to have them back with us. The meeting was enjoyable and there was a demonstration of a new form nozzle, which everyone was interested in.

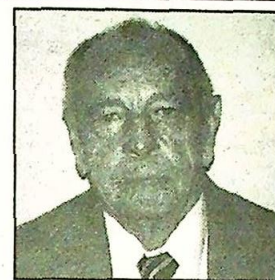
In July, the meeting was held at the Chalmers Volunteer Fire Department with 25 firefighters in attendance and 153 alarms for the past period. Before the meeting a presentation was made to the past Chief, Ron Hill. He was presented a plaque for his years of service to the department and cake was enjoyed by all. Also a presentation by Paratex was given before the meeting. The special person's day at Reynolds was discussed. The convention for 2006 will be in Indianapolis.

At the September meeting held at Earl Park Volunteer Fire Department, 31 firefighters were in attendance with a total of 120 alarms since the last meeting. The special person's day at Reynolds had 450 kids so we need more department and personnel to assist next year. Each year this event grows and grows. Jasper County Fire Association has a new smoke house trailer.

In November the meeting was held at the Fowler Volunteer Fire Department. In attendance were 23 firefighters who answered 117 alarms since the last meeting. Before the

meeting a great dinner was provided. We were advised that NFPA is considering that any truck older than a 1991 should be taken out of service. This was discussed about the impact it would have on many departments. Vice President Larry Ketchem was at the meeting and spoke on various situations and problems around the state. Randy asked if anyone knew of a young lady to represent our District in the Miss Flame contest. If you know of someone, contact Randy.

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

I hope that each of you had an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Our meeting in November was held at Shepardsville Fire Department.

The January meeting will be held at Jasonville Fire Department. District 11A Miss Flame contest and dance will be held January 28 at the Kriestenstein American Legion Post at 25th and Fort Harrison Rd. in Terre Haute.

I have had the pleasure of presenting several 25 year pins to members at their meetings and dinners.

I think it is great that we honor those who are eligible. I would like to encourage each of you to attend your district meetings. If for some reason your department does not receive a card with the location and date, let us know so it can be corrected.

Until next time, work safe and stay warm.

Robert "Bob" Meyers
District 11A Chairman

**May deadline:
April 10, 2006**

DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

Hello, Firefighters,
We made through another Christmas and new year. I hope you had a nice and safe season.

I have to remember the firefighters we lost from our district this last year. I've lost some friends and persons I've known for quite awhile.

Please remember the convention in June that this district is hosting in Indianapolis this year. I hope to see a good turnout from this district. The e-mails that I have sent out to your departments have indicated that N.I.M.S. has been extended. I hope all departments have gotten their personnel up-to-date with "100-700". I also have read and forwarded to you about your F.E.M.A. grants. Please fill these out and submit in a timely manner. If there is any help that I can do to get these subjects (NIMS & FEMA grants) done, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. I'll see what I can do to help.

I see that Mr. Johnson, Mr. Robinson from the State Fire Marshal's office has started the monthly e-mail again. Please read this and post at your fire

DISTRICT 9A CHAIRMAN



Jonathon Randle

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

- District 13-A Term: Jan 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007
- District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007
- District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
- District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
- District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

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From The Treasurer



Beverly Harker

From The Treasurer:

As your new treasurer I hope 2006 turns out to be a good year for every one. I will try my best to do a good job.

Financially in 2005, the IVFA exceeded the income that they budgeted to bring and expenses were right under what was budgeted. That basically is what we want to do every year, but it's not always possible. If interest rates are down or membership goes down, the income goes down, but the expenses are still there. This is something we try to watch in order to keep our funds up. I will keep you informed as the year goes by.

Call me if you have any questions, otherwise I'll see some of you at your meetings.

Beverly Harker

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

Reelsville
November 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by chairman Brent Bush. The Reelsville VFD Honor Guard presented the colors followed by the playing of the

National Anthem. The invocation was given by Reelsville VFD firefighter Doug Hansel.

Chairman Bush presented Reelsville firefighter Mike Shouse with his 25 year service pin. He then introduced the guests present. The district auxiliary chairperson, Patty Stevens, introduced her guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Bush turned the meeting over to the chairman of the nominating committee, Reelsville firefighter Dorman Owen who conducted the elections. The results are as follows:

- Chairman - Brent Bush
- Vice Chairman - Bob Burgner
- Sec.-Treas. - John Davies
- Sgt.-at-Arms - Jack Giles
- Chaplain - Con Mankin

A motion was made and seconded to accept these nominations. The motion passed. A few comments were made by the state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush. Chairman Bush commented on the Bridgeport Scholarship changes that were upcoming, he also announced the deadlines for each of the awards that were to be presented. Chairman Bush discussed the IVFA paper and the thoughts of going to the website with the same information. A question and answer session followed.

The auxiliary chairperson, Patty Stevens spoke on the upcoming district Miss Flame dance to be held in Clinton on Feb. 11, 2006.

Chairman Bush presented the host department with the district "Host Certificate" and this was given to Chief Jack Giles.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary*

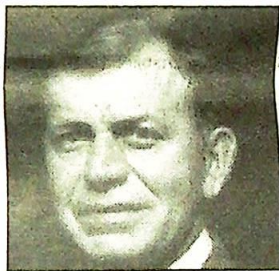
awards that are to be presented at the convention Vice president Ketchem stated that there are some financial institutions that want to assist members of the IVFA. He spoke on the pros and cons of this project. He also spoke about the Federal Government putting on a survey of cost saving calculations. He spoke on the Homeland Security Fire Chief program which discusses the roles and responsibilities of the fire chief. State Secretary Bartlow announced that there is a class planned on procedures on the paperwork required at a fire scene. West Central PR director Diane Harrison spoke on the cost saving calculations program and reminded every one of the Bridgeport Scholarship program. They need names. Chairman Bush spoke on the firefighter's license plate program and how to obtain a form from the IVFA office.

Roll call was taken with 28 members from nine departments answering the roll. Auxiliary chairperson Patty Stevens announced the district Miss Flame dance is February 11th in Clinton. Chairman Bush presented Richard Rector and Mark Michael from the Perrysville VFD with their 25 year pins. He also presented Larry Bartlow from the Hilmon VFD with his 25 year pin. Chairman Bush presented Chief Phil Brannin from Perrysville with the host certificate, and announced that the next meeting will be at Marshall on March 12th at 1:00 p.m.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary*

DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

I want to start this article off with a special work of thanks to Brian Edwards, District 12 vice chairman. The last of October I was hospitalized for surgery and incapacitated for

several weeks. Brian attended the IVFA state officer's quarterly meeting, reporting on activities of District 12 and receiving updated information from our state association. He organized and chaired our November 21, 2005 meeting at Boone Co. Fair, Worth Twp., at Whitestown.

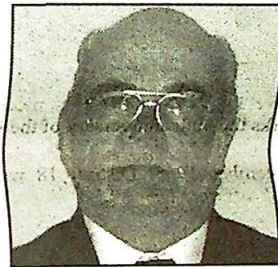
Guests included IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem and PR West Central Diane Harrison. Vice president Ketchem led discussion on potential regional trg sites throughout the state of Indiana. He spoke with us about the changes in federal grants and training compensation for volunteer responders involved in anti-terrorism training. He discussed the council developed by the state fire marshal's office with representatives from career and volunteer firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, State Fire Chief's Association, State Firefighter's Instructors Association and how they will play an important role in working with the Department of Homeland Security to define and set requirements for the fire service in future years. Now is the time to be involved; so be involved in building tomorrow's fire service today.

Diane Harrison updated us on state legislation and the activities throughout PR West Central. She informed us of the 2006 IVFA convention and reminded us that now is the time to start state and district awards.

Our next meeting will be held at Amo VFD on January 16, 2006. District 12 Miss Flame celebration will be held at Hazelwood VFD on Sunday, January 29, 2006.

Larry Bruner

DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Sam Emery

Greetings to all,

I hope this past holiday season was good to all.

October 10th I attended the Greene Cty. meeting at Highland Twp. Following a good meal the meeting was held and door prizes were given out.

October 11th I attended a new station dedication at Vincennes Twp. and presented a clock to Chief Tim Smith for their new station.

October 12th participated in Fire Prevention at Bloomfield Schools. Departments attending were Bloomfield, Highland and Richland-Taylor.

November 2nd attended a memorial service for Vincennes Twp. firefighter Harry Custed Sr. We send condolences to the family.

November 12 and 13, attended state meeting at Columbus.

November 14th attended Green Cty. meeting at Wright Twp. Thanks to Jack Wilson and his department for their outstanding Thanksgiving dinner, seems like it gets better each year.

November 22nd district meeting hosted by Elnora-Elmore. A good meal was provided and we had a good turnout. Good meeting, several items discussed and lots of door prizes.

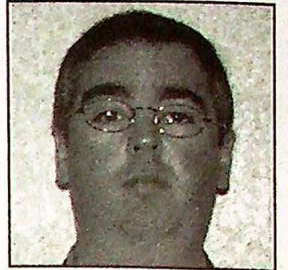
Thanks to Elnora-Elmore for hosting the meeting.

December 12th attended Greene Cty. meeting at Eastern Fire Department. Thanks for meal and for good meeting.

Our next district meeting is January 21st hosted by Vincennes Twp., the annual sausage supper.

*Sam Emery
Chairman
District 17A*

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings and Happy New Year.

Hope everyone has had a good Christmas and are making plans for the new year.

Our last meeting was held November 30 at the Cordry Sweetwater fire station.

Many thanks to Chief Vernon McGaha and his members for the great hospitality.

At this meeting we looked at the closing of 2005 and what IVFA has done, looking ahead in 2006 and upcoming IVFA deadlines. Some to remember are the annual awards Mr. IVFA and Ollie Sandburg award deadline is February 1. The Bridgeport Scholarship deadline is March 1.

Please remember about the IVFA special license plate. If you have never bought one for your vehicle please do so this year, information can be obtained by calling your district chairman or visiting the IVFA website under forms and download a form for your convenience.

Congratulations to Bean Blossom Township Fire Department, Monroe County for their recent purchase of Hurst Rescue equipment through a grant in which they received. This is the first purchase of this type in the department history. In the same announcement we welcome their new chief Steve Summitt to his new position, and Richard Carter as his assistant. Steve has served as assistant chief for the past couple of years, and Richie has served as captain. Many thanks to their past fire chief Richard Whillhite for his service to his community as serving as fire chief for the past five years.

Richie is still active and has moved to the captain position. As a fellow chief I thank him for his friendship.

Our hats go off to the Bean Blossom Twp. Fire for all their strides and efforts they have made for their fire department and residents of their community.

In the same note we welcome Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District's new fire chief, Jeff Calabrese and new assistant chief Joe McWhorter. Jeff has served as assistant chief under the past fire chief Bill Hobbs, who retired in November.

Many thanks to Bill for his years of service and devotion to the fire service. Again I thank him for his friendship.

I encourage everyone who has not made plans and hotel reservations for this year's convention, PLEASE be making them NOW. Mark your calendars for June 28 - July 1 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis.

As for now our next district meeting has not been announced, so look for the station notices to come.

Be safe.

*Tim Deckard
District 17B chairman*

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DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



Charles Parker

The July 21, 2005 meeting was hosted by the Grandview VFD and held at the Grandview Civic Center. Chairman Chuck Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roses were presented to the departments from the 2005 Convention Memorial Service, for members who answered their "Last Alarm" since convention 2004.

Guests at the meeting were Amanda Gutsell, District 18 and state Miss Flame; Jack and Barb Kerney; Jack and Bev Harker; Jim and Stella Abrams; Larry and Barbara Ketchem; and Gary Robison, NFIRS Director.

President Kerney gave a report on the Fire Marshal's lawsuit and outcome as it pertains to the fireworks problems in Indiana. Gary Robison then talked about fire reporting requirements and the Homeland Security Grants.

John Conen, New Boston Fire Department, was presented an IVFA 50 year Gold Membership Card for his dedication and membership in the Association.

The nominating committee conducted the election of district officers and those elected were Chuck Parker, chairman; Martin Holman, vice-chairman; Kenny Lau, secretary-treasurer; Bro. Giles Mahieu, OSB, chaplain; and Ed Dicus, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Ronnie Sander, Celestine Fire Chief, announced his department would host the 2006 Fire Prevention parade in October.

Sixty (60) members, represented eighteen (18) departments and reported answering two-hundred thirty-five (235) calls.

The September 15, 2005 meeting was hosted by the Huntingburg VFD and held at the YMI Club. Meeting was called to order by chairman Chuck Parker at 7:30 p.m. After the opening prayer, a memorial service was conducted in remembrance of Paul Linne, Tell City VFD, who answered his "Late Alarm".

Laura Reckelhoff, member of Ferdinand Fire Department's Fire Parade committee gave a report on the Fire Prevention parade to be held on October 16, 2005. Frank Daunhauer, Carter Fire District Chief, then reminded everyone about the annual District 18 memorial service on October 14, 2005.

District secretary Kenny Lau presented a history of the 18th District and the starting of the Miss Flame contest and the IVFA patch. September 2005 marks the 40th anniversary for the district.

Guests at the meeting were Jack and Barb Kerney; Jack and Bev Harker; Jim and Stella Abrams; Larry and Barbara Ketchem; Amanda Gutsell, district and state Miss Flame; Jim Anderson, WBDC news director, Jean Majors, Huntingburg City Council; Steve Moran, Midwest Fire and Safety, and Keith Sander, M&S Fire and Safety.

Seventy (70) members representing seventeen (17) departments answered roll call and reported answering one-hundred ninety-six (196) calls.

The November 17, 2005 meeting hosted by the Schnellville VFD at the Schnellville Community Club. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by chairman Chuck Parker. After the opening prayer, a memorial service was conducted in remembrance of Danny J. Hays, Jefferson Twp. VFD and Maurice Hasenour, St. Anthony VFD, who answered their "Last Alarms".

Words of praise and thank you's

were extended to Carter Fire District for hosting the annual district memorial service and to the Ferdinand VFD for hosting the Fire Prevention parade. Both events were very well attended.

IVFA president Jack Kerney spoke on the license plate and some additional benefits that are being proposed for association's membership. Gary Robison, Fire Service Grant Risk Manager of Indiana Homeland Security spoke on the "194 Grants" and how to apply for them.

Indiana State Fire Marshal, Roger Johnson, spoke on various topics, including training, cooperation among fire service organizations, regional training center, and a manual for basic firefighters training. The Fire Marshal had words of high praise for the District 18 firefighters that answered the call for help in Warrick and Vanderburg counties after the tornado on November 6th.

The membership was introduced to the new District 18 Miss Flame, Katelyn Rickelman, representing the St. Henry VFD.

Guests at the meeting were Roger Johnson, State Fire Marshal; Gary Robison, Indiana Homeland Security, Jack and Barb Kerney; Jack and Bev Harker; Jim and Stella Abrams; Jim Anderson, WBDC radio; Tom Whitmore of Gordon Bernard Company; Keith Sander, M&S Fire Safety; Amanda Gutsell, state Miss Flame; and Katelyn Rickelman, District 18 Miss Flame.

Ninety-eight (98) from seventeen (17) departments answered roll call and reported answering two-hundred seventy-three (273) calls.

DISTRICT 18'S HISTORY

According to the meeting minutes of the 18th district, as recorded, I have researched and put together a few interesting facts about the district.

The September 2005 meeting marks a milestone in the history of the district as we know it today. This meeting marks the 40th anniversary of the first District 18 meeting that was held in September 1965. District 18 was a break-off from District 17.

That meeting was attended by fifty-nine (59) members from nine (9) departments, one from Martin County and the other eight (8) all from Dubois County. The meeting was held at the Ireland Sportsmen's Club. The first officers were: Edgar Nigg - Haysville, chairman; Floyd Baker - Alfordsville, chaplain; Oscar Hoffman - St. Anthony, secretary.

On November 17, 1965, Jerome Daunhauer of Ferdinand was appointed a Sergeant-at-Arms by chairman Edgar Nigg. Mr. Daunhauer later was elected chairman.

On September 21, 1967 at the meeting in Ferdinand, a discussion was held at the closing of Fire Prevention Week to hold a Fire Parade in Huntingburg. A motion was made by French Lick to that effect; seconded by Gentryville, and motion passed. The first District 18 parade was held in October, 1967.

At the meeting on November 15, 1967, a committee was formed to enter the district's Miss Flame in the convention parade at Jeffersonville in 1968. The first district Miss Flame was Debbie Leuken, daughter of Merlyn and Cyrilla Leuken of Ferdinand. After several years of the district putting an entry in the convention parade, a state Miss Flame contest was started at the 1972 convention in Shelbyville.

Also at the November 1967 meeting, a discussion ensued about an IVFA patch. Motion was made by Edgar Nigg and seconded by Bro. Daniel Linskens and the patch design was adopted. On January 23, 1968, the IVFA patch was again discussed and a motion was made and carried to order the patches. Today, the IVFA patch is still under sole control of District 18.

In 1970, Edgar Nigg was named Mr. IVFA at the state convention. Edgar was very devoted to the district. He not only served as its first chairman, but also as the district's Public Relations

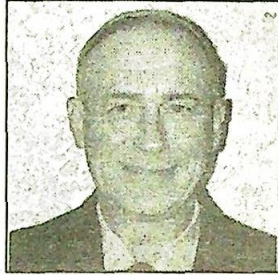
director and chaplain.

Over the years, the district had and has its share of Fire Service celebrities. I know of fifteen (15) recipients of the Fire Marshal/Governor's Awards and have six (6) living recipients of the 50-Year Gold Card Lifetime memberships cards and in excess of one-hundred twenty-five (125) members that have received the 25-year pins.

From the humble beginning in 1965 with a membership of nine (9) departments in two (2) counties to present day 2005 with thirty-five (35) departments from seven (7) counties and over eight-hundred fifty (850) members, we may not be the biggest district in the state. BUT WE ARE THE BEST!!!!

Kenneth F. Lau
District 18 Secretary

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe new year.

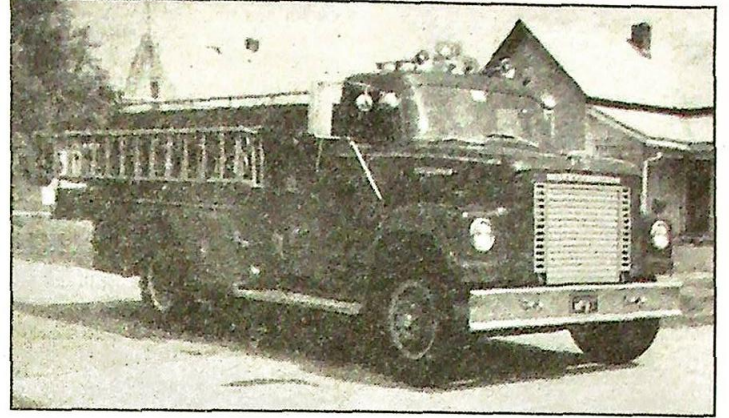
I thank Sarah Merkel, representing Morris Volunteer Fire Department and Ashley Hountz, representing Sunman Rural Fire Department for entering the district Miss Flame contest. Ashley will represent District 19 at the convention.

Everyone needs to be working on the scholarship forms. They need to be at the IVFA office by March 1st. Forms are available on the IVFA website.

The future District 19 meetings for 2006 are March 23 at Drewersburg V.F.D. at 7:00 p.m., May 25 at Bear Branch V.F.D. at 7:00 p.m., July 27 at Aurora Emergency Rescue, 320 3rd St., Aurora at 7:00 p.m., election of officers, September 28, 2006 at New Trenton V.F.D. at 7:00 p.m., November 16 at Milan V.F.D. at 7:00 p.m., Miss Flame judging. All meetings are listed on the web page.

Sincerely,
Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

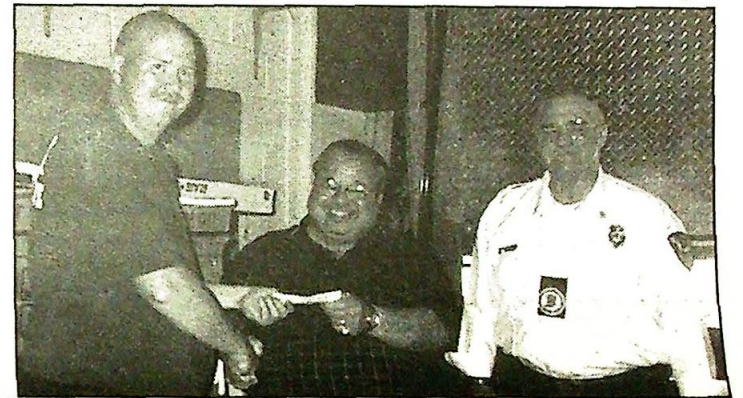
Bryant VFD participates in Loblolly Days parade



Pictured is the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department truck taken during the parade at Bryant Loblolly Days parade which was held on September 10, 2005.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman)

Pork chop dinner proceeds presented to late firefighter's family



On September 17, 2005 the Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department held a pork chop dinner at the Harris Chapel.

The proceeds were to be given to Assistant Chief Dave Stautamoyer who passed away August 18, 2005. Dave had been of the department for 15 years.

Approximately 600 meals were served. Mike Lykens presented a check for \$2,000.00 to Dave's son, Kevin, to help with their expenses.

Pictured from left to right: Kevin Stautamoyer, Mike Lykens and Lloyd Wright, 8B district chairman.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B district chairman)

**2006 Convention
June 28 - July 1**

Fourth generation firefighter in VFD

Shepardsville Volunteer Fire Department in Fayette Township in northwestern Vigo County has its first fourth generation firefighter.

James G. Snapp III is the son of Safety Officer Mark Snapp, grandson of James G. Snapp II, and great grandson of John H. Waugh.

John was the first president of the department and was instrumental in its founding.

Shepardsville Fire Department was established in October of 1956.

James is currently attending the Vigo County Fire Academy and scheduled to graduate in early April 2005.



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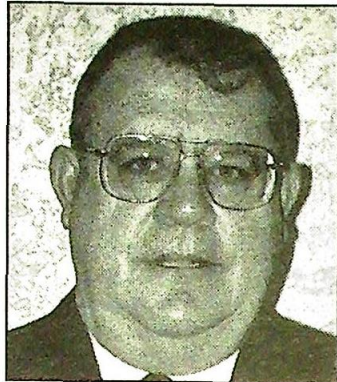
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From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



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COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Jack Kerney called the meeting at 2:05 P.M. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. Vice president Larry Ketchem led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Guests present included Tony Tarrrez, Ross Emery and Brian Edwards.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. PREC Don Cushman made motion to accept the minutes as printed and mailed. District 8A chairman Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS
PRESIDENT KERNEY: Traveled 4240 miles this quarter attending three open houses, three meetings with the State Fire Marshal, two county meetings, four memorial services, one parade, one Board of Firefighters Standards and Education meeting, 2006 convention meeting

and a 2007 convention meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT KETCHEM: Attended two 2006 convention meetings, three district meetings, two Tri-County meetings, two meetings with State Fire Marshal/Homeland Security, one memorial and one dedication.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney passed out packet containing current membership list with past dues paying history and officer mailing list. Also reported membership at 16,512 members and sold 3729 license plates for 2005.

CHAPLAIN JERRY COHEN: Conducted four memorial services, conducted one funeral and driven 786 miles.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW: Attended one gold card presentation and one memorial service.

TREASURER JACK HARKER: Attended four district meetings, two memorials, one open house and two fund-raisers. Gave report on budget of expenses and income for the year with a comparison to 2004 budget. A motion to approve the budget report was made by District 6 chairman Dave Elick. District 13A chairman Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - BILL BUSH: Issued 10 clocks this quarter.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNE JIM BRADFORD: Attended six district meetings, two IVFAA meetings, four memorial services, one station dedication, one gold card presentation, eight department fund-raisers and one newspaper meeting. Driven 1874 miles this quarter.

PRNE JEAN SMITH: Attended four district meetings and one memorial service.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended two district meetings, one 25-year celebration, one open house dedication and three department meetings. No participation in the cost-savings from NVFC program by

the departments.

PREC DON CUSHMAN: Attended four district meetings and one 2006 convention meeting.

PRSE ROBERT McKENZIE: Absent.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended five district meetings and two department meetings.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS
BUZ KOEHLER: Attended six district meetings, two county meetings, one convention 2006 meeting, and two fund-raisers for a total of 1124 miles.

JACK ZEEKS: Commented on how good the new flags looked.

RICHARD GLANT: Pass.

MITCH PARISH: Pass.

IVAN NEVIL: Pass.

CARL BRUNS: Pass.

JIM PARKER: Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: TOM ORRELL - Last meeting October 19, 2005 at Pine Twp. Fire Dept. District 1 had 18 members from nine departments and District 2 had 15 members from six departments. Tom Orrell gave a presentation about the Porter County Fire Investigation Strike Team. Four deaths in the district. The next meeting is November 16, 2005 at St. John Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2: PAUL WATLAND - Last meeting September 21, 2005 at Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department. District 1 had 25 members from 10 departments and District had 44 members from eight departments. Program by the Lake County Hazmat Team. One death in the district. The next meeting is November 16, 2005 at St. John Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 3: DAVE KAUFMAN - Last meeting September 22, 2005 at North Judson Fire Department with nine members from five departments. Program on proposed State Training Program. Next meeting is November 17, 2005 at Springfield Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 4: GREG FREED - Last meeting held October 26, 2005 at Clinton Twp. Fire Department with nine members from five departments. Next meeting will be held January 25, 2006 at Penn Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 5: DON KISSINGER - Last meeting November 10, 2005 at Kewanna Fire Department with 14 members from five departments. Had one death in the district. The next meeting will be January 12, 2006 at Etna Green Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6: DAVE ELICK - Last meeting was September 27, 2005 at Hudson Fire Department with 28 members from seven departments. Program was on new turnout gear requirements. Had two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be November 15, 2005 at Richland Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 7: MORT SORG - Last meeting was September 19, 2005 at Monroeville Fire Department with 24 members from seven departments. The program was by Richard Sorg on his trip to Louisiana with the Fort Wayne Fire Department and FEMA. The next meeting will be November 21, 2005 at Mt. Etna Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8A: BILL PAPE - Last meeting was November 8, 2005 at Summitville Fire Department with

24 members from eight departments. The program was on convention 2006. Also discussed FEMA response to disasters. The next meeting will be January 11, 2006 at Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8B: LLOYD WRIGHT - Last meeting at Pennville Volunteer Fire Department on November 9, 2005 with 35 members from nine departments. They talked about the IVFA awards coming up and the Miss Flame contest on January 11, 2006. Had one death in the district. The next meeting will be January 11, 2006 at Portland Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9A: JON RANDLE - Next meeting will be November 18, 2005 at Russiaville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 9B: RANDY DENTON - Next meeting is January 12, 2006 at Francesville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 10: DAVID ISRAEL - Last meeting was October 19, 2005 at Elizabethtown Fire Department with 29 members from 10 departments. The next meeting will be November 16, 2005 at Harrison Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A: ROBERT MEYERS - Last meeting was picnic with District 11B. Miss Flame contest coming up on January 28, 2006. The next meeting will be November 20, 2005 at Shepardsville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11B: BRENT BUSH - Last meeting was picnic with District 11A. The next meeting will be November 13, 2005 at Reelsville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 12: LARRY BRUNER (BRIAN EDWARDS) - Last meeting was September 19, 2005 at Madison Twp. Fire Department with 22 members from six departments. Program was on full service insurance for volunteer fire departments. The next meeting will be November 21, 2005 at Boone County Fire (Worth Twp.) Whitestown.

DISTRICT 13A: CAROL THRAWLEY - Last meeting was September 20, 2005 at Buck Creek Fire Department with six members from five departments. Had two deaths in the district. The next meeting is November 15, 2005 at Fountaintown Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B: DENNIS SPEARS - Last meeting was October 26, 2005 at Hagerstown Fire Department with 16 members from seven departments. The next meeting will be January 25, 2006 at Perry Twp. Fire Department (Economy, IN).

DISTRICT 14: AL WILLIAMSON - Last meeting was November 11, 2005 at Monroe Twp. Fire Department in Henryville with eight members from four departments. Bob McKinzie gave a report on the Summits and the items that came from them. The next meeting is January 7, 2006 at Charlestown Fire Department.

DISTRICT 15: STEVE ANDERSON - Last meeting was September 27, 2005 at German Twp. Fire Department with 11 members from six departments. Round table discussion on State Fire Training. The next meeting will be November 15, 2005 at Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16: M. PAUL HOLCOMB - Absent.

DISTRICT 17A: SAM EMERY - Last meeting September 27, 2005 at Vincennes Twp. Fire Department with five departments. Had two deaths in the district. The next meeting is November 22, 2005 at Elnora Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17B: TIM DECKARD - Last meeting was September 20, 2005 at Oolitic Volunteer Fire Department with 20 members from eight departments. A program on meth labs in the area was presented. Had one death in the district. Next meeting is November 30, 2005 at Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department.

DISTRICT 18: CHUCK PARKER - Last meeting was September 15, 2005 at Huntingburg Fire Department with 70 members from 17 departments. The next meeting is November 17, 2005 at Schnellville Fire Department.

DISTRICT 19: ED SCHEELE - Last meeting was September 22, 2005 at Patriot Fire Department with 34 members from 10 departments. The program was on Water Rescue. The next meeting is November 17, 2005 at Moores Hill Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21: DON FULTZ - Last meeting was August 29, 2005 at Sugar Creek Fire Department in Thorntown with 10 members from six departments. Had the election of district officers: Don Fultz, chairman and George Buck, secretary. Next meeting is November 29, 2005 at Darlington Fire Department.

State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson spoke to the group about the recent tornado in Vandenburg and Warrick counties and the cooperation between all emergency services to get the job done in a very organized way. He also gave updates on many programs from the Fire Marshal's office. The Fire Marshal is Deputy Director of Homeland Security. The duties of the Fire Marshal are Hazmat, Inspection, Investigation, Code Enforcement and EMS. He spoke on the changes that need to be made in training and several programs are being put together. The mandatory training program is done and should be distributed around the first of the year. The newsletter from the Fire Marshal is coming soon. The Fire Marshal office telephone number is 1-800-423-0765.

Michelle Davis from FIREFIGHTERS CREDIT UNION gave a presentation on the benefits of being a member of a Credit Union. This program is being looked at as a Benefit to our IVFA members if they so desire. After some discussion Jim Parker made a motion for the IVFA Insurance Committee to look into all aspects of this proposal and check with our attorney on legalities and report back to the body their findings. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

Brett Doughty from Irwin Mortgage gave a presentation on the Home Together Public Safety Program. This is a program specially designed to help firefighters. The program includes: reduced title and closing costs, purchase and refinance programs, investment property and second home loans, construction loans, home improvement loans and 100% financing programs. This program would be an added benefit for IVFA members. Dave Elick made a motion for the IVFA Insurance Committee to look into this program in more detail and report back to the body their findings before we made any decisions. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 P.M.
Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M.
Morning message by Chaplain Cohen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONVENTION - DAVID ISRAEL: Had discussion in meeting of changes that need to be made in the Convention Guidelines. They will be

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BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

MARCH 1, 2006 DEADLINE

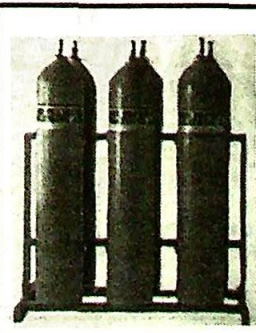
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From the secretary continued ...

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changed and new guidelines will be passed out at the February meeting.

2006 CONVENTION - BILL PAPE: Meeting with hotel this afternoon. Conflict with Formula One race possible. Make room reservations as soon as possible to make sure we have enough rooms available. Telephone number for room reservation is (317)322-3716.

2005 CONVENTION - JIM PARKER: Convention is complete. The financial report is turned in today. All obligations are complete.

2007 CONVENTION - STEVE ANDERSON: Have had a meeting and getting started.

MISS FLAME - PATTY STEPHENS: Has guidelines for Miss Flame contest. District chairmen should handle all paper work and get information to Patty by March 1. The \$25 fee also needs to be turned in. New Miss Flame packets were passed out; please throw away all old forms.

EXECUTIVE - JACK KERNEY: No meeting.

BUDGET - JACK HARKER: Met Friday night and went over proposed 2006 budget. Budget committee recommends passage of the new budget.

INSURANCE - JACK KERNEY: No meeting.

BRIDGEPORT - CARL BRUNS: Need to encourage participation in this program. Committee addressing some of the problems that have happened in the past and try to correct them. Will have new rules printed for the February meeting for approval. The rules as now stated will prevail this year.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD: November paper was 36 pages. Mailed 16,050 copies. Deadline for the February paper is January 10, 2006. Presented a proposal for direct printing of address labels on the newspaper. This will represent savings of about \$268 per issue of the newspaper. This will require some work by the Central Office.

CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY: The main computer in the Central Office is fast running out of memory. It is getting very slow and starting to lock up. The address system for the proposed bar coding of our newspaper will not work. Not enough memory. Old computer cannot burn CD. The current computer was purchased in 1999 and the software was upgraded in 2002. The new software that is recommended by the software provider (JL Systems) will need more memory to function. New updated software will cost about \$6250 plus training for operator. All tolled for the new computer, software and training we are looking at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Board of Directors action required.

AD TAKER - MITCH PARISH: Four outstanding bills for this quarter.

WEB SITE - BUZ KOEHLER: Possibility of putting newspaper on website. Need to study details and find out cost.

CLOTHING CLAIMS - JIM BRADFORD: Three claims for glasses.

AWARDS - LARRY KETCHEM: Letters for awards need to be in by February meeting. At this time no letters have been sent in.

FIRE SCHOOLS - LARRY KETCHEM: Insurance for Fire Schools in the districts can be arranged with PR people.

ANNUAL MEETING DIGEST - LARRY BARTLOW: Minutes are passed out today.

LEGISLATIVE - JIM PARKER: Prior this year are: (1) Increase in fire rate cap for fast growing areas; (2) Amendments to SB 56; (3) Exempts volunteers from HB 1327; (4) LOSAP program for volunteer firefighters; (5) Tax exemption for volunteer firefighter.

BY-LAWS & SOG - JIM PARKER: Pass.

LOGO - CHARLES PARKER: Pass.

MEMBERSHIP - STEVE ANDERSON: Working cost savings numbers from various areas.

PUBLIC EDUCATION - LARRY KETCHEM: Pass.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - MITCH PARISH: Meeting held October 18-20. Working 1910 and 1920 Standards.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY: Approved 166 variances and denied nine.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE - MITCH PARISH: Meeting held October 27.

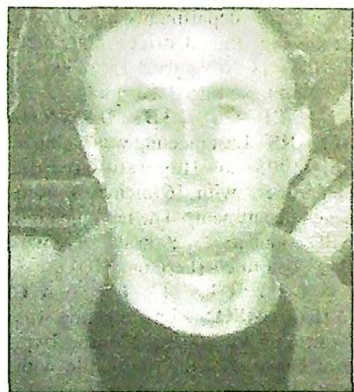
HISTORIAN - JOHN DAVIES: Absent.

FDIC - JACK KERNEY: Booth confirmed for 2006.

OLD BUSINESS - Need to get gaming permit. Bill Pape made a motion to get permit and keep it active. Larry Bartlow made the second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS - Participation in the Fire Caucus Dinner February 6, 2006. Chaplain Jerry Cohen made a motion to participate in the dinner. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

Rodney Rodeffer named new chief for 2006



Rodney Rodeffer of Parker Volunteer Fire Department is named the new chief for 2006. (submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

If you turn in your name to go you must attend or reimburse the Association the cost of the ticket.

Next meeting is February 4-5, 2006. Jack Zeeks made a motion to adjourn. The second by Mitch Parish. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2005 Meeting called by chairman Buz Koehler at 11:40 A.M. Chairman Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Dave Elick made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

1. Invest in label bar coding by Shepard's for the newspaper. Motion to proceed with this project made by Jack Kerney. The second was made by Jim Parker. Motion passed.

2. Computer and software for Central Office as required to do the job. Jim Parker made the motion to purchase computer and supporting software including the training. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

3. Allowance for district chairman for printer cartridge up to \$50 per year. Motion by Jim Parker to allow this expense. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

4. Budget for proposal 2006 as presented. Mitch Parish made motion to accept the budget as proposed. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

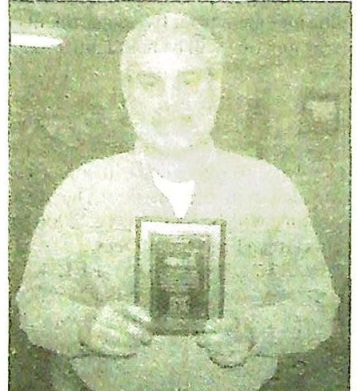
5. Gaming permit. \$50 in separate account and a \$25 annual fee. Greg Freed made motion to proceed with permit. The second by Bill Pape. Motion passed.

6. Fire Caucus Dinner February 6, 2006. Carol Thrawley made motion to send 20 to dinner. Tim Deckard made the second. Motion passed.

Don Kissinger made motion to adjourn. The second was made by Jim Bradford. Motion passed.

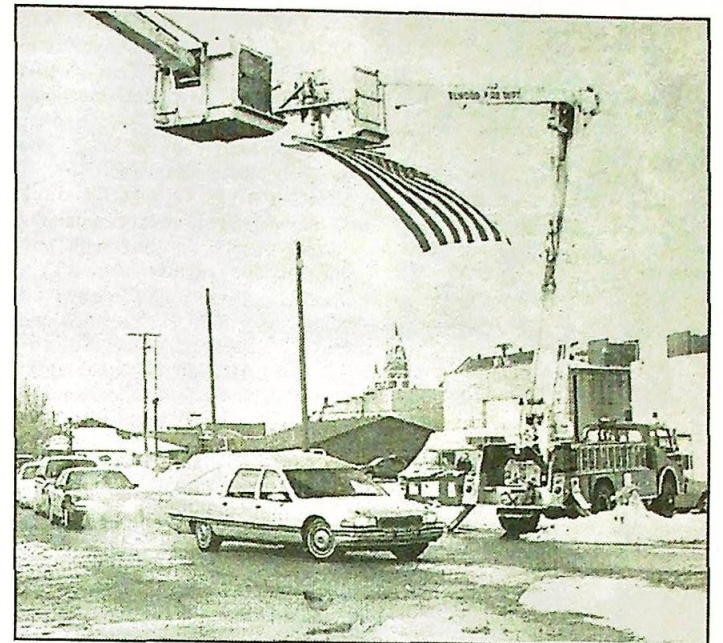
Respectfully submitted, Larry L. Bartlow, secretary

Gun shop owner honored for support given to fire department



Parker Volunteer Fire Department presents Fred Lundington of Ludco Gun Shop with an award for all of his support in 2005. (submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

Firefighters honor 'one of their own'



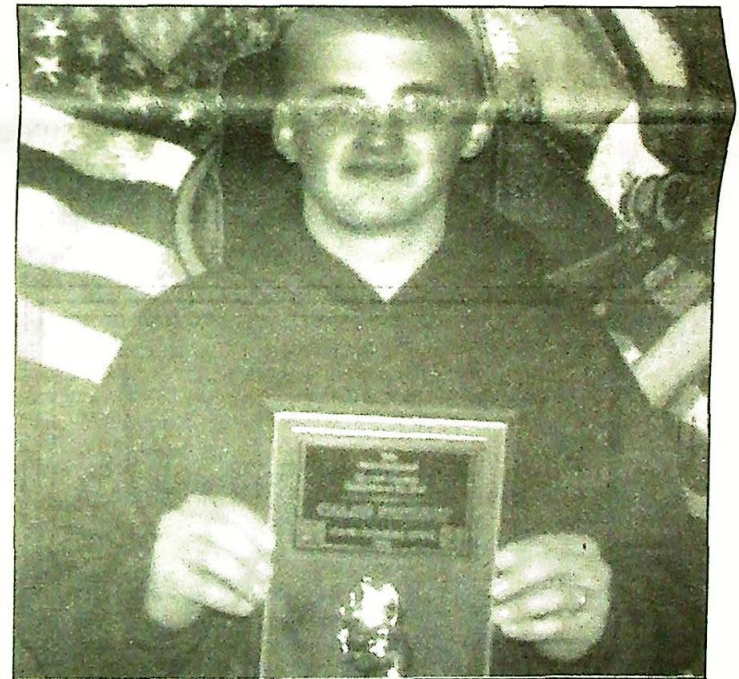
The funeral service for Elwood resident, Robert "Bob" Fleener, 78, a charter member of the Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department, was held Monday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home.

The above photo shows the hearse leading the procession in front of the Elwood Fire Department and passing under an American flag held high in the air by snorkels from the Elwood and Tipton Fire Departments.

Fleener was a state certified fire instructor and a member of Madison County Mutual Aid, the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association, the National Firefighter's Association, and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.


(submitted by T. Corbett)

Payzant receives fireman award for 2005



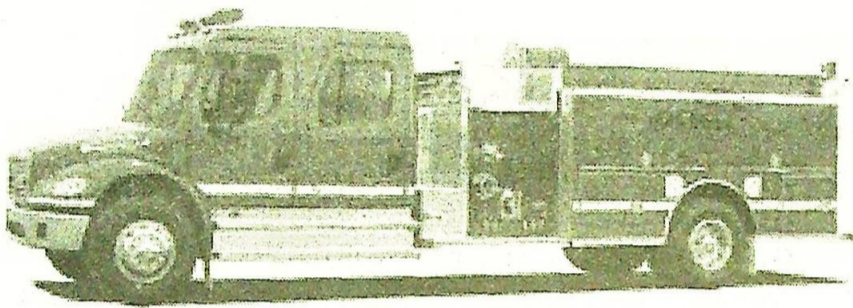
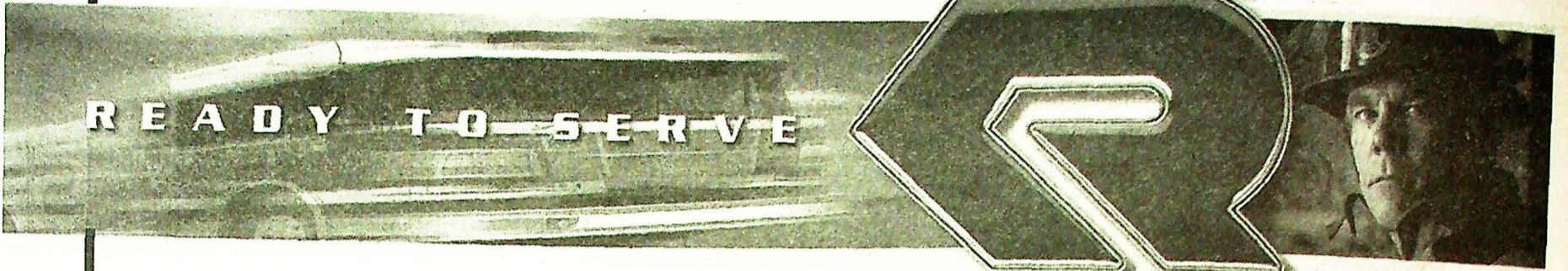
Parker volunteer firefighter Caleb Payzant gets an upcoming fireman award for 2005. (submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

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

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Feb. 28: Bf - Bz	June 30: Kn - L	Oct. 31: Wl - Z
March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
May 15: Ha - Hn	Sept. 15: Sa - Sn	

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making **necessary to fill out only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. **You only need to send \$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
7. See additional instructions for **BMV** procedures.

BMV PROCEDURES

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1. Submit or mail one (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for *each plate requested* in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

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 \$3.00 of this \$5.00 fee goes towards the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.
 Thank you for your cooperation.

From the IVFA Office

The IVFA Office will be undergoing some computer and software changes over the next couple of months.

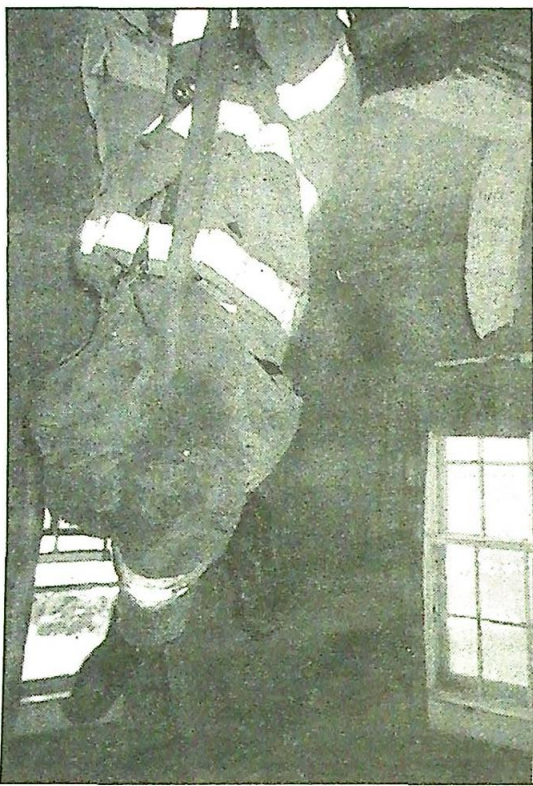
The computers in the office are seven years old and have run out of memory. The software we use is also being upgraded to the latest version.

We need to ask all of our members for their help in being patient during this transition period.

Please try and give us as much time as possible for your requests. This does not mean that we will not help with your urgent requests.

Barb Kerney
Office Manager

Fire and Emergency Services hosted at New Albany High School



September 27, 2005

The New Albany School of Fire and Emergency Services was hosted at the New Albany High School in New Albany by the Indiana Fire Instructors Association on August 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st. The school played host to 176 students attending classes in 14 different subjects. Firefighters attended classroom subjects such as Fire Officer I and II, Fire Instructor I, II, and III, Understanding the ISO Grading System, Methamphetamine Labs and Explosives, and Incident Safety Officer. John Buckman, a Past President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and one of the few volunteer fire chiefs to achieve that status, gave a course on Recruiting, Training, and Maintaining Volunteers. Courses were also given on the new National Incident Management System, a new national directive from President Bush, and Firefighter Strategies and Tactics, the new prerequisite for Fire Officer I. As usual, the more popular subjects were the hands-on courses, where firefighters learned to extricate patients from automobile entanglement, how to rescue themselves and their brothers and sisters, and even "Danced with the Devil."

Questions concerning this press release can be directed to Joe Squier, Public Information Officer for the Indiana Fire Instructors Association at (812) 941-9912, or 1-800-235-0282.

Joe Squier
Public Information Officer Indiana Fire Instructors Association



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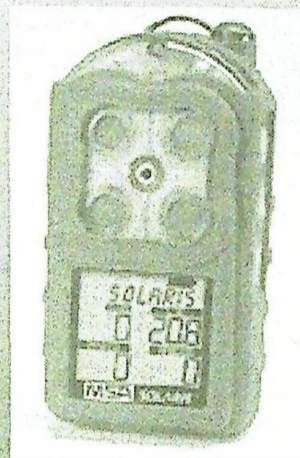


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IVFA AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Table listing IVFA Auxiliary Officers: President Joann Hays, Vice President Martha Thomas, Recording Secretary Tammy Hungate, Corresponding Secretary Malinda Bell, Treasurer Dorothy Reiter, Chaplain Beth Caudill, Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel, Immediate Past President Barbara Kerney.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Table listing Board of Directors by district: District #1 Phyllis Vargo, District #2 Ann Moss, District #3 Lucille (Lee) Cohen, District #4 Jane Ferro, District #6 Marilyn Dever, District #7 Susie Stout, District #8 Barbara Parker, District #9 Rosie Johnson, District #10 June Cahill, District #11A Glenda Fagg, District #11B Patty Stephens, District #12 Rosie Johnson, District #13A Diana Griffin, District #13B Sharon Angel, District #14 June Cahill, District #17B Crystal Ambruster.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Table listing Past Presidents from 2002-2005 to 1953-1955, including Barbara Kerney, Mary Mackin, Faye Sallee, Lou Bartlow, Phyllis Vargo, Maxine Davies, Nancy Neal, Toni Sorg, Loretta Nulliner, Nickie Sunday, Barbara Parker, Barbara Surber, Lucy Stofor, Vica McGill, Mary Boyd, Joan (Shanabarger) Keller, Carolyn McCarty, Rosella Bousman, Mary Stafford, Ruth Fairfield, Inez Jeffries, Catherine Mason, Ruth Ford, Ruby Probst, Pauline Glaub, Loretta Kustron, and Vida Bare.

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

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

IVFA Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting November 13, 2005. Call to order: President Joann Hays called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Joann welcomed everyone to the November 13, 2005 quarterly meeting.

Prayer: Chaplain Beth Caudill, asked everyone to stand while she gave the opening prayer.

President Joann asked for a moment of silence for the tornado victims at Evansville. They are in our prayers and thoughts.

Pledge: everyone was asked to remain standing for the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schackel.

Roll call: Tammy Hungate gave the roll call with 26 officers and nine guests in attendance.

President Joann acknowledged birthdays - in September there were two, October one and November there were five. Hope everyone had a happy birthday. Thanked Crystal for our craft lessons. We had a birthday cake and we played a game called Whoopee, had a very fun time. Going to do this again at our February meeting.

President Joann asked members that were on committees to have 10 minute sessions so everyone could get acquainted with their committee.

Minutes: Minutes from officers' meeting August 14, 2005 were read by Tammy Hungate. A correction was made on a two years back membership fee. Lou motioned and Jane Ferro seconded. Was approved by members present. Stands now corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand August 9, 2005 \$25,079.39

Income: Dues 1,290.00, Interest 8.15, V.P. Project 30.00, Unrelated Inc. M/M Fund 63.35

Total Disbursements: +\$1,391.50

Disbursements: Operating Expense 10.00, Annuals 200.00, Phones & Postage 67.19, Awards & Gifts 22.58, Transferred to CD for Mary Mackin Fund 2,450.69

Total Disbursements: -\$2,750.46, Balance on Hand Nov. 11, 2005 \$23,720.43

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer IVFA. Dorothy said it had been suggested to her to put the M/M Fund into a CD (10) month. It was approved. I lost the audio on tape recorder and could not find out who motioned and who seconded.

Correspondence: Malinda Bell read

two cards from Diana Gray changing District 13B chairman to Diana Griffin; sent a correction to be in February newspaper. Lee Cohen thanked everyone for her cards and calls, they meant so much to her, continue to hold her in our prayers. Also Malinda thanked everyone for the cards that were sent to her after she had her auto accident.

Membership: 2004-2005 - three departments, 31 members total for year: 754 members. This is from free years we gave, if departments would pay for 2005-2006.

Review for 2005-2006 IVFAA membership thru November 10, 2005, number departments paid 52, number individuals paid 43, life members 22, number paid by department 645, and total members 710. This stands as approved by the body. Have a new auxiliary - Reelsville - they will be getting their certificate.

Chaplain's report: Beth sent cards around to be signed for Leona Uryga who is ill, and Wanda Johnson, District 17A's mother who is having surgery. Wishing both of them a speedy recovery. Address for Leona Uryga, 402 E L Portal Dr., Michigan City, IN 46360 and Wanda Johnson, R.R. 5 Box 223 A, Bloomfield, IN 47424. Also District 4 lost a member, Gladys Peterson. Beth said her auxiliary was selling cookbooks if anyone wishes to buy any she has them with her.

Auditing: Nothing at this time.

Games: Nothing at this time.

Installation: Barb said nothing for now. Barb asked if each district would be doing something for the Chinese Auction? Barb told Jean to make sure that they have at least (4) tables for them at the convention. A discussion was held, about if any of the items for the Chinese Auction were ever not very well received, but it seems that all of them do very well.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow okay, and she passed out a copy of the budget for 2005-2006.

Income: Dues \$4,000.00, Vice-Pres. Project I, II, III 5,000.00, Total Income \$9,400.00, Expenses: Operating Expenses 700.00, Postage for Secretaries 200.00, Jewelry 500.00, Vice-Pres. Projects 600.00, Miss Flame 100.00, Installation 20.00, Annual Secretary Expenses 200.00, Awards 200.00, Miscellaneous 500.00, Total Expenses \$3,020.00

Miss Flame: Patty passed out new Miss Flame guidelines. Photos of girls do not have to be black and white

any more. If you have all information on your Miss Flame go ahead and get this turned in to Patty that way there won't be any chance of it getting misplaced.

Vice-President Project: Martha just ordered 3,000 tickets. So far \$52.00 turned in that have been sold. Two cookbooks sold also. Martha asked each district chairman to take some tickets to sell, if they could take at least 100. So, ladies, please sell, sell. Cookbooks will be being sold also at the convention.

By-Laws: Toni working on By-laws Books. Deadline to get is 60 days before convention. Tammy has a full box of by-laws; August 1985 only one found. District chairmen are to get the red folders. Has constitution and by-laws changes 1992 and 1997. This is when it was done; these are the current. They were passed out to everyone. Any new auxiliaries need by-laws. Barb Parker asked if each district chair and auxiliary and each member get them. Only individuals get them. By-laws only members.

Jewelry: E.J. said costing \$4.32 for the tie tacs and charms to be made this year for the 2006 convention. Suggested raising price to \$5.42. Lou motioned to let jewelry committee set price themselves on jewelry, seconded by Glenda Fagg. Approved by body. E.J. will have a quick meeting after our meeting to set a price. She will check also with the men. 2005-24 price \$2.52 each, 56 tac \$2.63 each. Set up fee for 2006 is \$145.00.

Nominating: In order to run for an office dues must be paid.

Historian: Ann will be getting a new album. still needing pictures. Lou received a 1991 convention book and gave it to Ann. There was a picture of Faye's husband, Stan and Lou asked if it was okay to take? It was okayed.

President's Advisory: Doing great job.

Lois Boaz: Need lots of letters written. There are a lot of women deserving of this award.

Parliamentarian: Toni says doing fine.

Old business: Discussed dress code for Miss Flames. Patty, the Miss Flame chairman, we are leaving it up to her to decide on appropriate attire that the girls are to wear.

New business: Jane Ferro did not get the minutes of our last quarterly meeting. Will make doubly sure she gets them.

Convention Report: Bill Pape, co-chairman of the 2006 convention, said still having convention at Indianapolis. Anyone attending needs to get room reservations in as soon as possible because on Sunday (July 2) the Formula One drivers will be there and also get your convention registration in. He had applications for rooms and registration. Convention is June 28 to July 1st. Talked of moving convention up one week earlier, he is having a meeting this afternoon and will let everyone know of any changes. Invited everyone to attend the convention. Had fire truck clock they have for a fundraiser for the convention. Also an authentic fire pedal car raffling off - \$25.00 for one ticket or two for \$40.00. Shirts are yellow, gray, and blue. Also selling magnets \$5.00 each.

District 9A Miss Flame has a fundraiser that she is doing to raise money to offset her expenses for the convention. She is selling lanyards (www.ivfa.org) \$2.00 each.

IVFA president Jack Kerney gave 2006 schedule of meetings for 2006. Quarterly meetings will still be held at Columbus Holiday Inn. Also the men will still be paying for our rooms, the rate went up two dollars, was \$75.00, will be \$77.00. Also state auxiliary can be on the website. We can put membership form and dues and any other information on the website. Will cost us nothing. Notices will be sent out on deadline for meetings.

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COMMITTEES FOR 2005 - 2006

Table listing Committees for 2005-2006: Auditing (Barbara Kerney, Phyllis Vargo, Jean Parish), Budget & Finance (Lou Bartlow, Dorothy Reiter, June Cahill, Maxine Davies), Games (Marilyn Dever, Susie Stout, E.J. Smith), Chinese Auction (Barbara Parker, Crystal Ambruster, Lois Parker, Carol Moody), Parliamentarian (Toni Sorg), V. Pres. Project (Martha Thomas, Beth Caudill, Tammy Hungate, Malinda Bell, Glenda Fagg, Rosie Johnson), President's Advisory (Phyllis Vargo, Lou Bartlow, Toni Sorg, Beth Caudill), By-Laws (Toni Sorg, Rosie Johnson, Barbara Ketchum, Lee Cohen, Crystal Ambruster), Miss Flame (Patty Stephens, EJ Smith, Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Kerney, Susie Stout), Jewelry (E.J. Smith, Karen Freestone, Marilyn Dever, Patty Fultz), Installation (Barbara Parker, Maxine Davies), Scholarship Fund (Eula Bush, EJ Smith, Barbara Kerney, Marilyn Dever).

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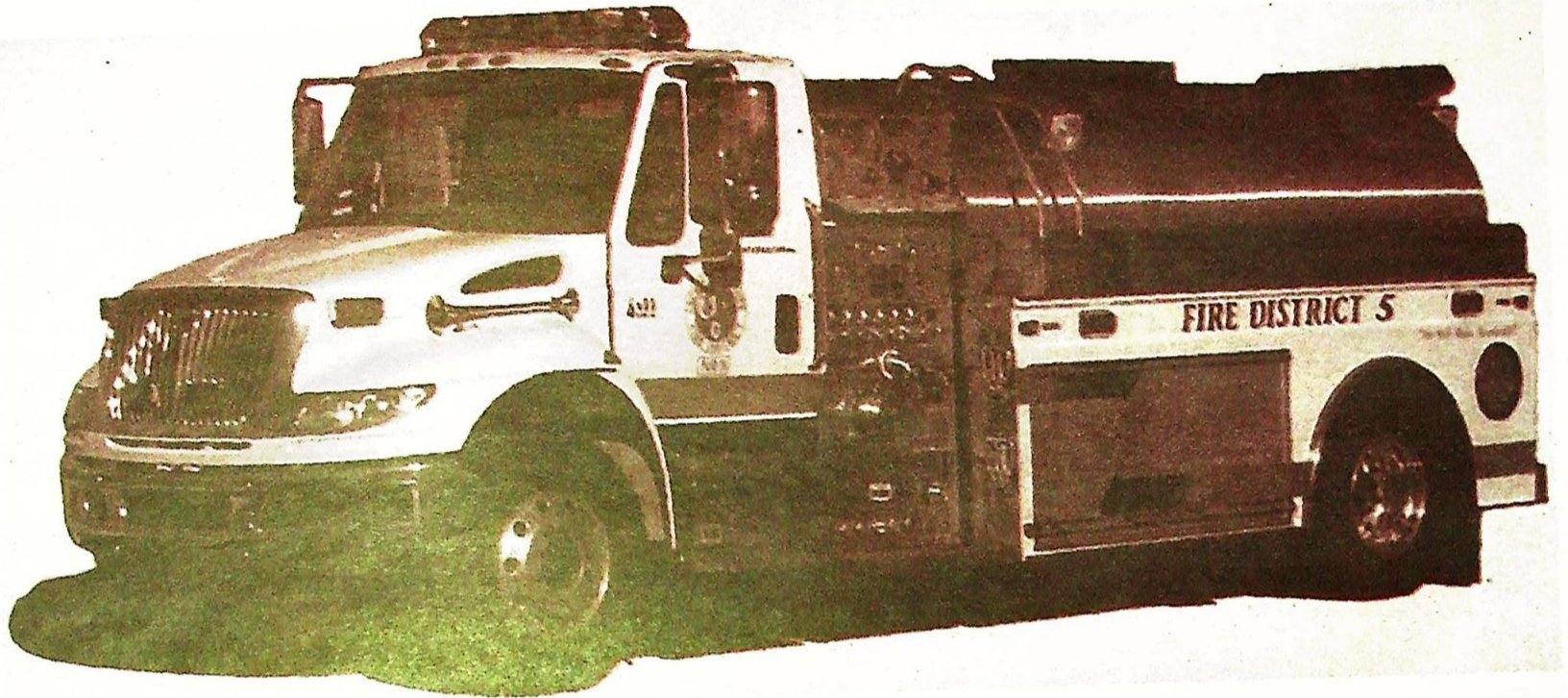
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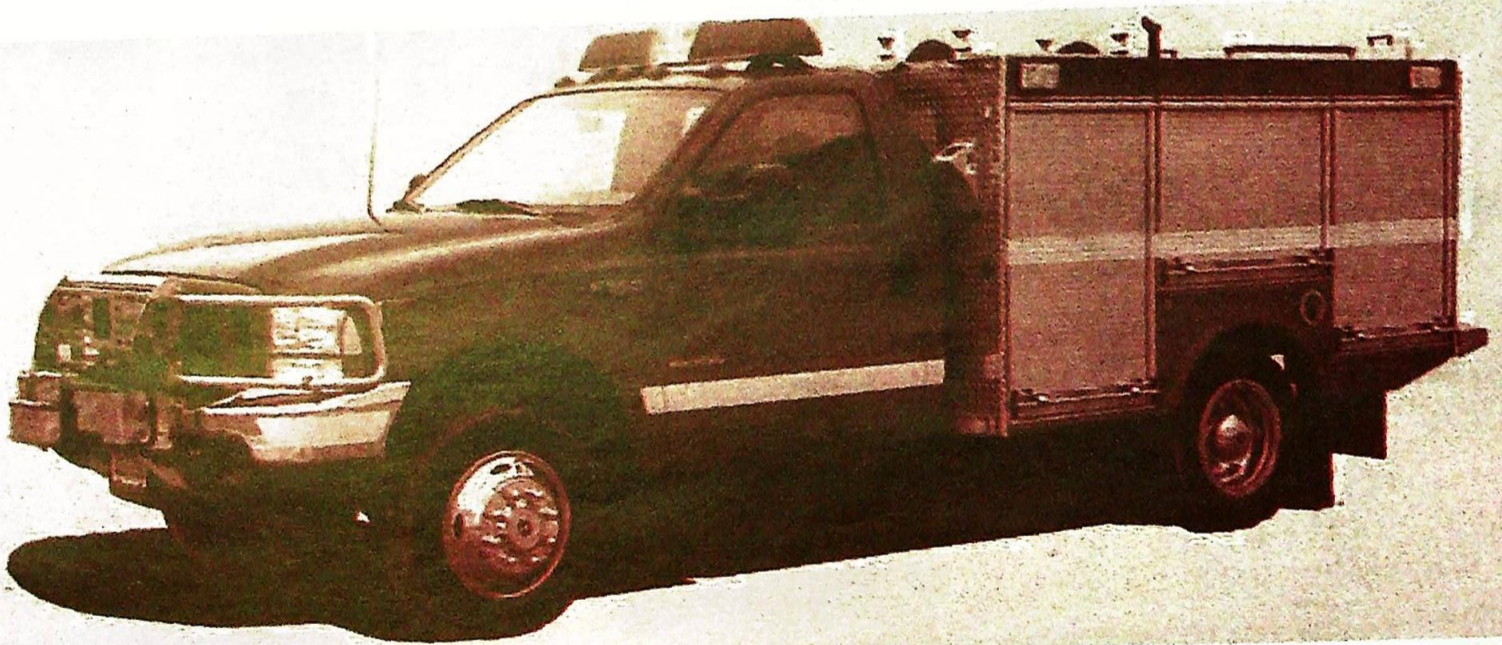
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IVFAA President Joann Hays



Happy New Year to all. Hope you all had a safe holiday and a nice one.

It's getting close to a new convention and I'm sure the committee has been working very hard for you all to have a good time.

Convention will be held in Indianapolis at the Marriott on Shadeland Ave. The dates are June 28 to July 1.

Hope all your departments are doing okay.

The auxiliary had a great time on Saturday in November at the state meeting. It was so nice to enjoy the fellowship as we gathered for fun and games and of course, refreshments. We celebrated several November birthdays. Thanks to Beth Caudill for the games and Crystal Ambruster for the cakes and the crafts.

We are going to repeat this fun again at our February meeting.

Hope you got busy and wrote those letters for all of the awards such as Ollie Sandburg, Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz and the Angel Award.

We are open to welcome new members or auxiliaries, so do your best to help us out.

Remember, dues are only \$5.00 and there are not too many organizations

you can be a member for that price. If you are interested in belonging, contact your district chairman.

Also, your district chairmen have raffle tickets for this year's convention. Our prizes are: 1st prize - a Franklin mint fire truck or \$200.00 cash; 2nd prize is \$100.00 cash. The drawing will be on Friday night at the banquet and the cost is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. So get your tickets while they are available.

Also don't forget your registration in before June 1st, so you can have the savings.

Looking forward to seeing you at convention.

Have a great year. If you need anything let me know. I'm only a phone call away - 812-299-1574.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays
IVFAA President

State officer's meeting ...

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We held a drawing for door prize and District 17A June Cahill won.

Leslie Spears said her district 13B has two cases of cookbooks, and they will sell them. Toni had her peanut brittle with her that Poe Fire Department always makes each year, was \$4.00 a bag.

Will discuss about collecting money for flower fund at February 2006 meeting.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Will have entertainment again on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Please bring a \$5.00 gift bag again. This will be February 4, 2006. Beth will be in charge and Crystal will provide crafts again - something simple. Will play the game of Whoopee again. Whoopee card game: 1 deck per four people, also one pair dice, take all Kings, Jokers and Aces out. Score pad and pencil per player. Everyone bring bag with prize. Deal out all cards - face up. Place repeat cards on top of each other. Players to left of dealer goes first, roll dice - turn down card of

that value, go around table. First player with all cards turned over wins, "yells" "Whoopee", everyone stops. Add up cards still facing up (J = 11 and Q = 12), low score wins. Second low score with winner may steal a bag. Can't look in bags. Both move to next table. Keep playing till someone completes circle and gets back to their original table. This is loads of fun to play.

Adjournment: President Joann. Closing Prayer: Chaplain Beth. Hope everyone had a safe Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year!

Submitted by:
Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA

DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



Lucille (Lee) Cohen

November 16, 2005

The District 3 I.V.F.A.A. meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at Springfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Department by chairperson Lee Cohen.

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

Lee introduced guests, Dave Kaufman, District 3 chairman and Pam Kaufman, District 3 secretary.

Roll call was answered with 15 members present, eight Springfield, four Michiana Shores, three Coalspring.

Chris Stephens read the minutes and stood as read.

Bonnie Smith gave the treasury

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report and stood as read. Lee reported on state meeting.

Lee introduced Miss Flame Haley O'Donnell and her escort (her father) Doug. Haley is 17 and is a junior at North Judson High School. Haley is a cheerleader, plays softball and has an interest in computers. Lee presented Haley with 25 tickets to sell for state raffle. Dave Kaufman presented Haley with a dozen roses. Lee presented her with a bracelet and Bonnie presented her with the District 3 Miss Flame sash. Haley then went on a tour through the fire station. Congratulations and good luck to Haley at state!

A discussion was made to wait till March to give Miss Flame \$200.00.

A motion was made by Leona Uryrga to pay for a \$25.00 entrance fee for Miss Flame. Ruth Deutcher seconded, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Janette Lane to send Thank You cards to our Legislators for supporting bill 1580. Shelly Cates seconded, all were in favor.

Leona Uryrga made a motion to have a bake sale auction that will be held at our March 15th meeting supporting the Mary Mackin Scholarship fund. Jody Brinckman seconded, all were in favor.

50/50 drawing won by Dawn Boles. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Stephens
Secretary - District 3

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Patty Stephens

Hello, everyone, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year sure flew by quickly. If you haven't made plans to attend this year's convention, you might take a look at the dates and get your reservations made. It's a lot of fun and very informative and did I say a lot of fun!!

I want to remind everyone in our district to be looking for their Miss Flame candidate. Our dance will be held on February 11, 2006. It will be held at the One Half Century Club in Clinton.

Please come and enjoy the music and be with us as we crown our 2006 District 11B Miss Flame.

Our next district meeting will be held on March 12, 2006 at the Marshall Fire Department.

Patty Stephens
IVFAA District 11-B
Chairperson

Clock presentation held



A clock presentation was held at Vincennes Twp. station dedication. (submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman)



Tim Smith, Vincennes Twp. chief, shows the clock presented for the new station.

(submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman)

Geneva VFD presented plaque at parade



Geneva Volunteer Fire Department was presented a plaque at the Montpelier Jamboree Day's parade by LeeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame. (submitted by Lloyd Wright 8B chairman)

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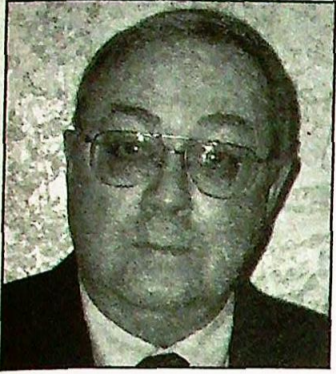
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Jim Bradford
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A Firefighter Died

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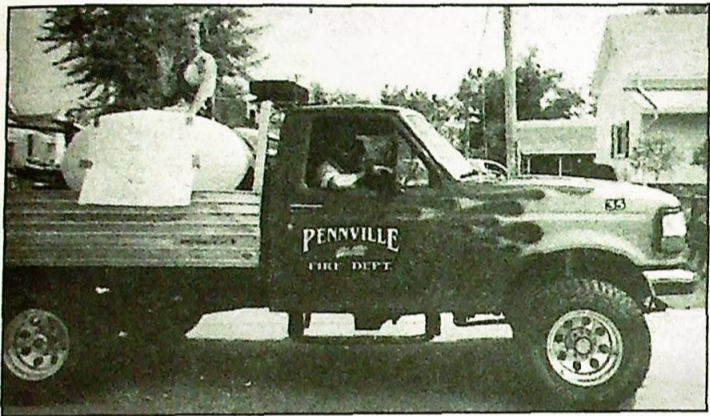
He was a firefighter, one of our brothers. She was a firefighter, one of our sisters. He retired after spending many years in the fire service of the old days, and died after having lived a long life. She was new to the service, still learning the basics, and other car didn't see the stop sign. He was a young man, who loved being a firefighter, and died in his sleep from an ailment that no one saw coming. She had cancer, but she was the meeting last week with a smile on her face. He had a heart attack at a fire, and died in the line of duty.

He was a firefighter, one of our brothers. She was a firefighter, one of our sisters. If the roles were reversed, would he have been there for you? Would she had given up cards with friends to attend the service? I guess we will never know.

A Firefighter died, there was a service, and only a few firefighters were there.

John C. "Bull" Smith
Huntingburg VFD
IVFA District 18

Miss Flame takes a ride during Loblolly Days parade



LeeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame riding on the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department grass truck during the Loblolly Days parade which was held on September 10, 2005. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman)

Fire chiefs take a ride in Pennville parade



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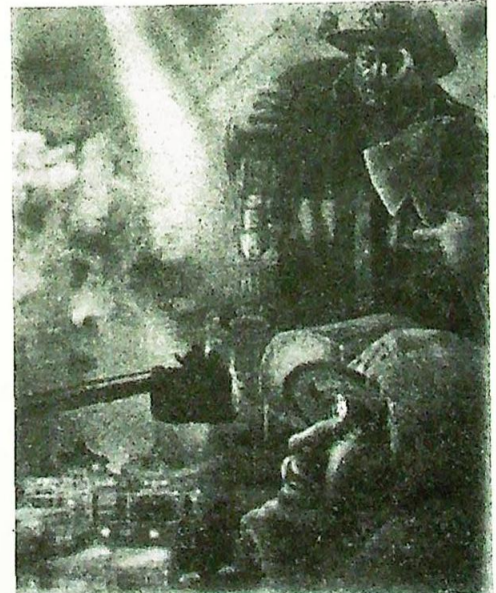
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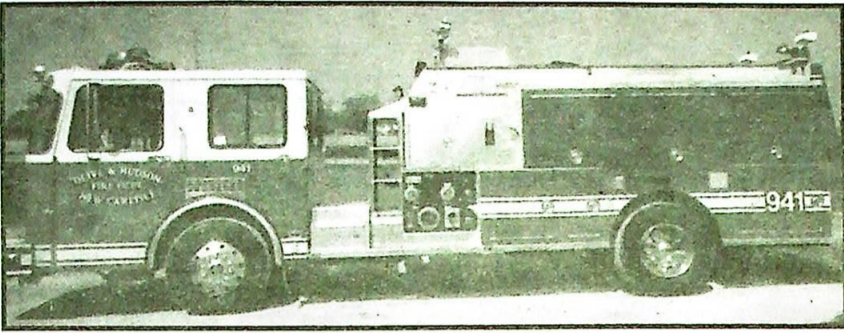


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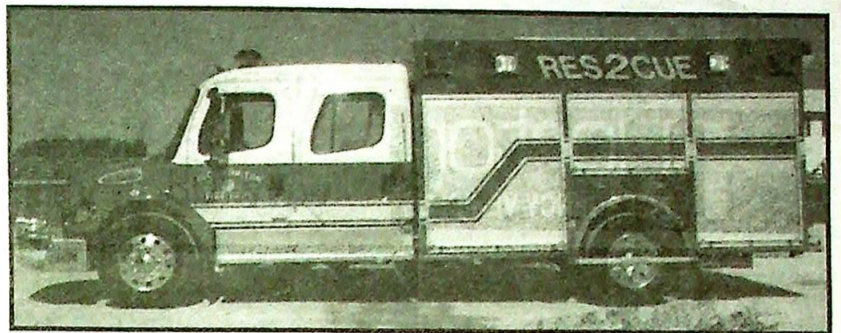
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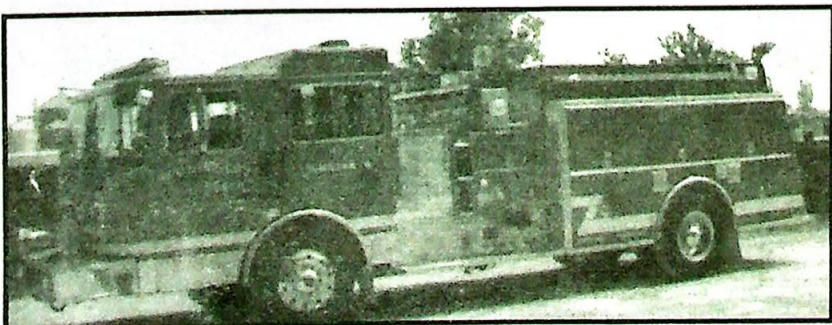
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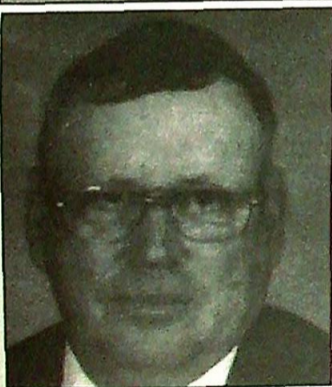
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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I hope everyone has a great new year!
I attended a memorial service for Ted Hudson of Shawswick Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

District 18's meeting was hosted by Schnellville Volunteer Fire Department on November 17th. Speakers were State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson and Gary Robinson from Fire Marshal's office. Katie Rickelman is the new Miss Flame for District 18.

Maurice Hasenour of St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

I attended a memorial service for Danny Hays of Ottwell Volunteer Fire Department held at Huntingburg, Indiana. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

District 15's meeting was to be held at Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department, but was cancelled due to bad weather. The tornadoes that hit Evansville and Newburgh the first of November did major damage. We hope all of these families and fire departments are recovering! Odon's

tornado hit on the night of 15's. Cancelled meeting with major damage to the Amish Community of Davies County.

District 18's next meeting is January 19th at Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department.

District 15's next meeting will be January 17 at Owensville.

District 17A's meeting was held at Elnora Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Sam Emery opened the meeting after the meal. Jack Kerney, president of the IVFA spoke about mandatory training.

District 17A's next meeting will be January 21st at the Eagles Lodge in Vincennes for annual sausage supper.

I attended a memorial service for Harry Custard of Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Reverend Mel Camp did his service.

I attended District 18's meeting at Cordry-Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department. District chairman Tim Deckard spoke about recent legislation. The next meeting will be announced later.

I hope you had a happy holiday season. See you all in the new year!

PRSW
Jim Abrams

Pipe Creek members recognized recently

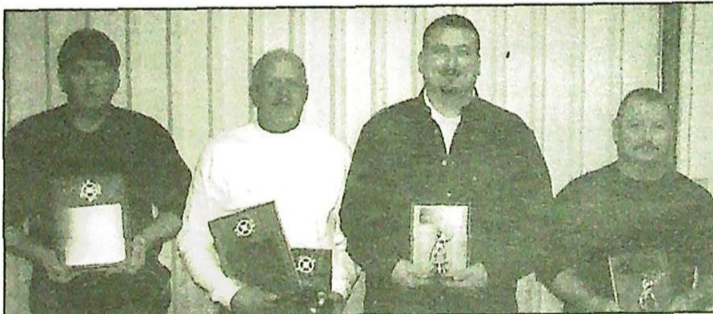
Members of the Pipe Creek Twp. Fire Department recently held their annual Christmas party December 4, 2005.

There were several members recognized for service awards.

(submitted by T. Corbett)



(Left to right): Charter members - Robert "Bob" Fleener - 45 years service award, Adam Burton - 45 years service award, Dale Hare - 45 years service award, Robert Fesler - 45 years service award.
Sadly Robert "Bob" Fleener passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2005.



(Left to right) members Terry Corbett - 20 years service award, Steve Scott - 25 years service award, Steve Corbett - Fireman of the Year award, Myron Watson - Fireman of the Year award.

Fire truck rides given at car show



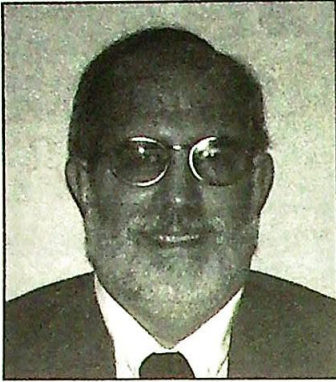
Fire truck rides are a big hit at Parker Volunteer Fire Department car show.
(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

House burning training held



On November 27, 2005 the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department burned a house for training. During this training they learned about forced entry and fire behavior.
(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B district chairman)

**Public Relations
Director
Northeast**
Jean Smith



Once again the holidays have come and gone, and now we look forward to warmer weather. I hope everyone remembered to promote fire safety during the holidays, especially with our fire prevention theme. **USE CANDLES WITH CARE. WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT!**

According to NFPA statistics, December had almost twice the number of candle fires of an average month.

Test CO alarms at least once a month, and replace CO alarms as required. Beware of the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the home. **Please be careful when responding to Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms.** Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

I am looking forward to meeting you at your district meetings and working with you. If you need assistance, please contact me, your new Public Relations representative or your district chairman.

*Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast*

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I trust your holiday season was one of joy and happiness, and as we move forward with the start of yet another year, your plans for a prosperous New Year are realized! Happy Valentine's Day to all of the spouses of our members - thank you for supporting us, and our community involvement. YOU are the reason that we are able to do our volunteer jobs!

Welcome to the Spring 2006 Edition of the IVFA *FireLine*. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

Convention News: Convention 2006 in Indianapolis is now on the fast track for late June. As you may know, the dates were changed due to the Formula One race being held in Indianapolis. The Marriott Hotel located at Shadeland Avenue is this year's host hotel. Unfortunately as fate would have it, the Formula One race was moved back one week, to the same weekend as our convention. I know that there were many discussions about this conflict; however, the final decision has been made to stick with our planned weekend as originally scheduled. Due to this, the Marriott has asked that we make our reservations as soon as possible, so that they will know exactly how many rooms they will have available to race guests. Registrations are now being accepted, and an agenda of events can be reviewed on the web site. Any additional information will be posted as it is released by the convention committee.

Focus Section: This quarter's focus section is the **Bridgeport Scholarship** information and application. Everyone who has, or is planning on sending their child(ren) to college, or a university, knows the high costs. The IVFA has established an excellent scholarship program that awards three scholarship winners at each year's annual convention. It is very important to understand that completing the application is a time consuming process, and several pieces of information are required to be submitted on the application form. I tell you this in hopes that you do not wait until the end of February and think that you will get the application completed on time. PLEASE, please

remember that the deadline for having the scholarship application completed and returned to the committee is March 1st. If it arrives after that date your application is void, and it cannot be considered for this year's award process.

Legislative Section: The state legislative session is now in full swing, and you have the ability via the web site, to remain current on those bills that the IVFA Legislative Committee is supporting, and those bills which the committee believes is detrimental to our association. Last year we added the IVFA Legislative Section to the web site, and this was an immediate success. I received many e-mails about how refreshing it was to receive updated information on a weekly basis. I know many of the officers and district chairmen also received comments about this section as well. As I mentioned, this site is updated each week as I receive a Legislative Report from Shokrina Radpour Beering, our IVFA Lobbyist and Counsel. We also have established a "Get Involved" icon, attached to those items which are rated a category 1. These are the most critical items, and when the "Get Involved" icon is present, we are asking for you to get involved. It is a rather simple process; you call or e-mail your legislator, and simply state, "I support (or do not support) Bill xxx". Please give your name, the fact that you are a member of the IVFA, the name of your fire/EMS department and organization, and your return e-mail. This will ensure that our voice is heard. If you "do nothing", then don't be one who complains about the outcome. This section is there for you, so please use. Chiefs - please feel free to print the report each week and post it in your station - cover the important issues in your department meetings - and please encourage your members to get involved.

Department Information: As of the beginning of January we had 417 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in the state listed on the site. If your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted. I also know that many departments change Fire Chiefs at the beginning of the year, so as your

department information changes, such as the name of the contact person who is listed, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc., please remember to send me an update.

On the Drawing Board: In the past couple of *FireLines* I have talked about a change that would allow the ability to add pictures to the "For Sale" items. This section has really expanded over the past few months, and I believe that the ability to add one to two pictures of the items being sold will help our members sell items easier and maybe more quickly. I originally had planned on having these changes made by now, however, I have not done so, and I apologize for this delay. The "For Sale" section has really taken off, and I do want to make this system even more convenient. In a nutshell, to implement this system will involve a combination of completing the For Sale form, as before, and then using your own e-mail program to send me the pictures. Before implementing this system, however, I need to come up with some guidelines on what picture format to use, the size of the pictures, and the ability to know which pictures correspond to which For Sale items. Once I have the system worked out, I will post the instructions on the web page and will begin to accept pictures. I will try to have this done by the end of February so that we can start using it.

I have added a Search Page to the web, and it is working okay, but still needs to be improved. This system will search through the static pages, but not through the Department Information and Calendar pages, at the present. That is because those pages are driven by underlying databases, and establishing a search index on those systems is a little more involved. I am working on developing a database indexing system, and then once that is completed, the search page will be able

to work on the above mentioned web pages. The web site has grown substantially in the past 2 1/2 years, and the search page will make things easier to locate. Once I get the For Sale page updates, for being able to send in pictures complete, I will work on these changes.

Finally in the last newsletter, I had mentioned that there would be a three week period where I would be in China, and would not have access to update the web page. Due to my travel schedule and weight limitations on luggage for flights within China, I did not even take my laptop. When I returned I immediately updated the web site with all submitted forms. I believe there was one department event that had already passed, so naturally there was no need to post it. I apologize to that department for not getting the information posted in the appropriate time frame. I have and maintain a commitment in trying to have all information submitted, posted on the web site within 48 hours after I receive it. In my "regular" job I travel quite a lot, and I am able to update the web page from my hotel room. That's the beauty of technology. However, in these instances where I am unable to do so, I appreciate your patience and understanding.

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 ... e-mail me at webmasters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. And SOON, the first blooms of spring will be appearing and we will rejoice and celebrate that annual rite of putting the snow shovel away for another winter! Hang in there!!!

*Be safe, and I'll see you "on-line"!
Smoke Eater
IVFA Web Master*

Firemen given awards for service



Chief Fire Investigator for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Robert Dean gave the Governor's Merit Award to Dick Moor for 36 years of volunteer service with the Greentown Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. during their Fire Prevention Week Open House on October 15th.

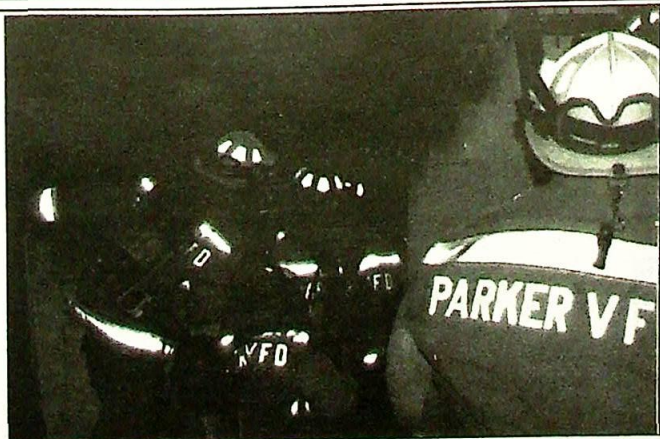
Stan Johnson was also given a pin for his 25 years of committed service to our company.

(submitted by Ken Grove, Fire Chief - Greentown Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.)

Early morning fire fought

Parker Volunteer Fire Department fights an early morning house fire.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)



House damaged in fire



The home of John Watson, 12150 N. 700 W. was damaged in a house fire Thursday, December 22, 2005.

The call was received at 1:05 p.m. and the Pipe Creek Twp. Fire Department was dispatched.

The home sustained fire damage to the kitchen and living room areas with smoke and heat damage throughout.

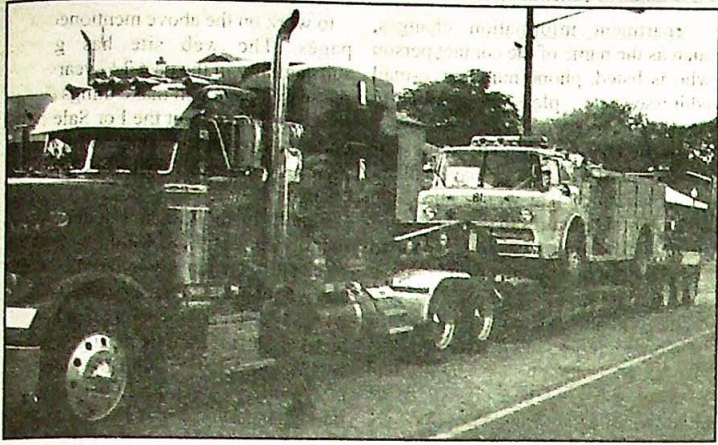
Pipe Creek was assisted by the Elwood, Alexandria and Duck Creek Fire Departments.

(submitted by T. Corbett)

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Fire department donates engine to Katrina Victim Fire Department



Photos are showing the truck being loaded on the lowboy trailer in preparation for the trip to Louisiana.

The Eel River Township Volunteer Fire / Rescue department was beginning to get a little discouraged. They had purchased a used engine from neighboring Danville, IN almost a year ago. When the purchase was made they took their first out engine, a 1979 E One out of service and intended to sell it.

However, there was a snag in the plans when it was discovered there was no title for it. The township trustee immediately started the process of obtaining a new title for the truck. This became a long, drawn out affair with many snags which finally worked their way out near the end of August of 2005, almost a year after the truck had

been removed from service. Then Hurricane Katrina paid a visit to Louisiana. With new title fresh in hand for the old E One truck, assistant chief Tim Fretz had an idea. He approached Chief John Berry and Assistant Chief Gary Owen with the thought that there was probably a fire department in Louisiana who could use a good engine. The idea of donating the truck was welcomed with open arms. The trustee was approached with the idea and thought it was great, so an emergency meeting was conducted with the members to allow all to have a voice in the decision. The result was unanimous approval and support. The members then set the truck up

downtown North Salem who was having their 25th year Old Fashioned Days celebration.

Local salvage business Tom Goode was already set up downtown accepting donations of cash and food and clothes to send to Louisiana. The department joined him at his location with the truck and announced downtown the intent of donating the truck to Katrina victims. Next came the challenge of contacting someone for help in placing the truck. Several phone calls were made to local EMA and state EMA with no response. Then Tom Goode had an idea to help. His son, Tim is a U.S. Marshal stationed in Louisiana. He was contacted and put

us in touch with Scott Brewer from the Department of Homeland Security in Covington, Louisiana. He informed us that a small community nearby could use the truck. A local trucking company "Smith" trucking was contacted about taking the truck. They agreed to donate their labor and equipment to deliver the truck.

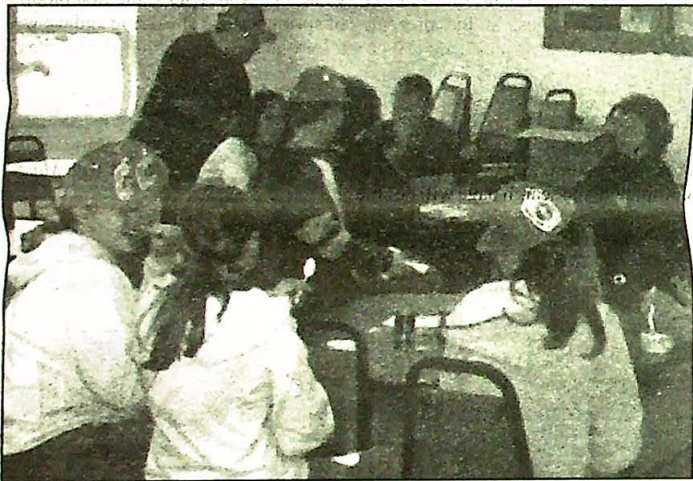
Donations were sought to help pay for fuel for the trip. Several donations were received. Chief Berry works for Praxair Surface Technologies and approached President Bob Vrrugink for help. Mr. Vrrugink quickly stated that Praxair Surface Technologies would pay for the fuel for the trip. On Wednesday, September 7, 2005 the

truck packed full of food and clothes was loaded on a lowboy trailer and left for Louisiana.

On Thursday afternoon, the truck had been delivered and already put into service and making runs for the community. The members of the Bush, Louisiana Volunteer Fire Department and community were overwhelmed with the gift and grateful for the help extended in their time of need.

I might add here that all the local news and TV stations were contacted and none were interested in covering the story. One local paper, the *Hendricks County Flyer* did a good story on it and had pictures in the paper. The Thursday the truck was delivered, Channel 13 in Indianapolis had a reporter near the location. They were contacted again in an attempt to get them to go to the location of the truck and get a story but phone calls were left unanswered. We did receive notification that a TV station in Oklahoma City did a story, however, we never saw it. Bottom line is that we are glad we were able to help someone else in need by reaching out to them as we all know that brothers and sisters in this volunteer service we provide often do. —(submitted by John Berry)

Chili supper a success

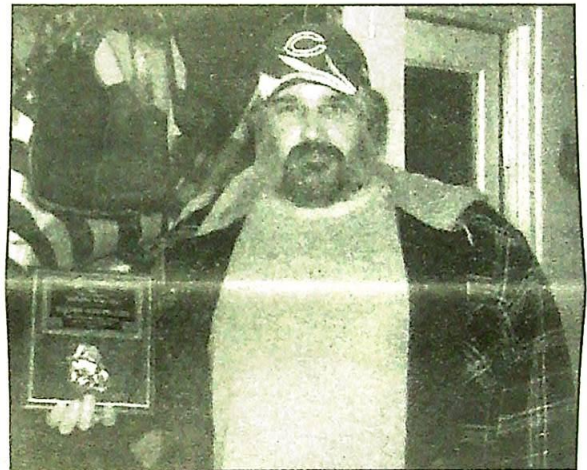


Parker Volunteer Fire Department chili supper a success. (submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

Stephens receives Fireman of the Year

Brian Stephens of Parker Volunteer Fire Department receives Fireman of the Year for 2005.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)



Santa makes his rounds



Parker Volunteer Fire Department helps Santa make his rounds in Parker City. (submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

Fire department treats the little ones

Little ones get treats from the Parker Volunteer Fire Department.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)



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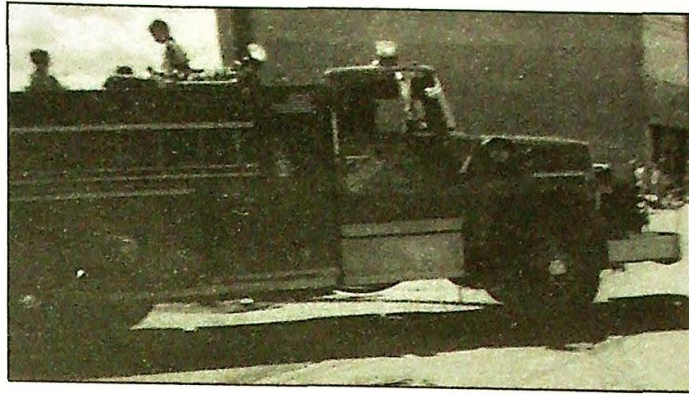
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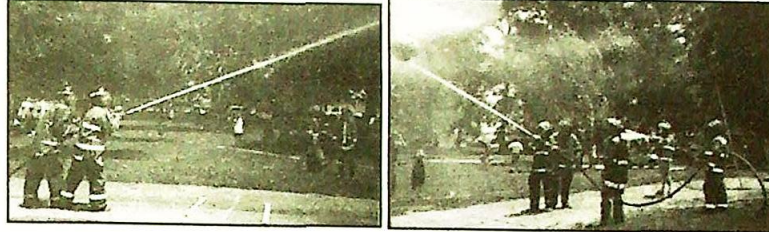
Eaton Volunteer Fire Department was presented a plaque at the Montpelier Jamobee Day's parade by LeeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman)



Pictured is the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department truck taken during the parade at the Montpelier Jamobee Days.

The parade was held on September 3, 2005. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman)

Portland Fire Department holds waterball contest



These pictures were taken during the waterball held by the Portland Fire Department on July 4, 2005 at the fire grounds.

Different area fire departments took part in the fun. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman)

Ridgeville Dawg Days of Summer hosts various activities

Ridgeville Dawg Days of Summer was held on August 13, 2005. The Ridgeville Fire Department sponsored a car show and the kids' day activities. Also, a chicken and noodle dinner was held with the firefighters serving the meal.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman)



Parker VFD car show held



Trucks and cars of all makes and models turn out for Parker Volunteer Fire Department car show.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

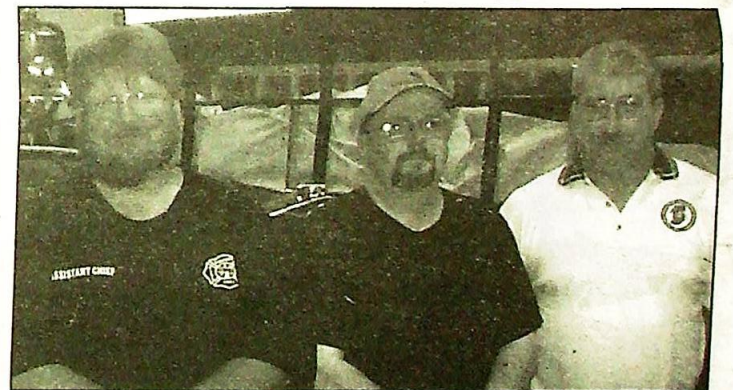
Dancing away



Fireman Jimmy Wyman and wife Tracy pose for a photograph at the Fireman's Dance.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

Liberty firefighters receive 25 year pins



On October 4, 2005, Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman, presented Dennis Alcorn and James Franklin with their 25 year pin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association for their services with the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department. (submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman)

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Fire chief honored during retirement party



Perry Clear Creek Fire Protection District Monroe County members stand with retiring fire chief Bill Hobbs during his retirement party in November.

Bill, a 35 year veteran of the fire service, was awarded the Governor's Meritorious Service award from the Fire Marshal's office and the Silver Axe from members of his department, recognized for his loyalty and personal commitment to his community. (submitted by Tim Deckard)

Years of Service Awards presented at annual awards dinner

At the annual awards dinner of the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department held on December 7, 2005, fire chief Glen Kissling presented the following Years of Service Awards: Fire Assistant Chief Bill Bland 35 years, Firefighter/EMT Bob Veatch 15 years, Firefighter/Safety Officer Roger Kissling 10 years, Firefighter Kirk Brown 5 years, Firefighter Scott Thompson 5 years.

Safety Officer Roger Kissling presented the department's annual Firefighter Safety to firefighter Jason Weyerbacher.

This award is given to recognize an individual's personal efforts in the area of operational safety at incident scenes.

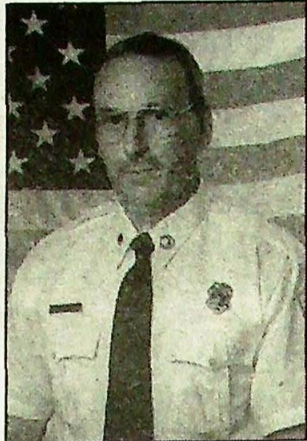
Chief Kissling then presented the Francis "Chick" Carson Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter/EMT Jim Leiberling.

This award is presented to an individual who throughout the year has shown exemplary efforts on the department.

(Photos and article courtesy of the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department)



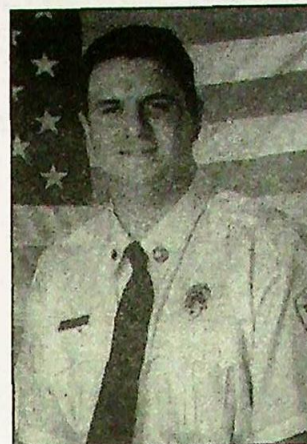
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Jim Leiberling
Firefighter of the Year Award



Roger Kissling - 10 years



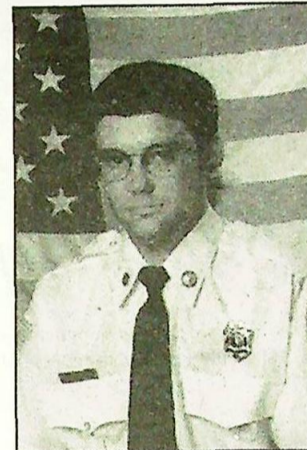
Scott Thompson - 5 years



Kirk Brown - 5 years



Bob Veatch - 15 years



Jason Weyerbacher - Firefighter Safety

Annual awards banquet held

On December 3, 2005 Marion Twp. Rural Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet at the fire station.

Captain Kyle Mundy and firefighter Daniel Horton were awarded Fireman of the Year awards, and Daniel Horton was also awarded the EMS of the Year award. The winners were selected by the firemen.

Fire Chief Jimmy Zeeks awarded the Chief's Bugle Award to Lt. Paul Gillespie for his efforts in the daily operations of the fire department.

A visit was made by Ol' Saint Nick to the delight of the children, passing out candy canes, hearing the children's Christmas wishes.

Local businesses also donated door prizes for the banquet.



EMS OF THE YEAR -- (left to right): Capt. Richard Padgett and Daniel Horton, EMS of the Year. (submitted by Peter Horton)



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR--(left to right): Capt. Kyle Mundy, Chief Jimmy Zeeks, and Fireman Daniel Horton.

(submitted by Peter Horton)



BUGLE AWARD -- (left to right): Chief Jimmy Zeeks, and Bugle winner Lt. Paul Gillespie. (submitted by Peter Horton)

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Frequently asked questions about mandatory training

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION -- **Question:** When did the requirement for Strategy and Tactics certification prior to obtaining Fire Officer I come into play? **Response:** The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education adopted the Strategy and Certification standard in April 2005. One part of that rule is pre-requisite that requires an individual who desires to attain certification as a Fire Officer I to be certified in Strategy and Tactics and an Instructor I. **Question:** Has the Basic Firefighter certification been replaced by the mandatory firefighter certification? **Response:** No. The mandatory firefighter certification is law written by the State Legislature. The basic firefighter certification is an OSHA administrative rule. These are two totally separate certifications because they are two totally separate laws. **Question:** What are the requirements to become a certified State Officer. **Response:** The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education adopted the rule in April 2005 that requires an applicant for Safety officer pass a written and practical examination and to be previously certified as a Fire Officer I. **Question:** What is a Fire Instructor I allowed to teach? **Response:** Under rules adopted by the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education a Fire Instructor I shall have authorization in the following areas: (1) To teach the requirements for the following: (A) Indiana mandatory training, (B) Basic Firefighter, (C) Firefighter I, (D) Firefighter II; (2) to sign the applications for the following: (A) Indiana mandatory training, (B) Basic Firefighter, (C) Firefighter I, (D) Firefighter II; (3) To teach from prepared materials; (4) To serve as an evaluator for practical skills examinations. *The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education are evaluating regulations pertaining to Instructors and other parts of the certification process.* **Question:** What is the status of the Mandatory Firefighter curriculum development? **Response:** On January 5, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. an open meeting will be conducted at the State Office Building, 402 West Washington Street in Indianapolis on the final draft of the curriculum for mandatory and basic firefighter certification. After the final product is developed the program will be made available to all instructors by request to receive a CD or by downloading on the DHS website. **Question:** What is a Fire Instructor II/III allowed to teach? **Response:** Under rules adopted by the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education a Fire Instructor I shall have authorization in the following areas: (1) To teach the requirements for the following: (A) Indiana mandatory training, (B) Basic Firefighter, (C) Firefighter I, (D) Firefighter II; (2) To sign the applications for the following: (A) Indiana mandatory training, (B) Basic Firefighter, (C) Firefighter I, (D) Firefighter II; (3) To teach from prepared materials; (4) To teach from personally written lesson plans that are in addition to prepared materials; (5) To teach and sign applications for advanced firefighter courses; (6) To issue certificates of successful completion to students in the instructor's advanced courses; (7) To proctor and grade written tests as required by the board; (8) To evaluate all practical skills required by the board as a lead evaluator; (9) To teach the six-hour up-date class. *The Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education are evaluating regulations pertaining to Instructors and other parts of the certification process.* **Question:** What does the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education meet? **Response:** There are several meetings in January relating to various

certification issues. **January 5,** Final Draft of Mandatory Firefighting training program presented, Indiana Government Center, 9:00 A.M. Contact is John Buckman. **January 18,** Special called meeting of Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to work on rule changes and NIMS, 9:00 A.M., Wayne Twp. FD, Indianapolis. Very important issues will be discussed, make plans to attend! **January 23,** Regular meeting of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, 10:00 A.M., Wayne Twp. Fire Dept., Indianapolis. *National Incident Management System - Frequently Asked Questions: How long does jurisdictions have to adopt the NIMS?* The NIC will be developing additional NIMS compliance guidance as time progresses and jurisdictions will be provided resources to help them through the NIMS compliance process. The NIMS should be seen as a living document that will require continuous maintenance by the jurisdictions implementing it. **I've been told that the deadlines for NIMS compliance have been pushed back a year; is this true?** The deadline for full NIMS compliance is Sept. 30, 2006, the end of FY 2006. There are NIMS implementation requirements that need to be achieved by Sept. 30, 2005, the end of FY 2005. They are outlined in the Secretary's letter to the Governors on the NIMS Web page, <http://www.fema.gov/nims>, under the NIMS Compliance section. NIMS implementation requirements for FY 2006 will be released later this year. The NIMS compliance deadlines have not been extended. **Is the adoption of the NIMS a requirement for Department of Homeland security funds?** As mandated by Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, beginning in FY 2005, adoption of NIMS will be a condition for the receipt of federal preparedness funds, including grants, contracts, and other activities. **How will jurisdiction be measured, evaluated and assessed?** In the short term, jurisdictions will be considered to be in compliance the NIMS by adopting the Incident Command System and NIMS principles and policies. Other aspects of the NIMS will require additional development and refinement to enable compliance at a future date. **How will compliance be measured against NIMS evaluation criteria?** Compliance protocols, standards and guidelines for determining whether jurisdictions are compliant are currently under development. NIC customers will be notified and these materials are completed and posted on the NIMS Integration Center Web page. **How will jurisdictions be measured against NIMS during the period 2005 to 2009?** The NIC will be developing additional NIMS compliance guidance as time progresses and jurisdictions will be provided resources to help them through the NIMS compliance process. The NIMS should be seen as a living document that will require continuous maintenance by the jurisdictions implementing it. **Do NIMS standards currently exist?** Standards are currently being developed specifically for NIMS by the NIC, however, there currently exist several standards for incident command or incident management systems, and these are being reviewed for consideration by the NIC. As NIMS standards are developed they will be posted on the NIC Web page and jurisdictions will be notified through information bulletins. **What national standards will the NIC develop?** The NIC will facilitate the development of national standards needed in a range of areas to increase the effectiveness of incident response operations. For example, it will facilitate the development of national

standards to ensure interoperability of equipment and communications and the certification of emergency response and incident management personnel. This means it will work on the development of standardized criteria for the qualification, training and certification of response personnel. It will promote compatibility among NIMS national level standards and those developed by other public, private and professional groups. And it will facilitate the development of a system of typed and categorized resources, to include equipment, teams and personnel. **Why must organizations conduct National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and exercises?** HSPD-5 required federal departments and agencies to make adoption of NIMS by state and local organizations a condition for federal preparedness assistance by FY 2005. Organizations and personnel at all governmental levels and in the private sector must be trained to improve all-hazard incident management capability. These organizations and personnel must also participate in realistic exercises to improve integration and interoperability. **How will the NIMS Integration Center (NIC) assist jurisdictions in meeting NIMS training and exercise needs?** The NIMS Integration Center will: ***Facilitate the development of and the dissemination of national standards, guidelines and protocols for incident management training;** ***Facilitate the use of modeling and simulation in training and exercise program;** ***Define general training requirements and approved training courses for all NIMS users, including instructor qualifications and course completion documentation; and** ***Review and approve, with the assistance of key stakeholders, discipline-specific training requirements and courses.** **What role does the NIC have in determining emergency response personnel NIMS qualification and certification?** Under NIMS, preparedness is based on national standards for qualification and certification of emergency response personnel. Managed by the NIC, standards will help ensure that the participating agencies' and organizations' field personnel possess the minimum knowledge, skills and experience necessary to perform activities safely and effectively. **Will NIMS training be one of the NIMS-related standards?** Yes. The standards will include training, experience, credentialing, currency and physical and medical fitness. Personnel who are certified to support interstate incidents will be required to meet national qualification and certification standards. **What NIMS training is currently available to jurisdictions?** The Emergency Management Institute (A DHS/FEMA component) has developed a Web-based course that is entitled The National Incident Management System, an Introduction. The course is available free of charge to U.S. residents via the FEMA training website <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>. The course describes the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. Also included in the course are on-line "Planning Activity" tools that help the user to measure how compliant his/her organization is with NIMS. **What information does the National Incident Management System, an Introduction course provide?** After completing the course, participants will be able to: ***Describe the key concepts and principles underlying NIMS;** ***Identify the benefits of using ICS as the national incident management model;** ***Describe when it is appropriate to institute an Area Command;** ***Describe when it is**

appropriate to institute a Multiagency Coordination System; ***Describe the benefits of using a Joint Information System (JIS) for public information;** ***Identify the ways in which NIMS affects preparedness;** ***Describe how NIMS affects how resources are managed;** ***Describe the advantages of common communication and information management systems.** ***Explain how NIMS influences technology and technology systems; and** ***Describe the purpose of the NIMS Integration Center.** **Who should take the IS-700 NIMS, An Introduction course? IS=700 The NIMS Introductory Course - Who Needs to Take It?** Last September when the Secretary of Homeland Security sent a letter to the nation's governors, he outlined a series of steps that must be taken and actions that should be taken in FY 2005 to become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Specifically the letter said that state, territorial, tribal and local level jurisdictions should support NIMS implementation by completing the NIMS awareness course National Incident Management System, An Introduction - IS 700. This independent study course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The Secretary clearly intended to provide discretion to state, territorial, tribal and local governments in deciding which and what level emergency personnel should take the course. As further guidance, the NIMS Integration Center encourages all emergency personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management or response take the NIMS course by Oct. 1, 2005. It is offered free-of-charge through the Emergency Management Institute at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. The NIMS Integration Center suggests that the following take the course in FY'05: Executive Level - Political and government leaders,

agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as Unified Commanders, Incident Commanders, Command Staff, General Staff in either Area Command or single incidents; senior level Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; senior emergency managers; and Emergency Operations Center Command or General Staff. Managerial Level - Agency and organization management between the executive level and first level supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as Branch Directors, Division/Group Supervisors, Unit Leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders and field supervisors; midlevel Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; EOC Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Unit Leaders; and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS Training. Responder Level - Emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level including Emergency Medical Service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel; police officers; public health personnel; public works/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel. The NIMS introductory course very likely will be a requirement in FY'06 for state, territorial, tribal and local personnel who have emergency assignments at any level of government. Full NIMS compliance is required by Oct. 1, 2006, (FY 2007). **Are school districts required to be NIMS compliant? Has there been any clarification as to the need for public school district personnel to take any NIMS courses?** Since school districts are an integral part of local government, their use of NIMS should be achieved in close coordination with other components of the local government. School districts are not traditional response organizations and more typically are recipients of first

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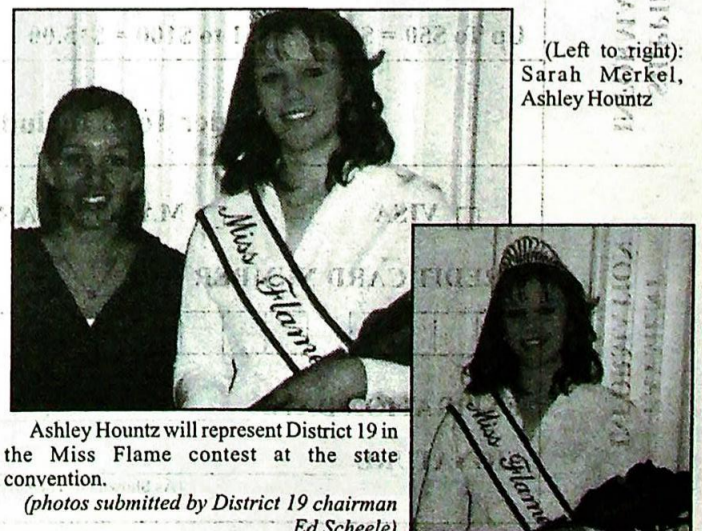
Members receive 25 year service pins



Four members of Miller-York Volunteer Fire Department receive 25 year pins from district chairman Ed Scheele.

Pictured (left to right) - Terry Stephens, Bob Billups, Skip Stutz, Dave Chapman, Ed Scheele. (photo submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele)

Two young ladies enter the District 19 Miss Flame contest

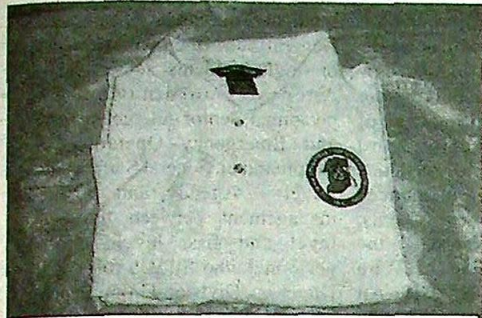


(Left to right): Sarah Merkel, Ashley Hountz

Ashley Hountz will represent District 19 in the Miss Flame contest at the state convention.

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I have been able to attend my district meetings. There is a lot of valuable information given out at these meetings; every department should be represented.

I have not received many surveys back yet on the cost savings calculator. This is very important information that we need to show the state what they are saving. You already know they say 5 - 7 phone calls to your state reps and/or Senators on a particular issue sends up a red flag. Can you imagine what will happen when if we have numbers on how much we are saving their votes. It only takes a few minutes to do the survey, let's get it done.

My work schedule does not permit me to attend every individual meeting in my four districts, so I have been trying to attend the Chief's meetings.

A special thank you to Posey Twp., Wright Twp., Lewis Twp., Jasonville and Thunderbird for getting their surveys done.

Remember, convention is fast approaching. Hope you are making plans to attend. The committee is working very hard to ensure we all have a memorable one. Bring extra money with you and support the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction.

*Keep safe out there,
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2006 Legislative Session

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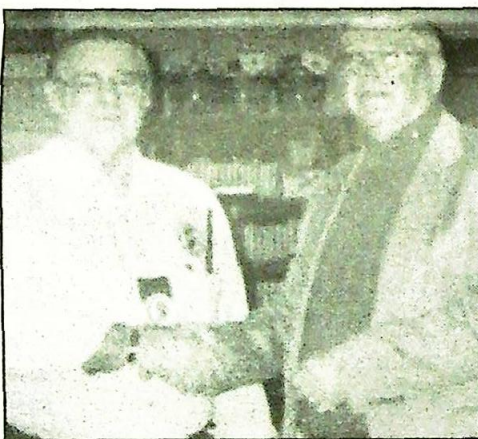
This legislative session is what is known as a "short session". Short sessions are supposed to be for "emergency" measures to be acted upon by the legislature. Over the years, more and more subjects have been taken on by the legislature to expand what constitutes an "emergency". However, major actions are not usually taken by the legislature during a short session. The Governor does have a couple of items on his agenda which will receive significant attention, the first is his highway plan, which includes the privatization of the Indiana toll road. Secondly, the Governor will focus on local government modernization. His plan includes local revenue options to raise funds by means other than increasing property taxes, and allowing local governments to reorganize efficiency and improve service. Another major issue which is the focus of the Republicans in the House this session is property tax relief for homeowners.

The deadline for filing bills was January 9th in the Senate and 10th in the House. They will now be assigned to various committees. At that point in time, it is important for legislator committee members to hear of your support of particular bills. The calls you make and letters you write or e-mail to your State Senator or Representative are very effective. You can access each legislator's e-mail address and phone number through the General Assembly's website. The website address is www.in.gov/legislative.

I am happy to report that one of the first bills filed was our income tax deduction bill, SB0061, sponsored by Senator Allie Craycraft. It provides for an adjusted gross income tax deduction of \$2,000. Representative Kersey has sponsored Hb1082, our disability presumption, and Representatives Denbo, Bright and Oxley are sponsoring 1268 which established a grant fund to be used by volunteer fire departments, with the funding coming from 25% of the tax amnesty funds collected this past fall.

I have distributed the first weekly bill status report to the members of the committee, as well as to the Central Office. The Central Office will put weekly reports on its website so that you can see the Association's position on particular bills. As IVFA initiated legislation is set for testimony in various committees, you may be asked to call, write, or e-mail your State Senator / State Representative regarding your position on a bill. Those messages do not need to be lengthy; often a "vote yes" or a "vote no" is sufficient. The higher the constituent response on a particular bill, the more attention a legislator pays to that bill. The Association has over 17,000 members, so the IVFA's voice can have a significant impact on our legislators.

Members of this year's Legislative Committee are Jack Kerney, Buz Koehler, Larry Ketchem, Jim Parker, 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. If you have any questions regarding my bill, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to continuing to represent you in 2006.



Waters awarded 25 year pin

(Above photo) - At the December monthly meeting of the Hartford City Fire Department, Ted Waters was presented with his 25 year pin.

Presenting the pin to Ted was Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.

(submitted by Lloyd Wright)

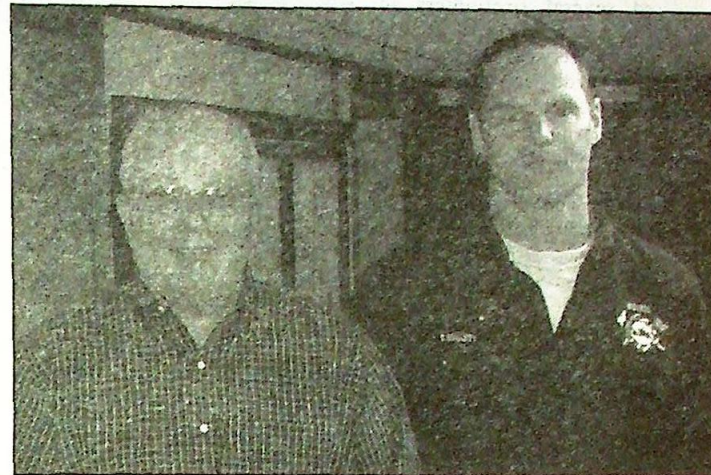
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Chief John Buckman visits Monroe Township F.D.



Pictured are Chief John Buckman and Fire Chief Doug Dunlevy taken during Chief Buckman's visit to MTFD. (submitted by Al Williamson)

Chief John Buckman (German Twp. FD) visited the Monroe Township Fire Department on November 21st to present his seminar entitled "21st Century Leadership: Leadership and Administration in a Volunteer Department." Chief Buckman currently serves as a Special Projects Manager with the Department of Homeland Security, where he is working to develop educational standards for the Indiana fire service. He has been a member of the fire service for 34 years, and has held the position of Fire Chief for 27 of them.

Monroe Township Fire Department Chief Doug Dunlevy first learned of Chief Buckman while taking the "21st Century Leadership" class at the New Albany Fire School last summer. Afterward, he began to integrate many of the leadership principles taken from the seminar. His only regret was that other members of his Command Staff were unable to benefit from the experience.

"I was very impressed with Chief Buckman's insight on the issues affecting the leadership and administration of the volunteer fire service," Chief Dunlevy said. "We were very pleased that he agreed to visit our department. Not only did our Command Staff gain from the experience, but our firefighters did as well. We hope to mirror the success of many of his Department's initiatives here at Monroe Township."

Chief John Buckman's accomplishments and accreditations are representative of a dedicated and distinguished career in the fire service. A graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program, Chief Buckman was named Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year in 1995. He has received two Presidential appointments, authored over 70 articles, presented a variety of

conferences in all 50 states, and received designation as Chief Officer from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

What impresses many the most about Chief Buckman is his continued dedication not only to the volunteer fire service, but to his own fire department. Given his accomplishments and the amount of time and effort he puts in to improving the quality of fire protection services at the State level, it is hard to believe he still manages to find the time to volunteer. His dedication and love for his own department is sincere and inspiring.

According to Sgt. Leah Farris, Chief Buckman also left the MTFD with another anecdote to add to the list of "Firehouse Stories". After his presentation Chief Buckman took time to visit with the firefighters and answer questions, despite the fact that he still had a long drive home ahead. "I offered to arrange hotel accommodations for him, but he declined. Actually, he decided to stay the night at the station and sleep in the bunk room with our crew. He had his fire gear with him and was ready to roll. We were all pretty nervous, but still excited at the prospect of having a fire service icon on our Engine Company. Talk about pressure! I think the fact that he actually stayed at our station instead of letting us put him up at a hotel says something about his character and his love for the job. Everyone was really impressed with his seminar. He's a knowledgeable guy and a real class-act."

According to Chief Dunlevy, Chief Buckman's overnight tour with the MTFD was uneventful. However, the impression he left behind was a lasting one. "Chief Buckman is a respected friend of our department and we are grateful for his contributions to the fire service."

Sills presented 25 year pin



On December 3, 2005 at the Montpelier Fire Department's Christmas party, Rex Sills was presented with his 25 year pin. Presenting the pin to Rex is Lloyd Wright, District 8B Chairman. (submitted by Lloyd Wright)

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Monroe Township Fire Department hosts annual awards ceremony

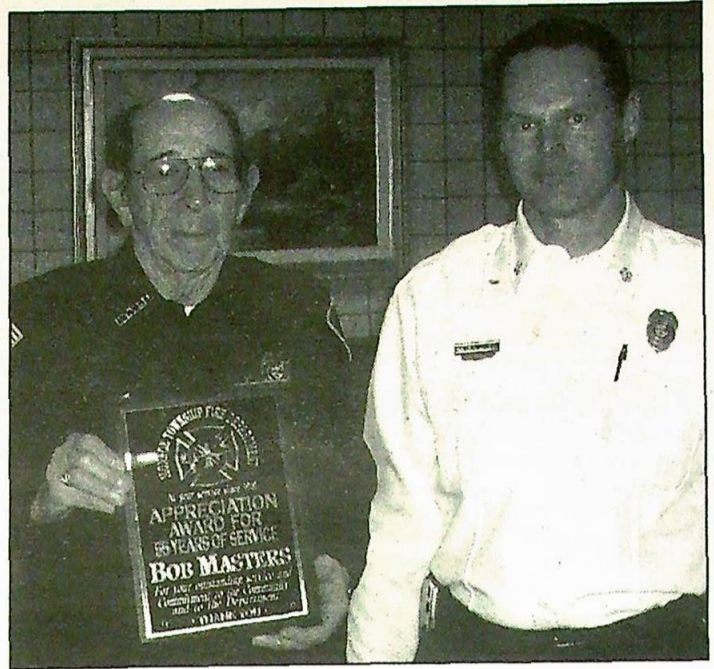
The Monroe Township Fire Department of Henryville, Indiana honored several firefighters for outstanding achievement and dedication to service at the MTFD annual awards ceremony. The ceremony is held every year in conjunction with the department's Christmas banquet. Chief Doug Dunlevy expressed his appreciation to all of his personnel, recognizing each firefighter's individual achievements throughout the year.

"It has been a busy year," states Chief Dunlevy. "Our call volume has significantly increased. The population growth related to rapid development in our area has resulted in a growing demand for EMS and fire protection service." As the community grows, Chief Dunlevy strives for growth and improvement within the department. "Our volunteers have gone above and beyond this year to meet the needs of our community. It is important that we recognize their efforts."

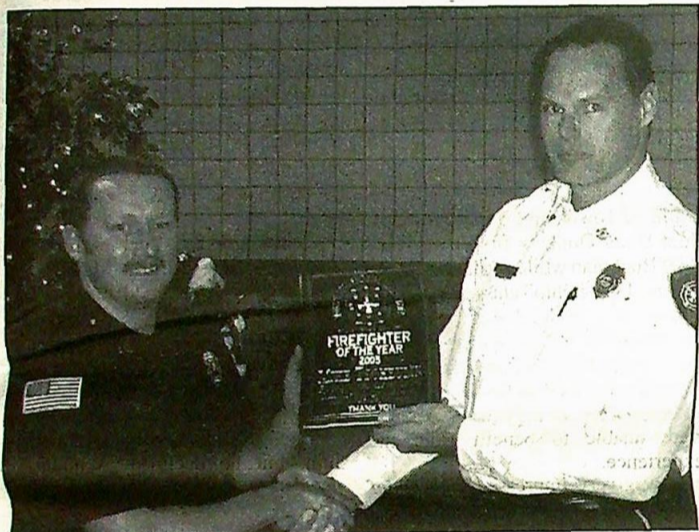
The Monroe Township Fire Department is an all-volunteer department comprised of 55 active members responding out of two stations, with plans for a third underway. For more information about the department, please visit their website at www.MTVFD.com



Firefighter Harry Sullivan receives a 25 year service award from IVFA District chairman Al Williamson.



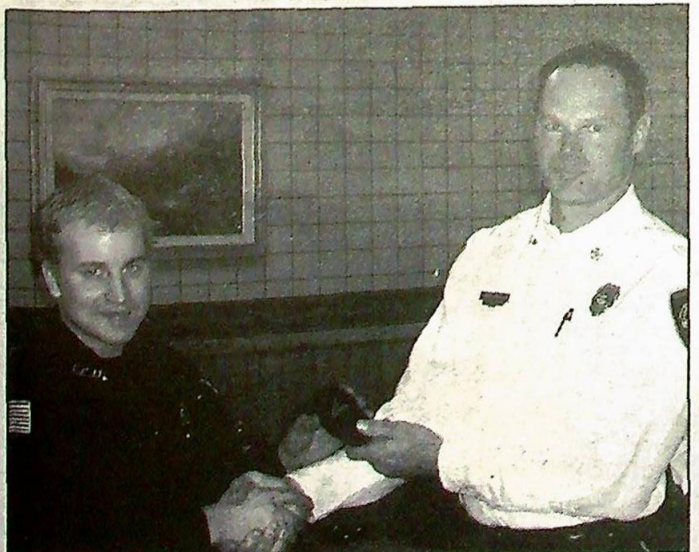
Chief Doug Dunlevy presents past chief Bob Masters an Appreciation of Service Award, recognizing his 55 years of dedicated service to the department.



Chief Doug Dunlevy presents Sergeant Mike Tscheulin with the MTFD Firefighter of the Year award.



Chief Doug Dunlevy presents Rookie of the Year Ed Cissel with a Gerber Tool as a token of appreciation.



Chief Doug Dunlevy presents Firefighter Jared Phillips with a Gerber Tool in special appreciation of his dedication to service and contributions to the department.

Station dedication held

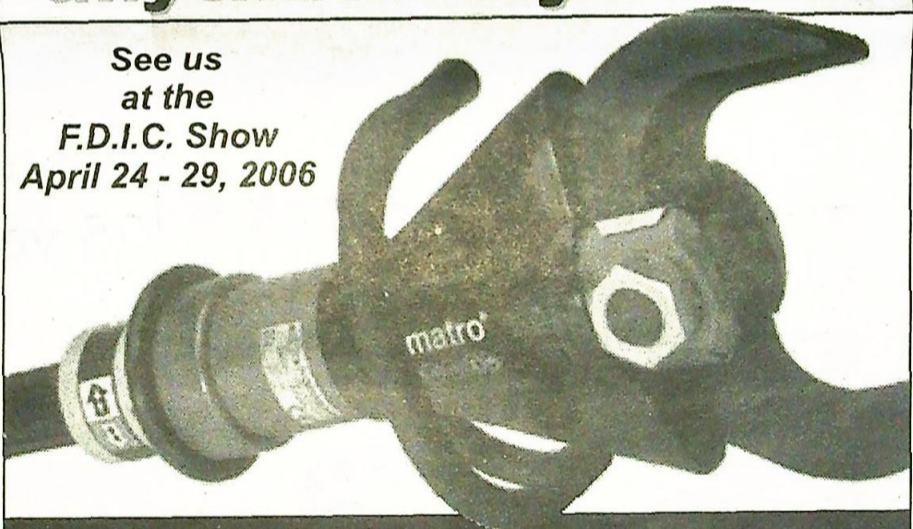
Pictured at right: District 14 chairman Al Williamson presenting Chief Doug Dunlevy (accepting the plaque) and Assistant Chief Harold Robison Sr., a new clock for the dedication of the Monroe Twp. Sta 2 in Underwood.

(photos submitted by Al Williamson)



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responder services provided by fire and rescue, emergency medical and law enforcement agencies. This traditional relationship should be acknowledged in achieving NIMS compliance within an integrated local government plan for NIMS compliance. School district participation in local government's NIMS preparedness program is essential to ensure that first responder services are delivered to schools in a timely and effective manner. It would be useful for staff and teachers to take the IS-700 NIMS introductory course, but not required by the NIMS Integration Center. **My community is compliant with the NIIMS (National Incident Management System). Does this mean that we're compliant with NIMS?** Compliance with NIIMS does not constitute compliance with NIMS. NIIMS, adopted by several federal, state, and local agencies in 1982, served as the basis for today's National Incident Management System (NIMS). Although there are many similarities between the NIIMS and the NIMS; there are some key differences. NIIMS was designed to meet the challenges of wildland fire. The NIMS was designed to address the challenges of all hazard and terrorist events. In addition, there is increased emphasis on prevention and preparedness measures in NIMS. With the exception of the way the intelligence function is handled, the principles and concepts of NIMS ICS (containing the same as the NIIMS ICS. Under the NIMS ICS, the incident commander has flexibility in where to assign the intelligence and information function, e.g., command staff or operations. Following is an outline of the five components of the NIIMS and the six components of NIMS. NIIMS: 1) Incident Command System, 2) Training, 3) Qualification and Certification, 4) Publication Management, 5) Supporting Technologies; NIMS: 1) Command and Management, including ICS, 2) Preparedness, 3) Resource Management, 4) Communications and Information Management, 5) Supporting Technologies, 6) NIMS Management and Maintenance. **Do all elected officials in city or county government need to take NIMS training?** The NIMS Integration

Center recommends that state, local and tribal political and government leaders, agency and organization administrators and department heads all take IS-700 NIMS, An Introduction. This independent study course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. It also briefly covers ICS, which is of particular benefit for those who are less familiar with it. The Center encourages also all emergency personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management or response take the NIMS course. It is offered free-of-charge through the Emergency Management Institute at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. **IS 700: Do responders already ICS trained have to take it?** Personnel who have already had ICS training should also take the NIMS awareness course. It will help them understand the NIMS, its principles and underlying components. IS-700 is basically an introduction to the NIMS. It's true that the course also focuses on ICS basics, however, the course places ICS within the context of NIMS. It is up to local jurisdictions to determine who in their jurisdictions should have the training, but we are urging that all emergency response/emergency management personnel take the introductory NIMS training. It is provided free of charge through the Emergency Management Institute Virtual Campus, at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is700.asp>. It is an independent online study course that takes about three hours to complete. **Our 911 center, which receives and dispatches all emergency and non-emergency calls has told us that we may not use 10-codes at all. I gather we must use plain language when using NIMS ICS. Is that correct?** According to the NIMS: "Incident communications are facilitated through the development and use of a common communications plan and interoperable communications processes and architectures. This integrated approach links the operational and support units of the various agencies involved and is necessary to maintain communications connectivity and discipline and enable common situational awareness and interaction." The ability to communicate within ICS is absolutely critical and using standard or common terminology is essential to ensuring efficient, clear communication. ICS requires the use of common terminology; that is, the use of plain

English. Common terminology in communications is necessary to support mutual aid and the infusion of new responders coming to an event so they will be able to communicate with one another. All exercises that responders participate in should feature plain English commands so they can function in a multi-jurisdiction environment. Field manuals and training should also be revised to reflect the plain English standard. That said, it is the intention of the NIMS Integration Center to take a practical common sense approach to this, and not cut off funding to a city because we hear of first responder who happens use ten codes. **What constitutes "full NIMS implementation" or "full NIMS compliance" in FY2007, starting 10/1/06? We've seen that phrase used in NIMS documents, but we can't find a specific description of what it means. Is it just completion of the activities begun in FY2005, or is it something more than that? What is "full NIMS implementation" supposed to look like at the state, local and tribal government levels?** Specific NIMS requirements for "full NIMS compliance" to be completed during FY 2006 have not yet been released. Everything that is required for FY 2005 compliance activities is outlined on the NIMS page on the FEMA.GOV Web site, in a summary document that is derived from the Secretary's letter to the governors, and the letter itself. **SUBJECT: STATE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING SYSTEM** - Question: How is a district training council formed? Response: A meeting will be held within a district in which an election will be conducted. Each Fire Department that files their NFIRS reports has one vote in the election process. The final rules on when, where, how, who and requirements for the election are being developed at this time. Question: Who can serve on a district training council? Response: The document provides for a cross sectional representation. The following are the positions that make up a district training council. *1 career fire chief, *1 volunteer fire chief, *1 career instructor, *1 volunteer instructor, *1 career firefighter, *1 volunteer firefighter, *1 university member, *2 citizens. Question: I heard an unconfirmed report (rumor) that the proposed training system would jeopardize Indiana's IFSAC accreditation. Is that true? Response: Not true. The Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education is

the body that received the IFSAC accreditation. The development of a State Training system will enhance the BFFPSE accreditation standing because the system will ensure consistency in the delivery of certification training. Question: Will a fire department still be able to present certification training at their individual station when the State Training System is in place? Response: Yes. The State is not requiring that all training take place under the State Training System. Question: Will the State Training System change the certification requirements? Response: No. **SUBJECT: FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION** - Question: How are changes to the Certification proposed or made? Response: The Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education makes changes and monitors the certification system. The Board is appointed by the Governor and is comprised of firefighters, officers and members of the public. The Board meets every 6 weeks. Question: What is the status of the mandatory training program outline? Response: The outlines along with learning objectives and PowerPoint are being developed. The entire document should be complete by 12/01/05. **SUBJECT: FIRE AND BUILDING CODES** - Question: What NFPA codes are being updated? Response: The following NFPA codes are being updated. The official announcement will be made in the Indiana Register within weeks. The NFPA codes are adopted by reference and used in the enforcement of the Indiana fire and building codes. To obtain copies of the NFPA standards contact NFPA at www.nfpa.org, NFPA 10 2002 Portable Fire Extinguishers, NFPA 11 2002 Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam, NFPA 12 2000 Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems, NFPA 15 2001 Water Spray Fixed Systems, NFPA 17 2002 Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems, NFPA 17A 2002 Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems, NFPA 25 2002 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection Systems, NFPA 33 2003 Spray Application Using Flammable and Combustible Materials, NFPA 34 2003 Dipping and Coating Processes Using Flammable or Combustible Liquids, NFPA 37 2002 Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines, NFPA 50 2001 Bulk Oxygen Systems and Consumer Sites, NFPA 50B 1999 Liquefied Hydrogen Systems at

Consumer Sites, NFPA 51 2002 Design and Installation of Oxygen-Fuel Systems for Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes, NFPA 51B 2003 Fire Prevention in Use of Cutting and Welding Processes, NFPA 52 2002 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicular Fuel Systems, NFPA 59 2004 Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants, NFPA 59A 2001 Production and Storage and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), NFPA 70 2005 National Electrical Code, NFPA 72 2002 National Fire Alarm Code, NFPA 82 2004 Incinerators, Waste and Linen Handling Systems and Equipment, NFPA 385 2000 Tank Vehicles for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, NFPA 407 2001 Aircraft Fuel Servicing, NFPA 704 2001 Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials, NFPA 1123 2000 Outdoor Display of Fireworks, NFPA 2001 2004 Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems. **SUBJECT: NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** - Question: I've been told that the deadlines for NIMS compliance have been pushed back a year; is this true? Response: The deadline for NIMS compliance is Sept. 30, 2006, the end of FY 2006. However, full NIMS implementation is a dynamic process and changes should be expected to the NIMS as technical and policy issues are further refined at the national level. More information on this will be forthcoming. There are NIMS implementation requirements that need to be achieved by Sept. 30, 2005, the end of FY 2005. They are outlined in the Secretary's letter to the Governors on the NIMS Web page, <http://www.fema.gov/nims>, under the NIMS Compliance section. NIMS implementation requirements for FY 2006 will be released later this year. The NIMS compliance deadlines have not been extended. Question: The NIMS document mentions a credentialing system tied to training and certification standards. Is there a national credentialing system in place that we need to follow? Response: The development of a nationwide credentialing system is a fundamental component of NIMS. The NIMS Integration Center has launched an effort to develop a National Emergency Responder Credentialing System that will provide incident commanders and supporting multi-agency coordination systems with the means to verify, quickly and ion

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accurately, the identity and qualifications of emergency personnel responding to an incident. A national credentialing system can document minimum professional qualifications, certifications, training and education requirements that define baseline criteria expected of emergency response professionals and volunteers. While such a system is meant to verify the identity and qualifications of emergency responders, it does not provide automatic access to an incident site. The NIMS Integration Center's credentialing system can help prevent unauthorized, i.e., self-dispatched or unqualified personnel, access to an incident site. **Question:** We know that NIMS emphasizes resource management and resource typing. Does that mean we are supposed to do our own resource typing, or what? **Response:** No, you should not start 'typing' your resources. Communities and jurisdictions should begin to use the resource typing definitions to describe or inventory their resources using the NIMS Resource Typing Definitions. State and local jurisdictions may use Homeland Security grant funds to create an inventory of their resources in accordance with the 120 Resource Typing Definitions. **Question:** What is resource typing? **Response:** Resource typing is the categorization and description of response resources that are commonly exchanged in disasters through mutual aid agreements. FEMA and the NIMS Integration Center have developed and published 120 Resource Typing Definitions. The Center is continuing resource-typing work and has established new working groups for the ongoing initiative. Resource typing definitions can give emergency responders the information they need to make sure they request and receive the appropriate resources for their needs during an emergency or disaster, and help to make the resource request and dispatch process more accurate and efficient. Federal, state, territory and local officials should use the 120 Resource Typing Definitions to help them develop and update their inventories of response assets. **Question:** What is the purpose of resource typing? **Response:** Resource typing enhances emergency readiness and response at all levels of government through a system that allows an already overwhelmed jurisdiction to augment its response resources during an incident. Standard resource typing definitions help responders request and deploy the resources they need through the use of common terminology. They allow emergency management personnel to identify, locate, request, order and track outside resources quickly and effectively and facilitate the movement of these resources to the jurisdiction that needs them. **Question:** Could you please discuss the relationship between NIMS and the Emergency Support Functions? **Response:** NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach that allows federal, state, local and tribal governments as well as private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together manage incidents and disasters of all kinds. The National Response Plan is an all-discipline, all-hazards plan that provides the structure and mechanisms for coordinating federal support to state and local jurisdictions. Emergency Support Functions are the way that the NRP groups the capabilities and functional expertise of federal departments and agencies and the American Red Cross. This helps them provide the resources and emergency services needed during a major disaster. Each ESF is composed of primary and support agencies. While NIMS and NRP are closely related,

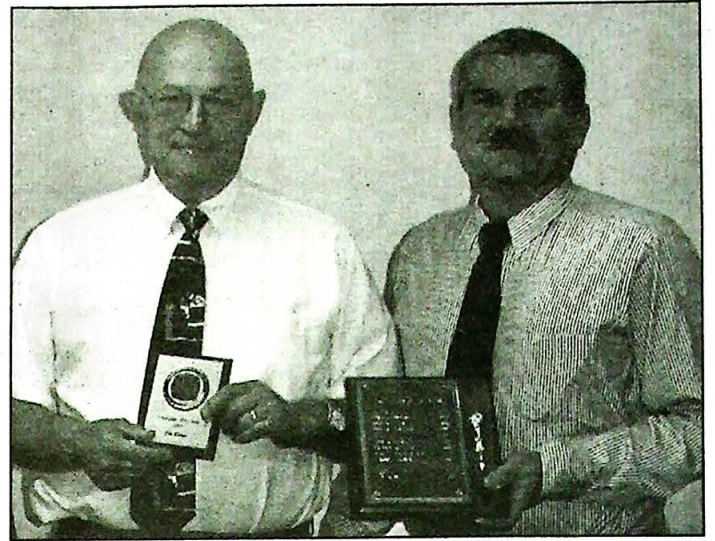
ESFs are associated only with the NRP. They are NRP coordinating mechanisms for providing federal assistance to states and local and tribal governments in an emergency or disaster.

SUBJECT: STATE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING SYSTEM - **Question:** Will the state training system require all firefighters to attend a state training program? **Response:** No. Local fire departments will continue to have the options to deliver training with their own instructors at their departments. **Question:** Will this proposal increase training requirements on firefighters? **Response:** No. There is no proposal to increase training requirements in the state training system briefing document. **Question:** When will the state training system start? **Response:** Governor Daniels has endorsed the plan. The staff at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security are researching funding mechanisms to begin operations. The plan will be phased in over a period of time. The largest hurdle to immediate implementation is the securing of a long term funding source(s) that can sustain the training plan for years. **Question:** What is the purpose of the State Training Council? **Response:** The primary purpose of the State Training Council is to administer the District Training and District Infrastructure grant programs. **Question:** What is the purpose of the district training council? **Response:** The primary purpose is to develop a training needs analysis and report the results to the State Training Council along with a funding request. This needs analysis will include an assessment of current delivery systems within a district, training needs of that district and an infrastructure assessment. The infrastructure assessment may include a grant request. When the district plan has been approved by the State the district will manage the funds to ensure that the plan is followed, training occurs in accordance with the rules and develop schedules.

SUBJECT: NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS - **Question:** Does the state have training requirements for NIMS? **Response:**

No. The federal government established the training requirements for the National Incident Management System. The State of Indiana has not and does not plan to develop additional training requirements for NIMS. **Question:** There is a state certification through the Board of Firefighting Personnel standards and education. Am I required to take the State certification course in addition to the Federal course? **Response:** No, if you have taken the federal on-line training and successfully completed the training material and passed the test you DO NOT have to acquire the State certification in addition to the Federal. **Question:** Who needs NIMS training? **Response:** According to the NIMS Integration Center - anyone who is likely to be requested to respond to an emergency should complete the NIMS training. The NIMS Integration Center suggests that the following take the course as soon as possible: Executive level - Political and government leaders, agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as Unified Commanders, Incident Commanders, Command Staff, General Staff in either Area Command or single incidents; senior level Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; senior emergency managers; and Emergency Operations Center Command or General Staff. Managerial Level - Agency and organization management between the executive level and first level supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as Branch Directors, Division/Group Supervisors, Unit Leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders and field supervisors; mid level Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; EOC Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Unit Leaders; and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS Training. Responder Level - Emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level including Emergency Medical Service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel; police officers; public health personnel; public works/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel.

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(submitted by Maureen McNulty)

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Chief Jeff Willen presenting firefighter Molly McGuire with two certificates of training for hazmat awareness and hazmat operations.

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Ferdinand VFD 100th anniversary celebration held

Ferdinand's VFD 100th anniversary celebration and fire prevention parade were held in Ferdinand on October 16, 2005.

Photos are courtesy of Richard Tretter of the "Ferdinand News".



District 18 Royalty

District 18 Royalty are Jillian Hemmer from Holland VFD, 2nd runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Brooke Hopf of Ferdinand VFD, 1st runner-up; Katelyn Rickelman of St. Henry VFD, District 18 Miss Flame; and Amanda Gutsell from Schnellville VFD, State Miss Flame.

(submitted by Kenneth F. Lau)

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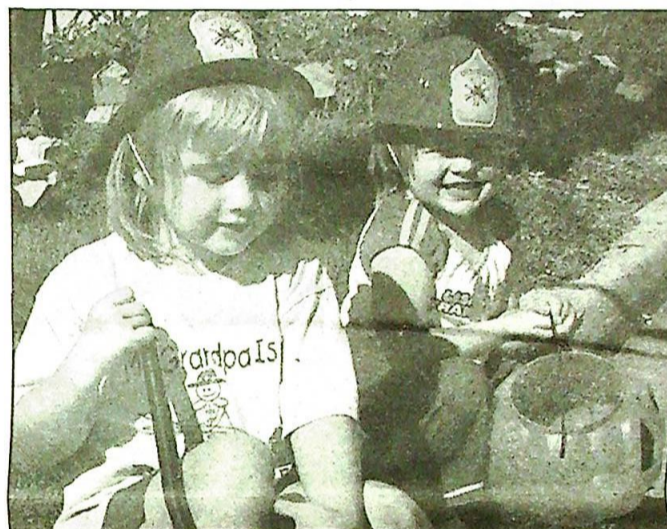
Grand Marshals

Grand Marshals are Frank "Jackson" Meyer (left) and Cletus Lubbehusen. Both were awarded 50-Year Gold Lifetime Membership Cards in a ceremony following the Fire Prevention Parade. *(submitted by Kenneth F. Lau)*

Waiting for parade to start

Megan Welp 7, and Kaitlyn Witte, 3, from Jasper wait for the parade to begin.

They are the granddaughters of District 18 secretary Kenny and Linda Lau of Huntingburg VFD.



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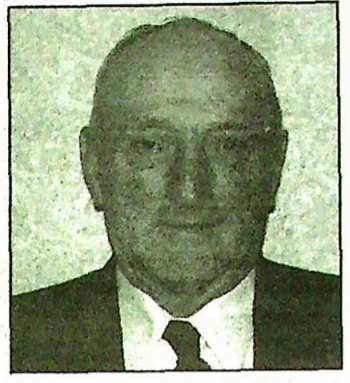
Farmland firefighters chief Jeff Willen and fire captain Toni Clark collecting for food and money for Christmas food baskets. Why is it always below freezing when you do these things? (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Firemen and wives enjoy Christmas party

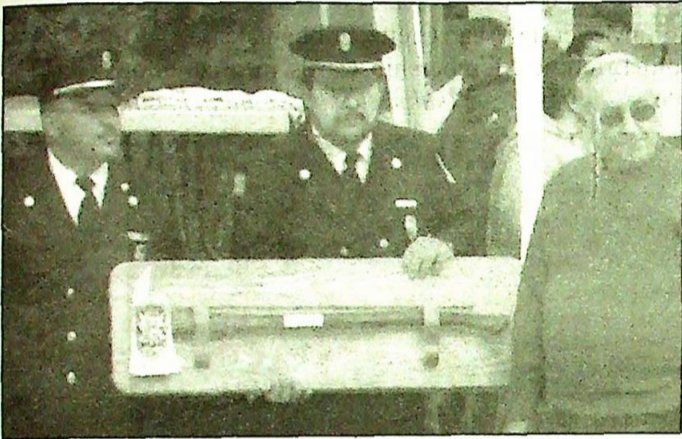


Farmland held their annual Christmas party. Twelve retired firefighters and their wives attended the 2005 party with 65 total enjoying a wonderful Christmas party. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Sergeant-At-Arms
Bill Bush



Golden axe plaque awarded to Ed Huddleston



Fire chief Jeff Willen (left) and Mike Osgood, assistant chief, hold a golden axe plaque presented to Ed Huddleston for his 50 years of service to the community and the I.V.F.A. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Gold card presented to Wilbur Stickler



On October 8, 2005, District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright presented Wilbur E. Stickler of the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department with his lifetime membership Gold Card from the I.V.F.A. for 50 years of service. Pictured with Wilbur and Lloyd is Wilbur's wife, Ruthadel. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

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Ed Huddleston presented with 50 year Gold Card



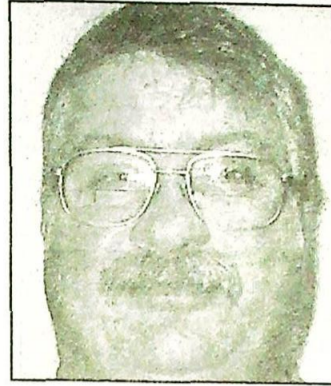
Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presents 50 year Gold Card and lifetime membership to Ed Huddleston. Ed's wife and long-time auxiliary member was there but not pictured. Ed and Wilbur were Farmland's fourth and fifth Gold Card holders from IVFA. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

Cothorn presented five year service pin



Chief Jeff Willen presents Mike Cothorn with his five year service pin. Mike, a Farmland firefighter and Fire Medic is in charge of Farmland's First Responders' duties and equipment. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

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Jerry Herndon presented 25 year service pin



Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presents Jerry Herndon, Farmland firefighter with his 25 year service pin. Jerry serves as safety officer on the Farmland Department. (submitted by Bill Sunday)

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