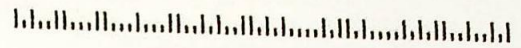


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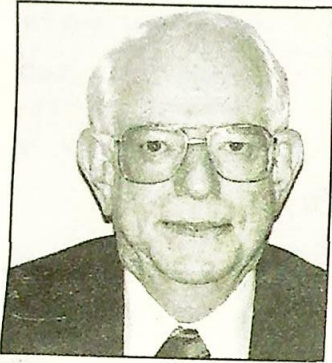
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## From The President

Larry Ketchem



By the time you receive this newspaper, the General Assembly will have been in session some three or four weeks and property taxes will be the dominating issue for this short session. I doubt if much else will be discussed, let alone considered.

I was told that over 200 bills have been filed in the Senate and the General Assembly is facing a March 14th deadline to complete their work on these items. As in the past, Jim Parker will be our Legislative Committee Chairman.

Enough politics, I'm sure you all know of someone very deserving of the Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Ollie Sandberg, and Angel Awards. Please get these letters of recommendation in before the March 1st deadline.

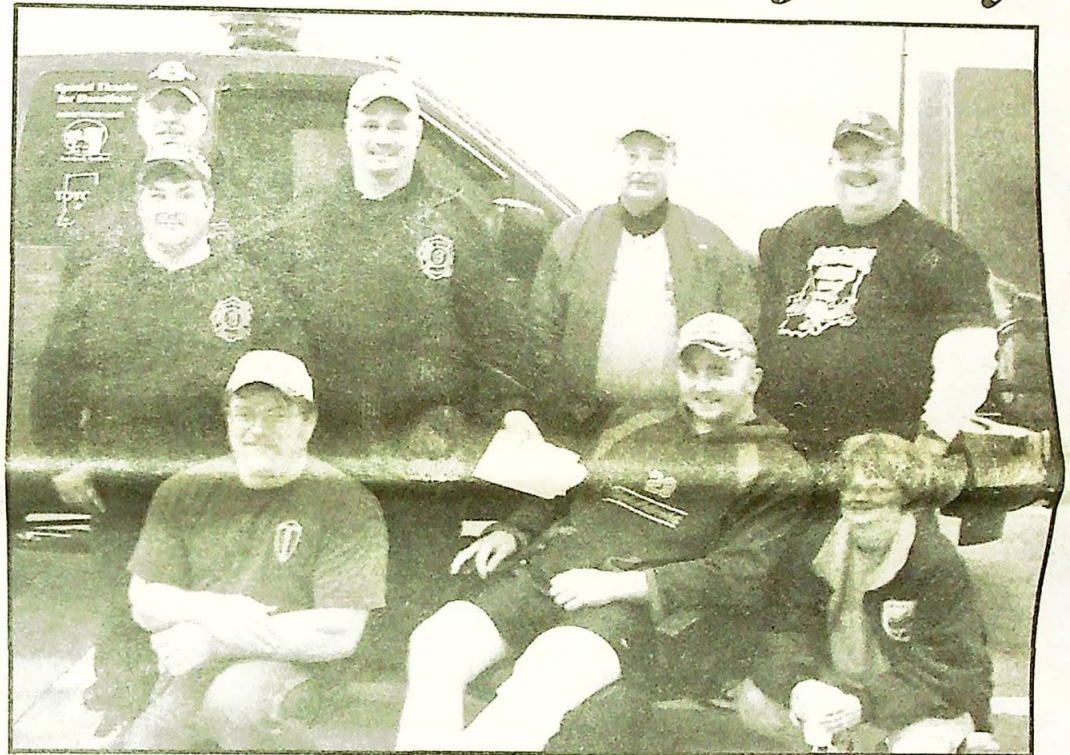
It's also time to be choosing your Miss Flame candidates for 2008. Let's see if we can't set another record for participants for this year's state competition.

If you have not already done so, make your reservations for Convention 2008. The forms can be found in this issue of the paper.

In closing, Barbara and I would like to thank you all for your prayers, calls, cards and visits since her recent knee replacement surgery. According to her doctors and therapists she is doing great and should be better than ever soon. Thanks again.

Larry D. Ketchem  
IVFA President

## Helping out close friends makes us a family



Rick Scherer is pictured seated center front surrounded by fellow department members.

## Member retires from service

On December 4th, 2007, Stephen Sparks from Miami Township-New Waverly Fire Department, retired from the fire service.

He was a 27 year member of the department, and enjoyed doing what he did. He had held just about every office available within the department.

Stephen received a plaque for thanks and his 25 year pin from the IVFA. A short reception was held afterwards.

A big thanks from his home department and District 9-A, go out to him. - submitted by Leighanne Ellis, District 9-A chairperson

Let me start out by saying that it is great when friends come together to help out a great family such as the Rick Scherer family.

On January 5, 2008 a benefit was held for Rick Scherer at the Grandview Fire Department. He had an accident at work on December 20, 2007 and was taken by ambulance to Louisville; he suffered 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on his left leg.

He underwent skin grafts on December 29, 2007, which was successful, so in the meantime his wife and daughter have been traveling back and forth to Louisville, which put a strain, of course, on the wallet with gas prices as high as they are and they had to eat and stay in a hotel.

Rick was able to come home on January 2, 2008. After returning

home that evening they were able to relax and have Christmas together and enjoy a HOME cooked meal.

Knowing that times were going to be hard for the next couple of months on recovery, as was keeping up with the bills, the benefit dinner was a great blessing. Not just for the Scherer family, but for the Fire Department also. Rick is one of the newest members of the department. It meant a lot that he was able to actually attend the benefit and everyone was able to see for themselves just how he was doing. That was a true blessing.

There are quite a lot of people that need to be thanked, all those who prepared and cooked, from the chili to the desserts. Everyone did a great job and it couldn't have been done without them. Thank you goes out

kettle to cook the chili, Wendy's, Grandview Tavern and Chris Middleton, with Business and Insurance Solutions for the donation of everything we needed to prepare the great meal we served. To Bill and Tammy Scherer for their food donation. Everyone who donated their time and money, you have made this family very thankful for having such great friends.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR EVERYTHING!

Sincerely;  
George Schwoeppe II  
Grandview Fire Chief  
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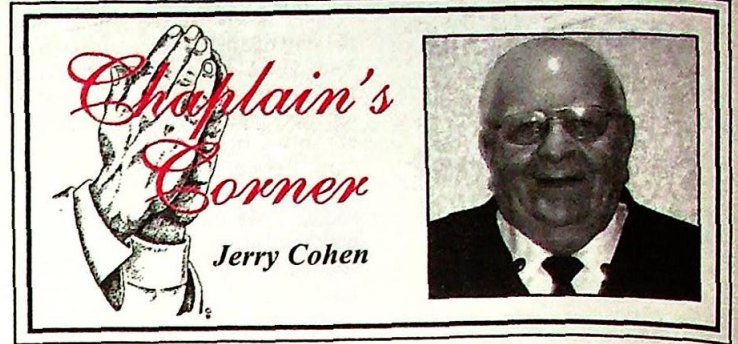
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Prayer is not changing God's will but our will to His.

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I believe that it is God's will that you serve your communities as volunteer firefighters.

I pray that God's richest blessing be with each of you everyday in all that you say and do and in all your comings and goings.

Jerry Cohen  
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We should make good use of each day on our calendar

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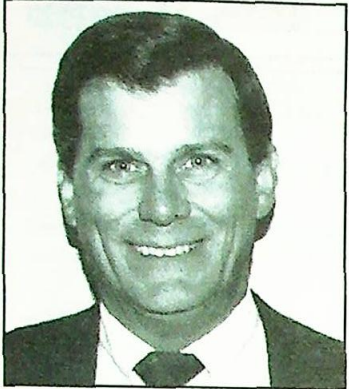
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# From The Vice President

David Elick



Well, another holiday season is behind us, so it's back to the "normal" groove and the start of a new year. With a new year comes new challenges, new positions, new responsibilities, and for some, new departments or new to the fire service all together.

Training is the starting place for all things new. For new fire department members, it seems as though there is so much to learn in so little time. Mandatory training, Firefighter I/II, and "the old guys" are good places to start. For new officers, the new responsibilities and duties can seem overwhelming at times. Classes are being offered in each of the public relations areas covering recruitment, retention, and how to deal with some of the challenges facing today's fire department officers.

Also with the start of a new year

come newly-elected officials and the start of a new legislative session. Your IVFA will continue working hard to promote legislation that is not only beneficial to volunteers, but to the fire service as a whole. Open lines of communications and support are critical for continued success. Working together, along with the Indiana Fire Chiefs Assn. and the Firefighters Union, the fire service will be stronger and safer for each and every firefighter in

Indiana. Please continue showing your support with your input and suggestions.

For those of you that are planning on attending the convention this year, please get your reservation made AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We all look forward to seeing you in VeVay.

Stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Dave Elick  
IVFA Vice President

## Department responds to apartment fire

Fowler, Indiana -- On October 10, 2007 at 10:30 p.m. the Fowler-Center Twp. Fire Department responded to an apartment fire at 404 W. First St. in Fowler. The initial page advised that flames were visible and there was a possible victim inside. Firefighter Greg Howard, who lives directly across the street, was first on the scene. He observed the west end of the building engulfed and flames billowing out of the picture window and over the roof.

One subject was known to reside in the apartment and his vehicle was observed nearby. As several firefighters attempted to attack the fire, Assistant Chief Matt Rosenbarger and myself decided to conduct a rescue attempt. Assistant Chief Rosenbarger, Firefighters Keith Burton, Brad Schwartz and Don Pitstick entered the scene.

After a search of the kitchen and living room revealed nothing, they encountered a closed bedroom door. Upon entering, voices were heard from a window. I had ordered Firefighters Rex Kepner and Steve Rettig to remove a window. They observed the subject unconscious lying on the floor. The subject was located and removed through the open window to the waiting firefighters and E.M.T's. The subject was alive, unconscious and had suffered severe smoke inhalation. His condition was very critical, but he has made a remarkable recovery. Twenty firefighters were present at the scene and all played an important role in saving a building and a life.

I have been a firefighter for thirty-four years and until 2007 had not been at a fire scene where a subject had to be rescued. Early this spring our department rescued a young man from a second story window while the house below was burning. A working smoke detector alerted him from his sleep and he was able to call 911 from his cell phone.

Bill Burton, Fire Chief

# Obituaries

## Member passes away

### William "Billie" Johnson

William "Billie" Johnson, firefighter on Galveston Fire Department, and a member in District 9-A, passed away on December 21, 2007.

He joined Galveston in 1949, but did not join the IVFA until August 20, 1998.

He is survived by a sister and nephew.

On January 9, 2007, at Galveston Fire Department, a Bible and Grave Marker were presented to his sister in his honor, and Galveston presented a broken ladder flower arrangement. - submitted by District 9-A chairperson, Leighanne Ellis.

## Miss Flame news for 2008

### Attention: all fire departments and districts

It is that time of the year to start your search for your Miss Flame candidate for the contest to be held at convention in Belterra in June. Elsewhere in the paper you will find the Miss Flame guidelines, qualifications and rules for entering the Miss Flame contest. A friendly reminder -- Applications for those competing in the State Miss Flame contest are to be sent to me by March 10, 2008.

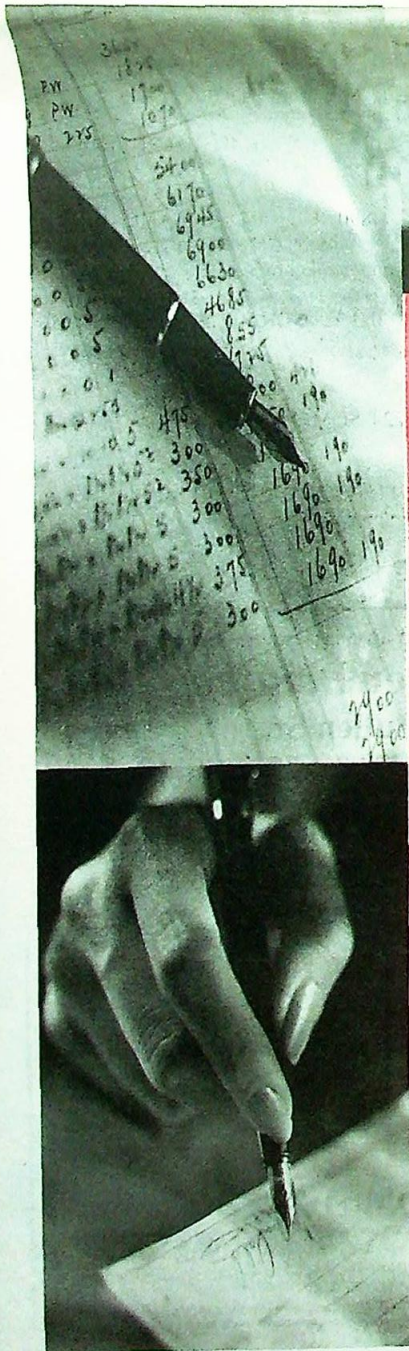
Only one candidate from each department can compete in the district contest, and only one candidate from each district may compete in the state contest. Please hold your contest in a timely manner so that everyone has a chance to enter.

The last several years we have had a large number of contestants. I would like to encourage each district to have a representative this year for our convention.

If you have questions, please contact me. Also, if you will let me know when your contest is, I will make every effort to attend. The Miss Flame contest is a great opportunity for our young people to participate and be a part of our organizations and our convention.

Applications are available from your district chairman or from me. See my address below:

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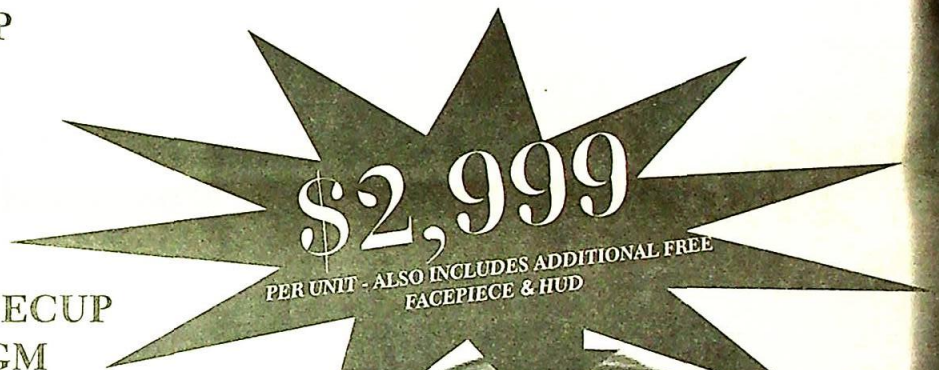
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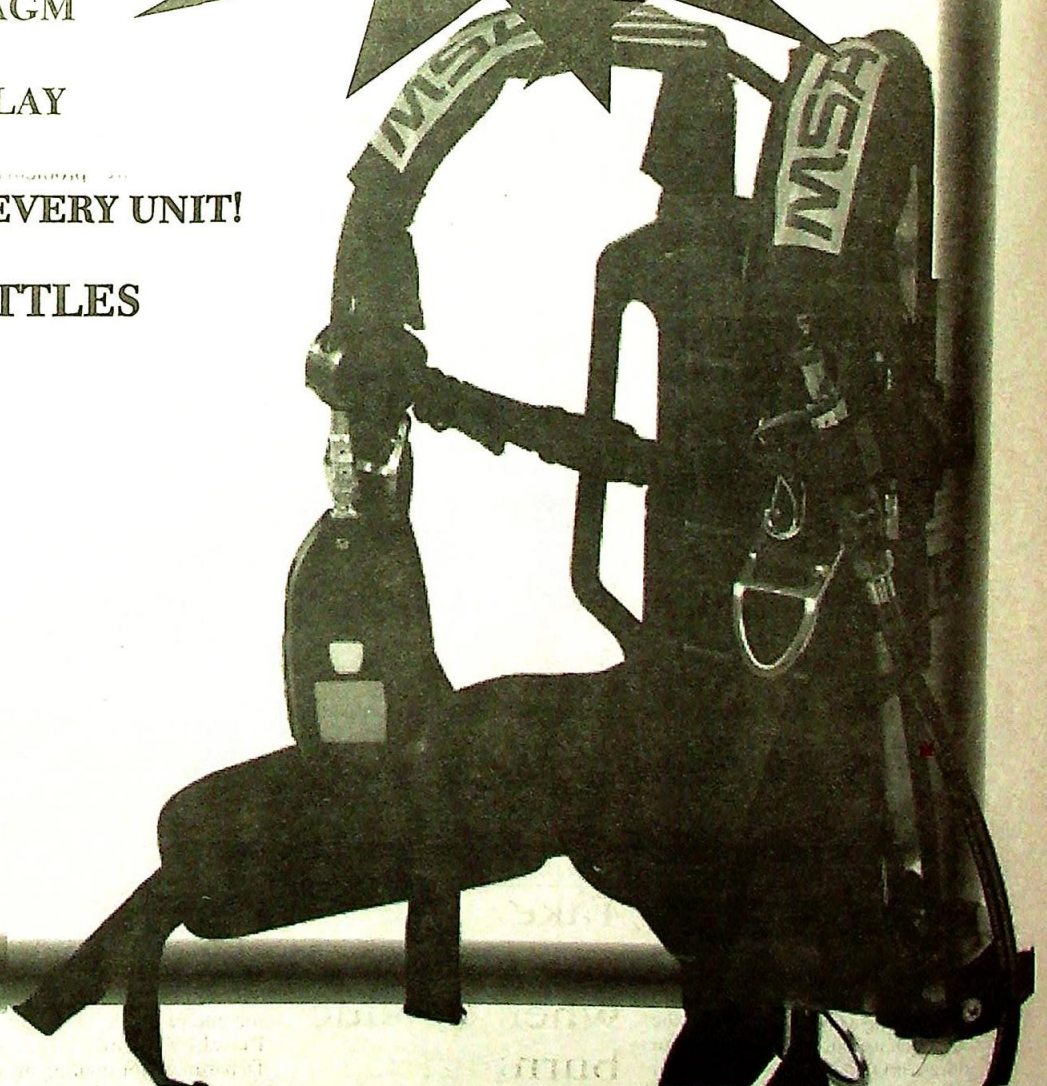
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Bruce Yonkers: Glad to be here.

Wall Cook: Glad to be here and will help to find answers for any of your insurance needs.

Old business: None

New business: Dave Kaufman: advised there is a proposed By-Law change that we will address in January. He advised that there are proposed rule changes in state law for the Board of Firefighter Professional Standards and Education that will be voted on at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He reminds us to have our beneficiary information correct and current on all insurance forms. Whatever is there is where the money will go. He asked if everyone had been contacted by the AD&D Insurance group. There have been some problems with the sales staff relative to this, which is being corrected. This includes an accidental death & disability coverage in the amount of \$2,000.00 and is not tied to Line of Duty incidents.

Jerry Cohen: advises that Fallen Heroes will give \$3,000.00 to families of fallen heroes to help with immediate expenses while waiting for insurance payments.

Good of the order: None.

The next meeting will be held January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Long Beach Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM on a motion by Kevin Bluhm, seconded by Earl McLain.

Tim Sandy,  
Acting Secretary

## DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

## DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



David G. Kaufman

District 3 meeting  
November 15, 2007

Kingsbury Fire Station

Kingsbury Chief Mark Ritter gave a program on the history of Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department and recent happenings at the Kingsbury Industrial Park. The program was very informative and enjoyed by all present.

District chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call revealed there were 19 members representing 6 departments and 7 guests in attendance. Minutes were approved as printed by a motion from Tim Sandy.

Guests were: Jerry Cohen, State Chaplain

Tim Sandy, Past District 3 Chairman

Jim Bradford, PRNW

Ron Devenport, PRNW Associate Chaplain

Bruce Yonkers, District 1

Wally Cook, Walter Cook Insurance Agency

Ken Nemes, Memorial MedFlight

Comments for the guests:

Jerry Cohen: Read a test about God and your life's future and performance.

Jim Bradford: Announced that the NFPA required firefighter physicals would be tied to AFG Grants this next year. He talked about the federal LOSAP bill that has been proposed. He also reports the PSOB will use required physical information to support awards. Jim spoke about the ionization type smoke detectors that are having trouble with reliability. The testing agencies are recommending the combination Ionization and Photoelectric style be used from now on. Jim advised that HB3597 was passed which is the HART Act and the Federal Death Benefit is now \$292,000.00. Articles for the next paper need to be in by January 10<sup>th</sup> for the February issue. If you are not receiving a paper, check with the district chairman to make sure your address is OK.

Ken Nemes: reminds us of their

## DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Walt Reiter

DISTRICT #7  
November 19, 2007  
BLUFFTON

GUESTS: Mark Sale, Global Emergency Products; Mort Sorg, PRNE; Rex Min, Hoosier Propane.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Reiter at 8:15. Chairman Reiter led the body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first roll call answered by 40 members representing 16 departments.

Chairman Reiter announced proposed by-laws changes regarding member status and annual meeting. Further discussion next month.

Chairman Reiter spoke briefly on National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation and on the local level Supporting Heroes. The 17th Indiana Fire Services Institute and Fire Caucus will be Monday, February 4th.

Currently accepting nominations for all state awards and also The Global Award at the district level. Contact chairman Reiter with any questions. The state is also working on a statewide agility test.

Mort Sorg, PRNE, presented more information on Supporting Heroes. The IVFA license plate applications are available again, with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Mort also commented that departments making mutual aid runs across state lines should make sure that their worker's compensation is in place for such instances.

Mark Sale, Global Emergency Products stated that he has a truck on display outside after the meeting.

Mort Sorg, PRNE, asked if anyone has any problems with American Family Insurance to please contact the central office to follow up with these issues.

Next meeting will be January 21, 2008 at Chester Township.

The final roll call answered by 40 members representing 16 departments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Rex Min presented a propane safety program.

Richard Sorg  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN



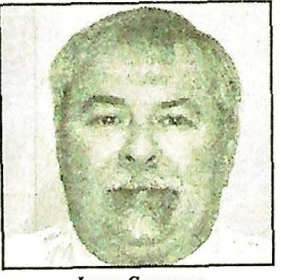
Terry Smith

## DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



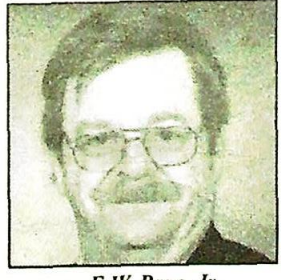
Tony Farrer

## DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN



Jerry Sprague

## DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

Hello, firefighters:

I hope all is well in the new year. I have to thank the district secretary of District 8A, Phil, who attended the state officer's meeting for me. I wish to thank "Chief Peachey" and Cicero Fire Department for inviting myself and my wife, Joan, to their Christmas

party. Nice time had by all.

I hope all firefighters and departments are applying for the available grants and training being offered by federal and state agencies.

Plan on attending the dedication of Upland in February. The department is planning on a very nice affair. Please attend your department meetings and training.

Please remember that any firefighters deaths in your departments should be called to myself as soon as possible so I can get the information to the Central Office. I also need the information so we can get the firefighter honored in June at the convention.

Please get your reservations for the convention in June.

See you at district meetings.  
Bill Pape  
District 8A chairman

## DISTRICT 9A CHAIRMAN



Leighanne Ellis

DISTRICT 9A MEETING,  
SEPTEMBER 27

The District 9A meeting was held September 27, 2007 at Galveston Vol. Fire Department with six departments represented. Guests were Jerry Cohen, Buz Koehler, Mitch Parish, Jim Brannon and Bruce Yonkers.

The meeting was presided over by our new District 9A chairperson, Leigh Ann Ellis. The pledge was recited followed by prayer by Jerry Cohen. The minutes were read and approved.

Jim Brannon reported the newspaper should be out the first week of November. Articles are due by October 10.

If your department is rejected for a grant, send a copy to Gary Roberson to find what is wrong.

You can access the Bridgeport scholarship application on line.

Mitch Parish - He reported on activities of the National Volunteer Fire Council. The convention in 2009 will be in Indianapolis.

A heart attack killed a firefighter in Terre Haute. More firefighters are killed by heart attacks and other related illnesses than in fires.

The last five past presidents of the IVFA have passed away this year.

The driver safety film is available. Each chief should have the signature of all who viewed it.

Buz Koehler - He asked us again to do the survey of the age of your fire department.

We need nominations for the Ollie Sandburg, Angel Award and other awards to be presented in 2008. We need names to be submitted from our district. We need new Miss Flame candidates for 2008 by the January meeting.

A trustee or other township official can become an associate member of IVFA.

No illnesses were reported.

Camden will have a pancake and sausage breakfast on Oct. 6 from 6 - 10. Delphi will have ham and beans on Nov. 3 from 4 - 8 P.M.

New Waverly will have a chicken bash October 26 from 4 - 7.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen asked for member departments to find a chaplain for their department. Training will be provided for these persons.

It was moved we vote NO for making the historian a state officer. Carried. A change for the by-laws is to make the historian an officer of the Association to be voted. We ask our representatives to vote no on this change.

The 50/50 of \$12 was won by John Zook.

Leigh Ann Ellis - Chairperson  
Joyce Ancil - Secretary

DISTRICT 9A MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 17, 2007

The District 9A meeting was held at Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department with 12 members from six departments in attendance.

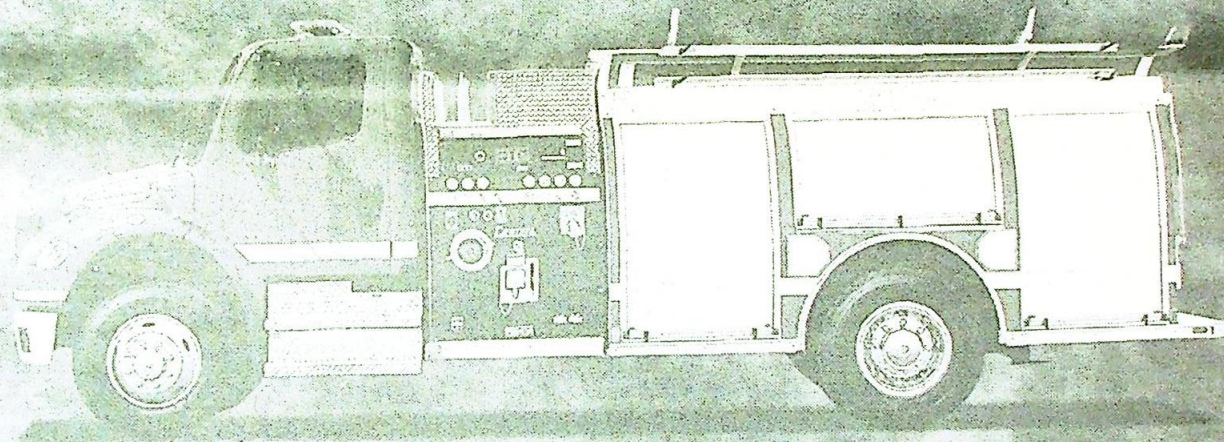
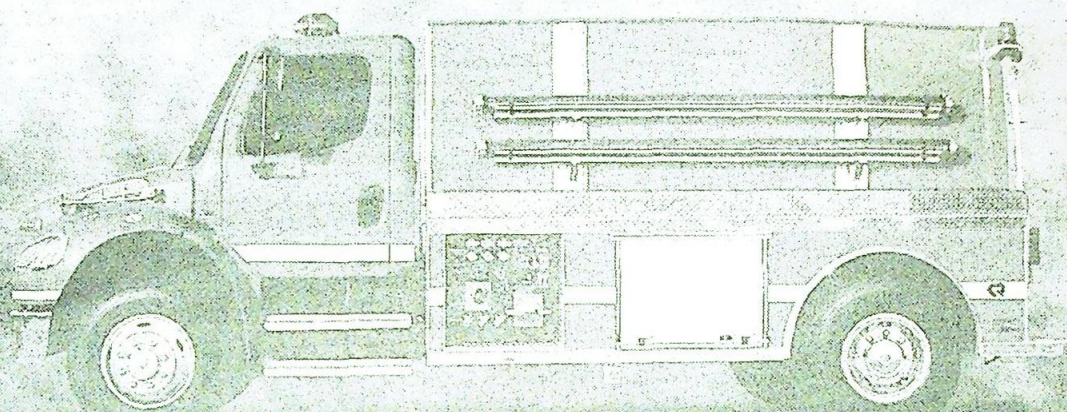
Terry Lococo, new representative for this area from Fire and Building Safety, the Division of Indiana Department of Homeland Security

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## District 9A

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spoke to us about things he is responsible for in his position. He gave us information on types of activities he is over and how they are handled. Items offered are education sources offered at a conference at West Lafayette on July 19-23, 2008. There is also information available on damage assessment.

The meeting was opened by the pledge led by Chairman Leigh Ann Ellis. Mitch Parish reported the House passed a tax relief bill for volunteer firefighters.

Buz Koehler reported the Fire Institute Dinner will be February 4, 2008 in Indianapolis, social hour 5:30-6:30 with dinner at 6:30. Individual tickets are \$125. This is an opportunity to meet and talk with your legislators. By-law changes were presented. David Ancil/John Minglin moved we accept the by-law changes presented concerning representation at conventions. Carried.

The Historian will still be an appointed position rather than a voted position. Nominations for all awards are due by February 1. Bridgeport scholarships are available to firefighters or members of their families.

If a firefighter is killed in the line of duty, their death claim must be submitted no longer than 90 days from death. Several of these claims are still pending.

Miss Flame candidates for 9A must be in by January 1, 2008.

We need to encourage more people to join our membership - trustees, other township officers, etc.

Next paper deadline is January 10.

50/50 drawing was won by Mitch Parish and donated back.

Temo Garette and Curtis Borden won folders from IVFA.

Next meeting will be January 24 at Harrison Twp. Alto.

Motion to adjourn at 9/20.

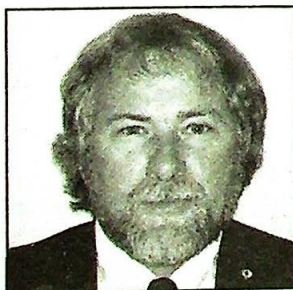
Leigh Ann Ellis - Chairperson  
Joyce Ancil - Secretary

### DISTRICT 9B CHAIRMAN



Randy Denton

### DISTRICT 10 CHAIRMAN



David Israel

Happy New Year everyone. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let's recap 2007 District 10. What a year we had. Our own Miss Flame Kerri Davis from Hartsville received runner up in the State IVFA Miss Flame Contest at Convention 2007, our own Harold Capper from

Clifford VFD received the IVFA'S top award naming him Mr. IVFA for 2007. Edward Stone of the Hope VFD received the District 10 Globe Award for 2007.

I would like to THANK everyone for their support and attendance at the meetings this year -- it was great. A special thanks to everyone that attended the November meeting at Burney-Clay VFD. That was super to see 100 plus members there and to see past District 10 chairmen and people that hadn't been to a district meeting in years in attendance that night. Hope to see you this year in the crowd.

When you get this paper a lot of things will be going on in the Legislation. The Governor is bound and determined to streamline Government and privatize and consolidate everything else. I personally do not think all of this is good for everyone involved. Ask those firefighters in Marion County that joined IFD Ranks what they think about the merger (not good things to say about it).

We as fire fighters need to keep up with this year's Legislation. They can be viewed on the IVFA website (ivfa.org) as we get the bills going thru session. When the call goes out to call your local Legislator please do so ASAP, it only takes 6-7 calls to get their attention. The township trustees are up on the chopping block again. This session will deal mainly on the property tax stuff. But we need your help and support on these issues that affect you, your fire department and your community.

Things in the District: congratulations to Danielle Kuhn from Manilla VFD she will represent District 10 this year in 2008 at Convention. Thank you, Danielle Mathews from St. Paul VFD for participating - hope to see you again in November.

The 2008 District 10 meeting schedule is posted on the IVFA website. Check it out (also sign up your fire department if it is not already listed in the district section) only two meetings not filled yet (September, October, Westport might take November if their new Fire Station is completed by then). Call me if you would like to host a meeting.

2008 District 10 meetings February 20 Whiteland (Johnson Co.), March 19 Marietta (Shelby Co.), April 16 (Clay Twp. Barth. Co.), May 21 Edinburg Fire & Rescue (Johnson Co.), August 20 (Rushville Twp. Rush Co.). Hope to see you there. August is election night; if I bore you real bad and you can make it better - run for it and I will step down. If you think you can get the meeting notices out better - run for it. Make sure and post those fund raisers and trainings on the IVFA web site.

Have a safe year. See you at the district meetings.

David Israel

### DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

I hope that each of you had a safe and happy holiday season.

By the time you receive this paper our district will have selected a Miss Flame for the upcoming convention.

Hope that you have your letters in for the different awards.

Many thanks go to Gill Township for their hospitality and becoming members of the IVFA. Their department has stations at both Merom and New Lebanon.

Dave Phelps is the vice chairman of District 11A. His phone number is (812) 299-4257. If you are unable to reach me, give him a call.

Until next time, work safe and stay warm.

Robert Meyers,  
District 11A chairman

### DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

WASHINGTON TWP-  
REELSVILLE  
NOVEMBER 11, 2007

The meeting opened with a program put on by the Reelsville Honor Guard. They presented colors followed by a prayer given by Doug Hansel and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Jack Giles followed by the playing of Taps.

Chairman Bush introduced the guests present, roll call was taken with 24 members from four departments responding. A skit was presented by members of the host department that had been performed at the local school during Fire Prevention Week that was enjoyed by all. The secretary's report was read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Diane Harrison, WCPR spoke on the Supporting Heroes program and also the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Program. Chairman Bush then introduced IVFA president Larry Ketchem who spoke in detail on these two programs that Diane is so involved with. He spoke on other items brought up at the recent officer's meeting. He also mentioned that Task Force 7, when it first was started, were all volunteer firefighters. Chairman Bush read a proposed by-law change on Art 3, changes on the membership. Sect. 1, membership on the Association. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes as read and

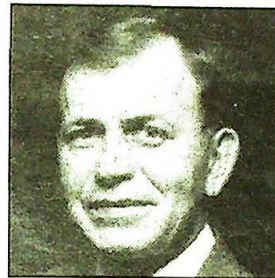
printed. Art 6, Sect. 6, a motion was made and seconded to approve the changes as read and to accept the changes as printed. Art 5, Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 a motion was made and seconded to approve the changes as read and to accept the changes as printed.

The District Auxiliary chairperson, Barb Ketchem announced that the Miss Flame activities would be held during the March meeting. The host certificate was presented to Chief John McPherson of the Reelsville Fire Department.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies  
Secretary

### DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

### DISTRICT 13A CHAIRMAN



Carol Thrawley

### DISTRICT 13B CHAIRMAN



Dennis Spears

### DISTRICT 14 CHAIRMAN



Charlie Moon

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and are ready for this new year to fly right on by like all the others have.

I've still been circulating thru the district having meetings, trainings, and going to different events/functions, and I do greatly appreciate the invites and always do enjoy being asked and able to attend, so keep on calling me and I'll try to attend.

Our membership is still growing as I hope it continues to.

By the time you receive this greeting our district will have chosen this year's 2008 District 14 Miss Flame and anyone requesting her attendance at an event/function give me a call and we'll try to attend.

A big hats off to the other candidates that wished to represent our district; all I can say is I'm glad I didn't have to do the judging; in my eyes they all were winners.

Hope to see you at our next District 14 meeting, your attendance is always appreciated.

I will post it on the IVFA website along with sending it out via e-mail, so get those e-mail addresses to me ASAP.

Stay safe.

Charlie Moon  
District 14  
IVFA chairman

### DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



Steve Anderson

Let me start by giving the tentative schedule for 2008:  
March 18 at GE

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## District 15

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May 20 at Scott Twp.  
July 15 at Yankeetown  
Sept. 16 at Hazelton -- White River

Nov. 18 at Griffin  
2007 was a good year for our district. We were hosts for the annual convention; we had four great candidates in our Miss Flame contest, and we had a very competitive waterball contest. For 2008, let's try to increase participation in these contests and increase attendance at the district meetings.

I encourage everyone to pay close attention to the legislative session this year. A good tool to use is the Bill Watch feature on the IN.gov website. It updates you via email on action taken on up to 10 bills you decide to track.

Until next time, be safe.

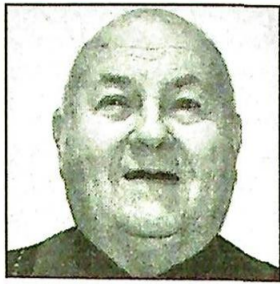
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### DISTRICT 16 CHAIRMAN



Paul Holcomb

### DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Jack Harker

My last District 17A meeting was held on November 20th, it was hosted by Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department at Glendale, IN.

There were 26 members present representing 11 departments. There were also six guests present. A 50-year Gold Card was presented to Phil Taylor with the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department for his 50 years of dedication to the fire service.

Tim Smith with Homeland Security District 10 spoke about training props that could be used by all the departments in District 10.

My next meeting will be before the paper comes out. It is the annual sausage supper hosted by Vincennes Township on January 19th. I'm sure I will see a lot of you there.

Submitted by  
Jack Harker  
District 17A chairman

### DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings District members,  
Another year has gone and a new one has started and a busy one at that.

The district would like to thank Bloomington Township Fire Department for hosting our last meeting and a big thanks to Chief Faron Livingston for the great meal served.

Congratulations go out to Shawswick Fire Department of Lawrence County Fire Chief Bob Brown as the recipient of the District 17B 2007 Global Award.

A big Christmas gift has been dropped in the lap of the firefighters at Marshal Township of Lawrence County with the notice of the 2007 FEMA grant on Friday January 4, 2007. The \$220,500 grant will replace their 30 year old Ford Engine.

Get involved with community events and grants in 2008 while we can. If you haven't made

reservations for the June convention do so soon.

Sincerely,  
Tim Deckard  
District 17 B

### DISTRICT 18 CHAIRMAN



John C. "Bull" Smith

Greetings from the 18\* District. I hope everyone out there had a happy holiday season.

The meeting of the 18\* District was held at the Luce Twp. Richland Station on 15 November.

A short memorial service was observed in honor of Albert "Al" Betz, founding member of the St. Anthony VFD who answered his "Final Alarm" on November 7, 2007. Al was a 44 year member of the IVFA. Guests attending the meeting included: Jack and Barb Kerney, chairman of IVFA board and Central Office, Jim and Stella Abrams, Southwest IVFA Public Relations, Bob Starke of Fire Apparatus Division, Randy Yoder from Harmonic Electronics, Jim Anderson and Ty Hunter of

WBDC/WAXL/WRZR Radio, and Courtney Gentry, our new District 18 Miss Flame.

Haysville Fire Department was given a wave of praise for the outstanding job of hosting the 40\* Annual District 18 Fire Prevention Parade on October 14.

Courtney Gentry, representing the Holland Fire Department was selected as the new District Miss Flame. First runner-up was Jenna Lindauer, Ferdinand Fire Department; and second runner-up was Jenna Vaal, St. Meinrad Fire Department.

I would also like to report that it was my honor (sad though it was) to present an Accidental Death and Dismemberment check to Mrs. Patsy Zellers. She is the widow of Frank "Poodie" Zellers of the Tell City Fire Department, who lost his life in a three-wheeler accident. Fourteen departments were represented at the meeting and reported answering a total of 202 calls.

Our next meeting will be on 17 January at St. Anthony. Hope to see you there!

Until next time-  
"Don't get your hose in a kink"  
John C. "Bull" Smith  
District 18 Chair

### DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. Be careful on emergency runs with slick roads.

I congratulate Rachel Butt on being named District 19 Miss Flame. Her parents are Doug and Tina. Rachel will represent District 19 and Sunman Rural Fire Department and Sunman Area Life Squad. Good luck at the convention in June.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Belterra, Florence, IN for the convention June 18th-21st. Bring the family and enjoy the activities.

Ed Scheele  
District 19 chairman

### DISTRICT 21 CHAIRMAN



Don Fultz

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#### IFIA Dates to Remember

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March 2, 3, 9 & 10, 2008

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June 2008 - Exact dates to be announced

New Albany School of Fire & Emergency Services  
August 2008-Exact dates to be announced

Indianapolis School of Fire & Emergency Services  
November 1, 2, 8, & 9, 2008

# First place waterball winners hosted by Portland VFD



Shown are the first place winners of the waterball contest held July 1, 2007 at the Jay County fairgrounds hosted by the Portland Volunteer Fire Department.

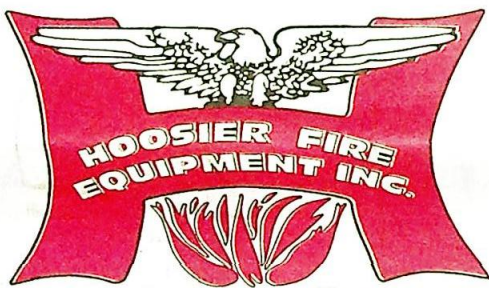
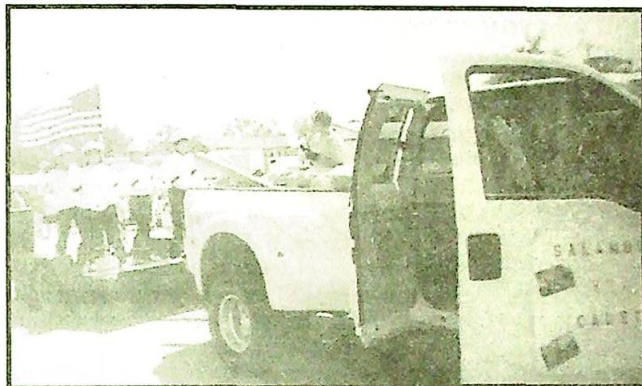
From left to right: Rich Imel, Lonnie Bell, and Charlie McClain from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department cadets from left to right: Leader Bruce Manor, A. J. Cain, Chelsey Gettinger, Megan Karn, Ashley Theurer, Michelle Ankrom, Matt Theurer and assistant leader Rich Theurer. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Salamonia VFD cadets ride in Pennville parade

Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department cadets riding on the float in the Pennville parade held in July 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER'S  
ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY  
MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2007  
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Larry Ketchem called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. Vice President Dave Elick led the Pledge to the Flag.

President called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by secretary Larry Bartlow.

Past president Willie Parish made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul Watland, District 2, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**PRESIDENT KETCHEM:** Still recovering from eye surgery and not been out much. Only driven 1400 this quarter.

**VICE PRESIDENT ELICK:** Pass.

**CHAPLAIN COHEN:** Attended seven memorials and three district meetings.

**SECRETARY BARTLOW:** Attended one memorial service.

**TREASURER BEV HARKER:** Explained the Profit and Loss sheet for the year in comparison with the budget. She pointed out some places where income was less than expected (Credit Card Royalty, License Plate sales) and areas where expenses exceeded the budget. Some excess expenses are: delegate mileage to convention, Funeral Fund, officers' expense, professional fees and the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C. Most of this expense are somewhat due to inflation, but needs to be watched.

Chaplain Cohen made motion to accept the treasurer's report. Past president Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed.

**SGT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH:** Checked to see if everyone that ordered IVFA clocks got them on time.

President Ketchem introduced Tom Hanify, President of the Professional Firefighters Union. Mr. Hanify spoke about their agenda for Legislation this year. He stated that this is the short session and that Property Tax is the main issue this year. Anytime tax cuts are discussed Public Safety is one of the first places they look to cut. We, the Fire Service, all need to work together to keep reductions from happening. He spoke on the need to participate in the Department of Homeland Security Training Districts.

President Ketchem introduced Fire Marshal Roger Johnson. Marshal Johnson spoke on the different types of smoke detectors

and their different characteristics. The Ionization Smoke Detector is a good detector for fast flaming fires and a PhotoElectric Detector is the best for a slow smoldering fire. A residence should have a combination detector or one of each kind at every location in the home.

A question was brought up about the delay in getting an investigator to a fire scene by Department of Homeland Security and who is in charge of this. The particular incident was a suspicious fire and an investigator was called for by the fire department. The investigator was over 48 hours getting to the scene. Need written statement to forward to the Governor.

Also have issue with qualification of Airport Fire Authority as to who has control and what training do state and federal authorities require. Again we need written information for the Governor on the lack of support for the Fire Service on major problems.

President Ketchem announced that all quarterly meetings 2008 would be held at the Holiday Inn in Columbus. The dates of the meeting is the first weekend of February, May, August and November. Room rates will stay the same.

President Ketchem introduced Gary Robison from the Department of Homeland Security. Gary spoke of the new Memorial Team put together by DHS to assist Fire Departments, EMS and EMA in the event of a Line of Duty Death. This group is "Local Assistance State Team" or L.A.S.T. is to assist fire departments and families of fallen members. This group will be available to provide information as to what needs to be done for state and federal benefits that may be available to the families. To request this Team for a Line of Duty Death call 866-736-5868. This team will only respond when requested. They will be on scene within six hours. The family and fire department are their priority at all times. They will always ask before taking any actions. They will make every effort to be transparent and work behind the scene. They will provide timely and accurate information, as it is necessary. Practice Team integrity at all times.

They will serve with Honor, Dignity and Respect.

They will not self respond without going through dispatch from the 866-736-5868 office. They will not take over.

They will help the families in filing with the Department of Justice for the Public Safety Officer Benefit. They have also set up a clearinghouse to make sure that all information is in proper form to submit and track it after it is filed.

They are asking for the IVFA for financial help in acquiring equipment for this Team to use. Other Fire Organizations have donated \$2000 each for this.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**PRNW JIM BRADFORD:** Attended six district meetings, one IVFAA district meeting, four fundraisers, International Waterball event, four memorials, two funerals, one trip to *Printco* for a total of 2157 miles.

**PRNE JEAN SMITH:** Attended two District meetings.

**PRWC DIANE HARRISON:** Attended all district meetings and two memorial meetings.

**PREC SCOTT HARRIS:** Attended five district meetings.

**PRSW JIM ABRAMS:** Attended

all district meetings and one memorial service.

**PRSE AL WILLIAMSON:** Absent.

### PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

**BUZ KOEHLER:** Pass.

**JACK KERNEY:** Pass.

**JACK ZEEKS:** Pass.

**RICHARD GLANT:** Pass.

**WILLIE PARISH:** Pass.

**CARL BRUNS:** Pass.

**JIM PARKER:** Pass

### DISTRICT REPORTS

**DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL:** Next meeting to be announced.

**DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND:** Next meeting is November 21, 2007 at Morgan Twp. Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 3 - DAVE KAUFMAN:** Next meeting is November 15, 2007 at Kingsbury Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 4 - TERRY SMITH:** Next meeting January 23, 2008 at Warren Twp. Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER:** Next meeting November 8, 2007 at North Webster Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 6 - JERRY SPRAGUE:** (Dave Elick reporting) - Next meeting November 27, 2007 at Thorncreek Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 7 - WALTER REITER:** Next meeting November 19, 2007 at Bluffton Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 8A- BILL PAPE:** (Phil Achubach reporting) - Next meeting November 14, 2007 at Cicero Twp Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD WRIGHT:** Next meeting is November 14, 2007 at Bryant Fire Department.

**DISTRICT 9A - LEIGHANNE ELLIS:** Next meeting November 15, 2007 at Georgetown Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON:** (Buz Koehler reporting) - Next meeting is November 8, 2007 at Star City Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 10 - DAVID ISRAEL:** Next meeting November 21, 2007 at Burney-Clay Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 11A- ROBERT MEYERS:** Next meeting is November 18, 2007 at Farmersburg.

**DISTRICT 11B - BRENT BUSH:** Next meeting is November 11, 2007 at Reelsville Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 12 - LARRY BRUNER:** Absent.

**DISTRICT 13 - CAROL THRAWLEY:** Next meeting November 13, 2007 at Wilkinson Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 13B - DENNIS SPEARS:** (Scott Harris reporting) - Next meeting is November 13, 2007 at New Lisbon.

**DISTRICT 14 - CHARLIE MOON:** Next meeting is November 8, 2007 at North Vernon Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 15 - STEVE ANDERSON:** Next meeting is November 20, 2007 at Skelton Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB:** Next meeting is November 14, 2007 at Campbellsburg Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 17A - JACK HARKER:** Next meeting is November 20, 2007 at Harrison Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 17B - TIM DECKARD:** Next meeting is November 28, 2007 at Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept. Has problem with DHS Training District 8 not supporting everyone in the area.

**DISTRICT 18 - JOHN SMITH:** Next meeting is November 15, 2007 at Luce Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE:**

Next meeting is November 15, 2007 at Manchester Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ:** Next meeting is November 27, 2007 at Buck Creek Twp. Fire Dept.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CONVENTION - DAVID ISRAEL:** Approved the Convention Guidelines that will be passed today. Anyone interested in bidding on Convention 2010 need to have request to Committee by February 1, 2008.

**CONVENTION 2008 - STEVE MACKIE:** Discussed Convention 2008 on the easy routes to get to Belterra from different areas of the state. Also need to get room reservations made with the hotel. Convention schedule is in the paper.

**BUDGET - BEV HARKER:** Presented the 2008 proposed Budget as was presented at August meeting with the following recommendations to cut our expenses in the next year.

(1) Delegate mileage reimbursement to be paid at same rate as officer's rate.

(2) Only pay for one delegate to National Volunteer Fire Council.

(3) Chaplain mileage very high this year, need better use of Associate Chaplains to reduce mileage.

(4) Convention Games Expense; need to set deadline for entries for the games. If no interest for games they be cancelled before convention to save the expense of pulling equipment to convention.

(5) Only pay for one representative to Department of Homeland Security meetings.

(6) To reduce the number people going to National Fire Caucus in Washington D.C. from 8 to 6.

(7) Purchase tickets for Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Dinner for those wanting to go and not pay mileage to drive there.

The Treasurer recommends that the Budget be passed as presented and work to reduce expense.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. Reconvened at 8:30 A.M.

Morning message by Chaplain Cohen.

**INSURANCE - LARRY KETCHEM:** Has had no response from AD&D Insurance Company. Jack has been in contact with them about some of our problems. If you have a problem with an agent; get his name, area complaint happened in and a phone of where it happened and send this information to the Central Office. This company will follow up on the complaints.

**BRIDGEPORT - CARL BRUNS:** Committee extended the deadline for filing the information for a claim from 30 days to 90 days effective immediately.

**MISS FLAME - AMBER FARRER:** Told of her travels this past quarter.

**NEWSPAPER - JIM BRADFORD:** Printed 16,450 copies of November paper. Check paper for your correct address, phone number and E-mail information. Deadline for February paper is January 10, 2008.

**AD-TAKER - WILLIE PARISH:** All ads for this year are paid.

**CLOTHING CLAIMS - JIM BRADFORD:** Paid one claim for glasses.

**CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY:** District packets passed out this meeting include: Paid/Not Paid departments in each district, bad addresses, length of service for "25 Year" pins and Gold Cards, deceased member list, and the Convention Guidelines revision.

Still trying to send dues packets to departments with bad addresses. Membership comparison 17,633 for 2006 and 16,337 so far for 2007. License plates are down about 90.

**SUPPORTING HEROES - ERIC JOHNSON:** Gave update on activities of the organization. Would like to ask for our organization endorse the "Supporting Heroes" program.

Jack Kerney made motion for President Ketchem to write letter showing our support of "Supporting Heroes". Chaplain Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

Jack Kerney made motion that Supporting Heroes can use our logo in their advertisements. Past president Richard made the second. Motion passed.

**MICHELLE BAXTER - AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE:** This is the Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance that is provided to our members at no cost to you. A new mailing of information will be made in January 2008. Answered several questions about coverage: (1) No reduction in benefits for two members of same household in same Organization. (2) you are covered for every organization you belong to that uses this Insurance.

**BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY:** Attended the August meeting. The Board approved 29 variances, denied two and tabled one. One verbal warning to an instructor for mishandling a test. Unable to attend the October meeting. The next meeting will be December 3, 2007 at Firefighters Union Hall in Indianapolis.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL- JACK KERNEY:** Attended meeting in Rhode Island National Homeland Security Mutual aid plan is being used in some areas. Insurance Workers Compensation does not follow you across state lines. Check with your insurance carrier. Attended Conference & Education meeting and expressed his concern about the raising cost of sending a representative to these meetings. The LOSAP pension program is now called The Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2007( H.B. 2160 and S.B. 1840) we need to contact our senator and representatives to sign on to these bills and support them. PSOB Benefits now being paid for heart attack.

**WEB SITE - BUZ KOEHLER:** Reported on the two line surveys taken this last quarter. The survey on if Department provided compensation for runs or training. Of the 846 Volunteer Fire Departments in Indiana, 148 responded. The other question was for the departments that are 100 years old or older. Had 38 departments respond.

**FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE DINNER - BUZ KOEHLER:** Spoke of the upcoming Institute Dinner. It will be February 4, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Much discussion for ways to increase attendance and get more involvement.

**CONGRESSIONAL FIRE INSTITUTE DINNER - BUZ KOEHLER:** This dinner and seminar is April 2 & 3, 2008 in Washington D.C.

**MEMBERSHIP - STEVE ANDERSON:** Needs committee meeting next quarter to finalize some issues.

**CONVENTION 2007 - STEVE ANDERSON:** Their \$2000 sales tax exemption was denied by the State

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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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Tax Board. The credit Card machine has been closed out and sent to Convention 2008. They had 527 attendees at convention this year.

CONVENTION 2009 - CAROL THRAWLEY: Have meeting this afternoon.

LOGO - JOHN SMITH: Pass.  
FIRE SCHOOLS - DAVE ELICK: Pass.

AWARDS - DAVE ELICK: All nomination letters for Awards are due by February 1, 2008.

BY-LAWS AND SOG - JIM PARKER: Need roll call vote on the By-Law change at August meeting which was to change Article 5 Section 1 to add Historian as an elected officer of the Association. The vote was Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 13A, 13B, 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 18, and 19 voted NO. District 11B and 14 voted yes. The By-Law was defeated. Three proposed By-Laws changes are attached dealing with ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP, ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING and ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS:

**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE 8/12/07**

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERS NOW READS**

Section 1. The membership of the Association shall consist of classes: Active, Inactive, Industrial, Associate, Armed Services, IVFAA Past President, 50 Year Life Member, and Honorary.

Section 2. Active Members. Any person who: a) is a member in good standing of a volunteer fire department or volunteer EMS service or volunteer rescue service or volunteer hazardous material team organized under the laws of the state of Indiana; or b) is a member in good standing of a fire department within the state of Indiana serving primarily an institution of higher education or an industrial or commercial facility, c) is a member of any municipal or not-for-profit corporation in the State of Indiana, who participates as a firefighter or emergency responder for no compensation or nominal compensation, may be an active member of the Association upon application and payment of the appropriate dues.

For purposes of this Section, the term "volunteer fire department" shall include those fire departments as defined in IC 36-8-12-2.

All past-presidents and members with fifty (50) or more years of service as a firefighter shall be active members for life without the necessity of paying further dues or meeting the other criteria set forth above, subject to revocation for cause by the two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Associate Members. Any person or firm who shares a concern for the purposes of the Association may become an Associate Member upon application and payment of appropriate dues.

Section 4. Honorary Members. The Board of Directors may confer Honorary Member status upon any person it deems deserving upon such conditions as it may from time to time determine, including but not limited to employees of the Indiana State Fire Marshal and members of the Association who are absent from active fire department participation while on active duty in the armed forces

Section 5. Inactive Members. Persons who retire or resign from active participation in the organizations outlined in Section 2 above while in good standing in the Association and continue to pay the appropriate dues.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERS PROPOSED CHANGES**

Section 1. The membership of the Association shall consist of classes: Active, Associate, Armed Services, IVFA Past President, Individual, Gold Card (50 Year Life Member), and Honorary.

Section 2. Active Members. Any person who: a) is a member in good standing of a volunteer fire department or volunteer EMS service or volunteer rescue service or volunteer hazardous material team organized under the laws of the state of Indiana; or b) is a member in good standing of a fire department within the state of Indiana serving primarily an institution of higher education or an industrial or commercial facility, c) is a member of any municipal or not-for-profit corporation in the state of Indiana, who participates as a firefighter or emergency responder for no compensation or nominal compensation, may be an active member of the Association upon application and payment of the appropriate dues.

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Section 5. Armed Services Members. Any Active Member of the Association who are absent from active fire department participation while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Section 6. Gold Card Member. (50 Year Member) A member with 50 years or more of service in the Emergency Services shall be an Active Member for Life.

Section 7. Past Presidents A Past President will be an Active Member for life.

Section 8. Individual Members Members who have been Active Members of this Association who are no longer affiliated with Emergency Services.

**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE 8/12/07**

**ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING NOW READS**

Section 6. Members belonging to an industrial fire department, also belonging to a regular organized fire department in their respective city, town, or township can only qualify as a delegate or alternate from one or the other and NOT from both departments.

**PROPOSED CHANGED**

Section 6. Members belonging to one or more regularly organized Emergency Services in their respective city, town, or township can only qualify as a delegate or alternate from one or the other and

NOT from both departments.

**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE 8/12/07**

**ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS NOW READS**

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the district chairmen present at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The amendment must first be presented at a regular district meeting in writing and passed. The amendment must then be presented in writing at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors and then taken to all the districts for their vote before action can be taken on the amendment at the next regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The district chairmen must vote the way their districts instruct them.

**PROPOSED CHANGES**

Section 1. The amendments may be presented by a district or the By-Laws Committee.

Section 2. An amendment presented by a district must be in writing and passed by the District.

Section 3. An amendment submitted by the By-Law Committee must be in writing.

Section 4. The amendment then must be presented in writing at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors for review by the Bylaw Committee.

Section 5. Upon approval the amendment then will be taken to all districts for a vote, before action can be taken, on the amendment at the next regularly quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The district chairman must vote the way their district instructed them.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Steve Anderson gave an update on the Cost Savings survey a volunteer fire Department saves a community that was sent out with the dues packets. He has a complete list from four counties that are almost complete. More information will be made soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hearing none, a motion was made by Willie Parish to adjourn and proceed to the Board of Directors' meeting. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2007**

Board chairman Jack Kerney called the meeting to order and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Request for a donation to the assistance state team. A motion by Jack Zeeks to table until the February meeting. Tony Farrer seconds the motion. Motion passed.

(2) Indiana Fire Service Institute Dinner February 4, 2008. Motion made by Jack Zeeks to send everyone that wants to go the Dinner and to not pay mileage. Richard Glant made the second. Motion Passed.

Motion by Jack Zeeks to send our Miss Flame, Amber Farrer, to the dinner. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

Willie Parish made motion that we offer a ticket to our lobbyist Shokrina Beering; but not pay any hourly fee if she attends. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Congressional Fire Caucus

Dinner in Washington D.C. Motion Carol Thrawley to send six people. John Smith made the second. Motion failed.

Motion by Buz Koehler we sent a maximum of six people, one of which is the president of the Association, with new district chairmen having the first chance to go. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed.

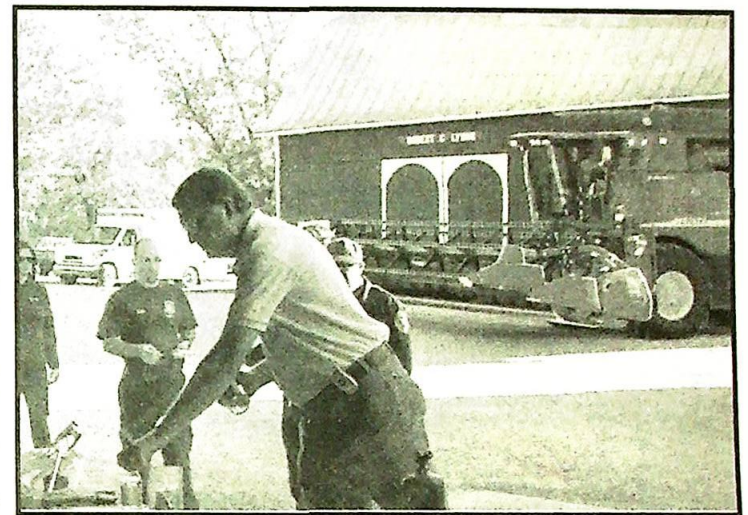
(4) 2008 proposed budget Jim

Parker made a motion to accept the budget as presented by the treasurer with the recommended she made. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

(5) Flag for display at Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, MD. Need more information. Tabled until the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

## Farm safety training held at Bob Lyons farm



A Farm Safety training was held September 29, 2007 at the Bob Lyons farm for area fire departments, EMS, Rescue 19 of Jay County. Pictured is Gary Lefeld with Lefeld Welding. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Bob Lyons and Phil Cowan explaining electrical dangers at the farm safety training held on September 29, 2007 for area Jay County fire departments, EMS and Rescue 19. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Board of Directors selects items for 2008 Legislative effort

1. An employee cannot terminate a volunteer firefighter for absenteeism due to injuries suffered in the performance of his duties.
2. Tax exemption for pay received for performance of duties as a volunteer firefighter.
3. Exempt volunteer firefighters from disease clause in I.C.5-10.13-5.
4. Allow a 5 - 10% tax increase in fire protection tax levy, above the allowable 5% increase. Funds to be used to cover additional expenses incurred in areas of exploding growth. Mandate a review each 5 years to assess the program for adjustments.

These four (4) items were selected by the Board of Directors for the 2008 Legislative session. -- submitted by James Parker.

**Deadline for all 2008 Convention Book items is April 10, 2008**

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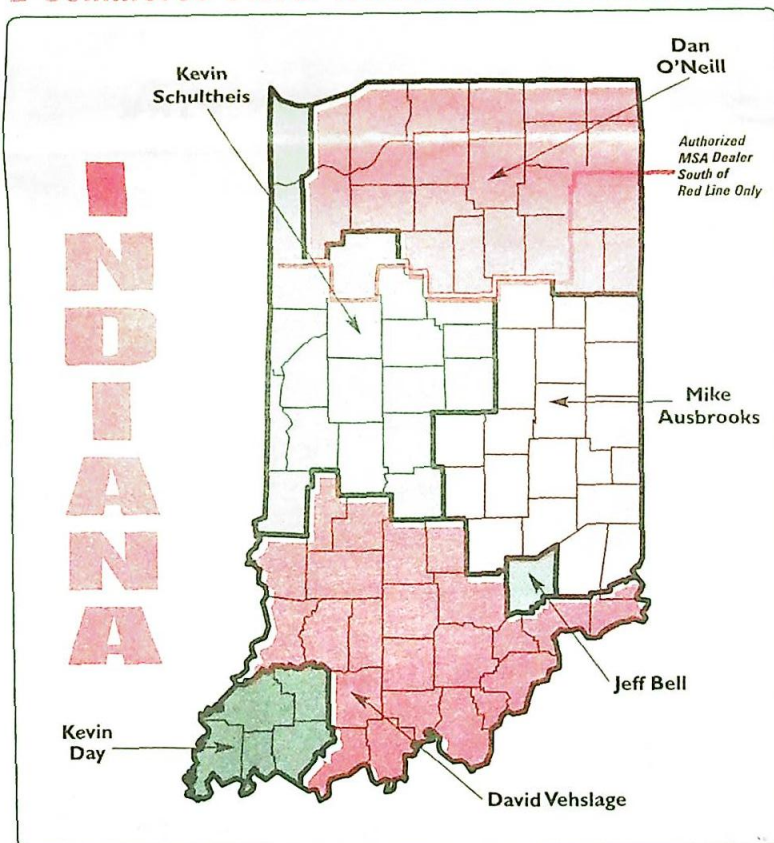
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Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

It's almost time for the fund-raising season to begin. Remember to post them on our web site, as that's where many of us look to see where we might want to eat over the weekends. Remember also to patronize other departments around the area when you see their postings! We should be able to depend on one another for support in more ways than during response.

Many of our districts will be electing their Miss Flame candidate in the next few months. Please support these young ladies and invite them to your events.

Please try to attend or send a representative from your departments to your district meetings. Much can be learned at these meetings; you may see something at other stations that would work well for you at your own department. The opportunity to network with other fire departments across the district can bring better relationships and partnerships that will benefit the entire district.

In 2007 we sustained three tragic losses of our fellow firefighters. Let's make 2008 a much safer year for all through training and a focus on safety procedures at all times. The "Everyone Goes Home" must be the motto for us all, take care of each other out there. There is never too much training when you think about the risks of the job that we do, so reach out to your district chairs to request needed support when looking the training opportunities.

On December 20, 2007 I had the privilege of attending the Holiday Remembrance of our Fallen Heroes for 2007 along with others who were also honored that had family

present from past years. It was held in Louisville, KY and sponsored by Supporting Heroes. In 2007 Indiana lost 3 Firefighters, 7 Police Officers and 0 EMS. Kentucky lost 3 Firefighters, 3 Police Officers and 0 EMS. These fallen heroes' names were read and family members came forward and put roses on the appropriate wreath that represented each profession. Tara Denzinger was the speaker for the event; she had lost her husband, Frank Denzinger in June of 2007. He was killed in the line of duty. Mrs. Denzinger spoke of what she and her family has gone through since June, and how the men and women in the Emergency Service are all heroes.

Supporting Heroes is planning to have two boot drives this year and one in April and one in October. If your department would like to participate please let me know or visit Supporting Heroes website.

Hope to see everyone at Convention. Remember we will be having the 4th Annual Hoosier Burn Camp Auction on Wednesday night. Anyone wishing to donate to the cause just bring it with you to convention. If unable to attend convention but would like to donate please let me know.

Keep safe.

Diane Harrison  
WCPR

**Roanoke VFD  
to host breakfast  
March 16, 2008**

Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department pancake and sausage breakfast will be held on March 16, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at Nick's Junction (corner of US 24 & Station Road, Roanoke, Indiana.

**The test**

This Test was shared with me by Don Fultz, District 21 chairman. I must admit when he gave it to me I thought it was a joke and I put it in my briefcase and didn't read it until about two weeks later. Please take time to read this now.

**THE TEST**

1. This test began when you were born and will end when you die.
2. Everyone takes this test. Your allotted time will vary. The proctor may end your test at any time with or without notice. It is recommended that you answer the important questions first.
3. This test requires that you determine the questions and the answers. Some answers are pass/fail, some are graded on a scale but none are graded on a curve.
4. You are allowed to ask questions during the test. You are allowed to ask for help, hints, tips, and answers from the proctor and

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**This is how it is done, Grandpa!**

A.J. Wright, grandson of District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright, showing his grandpa how to shoot waterball during the Pennville festival.

Now watch, grandpa, this is how you shoot waterball! -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

**VFW Post No. 6515  
makes \$500 donation**



VFW Post No. 6515 in Fort Recovery, Ohio recently donated \$500 to the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department. Receiving a check from Richard Smith, VFW commander is Lloyd Wright, fire chief of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

**IVFA LOGO  
COMMITTEE**

THE FOLLOWING  
DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN  
APPOINTED TO THE LOGO  
COMMITTEE.

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2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

District 6 Term: Jan. 1,  
2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

District 13-A Term: Jan. 1,  
2008 - Dec. 31, 2009

District 18 Term: Jan. 1,  
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District 21 Term: Jan. 1,  
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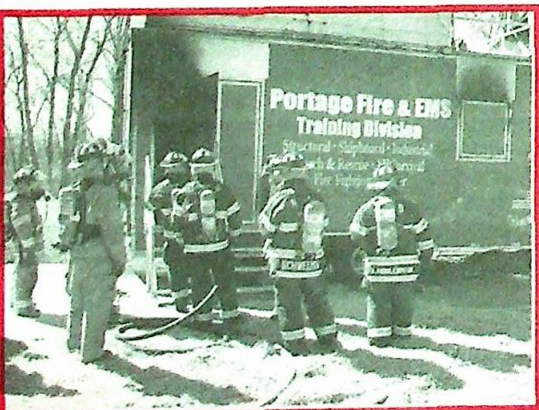
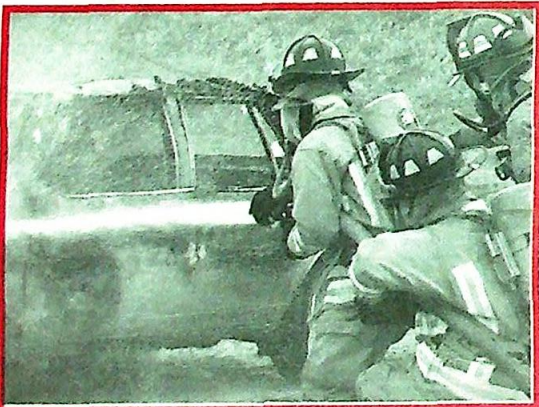
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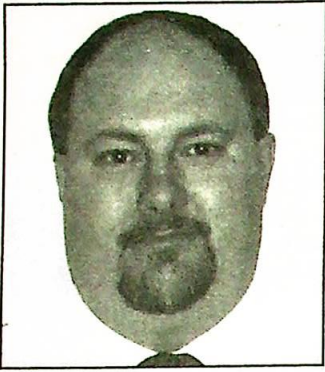
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Be safe this spring and remember everybody comes home after every call.

*Scott Harris  
IVFA PR East Central*

**The test ...**

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Where did 2007 go? It went by too quickly.

I would like to thank those that attended the Recruitment and Retention for Volunteer Firefighter's training in New Castle in December. Despite the weather, the training took place. Those in attendance learned some new ideas of how to retain and recruit members. We also learned how to do a better job in regards to the public's eyes of volunteers. Thank you to Chief John Buckman for conducting this training. I would also like to thank Hoosier Fire and Chief's Choice for setting up displays for those in attendance.

Don't forget to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant this spring. It is important to contact your legislators about voting for or against bills that would affect the fire service. It is never too late to contact them. Invite them to your

from other test takers but you are responsible for your final results, so use discernment in deciding what the significant questions and their answers are.

5. Your performance on this test will impact your future life; your performance will determine your residence status, and well being after you are done with the test.

6. Do you know who is the Proctor is?

As your chaplain; I suggest you all take time to read this again and think about it.

*Jerry Cohen*

**What's OUT:**

- Falling asleep amid scented candles
- Not wearing helmets

**Miss Flame entries due March 10**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2008 has arrived and it is time to be thinking about our 2008 Miss Flame program.

As your chairman for 2008, there are a few reminders to be aware of. District chairmen (men and women), make sure every department in your area is aware of the contest and to get in touch with you with their contestants. Remember -- only one entry per department at the district contest. Make sure if you have a district

contest that everyone knows date, time and where the contest will be held. District chairmen -- it is then your responsibility to get your district entry in to me by March 10, 2008 along with two photos of your winner and your \$25.00 entry fee -- payable to IVFAA.

We have had an increased interest by girls in our program in the past few years. We try very hard to make the contest at the convention a great experience and a chance to form friendships. As this year's

chairman, I am asking each of you to do your part in helping us to make this program a success again this year. Our young people are our future and this is a good way to get started.

Forms can be found in the newspaper or you may contact me at the Central Office 1-877-606-4832 or at my home at 1-812-867-2641.

Looking forward to seeing you at our 2008 convention.

*Barb Kerney, chairman  
Miss Flame Comm. 2008*

**Danielle Kuhn named District 10 Miss Flame**



10th District 2008 Miss Flame, Danielle Kuhn is shown with 10th District IVFA and IVFAA chairmen, David Israel and Barbara Parker. -- submitted by Barbara Parker.

**Chaplain basic training scholarship established**

The Indiana Fire Chaplain Corps recently established a scholarship program to help chaplains attend the training at the Great Lakes Fire Chaplain Training Institute.

The scholarship program was named for long time state chaplain Dwayne Lantz. The scholarship provides for tuition and sometimes books and meals, etc. to chaplains who can satisfactorily show need for assistance to get their Basic 100 Level chaplaincy training.

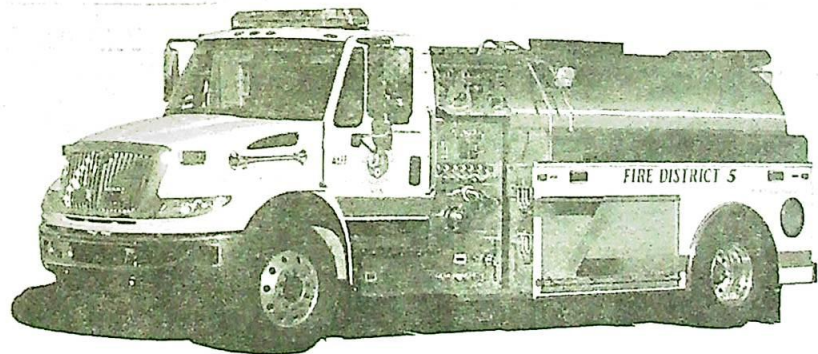
The membership established a Scholarship Application Review Committee who will review applications and award scholarships based on need.

Contact IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen at [ivfachaplain@myway.com](mailto:ivfachaplain@myway.com) or Jim Burns, Indiana Fire Chaplain Corps co-founder at [ifccchaplain@att.net](mailto:ifccchaplain@att.net). -- submitted by Jerry Cohen

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Local tax-payers are paying to maintain the costs that keep your department open and ready to respond to community emergencies. When you have to use more-and-more of those funds to aid

auto owners, many of whom are from outside the area, your community suffers. ESBC believes that volunteer departments have a duty to get some of that money back if possible, and can help show you how to accomplish cost recovery.

With the ever-growing amount of traffic on the roads and highways that surround local communities, more-and-more accidents involve tractor trailers and business/delivery traffic that is passing through. It is unfair for your department, and community, to be saddled with all the expense of dealing with the accidents and emergencies caused by those

passing through to another city or town.

Many states have authorized fire departments to bill for these calls to try and address this escalating problem. It's unfair for your community and department to bear the burden of footing the entire bill for these types of calls while the insurance companies continue to collect premium payments to cover the same accidents.

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ment in equipment, training, updating technology, etc. ESBC can help your department lighten the strain on your budget and local community through our billing services. In many cases, all of our fees can even be paid by the insurance companies we work with!

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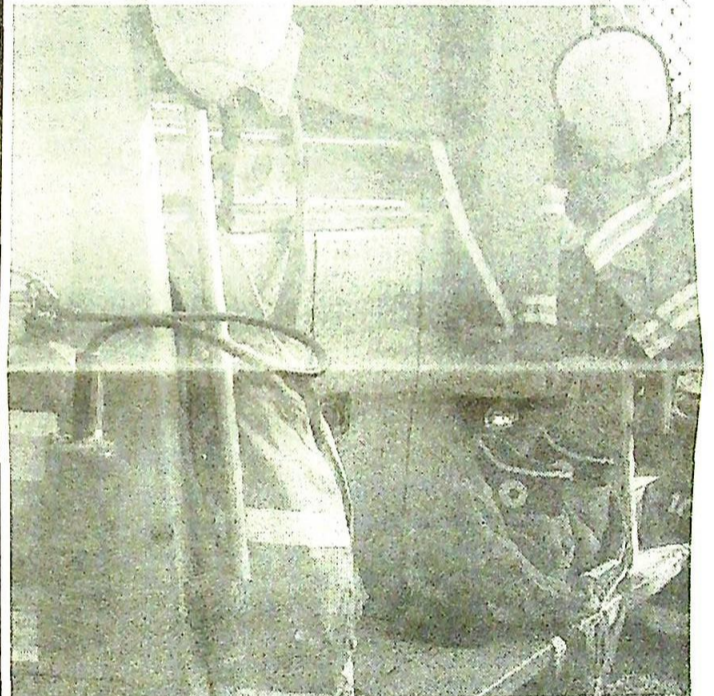
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# 2008 IVFA Miss Flame guidelines

Miss Flame guidelines are as follows:

The purpose of the Miss Flame contest is to select a Miss Flame and first runner-up to represent the IVFA and the IVFAA. The Miss Flame contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the convention Miss Flame committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated 10/02.

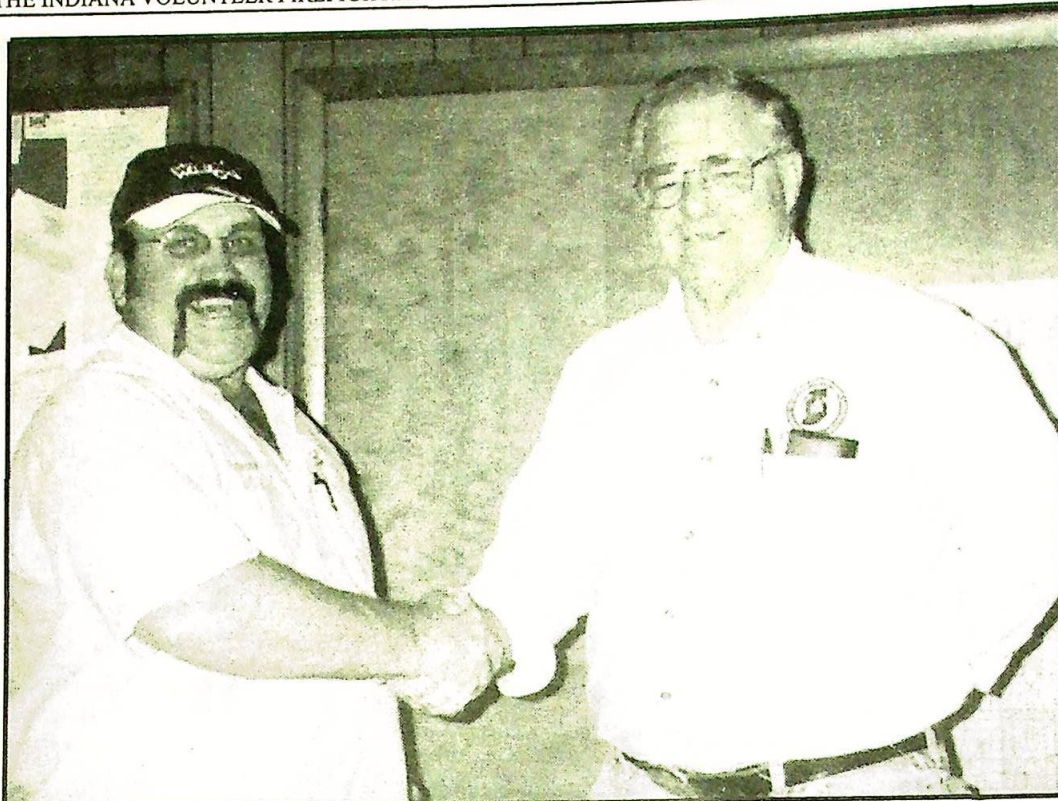
The state Miss Flame and first runner-up are selected from district Miss Flame winners (one from each district). The district winners' applications along with two photos (black and white preferred or a professional grade color) will be sent to the Miss Flame committee chairman by the district chairman. The girls selected will be representing the state, district and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and departments.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must, however, make their own reservations and advise the Reservation Committee that they are a candidate. Each contestant will have a chaperone (parents or designated person) who will stay in the same room (see rule #9). Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements. They are responsible for paying for their own accommodations. The candidate may take donations from fire departments in her own district to off-set the costs.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame committee chairman. Along with this, they will be advised to the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Wednesday evening, the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The judging will consist of personal interviews on Thursday morning and final judging on Thursday afternoon. Winners will be announced and crowning of the Miss Flame will be at the opening meeting on Thursday evening. All girls will be expected to attend the men's and women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday. They will attend the waterball games and ride in the parade on Saturday (if there is one). They will sell raffle tickets for the IVFAA raffle throughout the convention.

District chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame chairman.



## Salamonia firefighter awarded 25 year pin

Presenting a 25 year pin to Bruce Manor from Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



## District chairmen IVFA Miss Flame contest responsibilities told

IVFA Miss Flame contest responsibilities of district chairmen include:

1. Select a Miss Flame contestant from the district. The district will hold run-off if more than one department has an eligible contestant. See that every department in the district knows of contest/search for a Miss Flame contestant for district.
2. See that district contestants meet all qualifications of the state contest.
3. District winner should be decided by March 1. Application and two photos (black and white preferred) are sent to the state Miss Flame chairman no later than March 10.
4. Supply your Miss Flame with a district ribbon. Crown is optional, if you decide she will have a crown, it is at the expense of the district.
5. Let district Miss Flame know of activities in your district.

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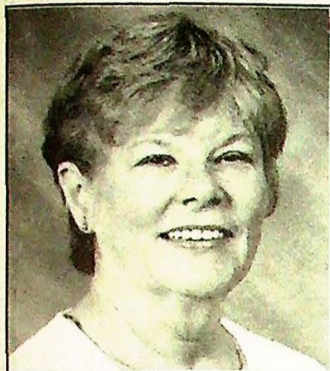
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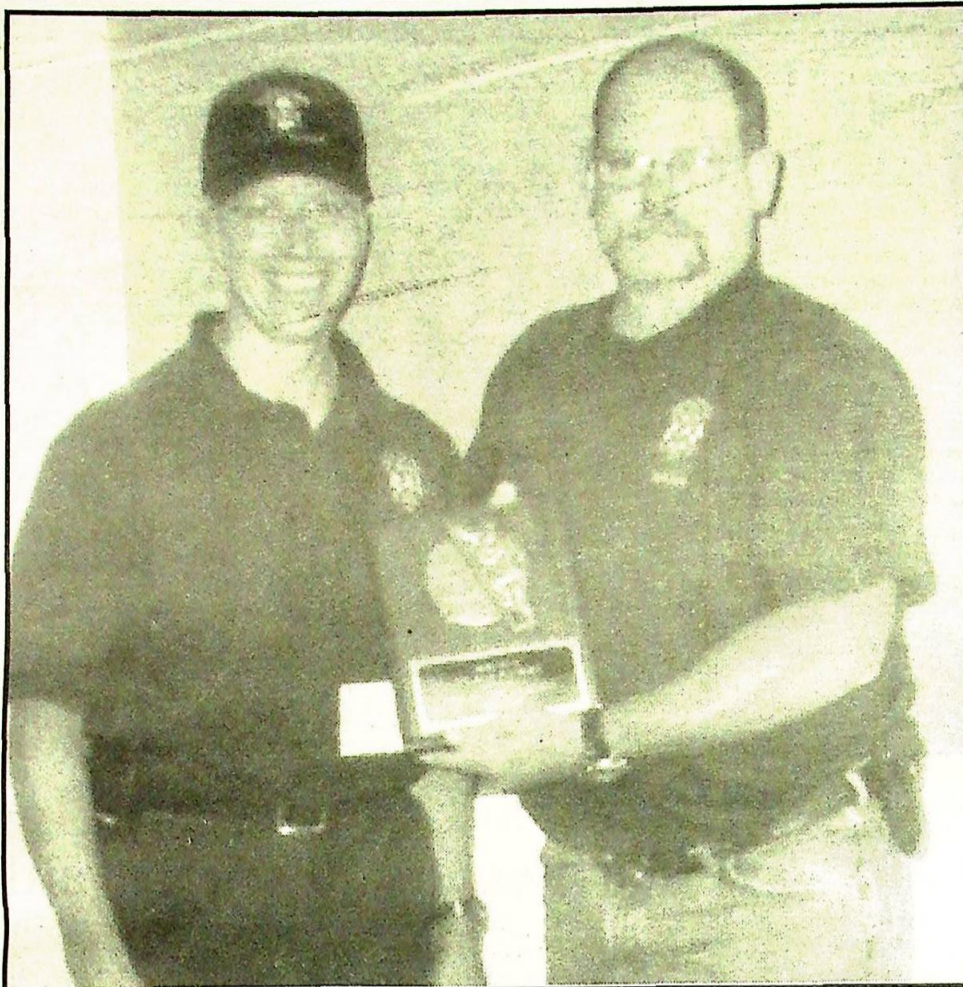


I hope everyone has recuperated from the holidays. I know Christmas and New Years is a lot of fun, but can also be a lot of work.

Remember to submit your nominees for the different IVFA awards on time and don't forget to send in your form for your 2008 license plate. It's good to get that done before they are due for renewal.

I hope to see you at some of your meetings.

*Submitted by  
Beverly Harker  
IVFA treasurer*



# Saubert retires from Yorktown VFD

Charlie Saubert is retiring from the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department.

Presenting him with a plaque of appreciation for his 32 years is David Coffin, Captain of the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

## IVFA Miss Flame contest qualifications and rules to enter 2008 competition

IVFA Miss Flame contest qualifications and rules to enter are as follows:

1. Father, brother, mother, sister, step-parent or self must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or I.V.F.A.A. and an active member of a fire department or auxiliary.
2. Entrant must be single and a non-parent.
3. Entrant must be 15 years old, not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. state convention. She must be a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each department in the District contest.
5. The department winner will be decided at the discretion of the department.
6. Winner of a department will be entered in the district contest.
7. District winner will be decided by a run-off if there is more than one entrant in that district.
8. District winner will be entered in the state Miss Flame contest.
9. District winner must have transportation to the state convention and have a chaperone. If the chaperone is not a parent, he/she must be 21 years of age and be responsible for the actions of the contestant.
10. The department and district may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
11. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be selected at the state convention.
12. The contestant will be responsible for all expenses at the convention, i.e., room, meals and transportation.
13. The dress for judging and activities will be announced by the Miss Flame committee.
14. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability and ability to express ideas.

## Name misspelled in November issue

On page 15 in the November 2007 issue of the *Indiana Volunteer Firefighter*, there was a misspelling of a last name.

Nancy Neal was shown receiving her 25 year pin from Barbara Parker.

Nancy's last name was inadvertently misspelled in the headline.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



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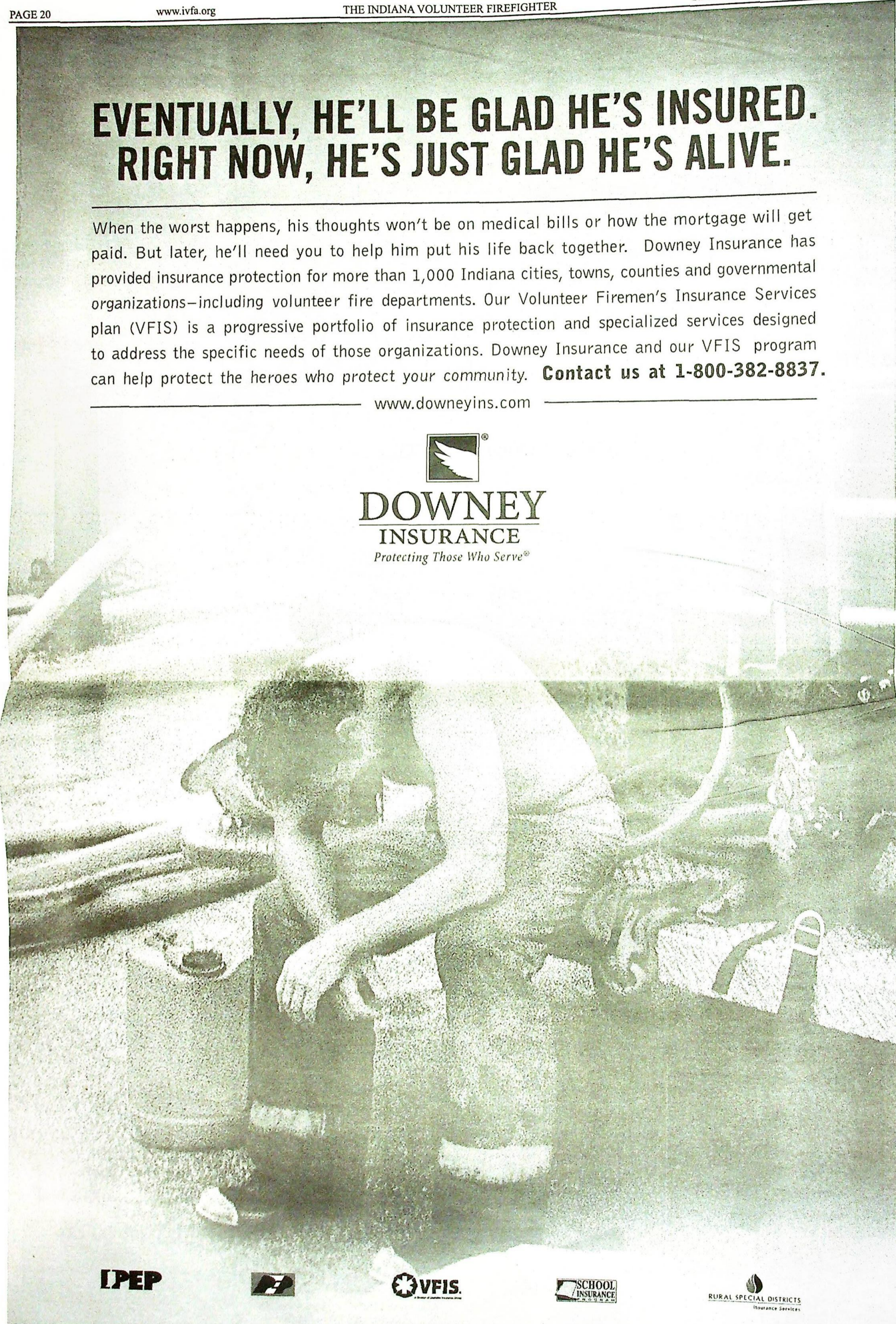
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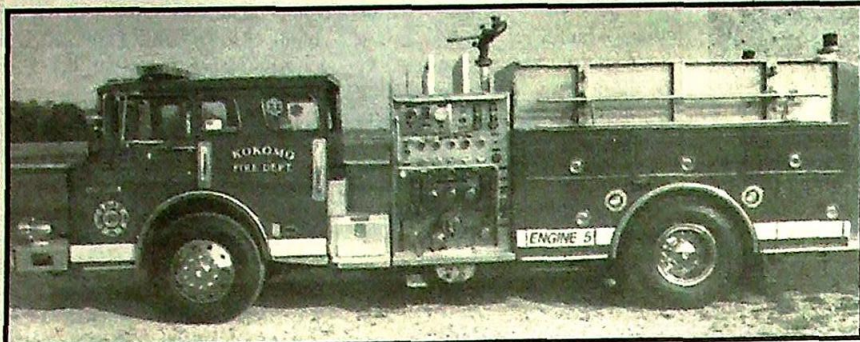
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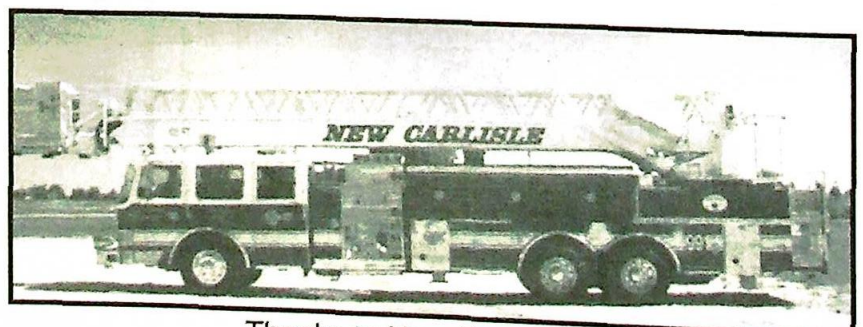
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# Legislative Report

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Although the 2008 Session does not officially start until between January 7 and January 14, 2008 (I am writing this article before the date has been announced), work has been well underway for the past two months. The defeat of Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson by little known Republican challenger Greg Ballard was viewed throughout the State more as the defeat of Mayor Peterson rather than a win by mayor-elect Ballard, principally due to the large property tax increases homeowners in Indianapolis are facing. Property tax increases are scheduled to go into effect State-wide. The governor as well as legislators across the State took note of the public reaction to proposed tax increases and both the House and the Senate have held multiple committee meetings prior to the beginning of the Session to discuss options for property tax reform. The House has already drafted its budget bill to be discussed in 2008, HB1001, which contains the governor's property tax reform plan. The bill was introduced on Organization Day, November 20, 2007. The legislature met for one day to elect its leadership and appoint committees and then adjourned until 2008. Public hearings on the bill and on property tax reform in general were scheduled across the State in December, and debate will continue

throughout the Session. Many other bills related to property tax reform will be filed in both the House and the Senate.

Government consolidation will be another major topic this Session. The governor put together a blue ribbon panel. The Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform, co-chaired by Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court Randall Shepherd and former Governor Joe Kernan, which has recommended abolishing Indiana township assessors and the election of many local officials such as sheriff. The panel's recommendations will be placed into bills and considered by the legislature.

The legislative committee is working on four priorities for consideration this Session:

1. Prohibition against discharge from employment due to injury sustained from volunteer firefighting or emergency services activities for a period of 12 months after injury.

2. Income tax credit, exemption, or property tax abatement for car and clothing allowance and "run pay".

3. Public safety disability presumption that if a volunteer firefighter who is employed as a merit firefighter contracts a disease as stated in IC5-10-13, the individual is presumed to have

contracted the disease during the course of employment and is therefore covered by workers compensation or disability benefits through his or her employment, similar to HB1082 the IVFA was able to have sponsored by Rep. Kersey in the 2006 Session.

4. Allow a five percent to ten percent increase above the allowable fire protection tax levy to be used to pay expenses related to explosive growth in some areas. Propose a review every five years to assess whether or not this excess levy needs to be adjusted upwards or downwards.

This Session is what is known as a "short session", so there will be less time for the legislature to take action, unless the governor calls a special Session to allow the legislature to continue working past the date by which it has to adjourn, which is March 29, 2008. Priorities which do not make it into bills still progress by having been brought to the attention of legislators. Sometimes it takes several years before legislators are willing to sponsor a bill due to anticipated opposition or because they are not convinced that enough people are

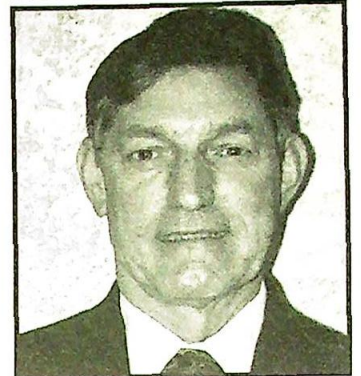
impacted by the proposal to merit a change in the law. For example, we faced stiff opposition from the Indiana Manufacturers Association representing businesses when we had the bill introduced preventing reprimands against volunteers arriving to work late because they had been on the scene of a fire or other emergency. While we were able to work with the Indiana Manufacturers Association to get that bill passed into law, they are staunchly opposed to the MA's priority this year of preventing discharge for 12 months due to injury.

I will also be watching for bills, and amendments to bills, which negatively impact the IVFA. Bills can change several times in one day. Actions taken by the legislature on the issues of property tax and local government reform will have an impact on the fire service, so check the IVFA's website for postings of the Bill Status Reports I prepare weekly to keep you updated on bills the legislative committee has decided to follow. The committee meets via teleconference weekly to discuss the status of bills and decide the strategy to be taken on behalf of the Association.

If you have a question or a concern, please contact me or one of the legislative committee members: Larry Ketchem, Dave Elick; Larry Bartlow; Jack Kerney; Buz

Koehler; David Israel; or Jim Parker as we work to make Indiana a better State for members of the volunteer fire service. I appreciate the opportunity to represent the IVFA again this Session.

**Public Relations Director Southeast**  
*Al Williamson*



Greetings,  
I trust everyone had a safe and joyful holiday.  
I have been traveling a lot attending district meetings and some department's dinners.  
The district chairmen are doing a great job in their respective districts.

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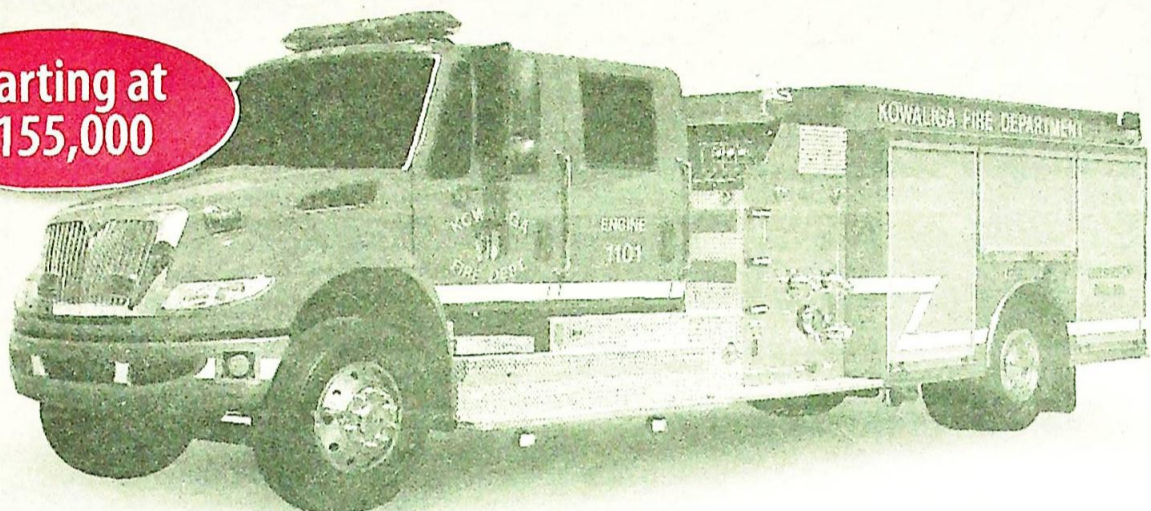
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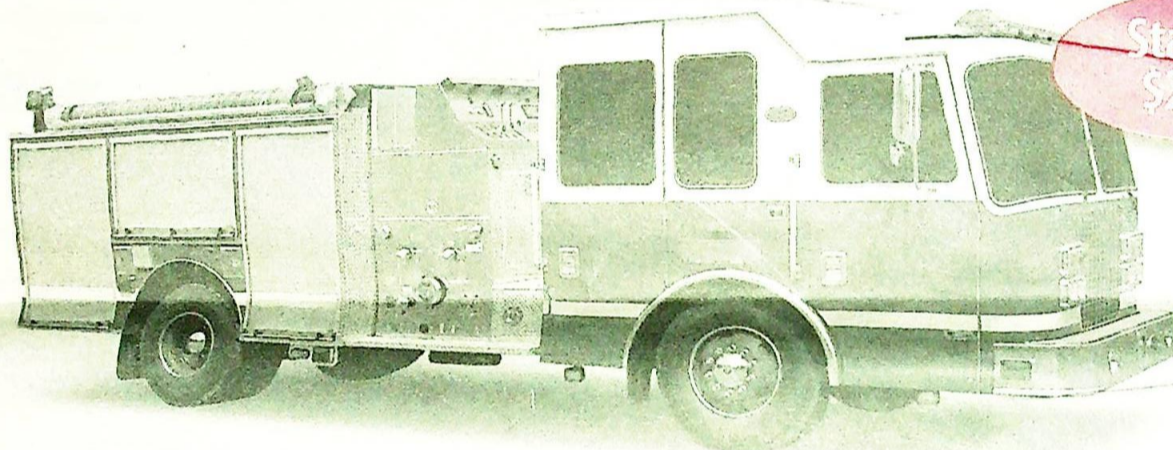
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## Olivia Eyrich crowned District 5 2008 Miss Flame

District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame Olivia Eyrich, Bourbon Fire Department, PRNE Jean Smith at the Miss Flame crowning, November 8, 2007 at the North Webster Fire Department. -- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE.

## District 9-A members receive 25 year pins

Members from four departments received their pins for 25 years on service to the department and IVFA. Those members receiving pins were, from **Liberty Township-Burrows**: Joseph Martin, Joseph Remaly, and Dick Rhinehart. From **Miami Township-New Waverly**: Richard Garver, Robert Casting, John Minglin, Mike Rush, Stephen Sparks, and Steve Troxell. From **Royal Center**: Steven Crispin. From **Twelve Mile**: Tim Cree, and Terry Ulerick

On behalf of the District 9-A and their respective departments, thank you for all the commitment, time, and service you have done. -- submitted by District 9-A chairperson, Leighanne Ellis

### Public Relations Director Northeast

Maurice "Mort" Sorg



Hello everyone,  
Happy New Year to everyone in the PRNE area!

I would like to thank Jean Smith for his services in the past and am looking forward to serving as the PRNE director for the year 2008. I will be attending my first official meeting in January. There will be three districts meeting this month.

I would like to remind everyone to keep in touch with the legislative actions, since Legislature has just

resumed their sessions. You can keep current on the actions by checking the IVFA website.

I would like for all departments and districts to keep me informed of activities in your area, as I would like to attend. You may contact me either by mail at 14430 Comer Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46819 or by phone at 260-639-3969. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any service to either you, your department or your district.

Be sure and get your nominations for Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Angel Award and Ollie Sandberg in by February 1, 2008. Also don't forget the Bridgeport Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2008.

Remember, as the weather changes from day to day, we are getting one day closer to SPRING.

Thank you,  
Mort Sorg

### Public Relations PRSE ...

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I toured Belterra in District 19 and it was great, don't forget to get your convention reservation in soon.

I have attended one memorial service for a retired firefighter in New Washington in the last quarter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's convention.

Al Williamson  
PRSE

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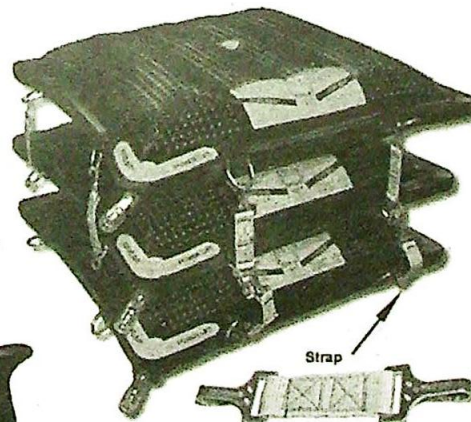
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# Lynn VFD receives new station clock



PHOTO AT LEFT - Lynn Volunteer Fire Department receiving a new clock for their station that they just remodeled.

Pictured in the first row are Gerald Price, Brent Davis, Travis Jones, Steve Skiver, Derek Nicolson, Chuck Thorn, Kevin Shook, and James Magee.

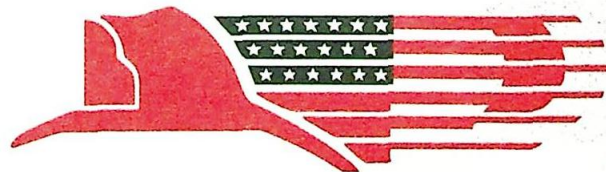
In the second row are Jim Favre, Krista Hayes and Greg Hayes. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

ABOVE PHOTO - Presenting a new clock to James Magee of the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department is District 8B chairman Lloyd E. Wright. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.

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Here is Eldon Morrical of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department washing dishes during their pancake and sausage breakfast held on September 8, 2007.

They finally found something he could do! -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

### PRSW report ...

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next meeting will be March at Shawswick Vol. Fire Department.

I attended a memorial service November 24, 2007 at Tell City for Ben Brinksneider. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and fire department.

Sincerely,  
 Jim Abrams  
 PRSW

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### Miss Flames pose with firemen

Pictured with Amber Farrer, IVFA Miss Flame and LeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame are (from left to right): Dennis Frazee, Rich Imel, Lloyd Wright, and John Corwin.

Sure hope these guys don't lead these two girls astray! -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

### 50 year members recognized

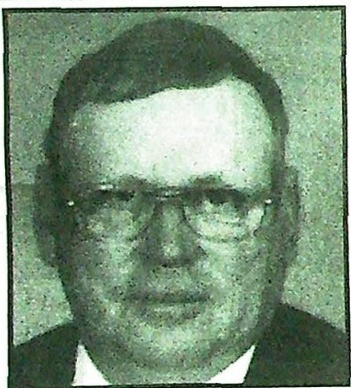
Three members from District 9-A were recognized for 50 years of service to the departments and IVFA.

Members that received their Gold Cards were: Jackson Township-Camden: **Max Rude** joined June 3, 1958, Royal Center Fire Department: **Lowell Goltry** joined August 1, 1958, and Twelve Mile Fire Department: **Howard Slifer, Jr.** joined August 1, 1958.

A BIG thanks from not only their respective departments, but also District 9-A and the IVFA for their time, dedication and commitment. Without these members some departments would not have made it. -- submitted by District 9-A chairperson, Leighanne Ellis.

### Public Relations Director Southwest

**Jim Abrams**



I attended a memorial service at Jasper for Albert Betz on September 8, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and St. Anthony's Fire Department.

I attended District 18's meeting November 15, 2007 hosted by Luce Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. District 18's next meeting will be January 17th hosted by St. Anthony Volunteer Fire Department at the Community Center.

I attended District 17A's meeting on November 20, 2007 hosted by Harrison Twp. Volunteer Fire Department outside of Washington at Glendale. Tim Smith, Chief of Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department spoke. District 17A's next meeting will be January 19, 2008 with a sausage supper at Vincennes.

I attended District 17B's meeting on November 28, 2007 at Bloomington hosted by Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. After a great meal they had a business meeting. District 17B's

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## Zins receives 25 year pin for service



Tom Zins of Sunman Rural Fire Department received his 25 year pin on December 14, 2007 at their annual Christmas party. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

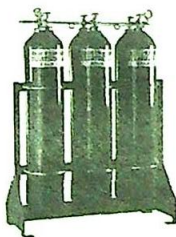


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### To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

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

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| Feb. 28: Bf - Bz                           | June 30: Kn - L   | Oct. 31: Wl - Z  |
| March 15: C                                | July 15: Ma - Me  |                  |
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| April 30: G                                | Aug. 31: R        |                  |
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3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. You only need to send **\$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
7. See additional instructions for BMV procedures.

## BMV PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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# Menke Charitable Foundation, Inc. and OFS Brands, Inc. donate to Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department

On October 17, 2007, the Menke Charitable Foundation, Inc. and OFS Brands, Inc. donated \$25,000 to the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department (Dubois Co. IVFA District 18). The donation was used to help the department with the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatuses.

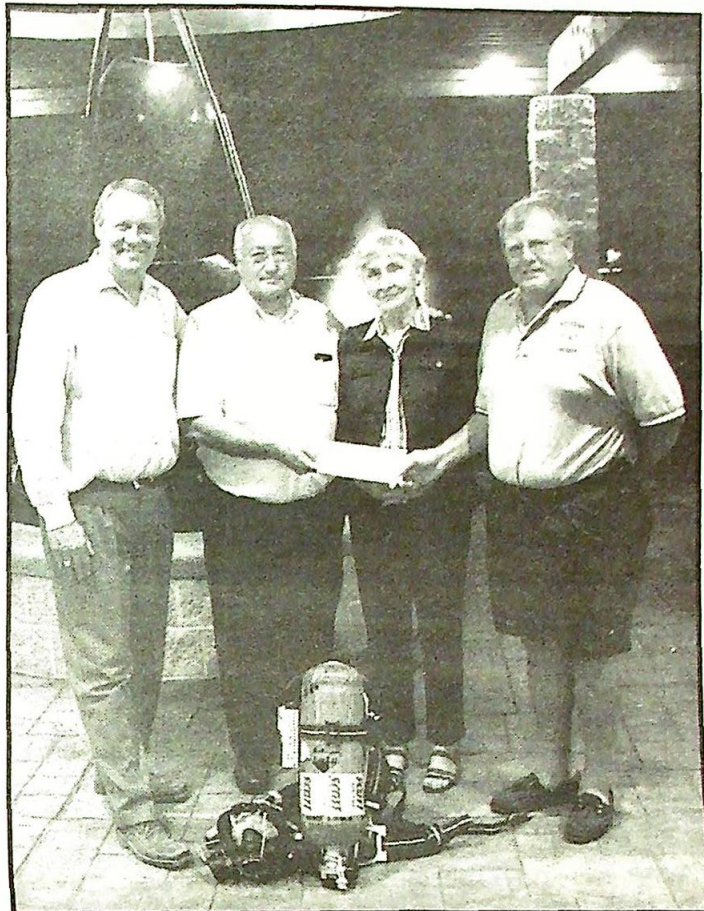
The event was held in the Eco Center at OFS Brands Corporate Offices in Huntingburg. Hank Menke (far left), President of the Foundation and President/CEO of OFS Brands, Inc. and Phyllis Menke, Vice President of the Foundation, along with City of Huntingburg Mayor Gail Kemp, presented the donation to Huntingburg VFD Fire Chief Glen Kissling (far right).

Hank Menke said, "We can't say thanks enough for the work these people do. Working together with local organizations, like the Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department, helps keep the community strong and growing. They risk their lives and don't get enough recognition for their volunteer efforts."

The self-contained breathing apparatuses are very helpful in making firefighting safer. If a firefighter is trapped or becomes motionless, a loud signal on the apparatus will go off and continue to get louder directing others to the trapped individual. It also comes with buddy breathing hoses, as well as a carbon cylinder, instead of a steel cylinder, which makes the apparatus lighter and easier to carry. The mask has a visual monitor giving a "heads up" display in reference to the available air supply to the firefighter. One apparatus costs \$3,500 with additional cylinders costing \$600 each. With the funds raised, the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department was able to purchase 15 apparatuses and eight additional cylinders.

Donations have also been received from the Huntingburg Fraternal Order of Eagles, Huntingburg VFW, a grant from the Huntingburg Foundation, and funds raised by the 20 twenty firefighters attended the donation ceremony.

(Photo and article courtesy of Holly Smith OFS Brands & John C. "Bull" Smith, HVFD, District 18 Chair.)



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## Haysville parade proves a success



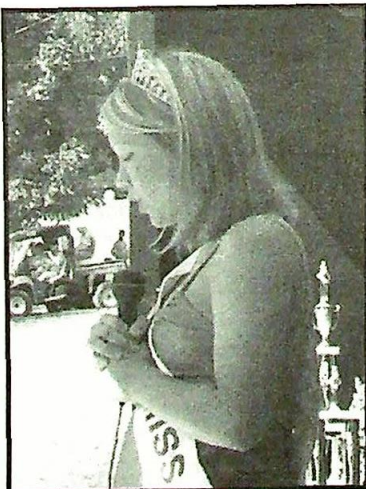
Pictured are Jenna Lindauer, first runner-up at left; Courtney Gentry, Miss Flame in center; and Jenna Vaal, second runner-up, at right. -- submitted by John C. Smith, District 18 chairman.

An absolutely beautiful day helped to provide for a huge success as the Haysville Volunteer Fire Department hosted the IVFA District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest.

Over 80 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Haysville.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2006 Jillian Hemmer, gave her farewell address and proceeded to announce the results of the Miss Flame contest.

The 13 lovely young ladies



Jillian Hemmer

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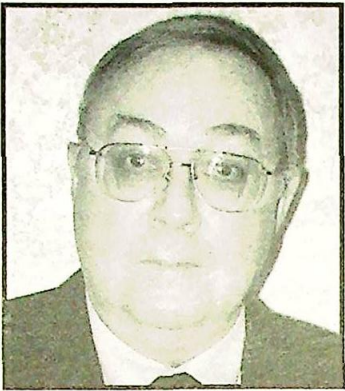
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Good news from Washington.

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Once we get the information on how this will be implemented, it will be explained at your district meetings.

Thanks to all of you who contacted their representatives and senators urging them to pass this bill.

Remember that you get a \$5.00 discount on classes at the upcoming fire schools by being a member of the IVFA. This is another benefit of being a member.

*Jim Bradford  
PRNW*

# Monroe Twp. VFD fish and chicken supper enjoyed by many



Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Cowan, Indiana held a fish and chicken fry on September 7, 2007 at their station.

Hey, guys, looks like you are doing a good job!

*-- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B*

Pictured at right - A crowd of people enjoying the fish and chicken fry which was held by the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Cowan, Indiana on September 7, 2007 at their station.

*-- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright,  
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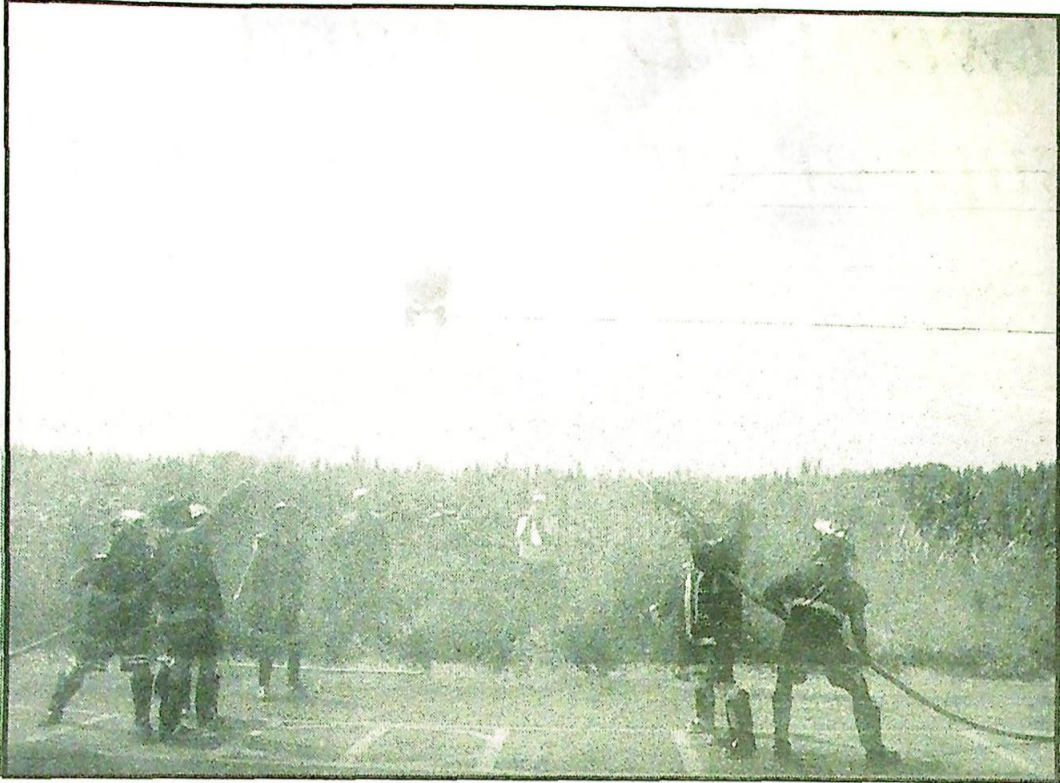
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must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

Jenna Vaal from the St. Meinrad VFD was chosen second runner up. Jenna is the daughter of Jeff and Toni and a junior at Heritage Hills High School. First runner-up was Jenna Lindauer. Jenna represented the Ferdinand VFD and is the daughter of Dan and Kathy. She is a senior at Forrest Park High School.

Miss Courtney Gentry representing Holland VFD was chosen District 18 Miss Flame for 2007. Courtney is the daughter of Greg and Denise and a senior at Southridge High School. Courtney was also awarded the "Miss Congeniality" award. -- photos and article compliments of John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chair.

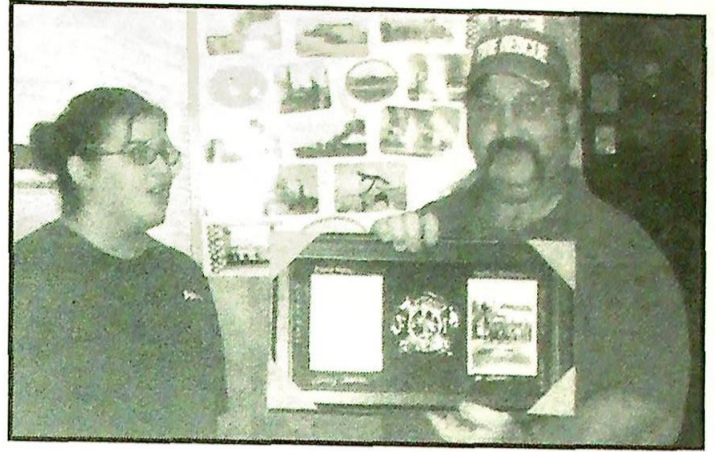
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### Smith helps at Bremen waterball meet

Guess who that is in the white IVFA shirt. PRNE Jean Smith helping time at the annual 4th of July Waterball meet at Bremen Fire Department. -- submitted by Jean Smith, PRNE.

### Cadet leader recognized for time and dedication



Cadet leader Bruce Manor of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department was recently recognized by the cadets for his time and dedication to the cadet program.

Pictured here are Bruce Manor and Ashley Theurer, the cadets' secretary and treasurer. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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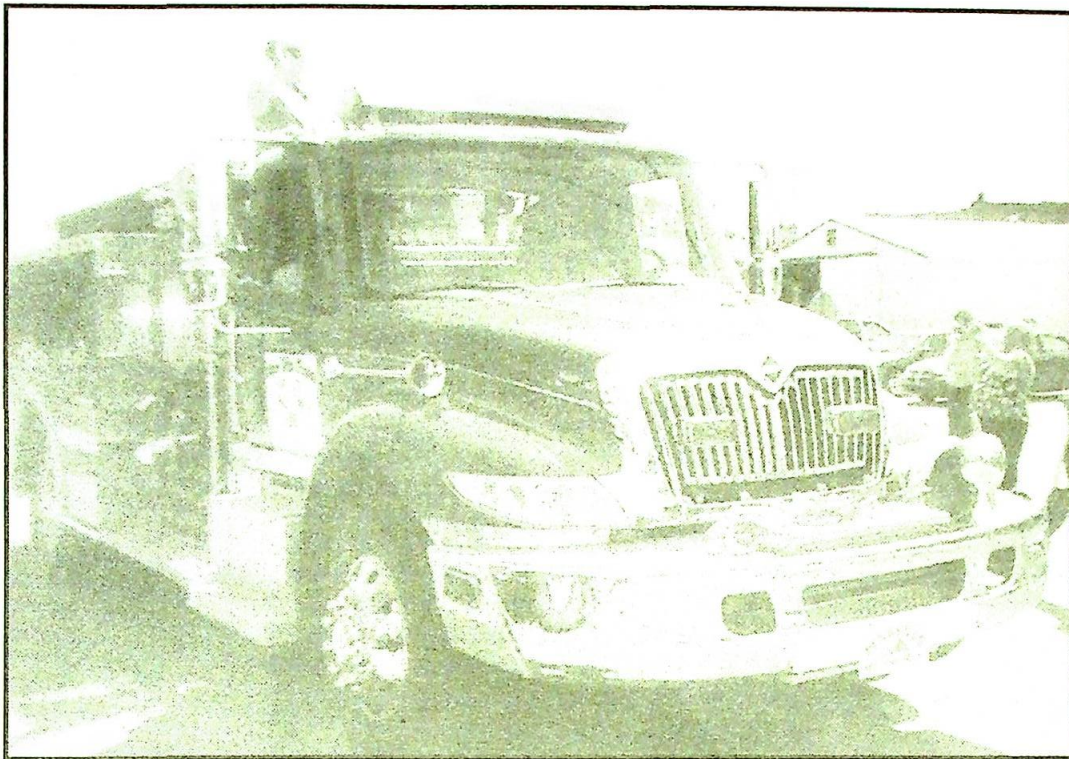


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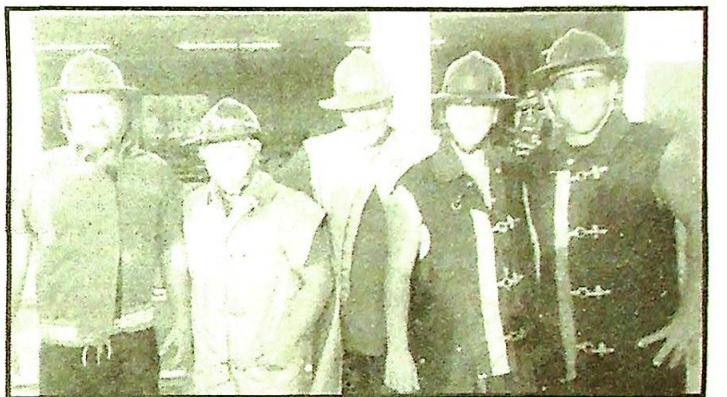
# Pennville VFD hosts annual parade



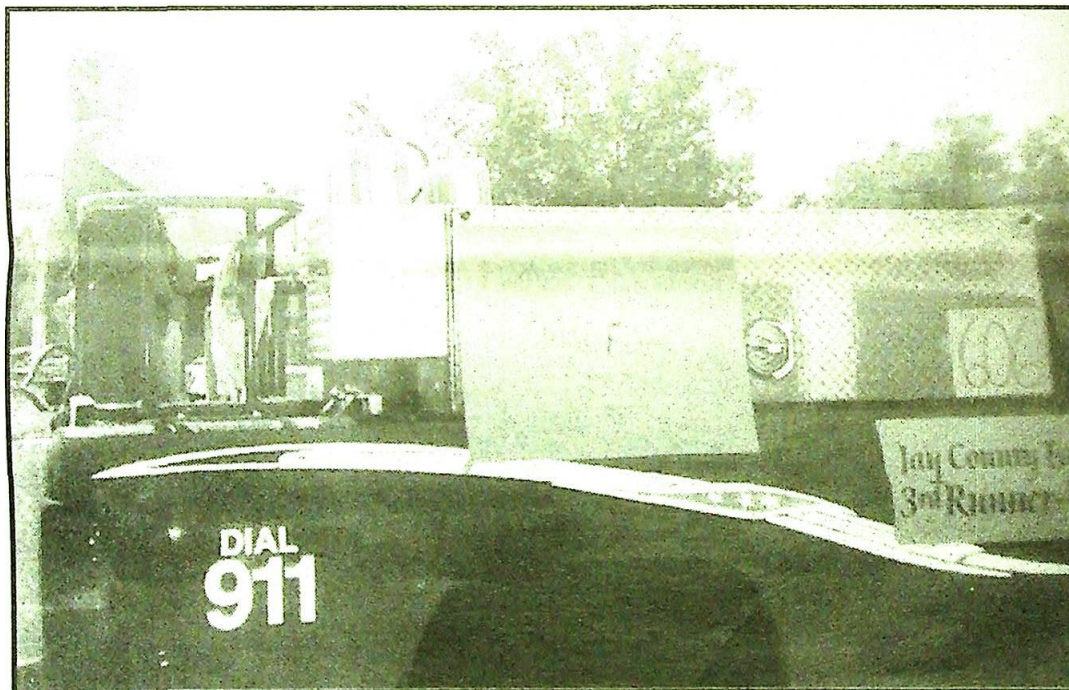
On July 14, 2007 Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade. Riding on the Pennville fire truck is Amber Farrer, IVFA Miss Flame 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



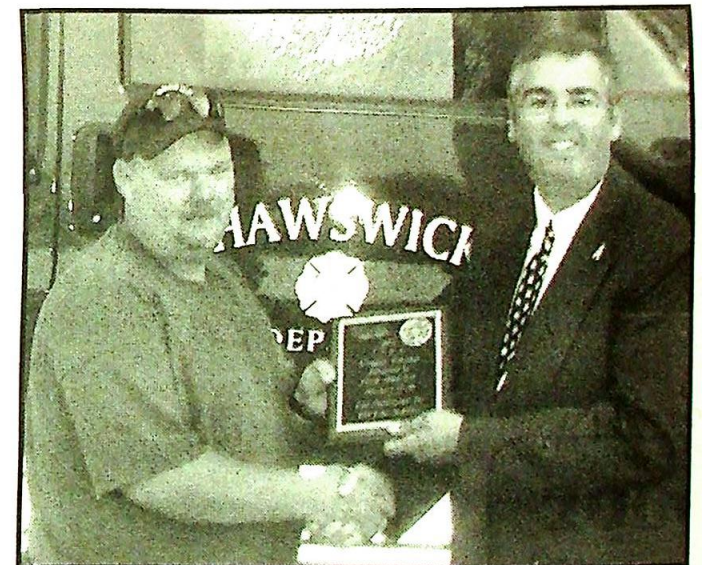
Washington Township Fire Department took second place in the waterball held at Pennville Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.



Winning first place in the men's and women's waterball tournament held at Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was the Bremen Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Riding on the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department fire truck in the Pennville parade is LeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



**Bob Brown**  
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ABOVE PHOTO - District 17B 2007 Global Award recipient Lawrence County Shawswick Twp. Fire Chief Bob Brown and District 17B chairman Tim Deckard. -- submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman



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# Carter Fire District holds annual awards dinner



The Carter Fire District of Dale (Spencer Co. Dist 18) held its annual awards dinner on December 14, 2007 at which time several members were presented with years of service awards from the IVFA.

Mr. Virgil Heneisen was presented with the IVFA Gold Card in observance of 50 years of membership. Heneisen joined the Department in 1958 and served as its Chief from 1978 until his retirement from active status in 2000.

Pictured with Heneisen are IVFA Board of Directors Chairman Jack Kerney (left) and District 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith (right).



During the awards presentation it was also announced that Carter Fire Chief Frank Daunhauer (center) would be stepping down from the Chief's position after 8 years in the position.



Also pictured (left to right) and receiving their 25 years of service pins from the IVFA were department members Steve Reinke, Charles Rue, and John Braun. Also receiving the award, but not present was Robert McCullough.

Article and photos courtesy of John C. "Bull" Smith District 18 Chairman

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## STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell  
Corresponding Secretary

IVFA Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting  
Sunday, November 4, 2007  
Columbus, Indiana

Call to order: Vice-president Beth called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Beth standing in for president Martha, absent due to her mother being ill. Our thoughts and prayers with Martha.

Prayer: Opening prayer by Chaplain Bette.

Pledge to the flag: Miriam pointed out to the ladies we have our new flag.

Roll call: 29 officers, six guests for a total of 35.

Minutes: a motion by Susie Stout to dispense with reading of minutes and seconded by Joann Hays. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy gave the report.

Correspondence: new address for Faye Sallee, 434 S. Maple St., Galveston, IN 46932.

Membership: PD dept.: 25, Life: 10, Pd by dept.: 320. Total for this quarter: 367. Total for year 2007/2008: 691. Remember if dues not paid by September 30, you will not have any voting rights.

Chaplain's report: one death; Jane Ferro and Faye Sallee on the illness list. Ann Moss' husband passed away. Chaplain Bettee attended Nickie Sunday's funeral. Nickie's son serving in Iraq - remember him in our prayers. Chaplain Bettee Sellmer's telephone # 812-945-6272, cell # 502-773-1746, and address: 2438 Lapping Ct., Clarksville, IN 47129. Janet Goodwin lost her husband, Bill. A card can be sent to Janet at 516 N. Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

IVFA president Larry Ketchem came to meeting and informed us that we will continue to hold our quarterly meetings here at Columbus.

IVFA 2007 Miss Flame was in attendance, she has been very busy.

Convention report: District 19

gave an update on how plans are going, gave code for booking; IVFA #M70780. Ladies need to registration and rooms booked.

Auditing: Joann Hays, chairman - no report.

Games: Marilyn, chairman - no report.

Installation: Barb Parker, chairman - no report.

Financial study: Lou Bartlow, chairman - discussion held about paying for one night hotel room expense at quarterly meetings and two night's hotel rooms at convention. Much discussion was held about this. This would only be for officers that do not have a spouse that is an officer in the IVFA. This will not include committee members. There are 18 officers who do not have a spouse that is an IVFA officer. Barb Ketchem motioned to go with \$25.00 and re-evaluate in a year.

This would be for quarterly meetings only. Leona Uryga seconded. Toni Sorg requested a vote be done. Voting was held. There were nine votes for \$50.00 and 12 votes for \$25.00. This will be done for a year and will be readdressed in November 2008.

This will be for quarterly meetings only for a year. You must pay bill first, then fill out voucher. This is for \$25.00 for one night room expense at quarterly meetings.

Discussion was held on how we could raise more money for the organization. All district chairmen are to turn in reports about meetings, dinners, fundraisers and etc. This is to be turned into Martha at quarterly meetings.

Insurance representative had a discussion about the accidental and dismemberment policy that is being offered to all membership at no cost. It is a \$2,000.00 policy. Even if we have not received any information on this we are covered.

She is going to put information in IVFA newspaper.

Miss Flame: Barb, has applications for Miss Flames, can only have one Miss Flame in a district. Some changes are being done in the guidelines. If a grandparent is legal guardian of child, can be a candidate. This will be changed next year to include this. Deadline is March 20, 2008.

Break: 10:30 a.m.

Resume: 10:45 a.m.

VP project: Beth - talked about axe, \$200.00, and \$100.00 cash prizes and a queen size quilt. Beth should have tickets in February.

Chinese auction: Barb Parker would like for ladies to come up with some fresh ideas for items. Barb is to know in February what district will be in to get a list of things for baskets that will be in auction.

Toni suggested gift baskets with a theme to raffle off at quarterly meetings. This is a fund raiser for the IVFAA. District 15 taking care of getting raffle tickets and list of items that will be raffled off; will have this at our February 2008 meeting and will have drawing at May meeting. This will be seven baskets from February 2008 to May 2008 and seven baskets for August 2008 to November 2008. Tickets will be \$1.00 for one or six for \$5.00.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Jane Ferro absent due to illness.

Bylaws: Toni tabled until February 2008 meeting.

Jewelry: Marlene Polling, chairman, has gotten the design for charm 2008, hopefully this will do. She has 12 auxiliary pins, 12 men lapel pins and has 25 year pins.

Nominating: Susie Stout, chairman - nothing at this time.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis -- an ad has been placed in newspaper and she has Book 1 but there were no pictures included, only empty sleeves. They need pictures from 1952 to 1973. Also need pictures from 2002 to 2007. If anyone knows where we got the #1 album, please let Phyllis or Joann know. Also any newspaper articles are welcome.

President's advisory: Phyllis says good job. Keep up good work.

Lois Boaz: Chairman Carolyn Zeeks, absent.

Parliamentarian: Toni says okay.

Old business: Rosie Johnson brought up about the individual flags for districts. They are very expensive to buy; Rosie is going to talk to someone who may be able to make them for us and the cost. Tabled until February 2008.

New business: Ladies, please when you are notified about something, make your calls. There is an emergency list outline to go by. A new list will be done for the February 2008 meeting.

Entertainment and next meeting date: February 2 and 3, 2008. Thank you to District 11 for hosting the Saturday afternoon entertainment.

Adjournment: Bette gave the closing prayer.

Attention: there will be entertainment on Saturday afternoon in February 2008. I was told this after the meeting. I failed to make a note of who will be hosting the event. I am sorry.

Submitted by  
IVFAA corresponding secretary  
Malinda Bell

## Rude honored...

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That's something I won't miss." Chief Chuck Foreman said Rude was always very active in the department. "After all those years of dedicated service, he will be missed," Foreman said.

Members of the department presented Rude with a clock for his dedicated service. He was also given a Gold card by the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association District 9A chairperson Leighanne Ellis. - submitted by Leighanne Ellis, District 9A chairman

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## DISTRICT 1 & 2



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Leona Uryga  
District 3 Chairman

Minutes of the September 19, 2007, District 3 Meeting

The meeting was held at the Lacrosse Fire Department on September 19, 2007, with the auxiliaries enjoying a pot luck luncheon. The meeting was called to order by chairman Leona Uryga and began at 7:25 pm.

No correspondence.

Roll call was taken: two Coolspring members, Dorothy Moffett, Ruth Deutscher; three from Springfield, Lee Cohen, Sara Johnson, Michelle Johnson; five from Michiana Shores, Dawn Boles, Gert Peterson, Harriet Macudsinsky, Leona Uryga, and Joan Lewis; one from San Pierre, Dawn Schumacher; one from LaCrosse, Shirley Hall.

The minutes of the July 18th, 2007 meeting were read. A motion was made by Ruth Deutscher to accept the minutes, seconded by Dawn Boles. Motion carried and accepted.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted until audit.

The next IVFAA convention will be at the Belterra Casino in Vevay, Indiana at the Belterra Casino, southeast, near the Ohio border. The date is June 18th - 21st. Registration fee is \$60.00, room rate for June 18th & 19th \$75.00, June 20th \$119.00. Leona has registration forms.

IVFAA 2008 Miss Flame nominees for District 3 will be

chosen at the November 21 meeting at Springfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Coming events: Springfield is planning their childrens' Christmas party. Coolspring will hold a "Cow Bingo". All tickets are sold.

San Pierre will have a fish fry, October 6th.

Michiana Shores will have a pancake breakfast near the end of October.

The IVFAA cookbooks are now \$5.00. Leona has some of the books.

A White Elephant Auction was held and very successful; \$49.25 was raised.

50/50 was won by Joan Lewis \$6.50.

Next meeting at Springfield Volunteer Fire Department on November 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

On behalf of the IVFFA District 3, we'd like to thank Shirley Hall of LaCrosse for hosting this meeting. Shirley is a one person auxiliary in Lacrosse.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joan M. Lewis

Secretary-Treasurer - District 3

Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary - District 3

Minutes of the November 20, 2007 - District 3 meeting:

The meeting was held at the Springfield Fire Department on November 20, 2007, with the auxiliaries enjoying an Italian luncheon provided by the Springfield Fire Department Auxiliary. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leona Uryga and began at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

No correspondence.

Roll call was taken: three Coolspring members, Dorothy Moffett, Ruth Deutscher, and Joan Stienke; four from Springfield, Linda Jaske, Bonnie Smith, Jodie Brinckman, and Gayle Adams; four from Michiana Shores, Dawn Boles, Gert Peterson, Leona Uryga, and Joan Lewis; and four from Lincoln Township, Pam Kaufman, Kay Kaufman, Dave Kaufman, District 3 chairman; and Katie Kruse, Miss Flame.

The minutes of the September 19, 2007 meeting were read and stand as read.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted until audit.

Balance in the State fund as of Nov. 2 was \$23,411.63, Mary Mackin Memorial fund \$3,364.89.

IVFAA 2008 Miss Flame nominee for District 3 was chosen. She is Katie Kruse from Lincoln Twp. She is the niece of Dave Kaufman. She's a freshman at LaPorte High School, participates in basketball, loves athletics, and has two draft horses and a colt. Katie is involved with the Youth Group at her church and hopes to go on a Mission Trip soon.

A motion was made by Ruth Deutscher, seconded Dorothy Moffitt to buy 10 Miss Flame ribbons/banners; motion carried.

A motion was made by Ruth Deutscher, seconded by Bonnie Smith to buy a tiara; motion carried.

A child whose legal guardian is a grandparent can be a candidate for Miss Flame. In the past, the child had to live with the grandparent.

Each Auxiliary is providing a basket of goodies, each with a different theme, to be raffled off at the convention. Tickets will be sold February to May; \$1 for one chance, and either 6 or 7 for \$5.

The next IVFAA Convention will be at the Belterra Casino in Vevay, Indiana at the Belterra Casino, southeast, near the Ohio border. The date is June 18th - 21st. Registration fee is \$60.00. Room rate for June

18th & 19th: \$75.00, June 20th: \$119.00. Leona has registration forms.

Leona sent two sympathy cards: one to Martha Thomas, state auxiliary president, whose mother died; and one to the vice-president whose father-in-law died.

State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin passed away this year and if anyone would like to send a Thinking of You card to his wife contact Leona for her address.

American Income Life Insurance Co. is providing \$2000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit free to members. The contact for this area is Charrie Anderson, PH: (219) 898-6352. Additional insurance is available along with Health Services Discount Plan.

If there is a death in your Auxiliary, please let Leona or the chaplain know, so they can contact the family to see if they would like a memorial. Leona suggested that each member write down (card) what they would like said about them in case of their death. This will enable the Chaplain to have something personal to say about them.

Next meeting will be at Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department March 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. A list of next year's auxiliary meetings was distributed to the members present.

An historian album was found but is missing the pictures and they are trying to reconstruct it. If you have any pictures, articles, etc. from 1952 to 1973 give them to Leona.

50/50 was won by Joan Lewis \$6.50.

Christmas gifts were provided by the Springfield Fire Department Auxiliary for all members present.

On behalf of the IVFFA District 3, we'd like to thank Springfield Twp. for hosting this meeting. Everyone enjoyed the Italian luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joan M. Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer - District 3

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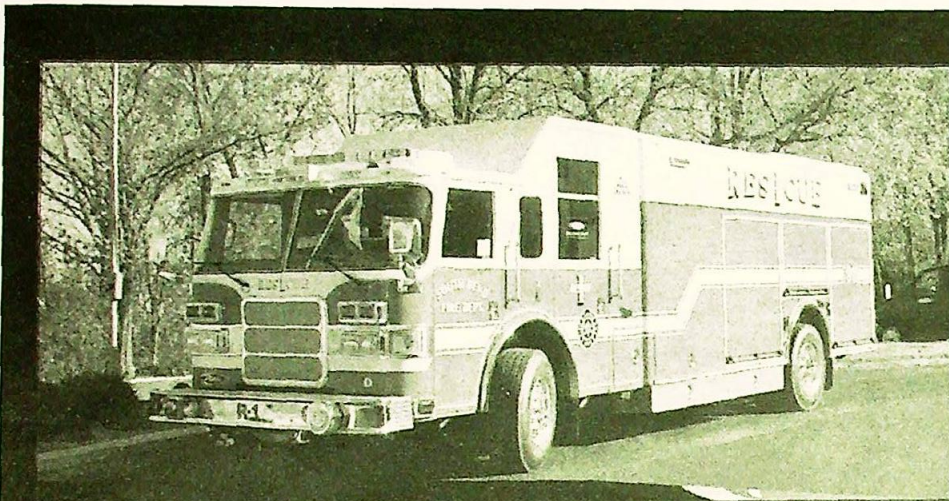
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*Rhonda Moon*  
District 14 chairman

Hi, Ladies,  
I hope all had a joyous holiday season and have a prosperous New Year.

I've been traveling around District 14 alongside the District 14 IVFA chair, going to meetings and different events/functions trying to drum up new members for the district and have enjoyed being with different departments, meeting new people and spreading the word about the IVFAA.

By this issue we will have a meeting on November 8th at North Vernon with a very lovely District 14 memorial service and a meeting on January 16th at Jennings Township, in which we chose our 2008 District 14 Miss Flame.

I'm glad I'm a chair and not a judge because they had their work cut out for them.

Thanks to all that participated and if I could, I'd give each and every one of them a sash and a crown. Our district should be very proud because we had some great young ladies to choose from.

Our next meeting will be posted on the website, which will take place while the men have theirs. Hope to see you there.

*Sincerely,*  
*Rhonda Moon*  
District 14 IVFAA chairman

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**DISTRICT 11-B**



*Barbara Ketchem*  
District 11-B Chairman

**DISTRICT 12**



*Rosie Johnson*  
District 12 chairman

Sunman and Batesville attending. We talked about state meeting from Nov. 4, 2007 which we covered insurance and June convention and Chinese Auction. We also talked about having a basket raffle to raise money for the auxiliary. District 19 will do a tool basket to be raffled off in June and will do another basket for later. Our next IVFAA meeting for District 19 will be held at the Sunman Fire Dept. Feb. 12, 2008.

Morris Fire Dept. had a breakfast on November 11, 2007 which was well attended.

November 15 IVFA meeting was held at Manchester where we crowned Rachel Butt as our 2008 Miss Flame. I invited other auxiliary members there to join our IVFAA and asked other firefighters to ask their ladies if they would like to join. They can contact me if they are interested.

Several departments had Christmas parties planned.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

*Sincerely,*  
District 19 Chairman

**DISTRICT 19 REPORT**



*Pam Gerdowsky*  
District 19 chairman

November 8, 2007  
The District 19 IVFAA meeting was held at the Batesville Fire Dept. with members from Morris,

**Plan to attend the  
2008 convention  
June 18-21**

**Auxiliary  
Chaplain  
Notes . . .**

*Bette Sellmer*

Happy New Year to all, may God bless you and yours with abundance of good health this year.

I sure hope your New Year's eve and day was as pleasant and enjoyable as ours. I can walk this year, no pain for the last two weeks. All tests came back GOOD. Tom's sugar level is down to very expectable levels.

Get well cards have been sent to the following: Jane Ferro, Faye Sallee, Barbara Ketchem and Vivian Woodfill-Stone. Please pray with me that God would touch our sister with His healing hands.

Calibrating the lives of the following: Beth Caudill's father-in-law, cards may be sent to Beth at 15120 Lucas Road, Brookville, IN 47012; Martha Thomas' mother, cards may be sent to Martha at 7150 Madison Street, Merrillville, IN 46410; Teresa Simonetto, District 2, Lake of Four Seasons, cards may be sent to Teresa's family at 175 S. 725 West, Hebron, IN 46341.

Anyone needing Bibles, please let me know before the next meeting.

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**IVFA CONVENTION 2008 SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY**

**TIME**  
NOON-6P  
6P-8P  
8P-9:30P  
9:30P-12A  
9:30P-12A

**WEDNESDAY**

**EVENT**  
REGISTRATION  
MEAL  
AUCTION  
DANCE  
MISS FLAME MIXER

**WEDNESDAY**

**ROOM**  
BUCKEYE/POPLAR  
POOL & BALL A  
BALL A  
BALL A,B,C  
CEDAR

**THURSDAY**

8A-5P  
8:30A-1P  
9A-11A  
12P-1P  
1:30-CLOSE  
1P-4:30P  
3P-4P  
4P-5P  
5P-6:30P  
7P-8:30P  
9P-12A

**THURSDAY**

REGISTRATION  
MISS FLAME JUDGING  
BREAKOUT SEMINARS (3)  
MISS FLAME LUNCHEON  
MISS FLAME FINAL JUDGING  
VENDORS OPEN  
IVFA OFFICERS' MEETING  
IVFAA OFFICERS' MEETING  
HOT DOG & BEER BUST  
OPEN MEETING  
DANCE

**THURSDAY**

BUCKEYE/POPLAR  
CEDAR/MAPLE  
BALL A,B,C  
MAPLE  
CEDAR/MAPLE  
OAK  
BALL A  
BALL C  
POOL AREA  
BALL A,B,C  
BALL A,B,C

**FRIDAY**

7A-8A  
8A-  
8A-9A  
9:30A-12P  
9:30A-12P  
12P-4P  
1:30P-CLOSE  
1:30P-CLOSE  
6:30-9P  
6:30-9P  
9:30-12A

**FRIDAY**

COFFEE KLUTCH  
REGISTRATION  
MEMORIAL SERVICE  
IVFA BUSINESS MEETING  
IVFAA BUSINESS MEETING  
VENDORS OPEN  
IVFA BUSINESS MEETING  
IVFAA BUSINESS MEETING  
CHILDREN'S PARTY  
BANQUET  
DANCE

**FRIDAY**

CEDAR  
MAPLE  
CENTER STAGE  
BALL A,B  
BALL C  
OAK  
BALL A,B - IF NEEDED  
BALL A,B - IF NEEDED  
CEDAR  
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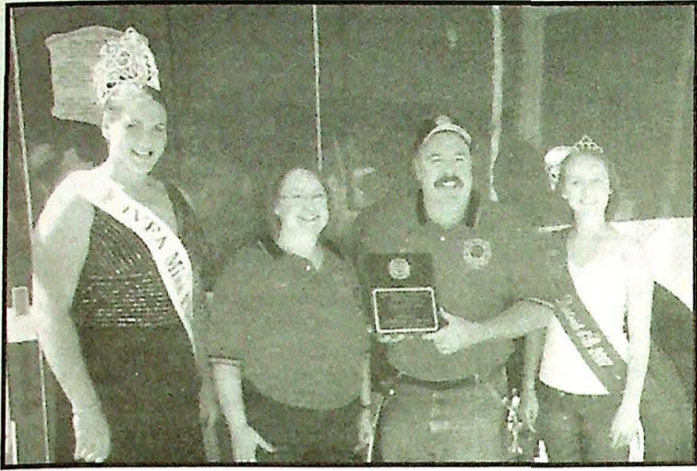


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# Montpelier VFD holds Jamboree parade



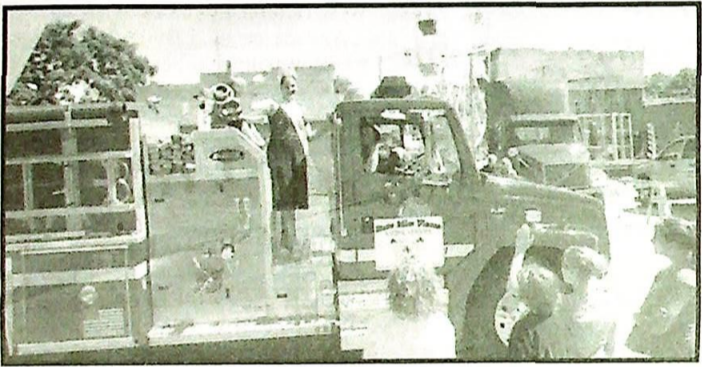
During the Jamboree Parade held by the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department on September 1, 2007, the Jefferson Township Fire Department, Ossian, Indiana was given a plaque for having the newest truck.

Pictured (from left to right) is Amber Farrer, IVFA Miss Flame, Kurk and Tina Haddix, LeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Receiving a plaque for having the oldest fire truck in the Montpelier Jamboree parade was Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) is Amber Farrer, IVFA Miss Flame, Rich Imel, LeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Riding on Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department's truck in their annual Jamboree parade is Amber Farrer, IVFA Miss Flame 2007. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Geneva Volunteer Fire Department was named Fireman's Choice at the Jamboree parade held on September 1, 2007 at Montpelier.

Pictured from left to right is Amber Farrer, IVFA Miss Flame, Art Booth, LeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame.

-- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



On September 1, 2007 the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Jamboree parade. Riding on the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department's truck is LeAnn Blumenhorst, District 8B Miss Flame. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B.

### Auxiliary chaplain - continued from page 38







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Bette Sellmer, Chaplain

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# Wayne County EMA awarded Global Award for assistance

At the last meeting of District 13B, Fred Griffin, Director of Wayne County EMA accepted the Global Award for the agency's assistance with obtaining equipment and training, and their work in getting IDHS District 6 organized. - submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman.

Pictured (from left to right): Scott Harris, ECPR, Fred Griffin, Wayne Co. EMA, and Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman.

## IVFA offering shirts, caps and jackets for sale

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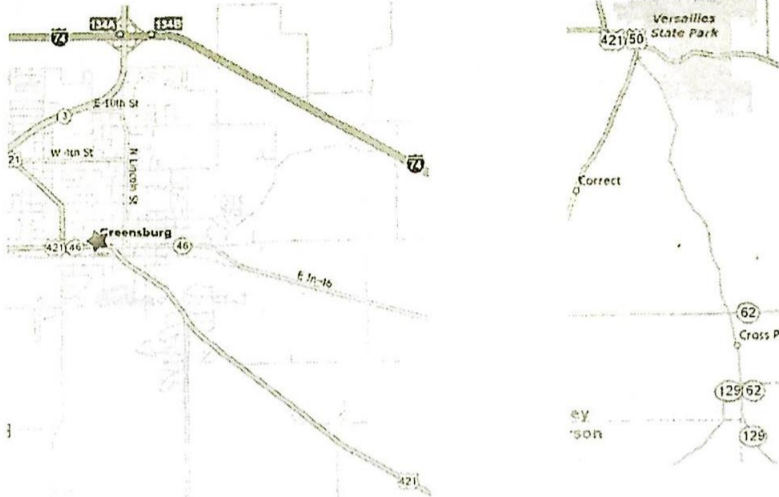
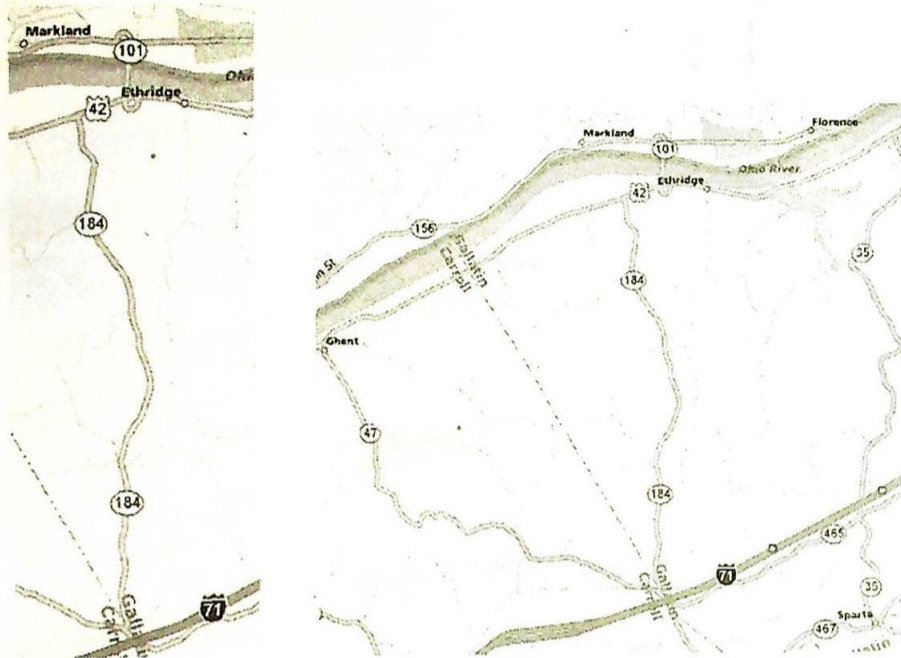
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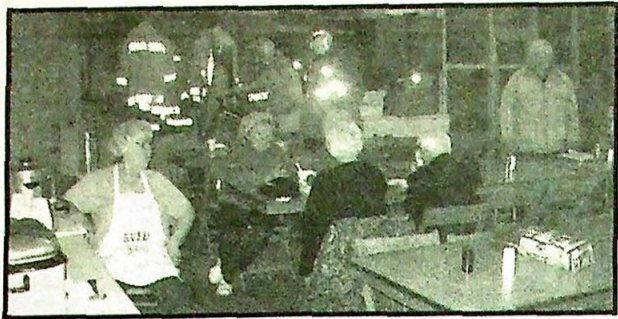
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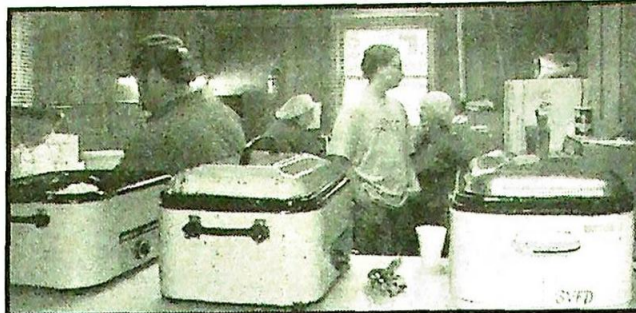
# Salamonia VFD holds beef and noodle dinner



The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a beef and noodle dinner on November 18, 2007 at the fire station.

Pictured from left to right are Carrol Manor and Evelyn Green, members of the auxiliary.

Hey guys, I didn't make the coffee. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Shown at the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department's beef and noodle dinner held on November 18, 2007 and hosted by the ladies' auxiliary are:

Pictured (from left to right) are Bruce Manor, Evelyn Green, A. J. Cain and Vicky Gettinger.

Think maybe the ladies are wondering if Bruce is doing it right. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Attending a beef and noodle dinner held by the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary on November 18, 2007 was Amber Farrer, State IVFA Miss Flame.

Pictured from left to right is Tony Farrer, Fire Chief, Lloyd Wright, Amber Farrer and Scott Harris. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

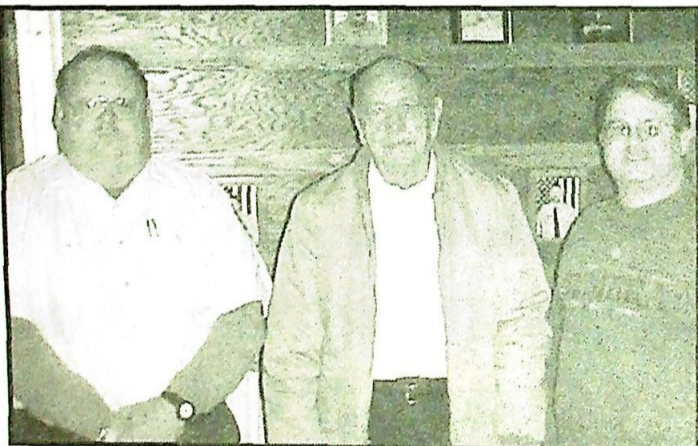
## Hymera volunteers recognized for years of fire service

At the December 2007 business meeting, two of Hymera's volunteers were recognized for their 25 years of service.

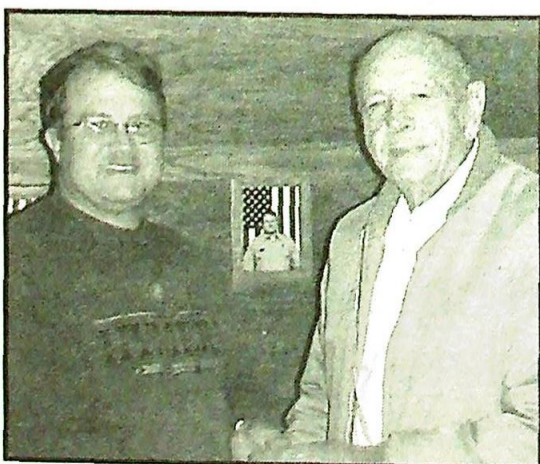
Mr. Robert Meyers, District 11-A chairman, attended to make the presentations. -- (Photos by Randy Compton)



Pictured are Robert Samm (left) and Robert Meyers, (right) District 11-A chairman.



Pictured are Robert Samm (left), Robert Meyers (center) - District 11-A chairman and Estel Shidler (right).



Pictured are Estel Shidler (left) and Robert Meyers, District 11-A chairman.

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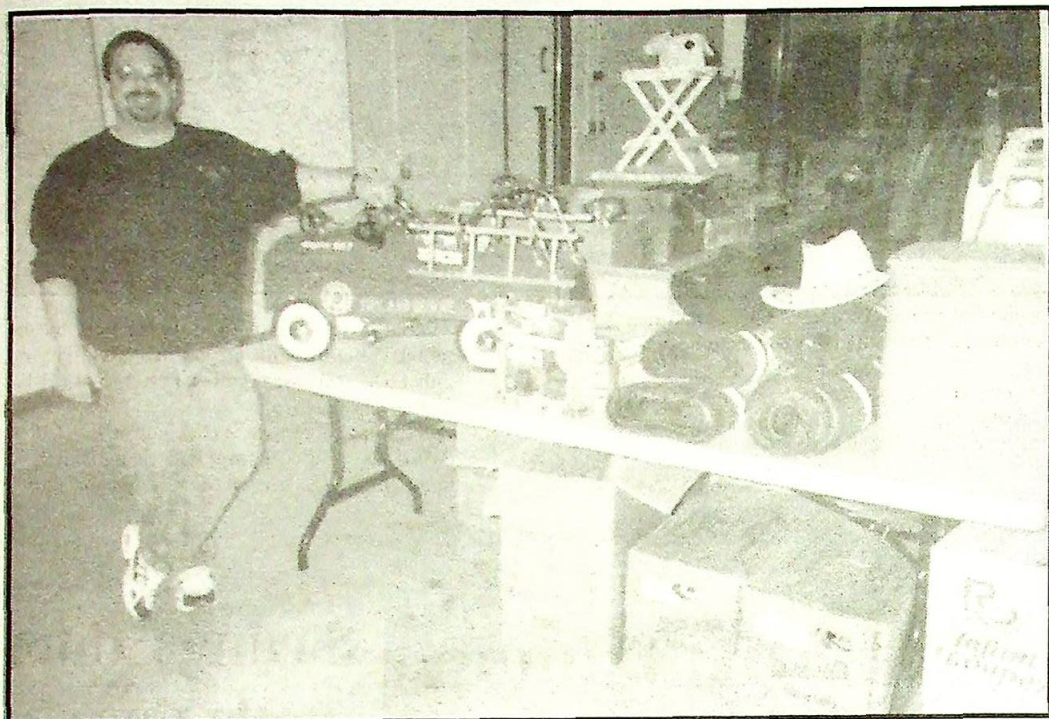
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# Ridgeville VFD holds Toy and Tool Auction

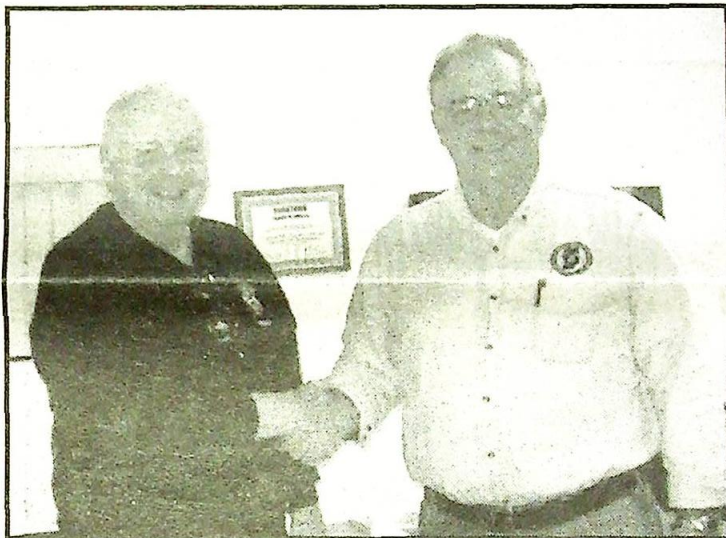


Pictured here is Gary Barnett of the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department at their annual Toy & Tool Auction. Hey guys, I found something that you can buy me to drive to the fires. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



On November 23, 2007 Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Toy and Tool Auction. Pictured here before the auction began are Stacy Chalfant, Gary Barnett, and Aaron Retter. Hey guys, I promise I won't touch anything. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Don Young receives 25 year pin for service



Receiving a 25 year pin from Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, is Don Young of the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department. Not present, but also receiving a 25 year pin, was Charlie Saubert. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Nancy Compton presented plaque for supporting husband



Shown here is Sharon Wright, wife of District 8B chairman, Lloyd E. Wright, presenting a plaque to Nancy Compton, wife of Rick Compton, Sr. of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department for her support of him in his many years of fire service. The plaque was titled, "Fireman's Wife Prayer." -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

## Rick Compton honored for 30 years of fire service

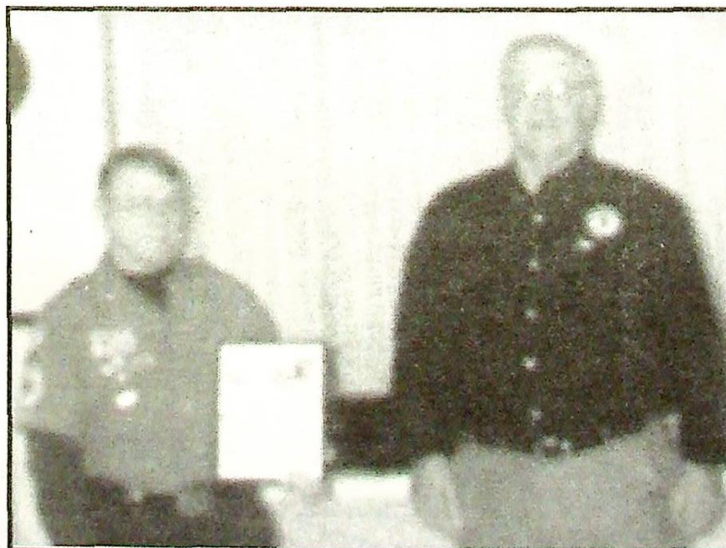
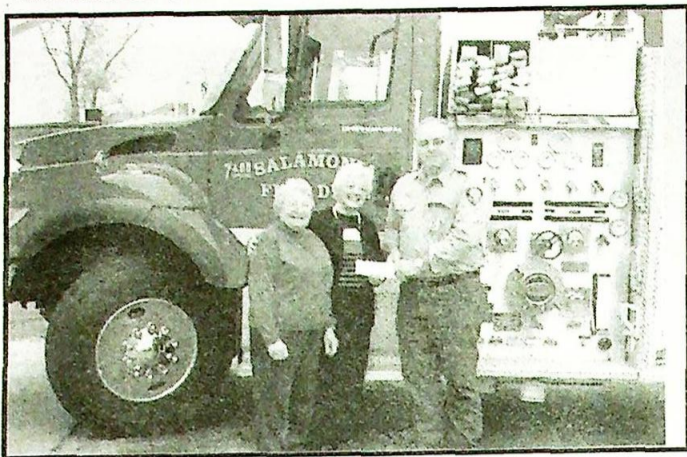


PHOTO AT RIGHT - On December 1, 2007 the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party. Fire Chief Rick Compton Sr., (pictured left) was honored for his 30 years in the fire service. Presenting a plaque to Rick is Lloyd Wright, (right) District 8B chairman. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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### Salamonia VFW makes donation to Salamonia VFD



The Salamonia VFW Post recently donated a check for \$500.00 to the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department.

Presenting the check to Fire Chief Lloyd Wright are Mildred May and Evelyn Green, representing the VFW. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

### Barber presented 25 year pin



A 25 year pin was presented to Carl Barber, Jr. of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department at their Christmas Party held on December 1, 2007.

Pictured from left to right is Brent Devine, Rick Compton Sr., Carl Barber Jr. and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

### Bousemans busy at work



The Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and tenderloin supper on December 1, 2007 at the fire station.

Pictured here is Ivan and Rosella Bouseman selling raffle tickets. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



### New truck for Losantville VFD

Pictured here is Losantville (West Union) Volunteer Fire Department's new truck. It is a 1996 International tanker. It has a 500 GPM pump and it holds 2750 gallons of water. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

### Twenty-five year pins awarded to Geneva VFD members



PICTURED BELOW - At a recent meeting for the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department of District 7, these men were presented with their 25 year pins.

Front row (left to right) Patrick Newcomer, Jim Chaffins, Terry Koons. Back row (left to right) James Mosser, Terry Nevil, Art Booth, John Kleinknight, Kenneth Doherty, Walt Reiter (District 7 chairman). Not pictured are Stuart Lefever, Paul Neal and David Lyons.

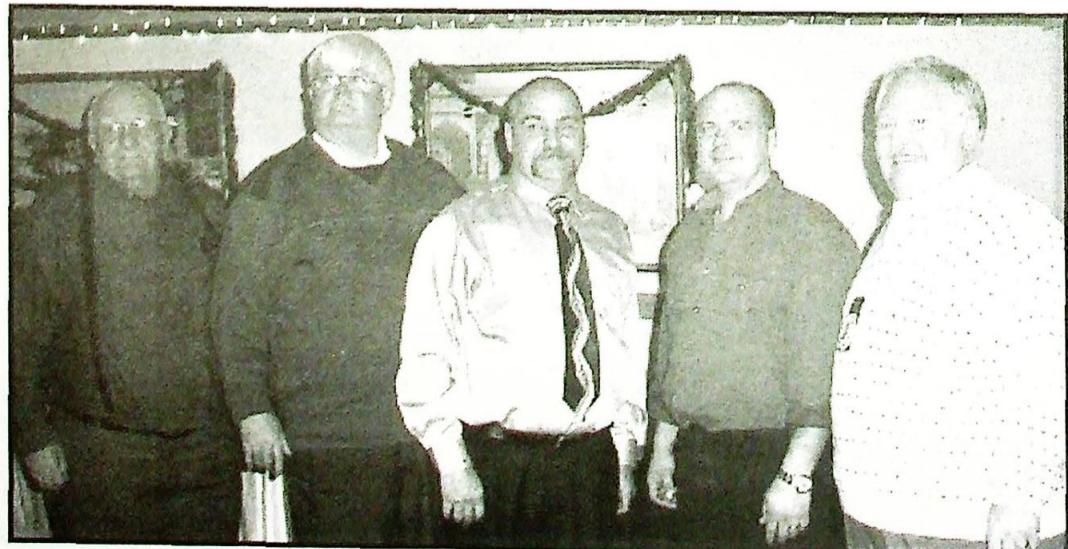
PICTURED ABOVE - Twenty-five year pin recipients from Geneva Volunteer Fire Department, District 7 are (left to right) -- Joyce Nevil, Suzie Stout (District 7 auxiliary chairman), and Melanie Morningstar. -- photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman



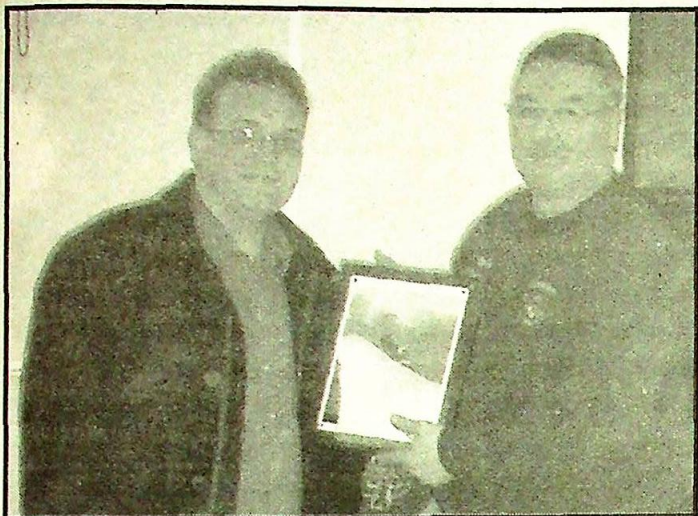
### Twenty-five year pins presented to Springfield Township firefighters

PHOTO AT LEFT - District 3 chairman Dave Kaufman is shown presenting 25 year pins to Springfield Township firefighters Karl Smith and Tim Sandy at the FD's Christmas Party. Tim is also the past district chairman for District 3. Looking on were State Chairman Jerry Cohen and Springfield Fire Chief Steve Marvel.

Pictured (left to right) are: Jerry Cohen (IVFA State Chaplain & Springfield Township member), Tim Sandy (Past District 3 Chairman and current Springfield Township administrative Chief), Karl Smith (Springfield Township President), Steve Marvel (Springfield Township Chief) and Dave Kaufman (IVFA District 3 Chairman). - submitted by Dave Kaufman, District 3 chairman.

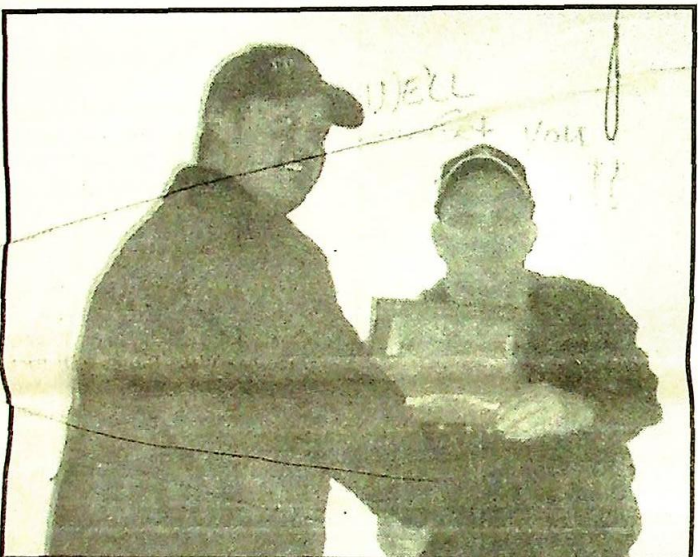


### Baumgardner presented Muscular Dystrophy plaque



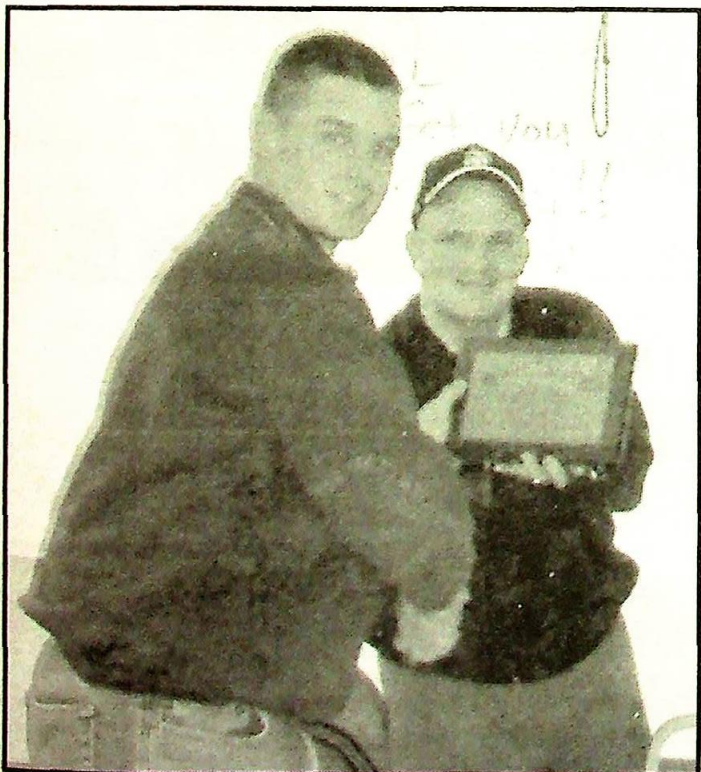
Mike Vaughn presents Mark Baumgardner, acting chief of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department, with the Muscular Dystrophy plaque. -- submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman.

### Ryman awarded five year membership plaque



Jason Ryman is presented with his 5 year membership plaque from the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman.

### Presented with five year membership plaque



Mark Baumgardner, Jr. is presented with his 5 year membership plaque from the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman.

### Schmitt presented five year plaque



Erik Schmitt is awarded his 5 year membership plaque from the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department. District 2 chairman, Paul Watland and CPFD V.P. Steve Tobias look on. -- submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2.

### Holifield receives 25 year pin



Claude R. Holifield (left) of Keener Twp. VFD is presented with his 25 year service pin by District 2 chairman, Paul F. Watland (right). -- submitted by Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman.

### Ten year service pins awarded

Mike Osgood (left) is shown presenting James Brown (right) with his 10 year service pin. -- submitted by Bill Sunday.

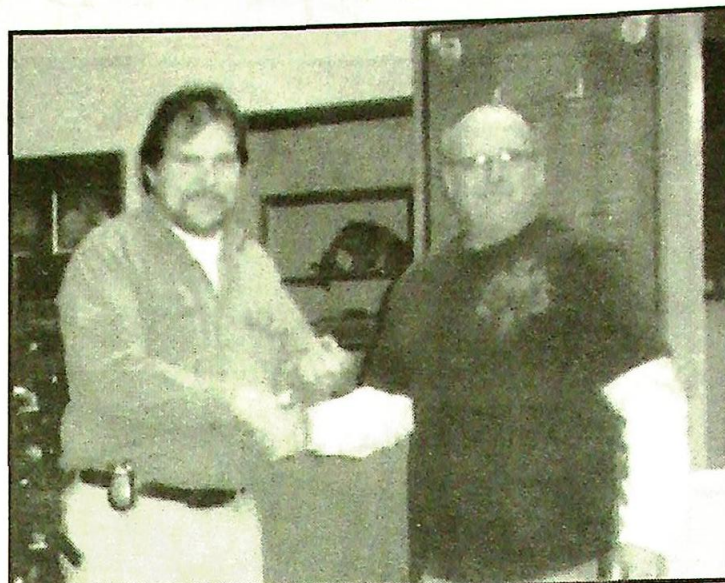


Mike Osgood, (left) Farmland Fire Chief, is shown presenting Joe Bertram (right) with his 10 year service pin. -- submitted by Bill Sunday.

# Twenty-year service pins awarded to two Farmland firemen



PICTURED AT LEFT - Mike Osgood, (left) Farmland Fire Chief, is shown presenting Jeff Willen (right) with a 20 year service pin. -- submitted by Bill Sunday.



PICTURED AT RIGHT - Mike Osgood, (left) Farmland Fire Chief, is shown presenting Kenny Marquis (right) with a 20 year service pin. -- submitted by Bill Sunday.

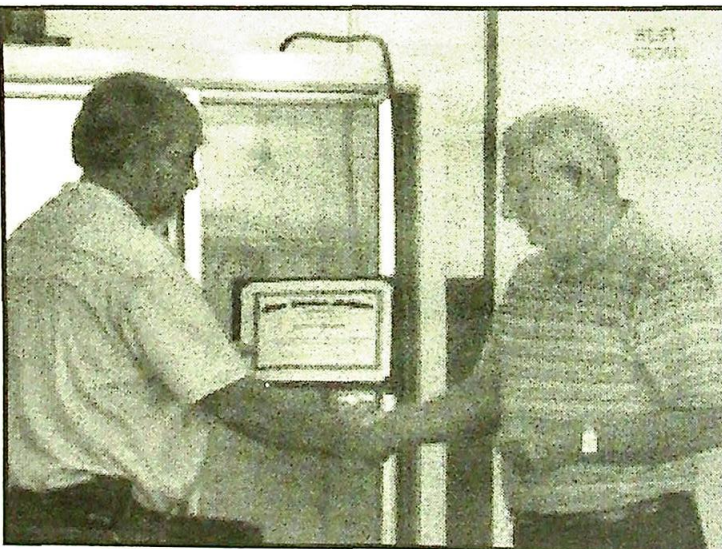
## Toni Clark receives 25 year service pin

## New sign on Farmland station



Farmland Fire Department gets a new sign on their station. The new sign was constructed by Phil Osgood, father of Mike Osgood, Farmland's Fire Chief. It replaces the old sign that was placed on the building in 1970 by Bill Sunday. -- submitted by Bill Sunday.

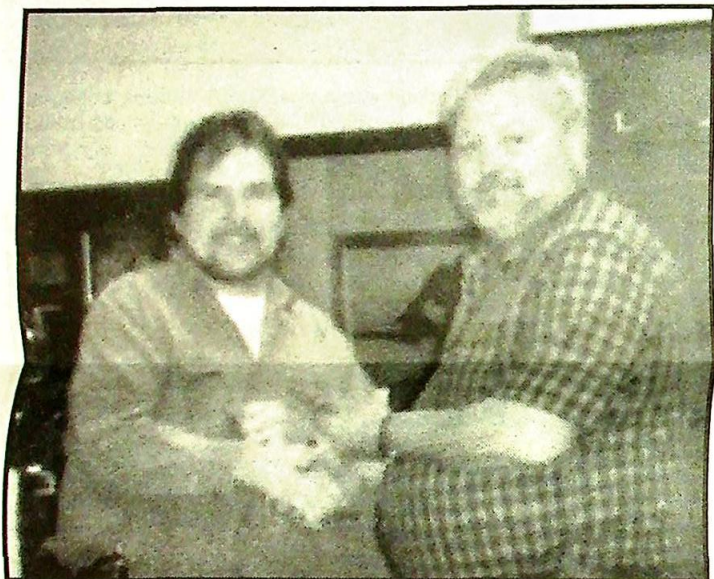
## Leon Workman recently awarded for years of service



IVFA District 10 chairman David Israel (left) presents Leon Workman (right) with an IVFA 50 year Gold Card and a certificate. Leon is a 50 year member of the Hartsville Community Volunteer Fire Department in Barth. County -- submitted by David Israel

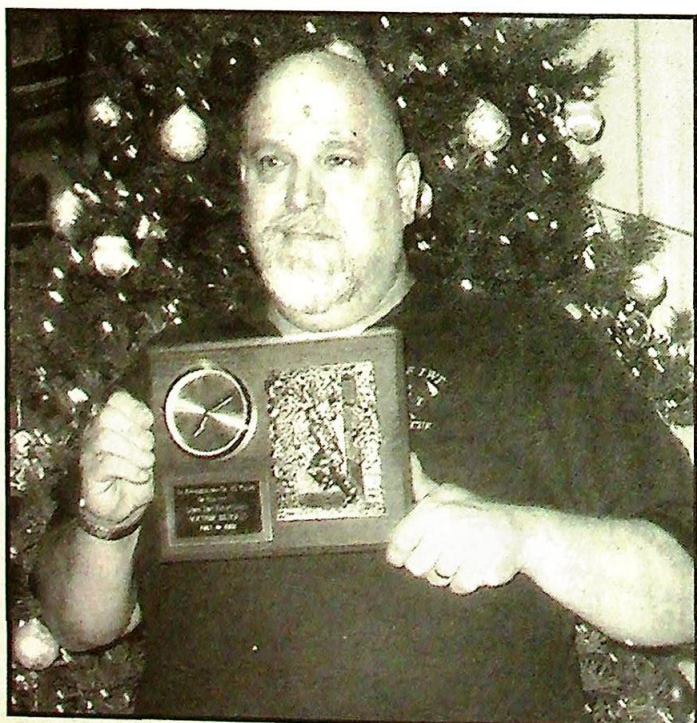


Hartsville Comm. Volunteer Fire Chief Edward Johnson (left) presents Leon Workman (right) with a plaque for 50 years of service to his community and the Hartsville Community Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by David Israel



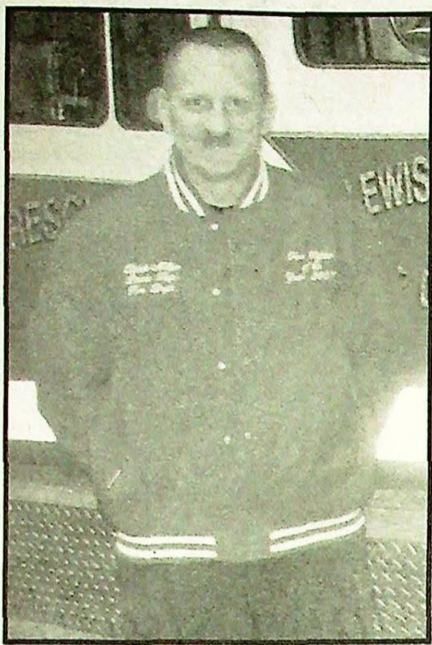
Mike Osgood, (left) Farmland Fire Chief is shown presenting Toni Clark (right) with a 25 year service pin. -- submitted by Bill Sunday.

## Burriss honored with 25 year service plaque



Victor Burriss was presented with a plaque honoring him for 25 years of service to the Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Diane Harrison

# Lewis Twp. VFD members receives awards



Chuck Miller received Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the Year. -- submitted by Diane Harrison



Jack McFarland was honored at the Christmas party for his 35 years of service to the Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Diane Harrison



Sherry McFarland was presented with a plaque honoring her for 25 years of service to the Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. -- submitted by Diane Harrison.

# Cicero Fire Department holds Christmas party; 25 year pins awarded



Entertainment at the Cicero Fire Department's Christmas party held on December 2, 2007 was provided by the Hamilton County High Swing Choir. -- submitted by Bill Pape, District 8A chairman



Chief Peachey and Santa Claus Cicero Fire Department, December 2, 2007 Christmas party. -- submitted by Bill Pape, District 8A chairman



Twenty-five year pins awarded at Cicero F.D., December 2, 2007 by district chairman Pape. Jerry Luston, John DeCamp, Dennis Kinder, Thomas Huser, Bruce Scherer, Phil Achenbach, district secretary. - submitted by Bill Pape, District 8A chairman

## NOTICE

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# Fallen heroes honored



Lisa Reger, sister of fallen hero Enrico Garcia and Brent Stucker, son of fallen hero Jerry Stucker, carry the wreath to the Firefighter Memorial Statue during the Holiday Remembrance Service in Louisville, Kentucky. - submitted by Diane Harrison

# Talk To God

In one of my earlier articles I said that prayer was talking to God. I hope that you have had some good talks with Him.

Here is something for you to try, before you get out of bed.

Just as soon as you wake up, give God the first few seconds of the day in prayer. Your prayer doesn't have to be long.

I often just say "thank you for the night's sleep and please be with me today in all I say and do."

When I was younger and answering fire calls I would ask God to come with me. It was nice having Him with me to help wake me up and remember where the fire was. Take two seconds and ask Him to go with you as you never know what you will find once you get to the fire scene.

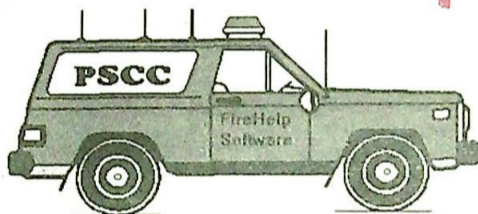
I found that by asking Him to be with me, even when the temperature was -20 below, my car would start and when I got to the junction of 625N and 300W the coast was clear. When I got to the station even the old 1947 Ford pumper would start. I would ask Him not to let the front mount pump freeze up. I never had a problem as long as I asked God to go with me. When I forgot to ask Him to go with me or was too lazy to talk to Him nothing went smooth. There were always glitches.

Try it - talk to God, don't let a day go by without talking to Him.

Jerry Cohen  
Chaplain

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The Firefighter Memorial Statue at the Justice Center in Louisville, Kentucky with the memorial wreath. - submitted by Diane Harrison