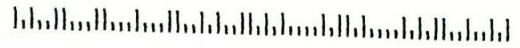


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From The President

Tim Deckard



Greetings and our new year has started. I trust everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. As our new year begins so does our travel to the Statehouse and many hours helping protect the volunteers of the state. I cannot plead with you enough to get involved in this process and contact your legislator and share your feelings for any of the bills that will come at hand this session.

As the House is just now getting underway here are a few bills to watch:

- HJR-0003 Local government consolidation
- SB-0379 Local government
- SJR-0007 County officers
- HB-1104 Fire Protection territory

levies
SB-0322 Firefighter training
SB-0177 Fees for fire or other emergency services

These are just a few to start. There will be more coming during the session.

Please attend your district meetings and watch the IVFA website www.IVFA.org for more bills and updates as they come.

The most watched and current issue at hand is the Kernan-Shepard report. In this report there are 27 recommendations. I am not against all 27, but there are 5 in which we need to stop and make a loud voice against

#1 Establish a single person elected county chief executive.

5 Create a county wide body to oversee the provision of all public safety services.

6 Consolidate emergency public safety dispatch by county or multi-county region.

Require that new, local emergency communications systems be compatible with Project Hoosier Safe-T statewide 800 MHz communications system.

9 Transfer the responsibility for administering the duties of township government for assessment, poor relief, fire protection, emergency management services cemeteries and any other remaining responsibilities to the county executive; Establish a county wide poor relief levy.

24 Prohibit employees of a local government unit from serving as elected officials within the same local government.

As many groups and organizations are pushing for the report and change

those of the Indiana Chamber and PFFUI the *Indiana Volunteers Association* has teamed up and will walk together with the Indiana Township Association to help keep the volunteer fire departments in their place serving the community, we are the one that has public safety at heart.

Another event we are working on and watching is the National Scope of Practice for our EMS providing departments and communities. Under current law the 1st responder is NOT allowed to administer c-collars to patients and put patients on back boards nor use long bone measures for patient care, even though we are taught to do so. Currently the state EMS Commission is working to pass the National Scope of Practice in which will take out any teaching of these such items. Along with renaming the 1st Responder and the new state National Registry test for 1st Responder you will be charged \$65.00 per test and records show that it takes students four times to pass. Now comes the EMT's. Taking the National Registry test also and National Scope

of Practice has removed us from of non-visualized airways. Two major factors. Where is patient care in any of this? Quiet as a mouse or sweeping it under the carpet won't work for us and we will stand for what is right. Changes are good in some areas but changes as these will affect both the volunteer and career departments majorly.

Everyone loves ice cream and I encourage you to team up with the nearest Baskin Robbins to Support Junior Firefighters. During Baskin-Robbins 3rd annual .31 cent Scoop Night which will be held April 29 from 5-10 p.m., Baskin Robbins stores will reduce the price of ice cream scoops to .31 cents to honor America's firefighters and create an opportunity for the fire service organizations to raise funds for their department. There are many ways fire departments can get involved. Contact your local Baskin Robbins store or visit www.baskinrobbins.com/firefighters to learn more.

The never ending PSID nightmare

if you have any questions e-mail psidquestions@dhs.in.gov and they will contact you within 72 hours. Please get familiar with the training program "Coffee Break Training" on the USFA website. www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/coffee-break. Also www.everyonegoeshome.com for great power point presentations and downloadable video clips for use.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with just a single step forward. We as a group must keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing NEW things and our curiosity keeps taking all of us down new paths. We must remember that success doesn't happen by accident. It starts with an unwavering commitment to build a dedicated team, who serves their boss the customer, our membership. It has been said if you find a purpose your passion will follow. Progress involves RISK; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first. Keep safe; bring everyone home from your incidents, and Thank YOU for serving your community faithfully and dedicated.

Tim Deckard, President

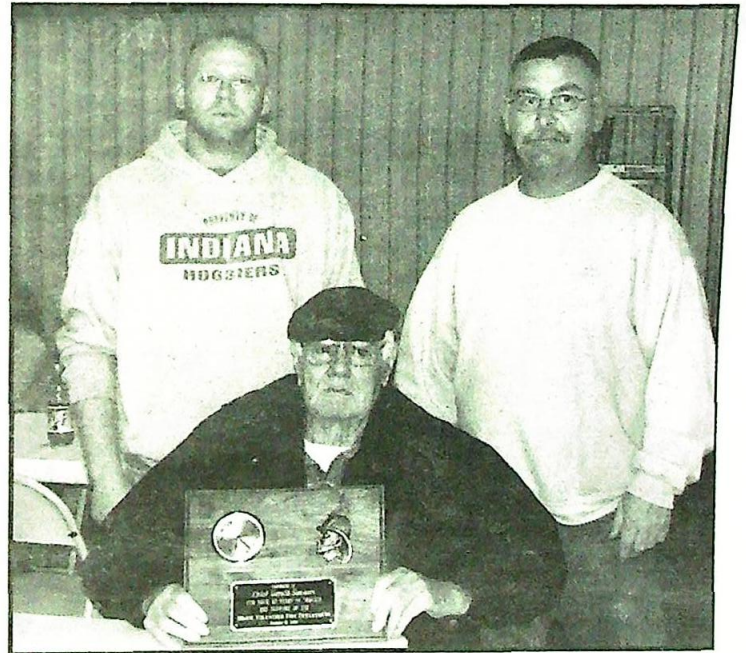
Brook firefighters - past and present reunite

The members of the Brook Volunteer Fire Department and their spouses and guests hosted a reunion dinner for former fire department members and their spouses on November 12, 2008 at the Brook Fire Station.

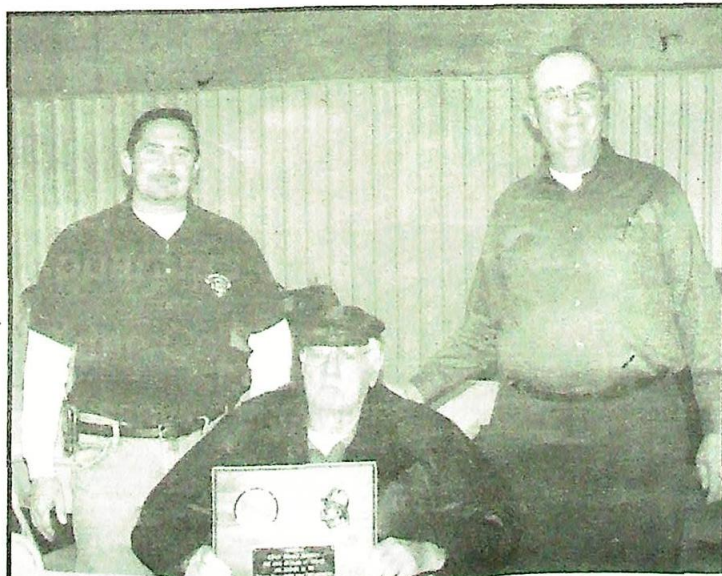
A delicious pork roast dinner from the Brook Locker Plant was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Fire Chief Kyle D. Conrad made a special presentation to former fire chief Gerald Sanders. Sanders joined the department in 1968 and served as fire chief from 1989 to 1996. Sanders received an engraved plaque/clock thanking him for his 40 years of service and support of the department.

The evening was spent enjoying stories and looking through photos and news articles spanning the history of the Brook Fire Department which was organized in March of 1916. (submitted by Kyle Conrad, Brook Fire Department and re-printed with permission of the Newton County Enterprise).



IN THE ABOVE PHOTO - Former fire chief Gerald Sanders (center) is shown with his son, Tim (right) and grandson Chris Gentry (left), and represent three generations of the Sanders family to serve as volunteer firefighters on the Brook department.



IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT - Brook Fire Chief Kyle Conrad (left) is joined by former fire chief Ed Morton (right) in congratulating Gerald Sanders on his award. Morton served as assistant fire chief under Sanders and Conrad served as Morton's assistant fire chief.

I.V.F.A. Benefits BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP

The Bridgeport program began through the generosity of the Bridgeport Fire Department after liquidating their assets. Your Association was asked to administer the program, which sponsors three \$1,500 Scholarships each year, to be awarded to volunteer firefighters, their spouses or children.

Each applicant must first fill out a scholarship form and submit it to their Bridgeport Scholarship committee by the deadline of March 1st each year. This benefit is available to members in good standing having paid their dues for three consecutive years and with the last year, being paid on time.

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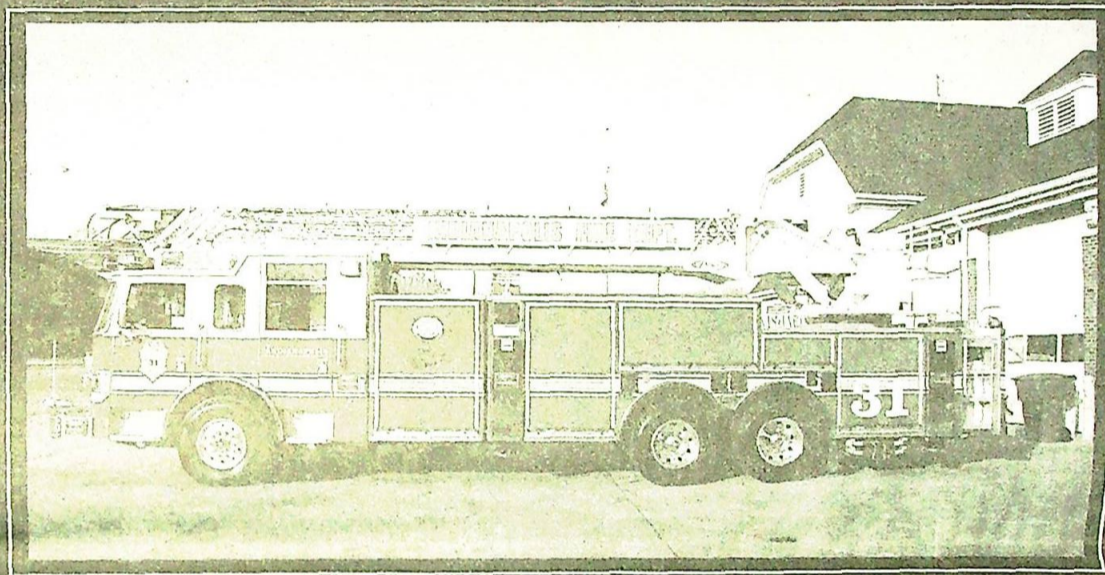
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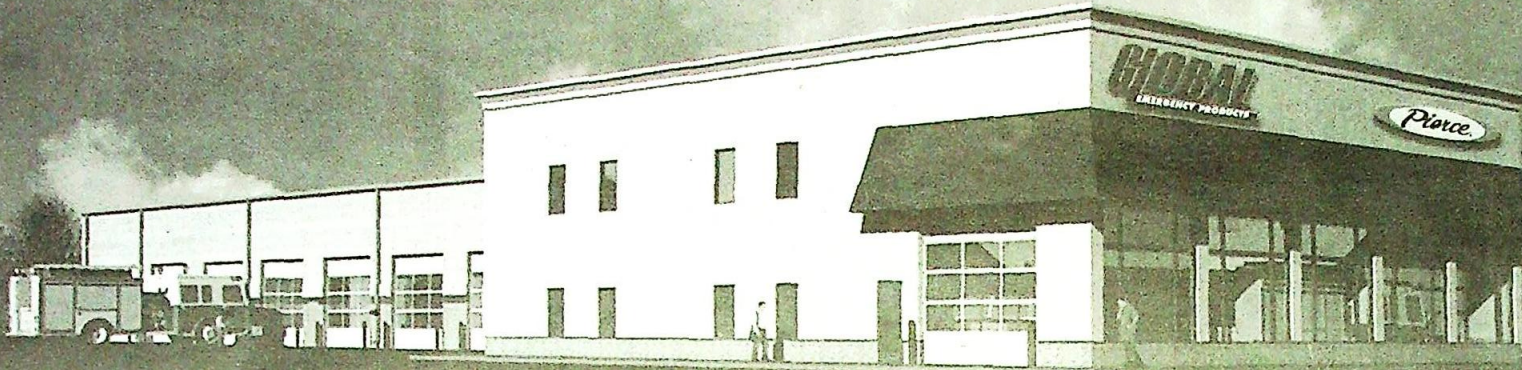
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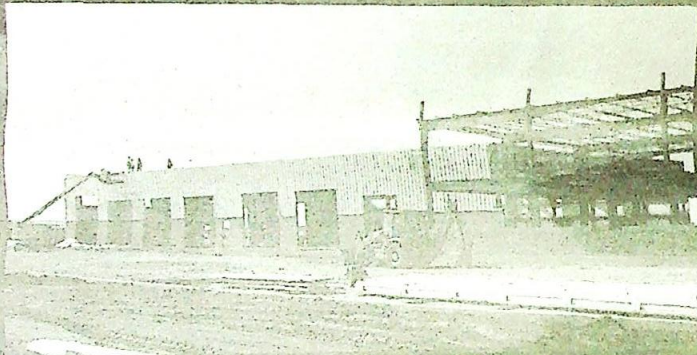
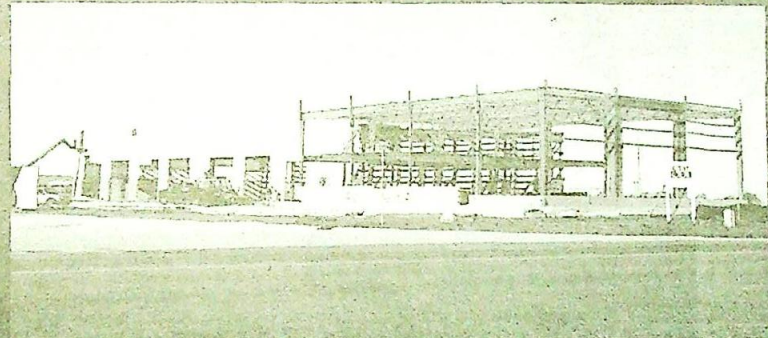
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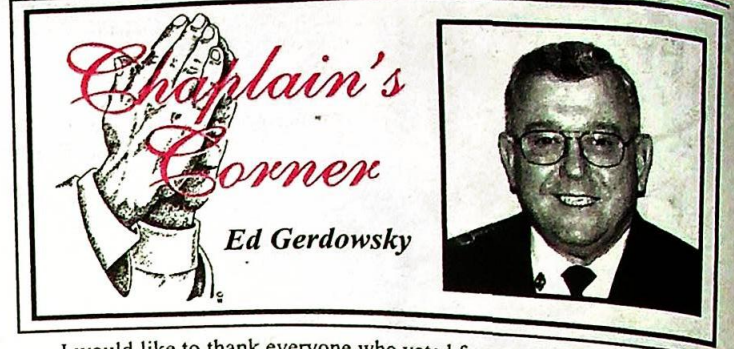
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I would like to thank everyone who voted for me at the State Convention. I know I have big shoes to fill and I hope I will not disappoint you. I want to work closely with my Associate Chaplains and District Chaplains and ask any of you who have ideas or suggestions to contact any one of us.

May God bless our organization and all the newly-elected officers so we can work together for the betterment of our firefighters.

May God continue to shower you and your families with many blessings in this coming year.

I want to thank Oris and Donna Reece for this inspiring e-mail.

Christ Bell

This is an awesome e-mail. Someone took a lot of time setting up this message.

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM
I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9, 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child. (Eph. 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?

Keep this bell ringing...pass it on
The LORD bless you and keep you;
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The LORD turn His face toward you
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Numbers 6:24-26

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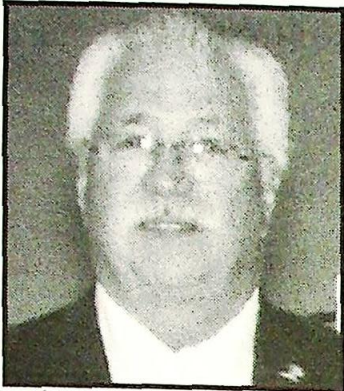
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From The Vice President

L.E. "Buz" Koehler



Jan. 6, 2009
Greetings,

It is an honor once again to be serving as your Vice President and I intend to work as hard as possible to

help move the Association forward this year.

We are faced with a daunting task of dealing with the streamlining of local Government as proposed by our Governor and the Kernan-Shepard Report.

The effects of this type of major change will be a difficult change and many of the after shocks have not even been completely thought out yet.

The Association will be working tirelessly to stay abreast of the changes and watching legislation as it moves, to keep everyone informed. It will take the help of every member to do their part to keep their communities informed as to the changes and ask for their support to keep the fire service in their communities intact, so we can continue to save lives and protect our communities.

I will be attending many District meetings and I look forward to visiting with all of you and if for any reason you need to, you may contact me with your questions and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Please be safe out there.

Buz Koehler, VP

2008 Miss Flame writes ...

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and that your holidays were filled with family time and joy, like mine were.

I can't believe it's a new year. My Miss Flame is almost over with but it seems like my reign just started.

I'm looking forward to working with the new officers. Congratulations to all the new Miss Flames that have been elected. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible before the convention. Please contact me with your email address so I can keep in touch. As people make plans for the new year I hope you will keep me informed as I hope to visit as many of you as possible. You can contact me at missflame08@yahoo.com or call me at (260) 350-0220.

Sincerely,
Kristen Wylie
08 IVFA Miss Flame

LEGISLATION - AGENDA 2009

1. CHANGE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION DISABILITY MINIMUM PAYMENT \$ AMOUNT TO MATCH MINIMUM WAGE \$ AMOUNT FOR A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. IC-36-8-12-7 SECTION 7(1)
2. A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER CANNOT BE TERMINATED BY HIS EMPLOYER FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS FIREFIGHTER DUTIES.
3. PERMIT VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEFS TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR ILLEGAL BURNING.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LEGISLATOR AND ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

J.C. PARKER, CHAIRMAN

Miss Flame Update

REMINDER: MARCH 10, 2009 - MISS FLAME APPLICATIONS, CHECK AND PICTURE DUE.

If you are a district chairman, please make sure the departments in your area are aware of when you will be holding your Miss Flame contest. We would like for all those who are eligible to participate if they express an interest.

It has been great to have had the large number that has participated the last several years. The contest is certainly one of the highlights of our convention. These young ladies are the future of our organizations and we need to support their efforts and interest.

If you or members have questions concerning the contest, please contact me:

Barb Kerney
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Letters will be going out after March 10th to all contestants concerning the contest.

Barb Kerney,
Chairman Miss Flame Committee

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 - ✗ Lung irritation and congestion
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 - ✗ Headaches or memory loss
 - ✗ Skin irritations or burns
 - ✗ Eye damage
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Obituaries

Centre Fire says good-bye to 50 year member, Battles

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Centre Township Fire Department said good-bye to one of its lifelong members, Maurice Battles, Sr.

Maurice passed away after an extended illness. He was a 50 year member of the IVFA and the Centre Township Fire Department. During his service, he served as a captain, mentor and friend. Even after retiring from active service with the CTFD, he maintained associate membership, and attended functions including open houses and the annual Christmas party.

Since Maurice Sr. joined the department in 1957 and observed many changes, some of which are the expansion of the Centre Township fire station, which included an addition of 5720 square feet and purchasing a neighboring house which was removed to provide parking; advances in dispatch from dispatching by siren and telephones to now dispatching by

repeaters; the hiring of six career firefighters to provide 24 hour coverage 7 days a week; and advances in gear and equipment for better protection.

Maurice's son, Maurice Battles, Jr. and nephew, Michael Battles, both continue the commitment to St. Joseph County fire departments as volunteers. Maurice Jr. currently serves as Assistant Chief with the Centre Township Fire Department and Michael Battles serves as Training Officer with the Portage Township Fire Department.

We extend our sympathy to Maurice Sr.'s wife, Patricia, and family, as well as our thanks for five decades of support to the fire service. As those of us in the fire service can attest, career or volunteer, this is a duty we could not fulfill without the support of our family and friends.

Debra Notestine
EMS Lieutenant

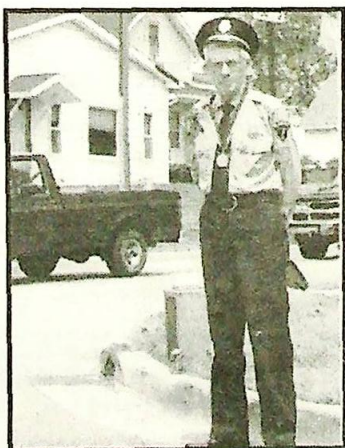
LaVerne A. Willits

LaVerne A. "Willie" Willits, 76, of South Milford, IN died Friday, July 4, 2008 at his residence.

Mr. Willits was born on October 20, 1931 in South Milford to Ralph and Gladys (Wilson) Willits.

A lifetime resident of South Milford, he retired from Wible Lumber Company in South Milford after 23 years. He had also worked for the Indiana State Highway Department for 14 years and had his own business, Willits and Sons Roofing and Siding in South Milford.

He was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department since 1952 and was chief for 40 years from 1963 to 2003. He was a firefighter waterball player for many years and was LaGrange County

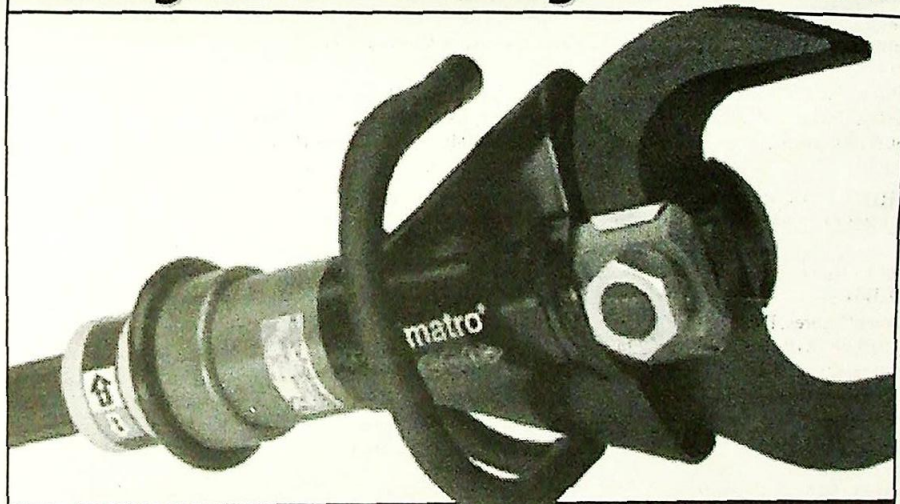


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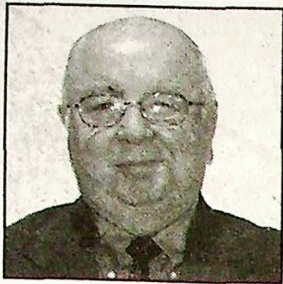
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN



Terry Smith

I would like to wish all of my fellow firefighters a Happy New Year! 2008 was a trying year for my family, but 2009 is already looking better.

There is one item that we as firefighters need to keep a close eye on and that is how the Kernan and Shepard report is going to affect your township government and your fire department. If this report is approved, it will affect your money and how you will provide fire and EMS coverage to your township. We need to be calling our State Congressmen and Senators letting them know how you feel.

On another note, I am very disappointed and concerned about the turn outs at District 4's I.V.F.A. meetings. Starting this year, the new guideline for all districts is that we now need to hold six meetings a year. My first meeting will be in February, 2009, two weeks after the officer's meeting so the information will be fresh and up-to-date.

District 4 and District 5 would like to host the I.V.F.A. Convention in 2011 in South Bend and will need support financially and physically. If we are approved to host the convention, we will start forming our committees in July, 2009. Please be thinking about a committee you would like to assist with.

I again would like to wish all my fellow firefighters Happy New Year and a safe and prosperous 2009.

Terry Smith
Chairman

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer

District 5 meeting
November 13, 2008
Location: Sidney-Jackson Township Fire Department, Sidney, IN

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:30 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA assistant chaplain David Sickelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department.

Guests: Olivia Eyrich, District 5 2008 Miss Flame candidate; Amber Farrer, 2007 Miss Flame; Kristen Wylie, 2008 Miss Flame; E.J. and Jean Smith; Toni Sorg, Mort Sorg, PRNE; Michelle Baxter, American Income Life Insurance Co.

Miss Flame candidates: Loren Smith of the North Webster Fire Department and Peggy Nifong of the Bourbon Fire Department were introduced as candidates for District 5 Miss Flame. They were then excused to be judged.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

Roll call: 22 members representing eight departments.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer

reported that longtime Bremen firefighter Al Glant, father of IVFA past president Dick Glant, has died. Departments were reminded that any members going into military service should notify the IVFA.

Legislative report: There will be efforts to adjust workman's comp to match current minimum wage requirements. Also, a bill to prohibit the employment termination of a volunteer firefighter who sustains an injury while fighting fire.

Members were reminded to submit requests for IVFA license plates. Awards for IVFA convention are due by February 1. Bridgeport Scholarships are due March 1.

District 4 is bidding on 2011 Convention to be held in South Bend. All the details need to be in to the IVFA Board by the February quarterly meeting.

Guest presentation: Michelle Baxter of the American Income Life Insurance Company explained some of the details and options available connected with the \$3,000 accidental death/dismemberment policy provided through the IVFA. The policy includes options for discounts on prescription, hearing, vision, dental, and chiropractic care.

PRNE report: Members were reminded that the Bridgeport Scholarship is funded in part by the fees for IVFA license plates. The Kernan-Shepherd report on local government was distributed at the last quarterly meeting. If its recommendations are adopted, township trustees would be eliminated. The IVFA is opposed to this.

State funding of township expenses is lagging behind. Members are reminded to make sure that the IVFA dues are kept current even if townships are responsible for paying for them.

New certification I.D. numbers are still being processed. (They ran out of cards).

There may soon be state standards established and enforced for all ambulances.

LOSAP (pension) is still in the works.

April 29 of 2009 there will be a Baskin-Robbins ice cream sale to benefit cadet scholarships through the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Feb. 8 & 9 will be a Hose and Helmet Program at the NE Safety Academy in Ft. Wayne.

Quarterly meetings will be moved to the west side of Indianapolis as there will be a lower cost for rooms at that location.

Roy Richardson, who was instrumental in establishing the 25-year pin policy, has died.

Good of the order: Several departments have stopped using Colorcraft for fundraising due to complaints regarding their practices and interaction with the public.

Phil Martin, a former sales person with S & S Fire has a cancerous tumor and is confined to a wheelchair. He is from District 6.

Denver has dedicated their new fire station and Rochester also has a new station.

Miss Flame judging: The candidates for 5th District Miss Flame were presented and each was asked an impromptu question as is done at Convention. The judges for the evening were E.J. Smith, Gwen Ostium (township trustee) and Don Wallen.

Amber Farrer asked the departments present to promote membership in the IVFA.

Olivia Eyrich thanked the departments for their support. Kristen Wylie thanked Olivia for her help and asked that departments contribute pop tabs for Riley Hospital.

The 2009 Miss Flame candidate

from District 5 was announced to be Peggy Nifong with Loren Smith as runner-up.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jessie Hendrickson.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Silver Lake Fire Station January 8, 2009. Due to the deadline for the IVFA newspaper, the minutes for this meeting will be in the next issue.

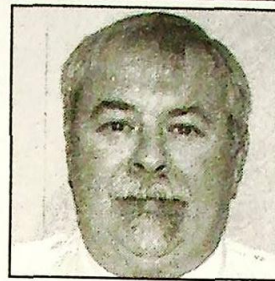
Next IVFA District 5 meeting: March 12, 2009 at Syracuse Fire Dept. Time: Refreshments 19:00 hour, meeting: 19:30 hour.

A big congratulations to our 2009 5th District Miss Flame - Peggy Nifong and our 1st runner-up Loren Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka, Secretary
and IVFA 5th District Chairman
Tony Farrer

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DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN



Jerry Sprague

Greetings from District 6,

It is now January and winter is here for sure. Hope that everyone is staying safe out there. I would like to thank the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Dept. for hosting our district meeting in November. My sincere thanks to the men and women of that department for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided.

At this time, myself and Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie as well as our new District 6 Miss Flame, Jordan Gorsuch, would like to bid farewell to our outgoing state officers, president Larry Ketchem and vice president Dave Elick. That's a big ATTA-BOY and a job well done. A special thanks from Kristen Wylie to Dave Elick for his help during the last six months. We

would also like to welcome our new officers, president Tim Deckard and vice president Buz Koehler and are sure they will do a great job.

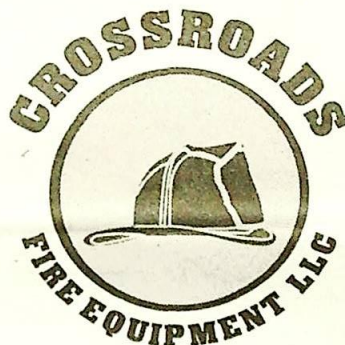
Also, a big thanks to past IVFA vice president Dave Elick for his attendance at our district meetings and bringing us up-to-date on the several issues affecting the volunteer fire service in Indiana. At our last district meeting, there was a very good discussion involving the Kernan-Shepherd report. I believe everyone left with a lot of new information and the knowledge of what they need to do to support keeping the Volunteer Fire Service intact in Indiana. (Sign the petition to support the trustees at www.HoosiersFordemocracy.com)

At our November meeting, we selected a new District 6 Miss Flame. Her name is Jordan Gorsuch from the Albion Fire Department in Noble County. I am sure she will represent District 6 honorably at the 2009 IVFA Convention.

It has been a busy holiday season attending as many fundraisers as I can. It seems there are two or three fundraisers somewhere every weekend.

Miss Flame Kristen Wylie and myself had the privilege of attending the first presentation of three IVFA Medals of Valor at the Lyons Volunteer Fire Department. We both had a great time

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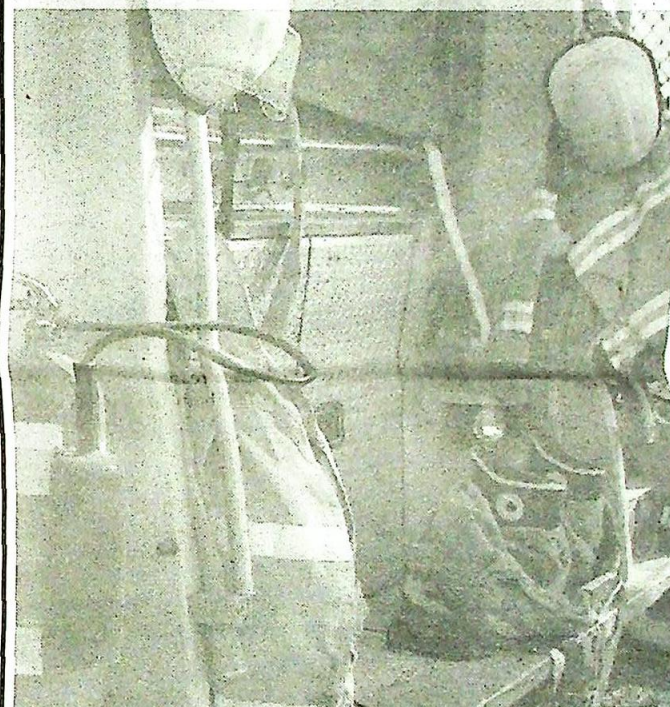
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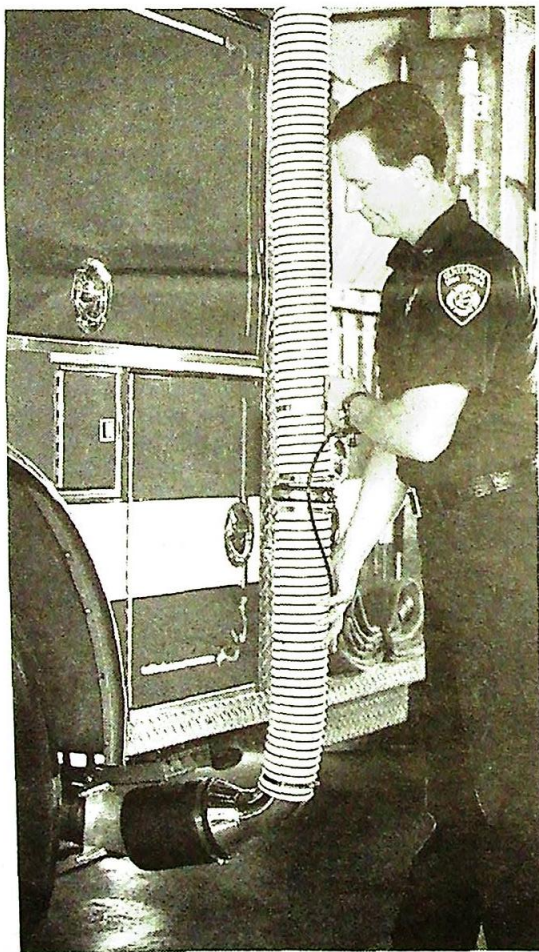
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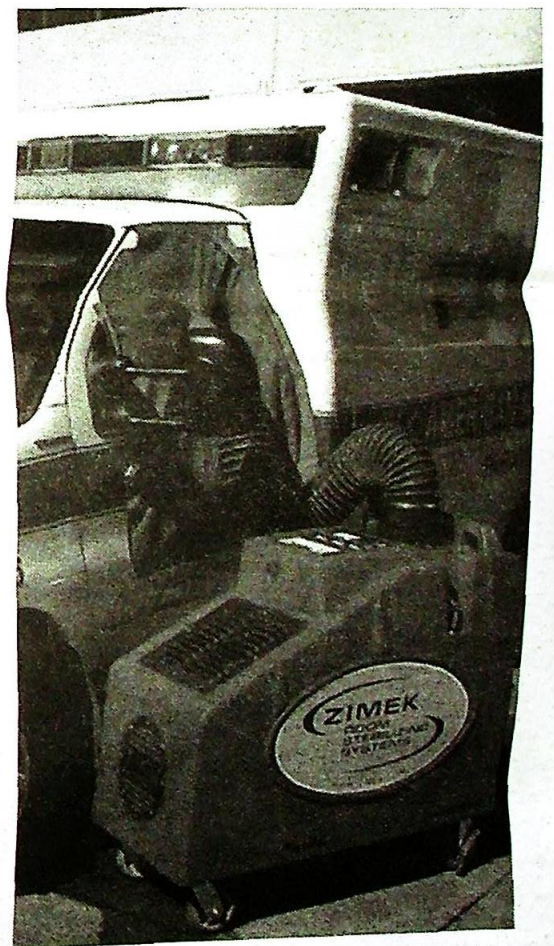
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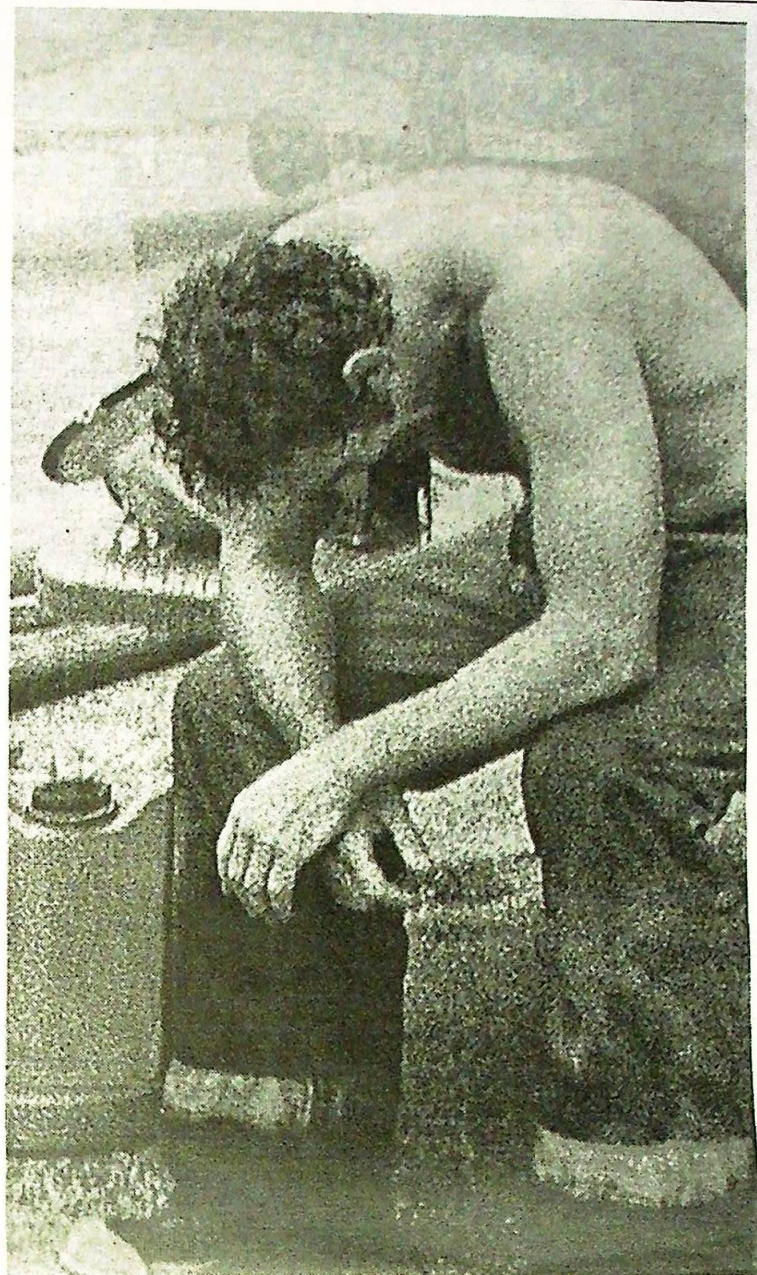
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3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
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3. Forms are computer 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.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 10 continued

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web site for the latest on bills moving during the Legislative Session.

Check the IVFA web site for District 10 meetings. Sorry about not having a January meeting but no takers as of this writing. I have March and October left; should not be a problem to fill (I hope) but I am already starting on 2010 schedule.

If there are members out there thinking they have not received their 25 year pin or 50 year Gold Card, call me and we will set up a time to do so. The IVFA is going to change the 25 year pin from gold to silver and when a 50 year Gold Card is presented a gold pin will be given also.

Make sure and put your fund raisers on the IVFA web site.

Bridgeport Scholarship forms are available on the IVFA web site. We give out THREE \$1500.00 scholarships. IVFA Convention 2009 will be in Indianapolis Holiday Inn North by the Pyramids. Those attending from District 10 -- we have a block of rooms reserved for us.

Be safe and see you at the District 10 meetings.

David Israel

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A, I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and kept in mind what Christmas is about.

I had the opportunity to be at Lyons Fire Department on November 8, 2008 to see the IVFA present its first Medal of Valor awards. Charles Fish and Ron Sparks from the Lyons fire department and Raymond Worland from the Switz City fire department received the Medal of Valor awards for rescuing Judith Kirk from a burning house. These men are perfect examples of the volunteer fire service. Firefighters who serve their communities and risk their lives and give of their time not because it's their job because it is NOT. Everyone works somewhere else to support their families. They volunteer because they feel it's the right thing to do. These three firefighters are examples of the kind of volunteer fire fighters all over Indiana and the country. God bless you all.

Our district meeting was held at the Praireton fire department. There was a good turn out. Thanks to Dave and all the folks at Praireton for the meal and hospitality. It was good to see president Ketchem, sergeant-at-arms Bill Bush, and vice president elect Buz Koehler as our guest.

Darren Sluder, Assistant Chief of the Jasonville Fire Department gave a presentation about the Jasonville water company's recent problems with the flood. The June flood washed out the main supply lines and the 7200 water customers were without water for 8 days. Darren talked about working with the different agencies and suppliers. Thanks Darren, you did a great job and gave us something to think about.

We have started an e-mail list for the district. If you are not on it and would like to be, e-mail me and I'll put you on the list.

Our district Miss Flame dance will be January 31st at the Operating

Engineers Building South of Terre Haute on US 41. It will start at 7:00 p.m. Come out and support the contestants.

Our meetings will be JANUARY 18 at the Cory Fire Department, MARCH 15 at the PIMENTO Fire Department, MAY 17 at the PATRICKSBURG Fire Department and JULY 19 at the FARMERSBURG Fire Department.

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

Jack McFarland
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

DISTRICT 11-B
Reelsville Volunteer Fire
Department
November 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The invocation was given by district chaplain Pastore and the Pledge to the Flag was led by district Sgt.-at-Arms Giles. Chaplain Pastore spoke on the interest and needs of others as told by Albert Switzer.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present which included State Fire Marshal Greeson, District 21 chairman Fultz, IVFA president Ketchem, IVFA secretary Bartlow and state Sgt.-at-Arms Bush along with PRWC Diane Harrison.

The district IVFAA chairperson Barb Ketchem introduced her guests. Chairman Southard introduced Michelle Baxter who spoke on the \$3,000 insurance policy now offered thru the IVFA and the IVFAA. Roll call was taken with 28 members from 7 departments answering the roll. A motion by Larry Ketchem, seconded by Bill Bush to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting Motion carried. Marshal Greeson spoke on the volunteer fire service and what it does to the community. Michelle Baxter donated a \$50.00 cash card from ALLIC.

IVFA president Ketchem along with Jack Kerney and state secretary Bartlow spoke on subjects of interest to the Association.

2010 Convention co-chairman Bill Bush spoke about the 2010 convention and what has been done so far. A motion was made and seconded to give the 2010 convention \$500.00

as requested by Bill Bush. After a lengthy discussion co-chairman Bush reduced his request to \$250.00 and a check was given to the convention treasurer. SW Public Relations Director Diane Harrison stated that she had attended the Fallen Firefighters memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

It was also announced that Larry Curl is the new lobbyist for the Association.

The Reelsville Honor Guard presented a program for the fallen firefighters and veterans which consisted of the folding of the American flag. Each fold of the flag was explained for a total of 13 folds. Following this presentation a prayer was given by Chaplain Doug Hansel of the Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept. Chairman Southard presented Chief John McPherson of the Reelsville Fire Dept. with the host certificate. District 11-A next meeting date was announced.

The meeting was adjourned by district Chaplain Pastore.

John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Charlie Moon - Chairman

Hello,

I would like to say I'm sorry for not having any articles in the last issue. Due to the storms/hurricane-like winds in southern Indiana, life as my family and others was put on hold for a few weeks. Now everything is back in order and going about like nothing ever happened. I hope that I never see hurricane force winds again in Indiana. On that matter, I would like to thank District 14 IVFA departments for coming to the aid at Charlestown in the mission to serve our community and allow our firefighters to go home to get much needed rest and sleep.

I've been traveling to some departments for their meetings and special functions. Please keep me informed of anything that's going on, where I can put in my schedule. Remember that you can post fundraisers and special events/meetings on the IVFA website. Also if you haven't checked out the web, you need to visit it. They have added several new columns.

Our Miss Flame, Tessa Stoner has done a great job representing our district this year. I would like to thank

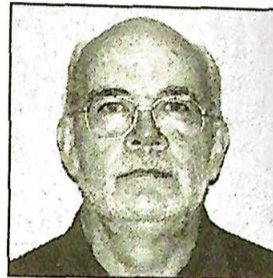
her (Tessa) and her father (Danny Stoner) for the time and effort they put into it. At our meeting on January 8th we had two great girls, Jaelyn Carroll and Tessa Stoner competing for the honor of being District 14 2009 Miss Flame. Tessa will be representing us again. Good luck!!!!

District 14 next meeting will be at Crothersville Fire Department in March; no date has been set yet. I will e-mail it out as soon as I can. Until next time.

Stay safe.

Charlie Moon
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

IVFA Dist. 17A meeting was held Nov. 5th at Richland-Taylor VFD in Scotland with 23 members present from five departments.

Jack Kerney spoke on items on our legislative agenda. Bev Harker spoke on several items such as illegal burns, fire chiefs and closing of highways.

Jack Harker spoke about use of the new required safety vests.

Tim Smith spoke on House Bill 1001.

November 8th I attended an awards presentation at the Lyons fire station. Ron Sparks and Chuck Fish of the Lyons FD along with Raymond Worland of the Switz City FD earned both the Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association Award of Valor for their actions and effort during a Sept. 20th mobile home fire.

November 10th I attended Wright Twp. annual Thanksgiving dinner and Greene Cty. Firefighters meeting. Great meal as always.

Dec. 29th I attended a table top exercise at the Greene County jail which involved all the various agencies that could be needed in a time of need.

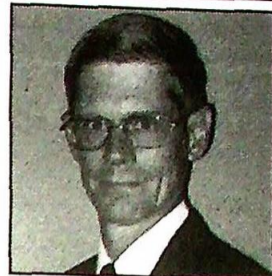
I wish to extend my condolences to the family of Wilbur Fiscus of the South Patoka Twp. FD.

Hope to see everyone at future meetings.

Sam Emery
District 17A

Plan now to attend
the 2009
convention to be
held in Indianapolis
June 17 through June 20

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from the 18-District.

The 20 November meeting of the 18-District was held at the St. Mark's School with the Anderson Twp. VFD hosting.

An opening prayer and remembrance was held for Dennis Durcholz of the St. Henry VFD and Tom Kersteins of the St. Anthony VFD.

It was a pleasure to introduce Miss Hannah Verkamp, our new District 18 Miss Flame. Hannah is a junior at Forrest Park High School, and represents the Schnellville VFD.

My thanks and congratulations were extended to Chief Roger Young, and his entire staff of the Jefferson Twp. VFD, for the outstanding job of hosting the district parade and Miss Flame contest on 12 October.

My sincere appreciation was also extended to Chief Dan Reinke, Frank Daunhauer, and staff of the Carter Fire District for the wonderful (as always) job of hosting this year's annual district Memorial Service.

District secretary Lau reported on issues held at the state officer's meeting in November. One of the main topics was the Kernan-Shepard report. We must fight this one!! A discussion was also held on proposed changes to the "Scope of Practice" concerning EMS First Responders, and EMTs. We must fight this one as well!!

Words of thanks were given to Jack Kerney for all his help and attendance at District 18 events over the past years.

Eighty-four members, representing 20 departments answered roll. A total of 325 calls were reported.

By the time this article is printed I will have given 25-year pins to 26 individuals within the District 18. Those being, David Berger-Anderson Twp., Jerry Borden, Roy Partenheimer, Roger Wright - Birdseye, Dennis Gerlach, Gerald Harris, James Peters, Don Stowe - Cannelton, David Edwards, John Groves, Larry James, Roger James, Don Sixx - Central Perry, John Graham-Christney, Greg Gentry - Holland, Ken Boeglin, Tom Kessens, Robert Luebehusen, John Schwoeppe, Allen Steckler - St. Henry, Terry Sutcliffe - Rome, Daniel Buechler, Glenn Knies - St. Anthony, Mike Schwenk - Ireland, Paul Danhafer, Brian Terwiske - Dubois and Bernie Gutschell, Jack Welp - Schnellville.

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STREET _____

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**2009 IVFA Convention
June 17th - June 20th
Indianapolis, Indiana**

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

IVFA Auxiliary State Officers Quarterly Meeting Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 Columbus, Indiana
Call to order: President Martha called meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
Prayer: Chaplain Joann had ladies to stand for a moment of silence to pay tribute, honor and respect to some of our following women and men. We lost Jane Ferro, Roy Richardson and Jack Cox. Just this past week lost a good friend from the Fort Wayne area. Jane will be greatly missed. Jane had a way of telling jokes and funny stories.
Pledge to Flag: Miriam led ladies in the Pledge.
Barb Kerney came forward and told ladies we have had a thief of our laptop computer, right now deciding what we want to do. We are waiting until February so that Tammy has time to check with her insurance company about this. Just be patient and help Tammy and we will get through this.
District 12 Rosie Johnson - auxiliary has disbanded. Everything has been turned in to Martha.
Roll call: Tammy - officers 22, committees and guest 18 for a total of 40 in attendance.
Minutes: Susie Lewis made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes with a second from Bette Sellmer. Motion carried.
Treasurer report: Dorothy absent, Marlene gave report to Martha. Treasurer's report stands as read. Martha read a card from Dorothy. She is away at a Girl Scout convention.
Martha appointed Phyllis Vargo as chairman of the Mary Mackin Memorial Fund. She is replacing the late Jane Ferro.
Membership: Tammy - a total of 681.
Chaplain's report: Joann - Sharon Angel, a past chairman, is in a nursing rehab center and can send cards to her c/o Al Williamson, 225 Ettels Lane, Apt. 1, Clarksville, IN 47129. Few weeks ago we lost a dear friend, Jane Ferro, District 4. Lou Bartlow and her husband, Larry, and Joann and her husband, Bob went up and did the memorial service. Joann thanked Toni for coming over.
Discussion held on emergency call

list. Ladies, please make your calls.
Letters were sent out wanting a count of Bibles. New District 16 getting Bibles today since she has none. If need a Bible, please get one from her after meeting today.
Auditing: Barb Kerney - be sure and save receipts.
Installation: Barb Parker - okay.
Financial study: Lou - absent, Barb Kerney filling in. Have not finalized the budget. If you have anything to turn in, please do. Discussion on room paying for only officers without spouses that are officers of the IVFA. Barb Parker motioned to pay \$50 for one night quarterly meeting and one night convention; then this will be reviewed again in November 2009. Motion changed to room expense, seconded by Rhonda Moon, but can use for meals or travel expenses. Motion carried. Will still need to turn in room receipt with a voucher to Barb Kerney and then she sends it to Dorothy, then she will send out check to you.
Miss Flame: Barb Kerney - says contests have started. Deadline is March 10, 2009 for getting applications in.
V.P. Project: Beth - Committee working on how to boost sales.
Bylaws: Toni - she checked in to stickers what the cost would be. Pam Gerdowsky made motion to get these with a second by Nancy Neal. Toni has Bylaw books if anyone needs them.
Buz asked if we had any questions about webmaster. There were none.
IVFA vice-president David Elick gave us information on where quarterly meetings will be for 2009. Will be at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, address: 2930 Water Front Park Way West Dr., Indy. Phone: 317-299-8400. Date Feb. 7 and 8, 2009. David asked if we had any questions.
Convention report: District 13 - she has applications for registration and hotel. Any questions, contact her. Call hotel during business hours Monday through Friday; after hours call hotel and ask to be transferred to Katherina Con Division. Make sure and request for you to be called back. She has a code for Miss Flame. Make sure they say they are with Miss Flame, District 10, 11, 18. Code is G95, Greene County G91. Some info in IVFA newspaper is incorrect. Convention will be held June 17th to 20th, 2009 at Holiday Inn North, Indy.
Michelle asked if anyone had any questions about the insurance. Also to say thank you for doing business with them. Will have snacks and chips in hallway outside of meeting rooms at 10:30.
Took a ten minute break.
Jewelry: Malene Poling gave report

on jewelry. Wanted to know if perhaps district chairmen could take some of the jewelry and sell in their districts. Leaving this up to Marlene.
Drawing for baskets after meeting.
Nominating: Susie Lewis - okay.
Historian: Joann and Phyllis still need items for albums.
President Advisory: Phyllis says great job.
Lois Boaz: Marie Emery - going good. Send in letters.
Parliamentarian: Toni says okay.
2008 Miss IVFA Miss Flame came in and talked about all that she has been doing. We have new district chairman 13B, Angela Brandenburg. District 4 - no one at this time.
Old business: Rosie Johnson auxiliary has disbanded. She has turned everything in to Martha.
Chinese Auction: Barb Parker did a roll call on districts that would be having items for auction.
New business: None.
About basket - do we want to wait until after convention to sell anymore. Tabled until February; motion by Toni Sorg and seconded by Rhonda Moon. Motion carried.
Entertainment and next meeting date: District 10 - Barb Parker and Nancy Neal at 4:00 p.m. Feb. 7 & 8, 2009 at Clarion Hotel, Indy. Time 8:30 a.m.
Adjournment: Motion by Phyllis Vargo with second from Rhonda to adjourn - 10:25.
Closing Prayer: Joann.
Respectfully submitted,
IVFA corresponding secretary
Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Leona Uryga - Chairman

District 3
Minutes of the November 19, 2008, District 3 Meeting.
The meeting was held at the San Pierre Fire Department on November 19 2008, with the auxiliaries enjoying a soup & pasta luncheon. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:25 p.m.
No correspondence.
Roll Call was taken: two Coolspring members; five from Michiana Shores; two from San Pierre; one from LaCrosse; one individual and one Miss Flame candidate.
The minutes of the September 19, 2008 meeting stand as read.
The treasurer's report was given and stand as read until audit.
Chairperson Leona Uryga purchased a tiara for District 3 Miss Flame. Lee Cohen made a motion to pay Leona for the tiara, seconded by Dawn Boles; motion carried.
We also need new Miss Flame ribbons. The cost will be about \$12.30 each or if we buy the ribbon they can be printed for about \$5.00. A motion was made by Shirley Hall, seconded by Sara Johnson to purchase the ribbons; motion carried.
Autumn Schumacher was crowned the District 3 Miss Flame. (No other contestant entries received). Dawn is very active in the North Judson-San Pierre High School activities and 4-H activities. Her hobbies include photography and scrap booking. Autumn is in the process of establishing a San Pierre Fire Department Auxiliary.
A discussion ensued on creating a District 3 cookbook as we have a large number of excellent cooks. Autumn has chosen to do the cookbook project. Recipes should be forwarded to Autumn

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GAMES June Cahill	NOMINATING Susie Lewis - Chm. Carolyn Koehler Diane Griffin Heather Martin	JEWELRY Marlene Poling - Chm. Linda Johnson Leona Uryga
CHINESE AUCTION Barbara Parker - Chm. Pam Gerdowsky Lora Parker	HISTORIAN Joann Hays - Chm. Phyllis Vargo	MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND Jane Ferro - Chm. Barbara Ketchem Vi Bruns Susie Lewis
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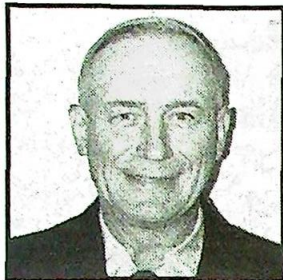
It is my honor to also report the presentation of 50 year Gold Cards to Marvin Boeglin - Huntingburg, Gerald Terwiske - Dubois, and Raymond Vaal - St. Meinrad. Congratulations and thanks to each of them.

Until next time-

"Let's all look out for each other".

John C. "Bull" Smith
District 18 Chair

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. At the time of writing this letter we are having some cold weather in southern Indiana.

Congratulations to Rachael Butt on being named Miss Flame. She will represent District 19 and Sunman Rural Fire Dept. and Sunman Rescue 20 at the convention.

Thanks to Danny Cyrus and Greg Peelman on your quick response and bravery at the house fire on January 3rd, 2008 that saved a ladies' life.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and looking forward to a new year of opportunity.

Our November meeting was held at Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department with 27 members present from five departments. Guests were Diane Harrison, PRWC and Michelle Baxter from American Income Life Insurance Company.

Rufus Martin Bennett was celebrated for over 50 years of service with the Brooklyn Fire Department and his service to the community. He was awarded his 50 Year Gold Card. Congratulations, Marty.

Our Miss Flame competition will be held at Lizton Union Twp. VFD on Saturday, January 31st. At present it looks like we'll have four young ladies competing to represent District 12 at the IVFA Convention, June 17th thru 20th.

Our next meeting will be held in Mooresville at the Brown Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Monday, January 26th at 19:00 hours.

Be safe, be careful, see you at the district meeting.

District 3 - ladies continued

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Schumacher at 11295 W. 750 S, San Pierre, IN 46374 or Leona Uryga, 402 El Portal Drive, Michiana Shores, IN 46360.

Chairperson Leona Uryga reported she attended the state district meeting November 1 and they are planning to have a raffle again for the specialty baskets. Our district has been lucky in

the last two drawings (2 from Michiana Shores; 3 from Coolspring).

Chairperson Uryga reported that the IVFAA computer was stolen and until they re-enter data in new computers they are unable to provide membership cards or decals.

She also reported the deaths of District 4 chairperson Jane Ferro; past men's state president Jack Cox; and Ray Richardson.

Chairperson Leona Uryga sadly reported that District 12 has disbanded.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Coolspring Twp. Fire Dept. March 18, 2009.

On behalf of the IVFAA District 3, we'd like to thank Dawn Schumacher for hosting this meeting and providing a wonderful luncheon.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Dolly Millick, seconded by Gertrude Peterson; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan M. Lewis

Secretary-Treasurer - District 3

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Susie Lewis - Chairman

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary met on November 17, 2008 at the Markle Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairperson Suzi Stout with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by 11 ladies from seven departments. We also had six guests and one individual.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The November officer's meeting was discussed. The Chinese Auction was discussed. Dianna Gray made the motion that we do another Lottery Tree for \$50.00; seconded by Cheryl Sicks. Motion passed. Tammy Wenger has agreed to make this for us.

Marjorie Brames, Hoagland, passed away the end of October. Marjorie was a state Gold Card member of 50 years and had served as district chairman and district secretary.

A suggestion was made that we come up with a directory of the fire departments in our district, along with locations and a contact number. We will discuss this further.

We had our Miss Flame contest. Kaylie Konger of Berne was crowned the 2008-2009 District 7 Miss Flame by Amanda Meyers.

Next meeting will be January 19 at Monroe. The March 16, 2009 meeting will be at Monroeville and will be a bake sale.

Motion made by Cheryl Sicks and seconded by Dianna Gray to adjourn.

After adjournment, we enjoyed a Christmas gift exchange.

Antoinette "Toni" Sorg,

District Secretary

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Barbara Ketchem - Chairman

It hardly seems possible that 2008 is over. I hope everyone had a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I want to thank everyone for the cards and flowers I received when my sister passed away in October. At a time like that it is very reassuring to have such good friends.

Our November meeting was at the Reelsville firehouse with our annual Thanksgiving meal. As usual the meal was delicious and the attendance was great! Election was held and the following officers are: chairman Barbara Ketchem, vice chairman Eula Bush, secretary/treasurer Lou Bartlow, and chaplain Maxine Davies.

The January meeting will be over when you receive the paper, but it is at the Bainbridge Vol. Firehouse on U.S. 36.

The March meeting will be the 8th at the Wallace Vol. Firehouse. This will be the Miss Flame judging. We would like to see a large turnout to support the young ladies.

If you haven't sent in your letters yet for the various awards, now is the time to do that. If you have nominated someone in the past, and he or she was not selected, don't be discouraged, send in another letter. Persistence often pays off. The committees are listed somewhere in the paper.

Don't forget to send in your reservations/registrations for Convention 2009 in Indianapolis. It only takes a few minutes.

Please attend your district meetings. You can learn lots of ideas for fundraisers and spend quality time with old friends and make new ones.

Please keep the young men and women in your prayers that are in the service of our country in foreign lands that they all come safely home.

Until the next issue, stay safe!

Barbara Ketchem
Chairman, District 11-B

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

Rhonda Moon - Chairman

Hello and Happy New Year to all!!

A apologize for not submitting anything in the last issue but because of Mother Nature disrupting southern Indiana, I was unable to meet the deadline.

Since our quarterly in November, I as well as many of you tried to attend as many meetings and events during the busy holiday season.

November 11, New Washington Volunteer Fire Department chose their candidate for Miss Flame, in which our last year's 2008 Tessa Stoner was chosen again from her department to run in January for District 14. Then on November 30th, I attended District 14 memorial service for 2008 that was hosted by McCullough Volunteer Fire Department. Then I made it through Thanksgiving. Then on December 5th I attended Monroe Township Volunteer Department's annual Christmas banquet. On December 6th, I attended New Washington's annual Christmas dinner. I would like to express my appreciation to both departments for including me in their celebrations; I had a wonderful time while attending.

On December 8th was Charlestown Auxiliary decorate tree, gift exchange and munchie night; it was nice as always spending time with my auxiliary members.

Then on December 11, we had a memorial service for fallen firefighter Stan Kaske. He will be greatly missed and my prayers are with the family. Then on December 20th, Santa made several stops throughout Charlestown to greet the local community and children on the fire truck.

On December 21st my home department, CVFD, held their annual Christmas with Santa and dinner. Then before you knew it, the big day arrived at my house December 25th which I'm glad that was over, thinking life would get back to normal. But I wasn't that lucky because on December 27th my spouse, Charlie Moon decided to scare the life right out of by taking a helicopter ride to University Hospital for an injury that occurred while fighting a house fire

but by the grace of God he was OK; bruised and beat up, but still kicking. I hope I never have to experience that again.

Now it's 2009 and things are starting to level out. Our district IVFA/IVFAA meeting was on January 8th in which we had two lovely contestants, Jaclyn Carroll (Charlestown) and Tessa Stoner (New Washington) go head to head for this year's 2009 District 14 Miss Flame.

Congrats to both girls for being chosen by their home departments to run for the title. But sadly there can only be one winner and our 2009 Miss District 14 Flame will be Tessa Stoner.

I hope all is well everywhere else in the state and that's all till next issue.

Our next meeting will be announced as soon as I know in Crothersville in March.

Let me know if there is anything you'd like me to attend, I'd be glad to come.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Moon
District 14 IVFAA chairperson

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Heather Martin - Chairman

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I'm sorry I was unable to attend the November state meeting. My daughter was performing at the state marching band competition.

I attended the IVFA meeting in November. It was hosted by the Griffin Bethel Volunteer Fire Department. As usual I had a good time and of course, a good meal. As of right now our district doesn't host its own IVFAA meetings. Hopefully we will start increasing our membership and soon be able to host our own meetings.

I attended the Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas dinner with my husband on December 13. We had a very special guest, Jesse Butler, a former Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department member. He entertained us with stories from 50-60 years ago. It's amazing how things have changed over the years. The department also presented Mike Knowles with Firefighter of the Year and thanked him for his 30 years of service and loyalty to the department. We are so lucky to have such dedicated members.

Unfortunately the year didn't start out that well for Poseyville. On New Year's Day several members, including my husband, were on their way to a field fire near Griffin. They were in one of the engines and ended up going off the road into a ditch, hitting an electric pole. I am happy and thankful to say that no one was seriously injured. Just some bumps and bruises and a pretty messed up engine.

I am looking forward to the New Harmony bean supper on January 17. I always enjoy the food and catching up with people. I also like trying my hand at their raffle, or in other words, giving them my money.

Our next IVFA meeting is on January 20 at Perry Station. It will be hosted by Ohio Valley Search and Rescue. We will be crowning our Miss Flame that night, which is always a fun night for everyone in attendance.

I would love to increase our IVFAA membership this year for District 15. You don't have to have an auxiliary for your department to be a member of the IVFAA. You just have to want to join. With your \$5.00 membership fee

you also receive a \$3000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy from American Income Life. Where else can you get a \$3000.00 insurance policy for \$5.00? I would be more than happy to come and talk to you about signing up, whether it's just one person or a group. You can e-mail me at ivfa15@insightbb.com. My information is also listed on the IVFA site.

I'm looking forward to the February state meeting in Indianapolis. A new year in a new location should be a wonderful time.

Heather Martin
District 15 Chairperson

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hi everyone,
Hope you have had a happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. I hope the new year will bring each one much health and happiness.

We have held our Miss Flame in November at the Sunman Rescue house where lovely Rachel Butt was crowned District 19 Miss Flame for 2009. I know she will represent us well.

I have gone to the Morris Firefighters' breakfast in November which was well attended.

Our IVFAA meeting was held at Morris Fire Dept. on November 11th. We had members from Batesville, Blooming Grove, Morris and Sunman attend. We held a white elephant auction and did pretty well.

The state IVFAA meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Columbus November 2, 2008. It was well attended.

I hope this year will bring our organization a wealth of togetherness and unity as we work to support our firefighters, auxiliary members, committees, and Miss Flames. May we all work together to make our organization the pride of Indiana Volunteers working to make a difference.

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19
11-29-08

**IVFAA President
Martha Thomas**



Hello everyone,
Happy New Year. I hope all of you have a healthy new year.

My prayers to all that we have lost during 2008. Thanks for all the help you have given me so far.

In case you haven't gotten your dues, stickers and confirmation that your dues have been paid, we are working on this. Your patience will be greatly appreciated. Due to a mishap, Tammy Hungate is trying to get everything up-to-date.

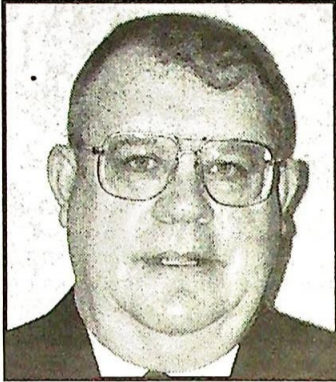
We are looking forward to

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2008 COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Larry Ketchem called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M.

Vice president Dave Elick led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation.

Guests present were Jean Smith, Miss Flame Kristen Wylie, Tom Selmer and 2008 Ollie Sandberg Award winner Jerry Liston.

President Ketchem had vice president Dave Elick preside over the meeting.

Vice president Elick introduced Lorne Huffman with Jones and Associates Insurance Co. She explained that Jones and Associates had been sold and the new owner was Randy Aziel and that he is a strong supporter to the Fire Service. Debbie Moore, an agent from Terre Haute was also introduced. Lorne called for the IVFA to read the Kernan-Shepard Report and see how it will affect our member departments. They would like to help collect information and the opinions of everyone concerning this report. They will compile the opinions and help present them to the Governor Committee.

Vice president Elick called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Chaplain Jerry Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Bill Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Secretary's Report: Larry Bartlow - read a Thank You card from the family of Jack Cox.

Treasurer's Report: Bev Harker -- Explained the balance sheet compared to last year. On the Profit and Loss Sheet most items are in line with the amount budgeted except on Income interest which is down due to lower interest rates. Our insurance coverage cost went up and we need to review our coverage to see if we can save some money. Past president Buz Koehler made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Past president Willie Parish made the

second. Motion passed by voice vote.

President's Report: Larry Ketchem -- Not been out much lately due to several conflicts of time.

Vice President's Report: Dave Elick -- Thanked everyone for their support and help the past two years. It made his job much easier.

Chaplain's Report: Jerry Cohen -- Conducted six Memorial Services and attended three district meetings.

Sgt.-at-Arm's Report: Bill Bush -- Has the extra IVFA flag back in his possession. His 26th year as Sgt.-at-Arms. Working on Convention 2010, "Terre Haute again in 2010".

Chairman of the Board Report: Jack Kerney -- pass.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNW: Jim Bradford -- Attended four district meetings, two Porter Co. Fire Association meetings, three fund raisers, one trip to Printco, eight memorial services and one funeral.

PRNE: Mort Sorg -- Made all district meetings and attended several memorial services.

PPRWC: Diane Harrison -- Attended all district meetings. She took IVFA flag to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmetsburg. Diane made a motion that the IVFA flag be scheduled at the 2009 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. She will take care of getting the flag there. District 21, Don Fultz, made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

PREC: Scott Harris -- Attended one meeting.

PRSW: Jim Abrams -- Attended four district meetings and three memorial services.

PRSE: Al Williamson -- Attended 2 district meetings and three funerals.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Jack Kerney - pass.

Buz Koehler - pass.

Jack Zecks - pass.

Richard Glant - Thanked everyone for their cards, thoughts, prayers and donations with the loss of his father.

Willie Parish - pass.

Ivan Nevil - pass.

Jim Parker - pass.

Carl Bruns - pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

All chairmen reporting their next meeting.

District 1 - Tom Orrell: Munster Fire Department on January 21, 2009.

District 2 - Paul Watland: Lake Village Fire Department on November 19, 2008.

District 3 - Dave Kaufman: North Judson Fire Department on November 20, 2008.

District 4 - Terry Smith: Portage Township Volunteer Fire Department on February 19, 2009.

District 5 - Tony Farrer: Sidney-Jackson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on November 13, 2008.

District 6 - Jerry Sprague: Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on November 24, 2008.

District 7 - Walt Reiter: Markle Fire Department on November 17, 2008.

Fire Department on November 12, 2008.

District 8B - Lloyd Wright: Lynn Volunteer Fire Department on November 12, 2008.

District 9A - Leighanne Ellis: Rockfield Fire Department on November 20, 2008.

District 9B - Randy Denton: Brookston Volunteer Fire Department on November 13, 2008.

District 10 - David Israel: Westport Community Fire Department on November 19, 2008.

District 11A - Jack McFarland: Prairieton Fire Department on November 16, 2008.

District 11B - Larry Southard: Reelsville Fire Department on November 9, 2008.

District 12 - Larry Bruner: Brooklyn Fire Department on November 9, 2008.

District 13A - Carol Thrawley: Kennard Volunteer Fire Department on November 11, 2008.

District 13B - Dennis Spears: TBA on November 20, 2008.

District 14: Charlie Moon.

District 15 - Steve Anderson: Griffin Bethel Volunteer Fire Department on November 18, 2008.

District 16 - Paul Holcomb: TBA.

District 17A - Sam Emery: Richard-Taylor Fire Department on November 5, 2008.

District 17B: Tim Deckard.

District 18 - John Smith (Kenny Lau reporting): Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. on November 20, 2008.

District 19 - Ed Scheele: Sunman Area Life Squad on November 20, 2008.

District 21 - Don Fultz: Otterbein Volunteer Fire Department on December 29, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive -- Larry Ketchem: Reviewed contract for our Lobbyist Larry Curl. Contract needs to be signed as soon as possible.

Insurance -- Larry Ketchem: Pass.

Budget -- Bev Harker: Presented 2009 proposed budget to all officers. Some proposed changes for next year are: (1) Interest income down \$3000.

(2) Dues income up \$23,000. Expenses, Committee up \$1000, Convention Delegate up \$5000, Publishing expense up \$2000, Professional fees up \$5100, Officers' expenses up \$4000, and Insurance expenses up \$500. This proposed budget for 2009 will be voted on in the Board of Director's meeting tomorrow.

Central Office -- Jack Kerney: We need to use the call list in addition to the E-mail of a death notification. Exchanged postage meter for one with lower monthly fee. Started members in military service list for website. Prepared "25 Year Pin" list, Gold Card list, District rosters, District dues paid/not paid list and Bad Address report for all district chairmen.

Membership as of October 30, 2008 is 15,973 and license plate sales are 3385. We need to promote our license plate at district meetings. A reminder that the letters for the various awards

are due by February 1, 2009 and the Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2009.

Membership -- Steve Anderson: Looking at ways to increase membership.

Convention 2009 -- Carol Thrawley: Still moving forward. Vendors will be contacted after the first of the year.

Convention 2010 -- Bill Bush: Have committees established for various projects.

Convention: David Israel: Need final report from the Evansville Convention 2007.

Legislative -- Jim Parker: Our legislative agenda for 2009: (1) change workmen's compensation disability minimum payment dollar amount to match minimum wage dollar amount for a volunteer firefighter. IC-36-8-12-7 Section 7 (1). (2) A volunteer firefighter cannot be terminated by his employer for injuries sustained during the performance of his firefighter duties. (3) Permit volunteer fire chiefs to issue citations for illegal burning. For Research: does a fire chief or officer in charge of a fire or accident scene has the jurisdiction to close public thoroughfares for responder safety purposes?

By-Laws and SOG -- Jim Parker: Need to have a roll call vote on the two By-Law changes presented at the August meeting.

A. A meeting was held by the Bylaws Committee on August 2, 2008 to amend the Bylaws as follows:

Article V, Section 14: Now reads: Qualification of Officers. In order to serve in the office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, or public relations director of the Association the person must: a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the IVFA; c. shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years.

B. At the regularly scheduled July 2008 meeting of IVFA District 6, the officers and delegates presented proposed amendment to Article V Section 14:

Now reads: Qualification of Officers. In order to serve in the office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, or public relations director of the Association, the person must:

a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local department, to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the

IVFA; c. shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years.

Proposed: Qualification of Officers. In order to serve in the office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, or public relations director of the Association the person must:

a. be an active member of the Association; b. the local department to which the member is associated, must have (5) five members of the IVFA; c. shall have served as a district chairman or other state officer for at least two (2) years prior to taking office.

These Bylaws will be voted at the November officer, after it is voted on by the districts.

District 6 Bylaw proposal listed as Proposal "B". Bylaw proposal from the Bylaw Committee listed as Proposal "A".

The roll call vote for proposal "A" is: Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 9B, 10, 11A, 15 and 21 voting Yes. District 6, 7, 8B, 11B, 12, 13A, 17A, 17B, 18 and 19 voting No. Total votes 9 yes, and 10 no. Amendment defeated. The roll call vote for proposal "B" is: District 6, 7, 8B, 11B, 12, 13A, 17B, 18 and 19 voting Yes. District 1, 2, 3, 5, 9B, 10, 11A, 15, 17A, and 21 voting No. Total votes 9 yes and 10 no. Amendment defeated.

Bridgeport -- Carl Bruns: Everything from Convention 2008 is taken care of. Need to get the word out to apply for this Scholarship, as the number of applicants seems to be decreasing each year.

Annual convention minutes digest -- Larry Bartlow: The Digest was passed out today and is printed in the newspaper.

Awards -- Dave Elick: Now is the time to get the word out for nomination for the various awards. The deadline for awards letters is February 1, 2009.

Clothing Claims -- Jim Bradford: One claim this quarter.

Ad-Taker -- Willie Parish: The number of ads are down a little but we are OK.

Web Site -- Buz Koehler: All forms for the IVFA are on the Web Site. Make sure your district information is correct. Photos can be put on Web Site.

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convention. The committee is working hard to get it all together so that some of us can relax and enjoy their hard work. We appreciate the committees very much.

Good luck to Tim Deckard and the new officers for the new year. Let's give them all the help that is needed.

May we all respect and love each other like we would like to be treated. We all deserve this.

Love to all and may we work together and help along the way. Our thoughts and prayers to all who have lost their loved ones over the past year.

See you soon.

Martha Thomas
President, IVFAA



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Fire Department Instructor's Conference -- Jack Kerney: Have booth spaces and is paid for.

National Volunteer Fire Council -- Jack Kerney: Last meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Committee organized to write Standard for construction of ambulances. NFPA 450 is now ready for purchase. Ask for \$5.65 million to fund the Fire Act Grant program. LOSAP Bill in House and Senate (HB 2160 and SB 1840). The NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Safety Qualifications effective July 2008 are now available.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION --

Jack Kerney: The Board has had two meetings, one in Plymouth and one in Fort Wayne. Live Burn Trailer in IDHS District 3 trained 380 firefighters. Public Safety Identification cards (PSID) 40,000 have been set out, need more cards to print. All tests have been validated and cleaned up; no reason to challenge a test score. Staff trying to turn certifications faster. Still openings on Board for civilians. Public hearing on LSA08-429 was held at Fort Wayne. Seven Board members and 40 guests were present. The Board heard the public comments on the issue and took them under advisement.

Fire Institute Service -- Buz Koehler: Dinner will be in February. More information coming soon.

Logo -- John Smith (Kenny Lau): Request from Monroe Township/Cowan Volunteer Fire Department for permission to engrave our Logo along with their Logo in stone for a Memorial to honor Fallen Firefighter at their Station. Kenny Lau made a motion to allow them to use our Log for the memorial. Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote. Secretary will send letter to them giving them permission to use the Logo as stated.

Editor's Assistance -- Jim Bradford: Total run for paper was 16,092 copies. Deadline for next paper is January 10, 2009.

Line of Duty Death Honor Guard -- Diane Harrison: The unit has been activated two times recently.

Old Business -- None.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M.

Morning message by Chaplain Jerry Cohen.

Miss Flame Kristen Wylie talked of her fundraising for the Riley Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to allow Departments that have not yet received their tax draw for this year be allowed to pay dues with a P.O. until monies are available. Much discussion on this issue. Motion made by Mort Sorg to allow the office to accept P.O. for dues until monies are available. Jim Parker made the second. Motion defeated by voice vote.

President-elect Tim Deckard handed out copies of the Kernan-Shepard Report. This involves the streamlining of local government. The report is on the Governor's desk and it will affect all of us. Discussion of this report will start next week.

The next quarterly meeting will be February 7 & 8, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center located at 2930 Waterfront Parkway, West Drive, Indianapolis, IN. Phone number is (317) 299-8400. Room rates are \$70.

Our Medal of Valor will be presented to three firefighters with the Lyons Fire Department on November 9, 2008.

With no other new business a motion was made by Jim Parker to adjourn this meeting and proceed to the Board of Director's meeting. Willie Parish made the second. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Chairman Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

Chairman Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(1) Proposed 2009 Budget -- Motion by Buz Koehler to accept the proposed budget as presented for 2009. Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed.

(2) Motion by Jim Parker to contact an attorney to see what is required to set up a Not-For-Profit Foundation to accept donations. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Fire Institute Dinner February 2, 2009 -- Charlie Moon made a motion to send anyone that wants to go. If they sign up to go and do not, they are responsible for the \$125 ticket also no mileage will be paid to attend. Steve Anderson made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Burn Camp donation -- Jim Bradford made motion to give \$1000 to the Burn Camp at the Fire Institute Dinner. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

(5) Lobbyist contract -- Buz a

Koehler made a motion to accept the contract as proposed and negotiate at \$42,000 plus \$5500 for his out of pocket expenses. Willie made the second. Motion passed.

(6) National Volunteer Fire Caucus Dinner -- April 1-2, 2009: Dave Elick made a motion to send five members and the president. Larry Bruner made

the second. Motion passed. Those going are Tim Deckard, Charlie Moon, Luke Kluender, Jerry Sprague, Mort Sorg and Al Williamson.

Marlene Thrawley gave update on Convention 2009 registration and room reservation. She will address problems with reservations at the hotel.

A motion to adjourn after the benediction by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky made by Richard Glant, Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

**From the desk of the Historian
John Davies**

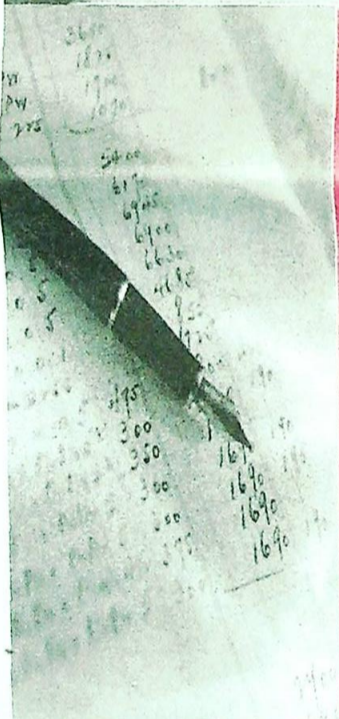


Another year has gone by. Isn't this wonderful? No, not really. First of all, it has been a trying year for me and my wife. I have aged fairly well according to what I have been told by the medical staff. The most important thing that has happened this year is that I became a great grandpa. I love being a father and I am beyond being proud of my family as many of you are, but now this: Great Grand-Daddying whoa...way too cool. My family is deeply blessed and I am deeply in love - so just leave me alone if I start staring at pictures that I also force you to look at, or if I start talking about the wonder-filled young boy or if I just start daydreaming, drooling and uttering some gibberish words that only he and I understand. Being "Poppie" is a trillion times better than wonderful, it is even more than that.

Before I, you or we start whining about something in general, we need to think and apply some GOOD JUDGMENT before running off at the mouth, the pen or the keyboard. We all do. Easy said, hard to always do. Sometimes we let our ever so fragile emotions get involved and then, boom, there we go off to the races with our mouth, comments, thoughts and opinions. And sometimes those comments are about our "Brothers" and our "Sisters" with whom we work with. Ahh, the Brotherhood. Be careful. An old timer once said, "I'll let you know when I am your brother".

To those who joined this Association a year ago, I say CONGRATULATIONS to each and every one of you. Learn well,

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I attended District 17A's November meeting at Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department at Scotland, Indiana.

I attended an award service for Lyons volunteer firefighters Ron Sparks and Charles Fish and Switz City Volunteer firefighter Raymond Worland.

I attended District 15's meeting at Griffin-Bethel Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 18's meeting at St. Mark's Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended the I.V.F.A. meeting in Columbus.

I attended the 17A District Miss Flame contest on January 10th.

I hope to see you all at District 17A's sausage supper January 17th at Vincennes.

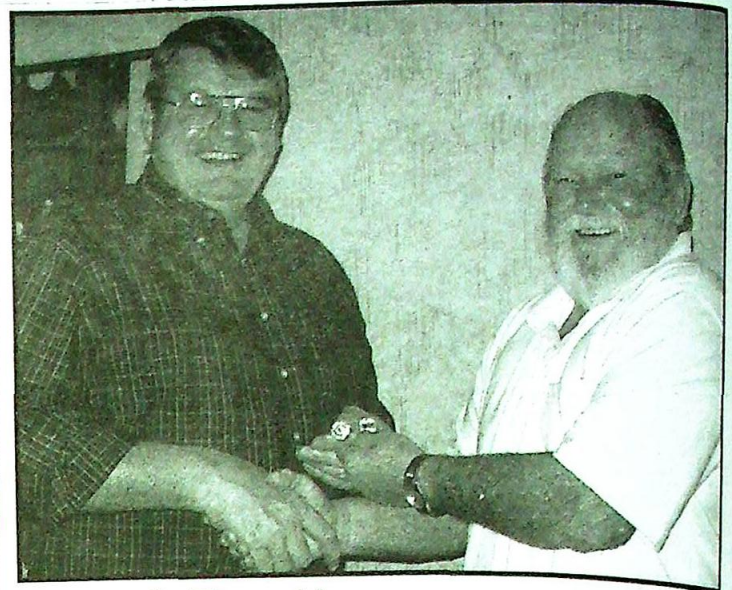
Congratulations to Amy Byers, District 17A, who won Miss Flame. Amy is on Highland Twp. Fire Dept.

PRSW
Jim Abrams

**Retirement party held
for Tom Jacobs, Portland FD**



The Portland Fire Department held a retirement party at the Ponderosa for Tom Jacobs. Tom is retiring after 25 plus years with the department. In the top photo shown receiving an award from Gary Robison from the State Fire Marshal's office is Tom Jacobs. Pictured (from left to right) are Gary Robison, Tom Jacobs, and Tom's wife Betty. In the bottom photo, Chief Matt Aker is shown giving Tom a plaque for his years of service. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



**Paul Bartlow presented
25 year member pin**

Larry Southard, Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association District 11B chairman of Hillsdale, Indiana recently presented Montezuma Fire Chief Paul Bartlow with his 25 year member pin.

Paul has been a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association for 25 consecutive years serving with the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department, where he has served as chief for 12 years. -- submitted by Jack Kerney.

Historian continued

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when in doubt, ask questions. These questions may seem stupid to you but down the road, they just may save your life. Now to the past officers, I say THANK YOU for your leadership this past year. To the incoming officers I say to you, CONGRATULATIONS and I wish you all the success in the world to make this organization improve in its goals and wishes. With that, I say, "Let's have a year that all of us can be proud of."

Take and keep it safe.

John Davies
Historian

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Montpelier Jamboree Days parade held September, 2008

- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



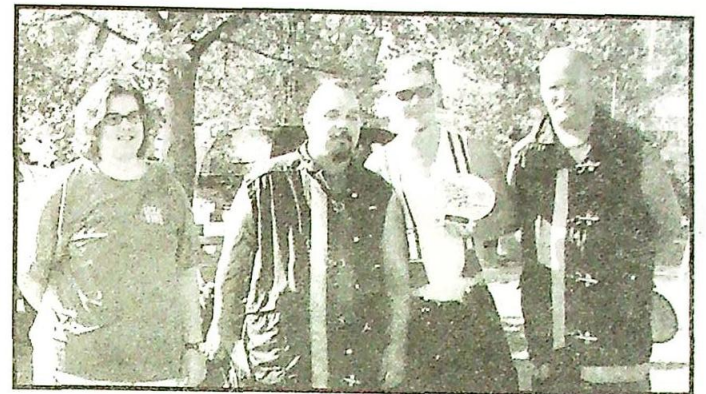
At the Montpelier Jamboree Days parade the Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department won the trophy for having the newest truck.

Pictured from left to right are: Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame, Tyson Zook, James Dishman and Kristen Wylie, state Miss Flame.

Winning the trophy for the oldest truck was the Nottingham Township Volunteer Fire Department.



Attending the Montpelier Jamboree Day's parade held on September 6, 2008 were Ashley Theurer - District 8B Miss Flame and the state Miss Flame Kristen Wylie.



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held a waterball during the Montpelier Jamboree Days.

Winning the 1st place trophy was the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured, left to right: Ashley Theurer - District 8B Miss Flame, Brian Mahorney, Josh Dishman, and Anthony Harding.



Winning the Firefighter Choice at the Montpelier Jamboree Days parade was the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from left to right are: Bob Ogan, Ashley Theurer - District 8B Miss Flame, Vic McEwen, and Kristen Wylie, state Miss Flame.



Winning the ladies 1st place trophy at the Montpelier Jamboree Days was the Chester Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured from left to right, Renee Blemenshorst, DJ Henderson and Cassie Chapman.



At the Montpelier Jamboree Days, the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department was the 2nd place winners.

Pictured, left to right: A. J. Cain, Brian Cain, Ashley Theurer - District 8B Miss Flame, Doug Hudson, and Matt Theurer.



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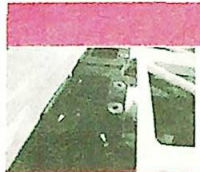
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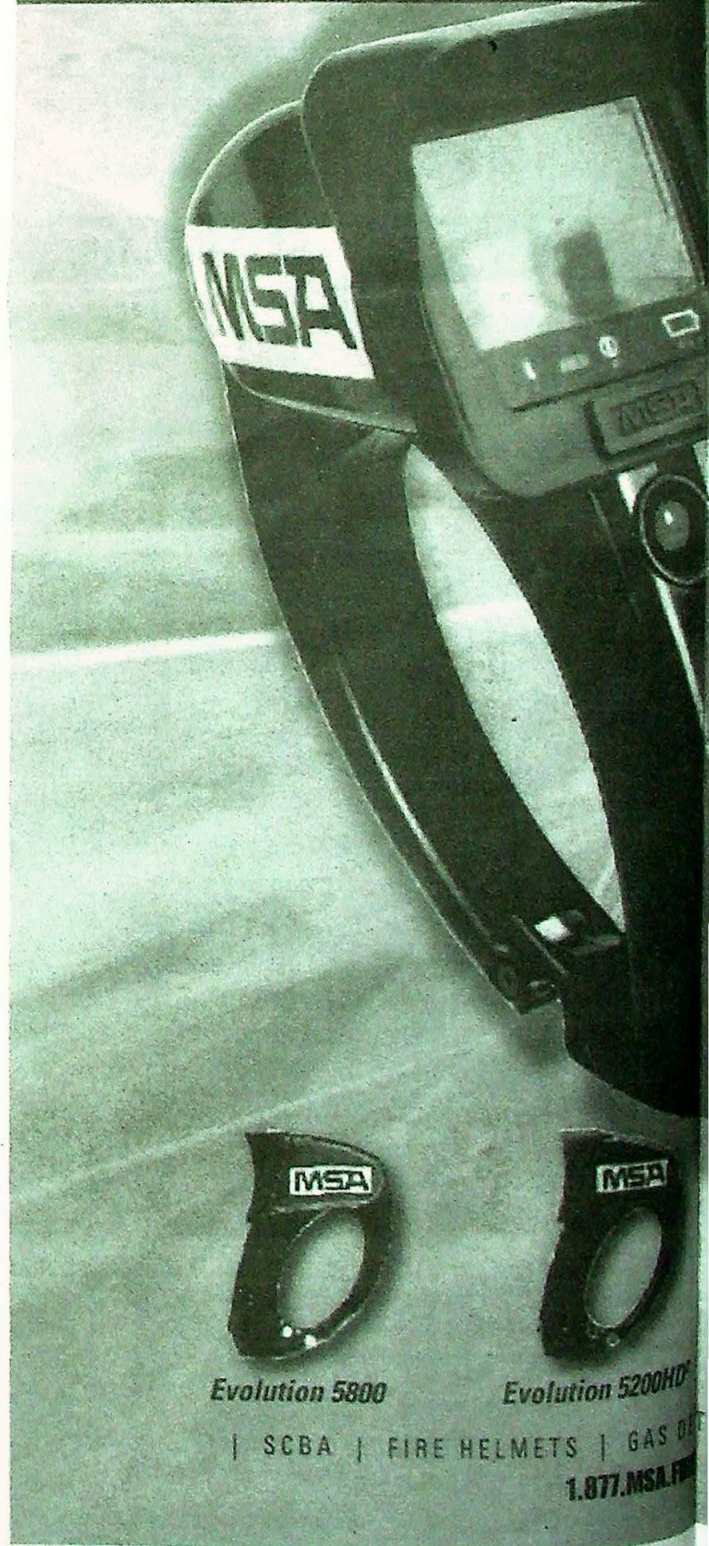
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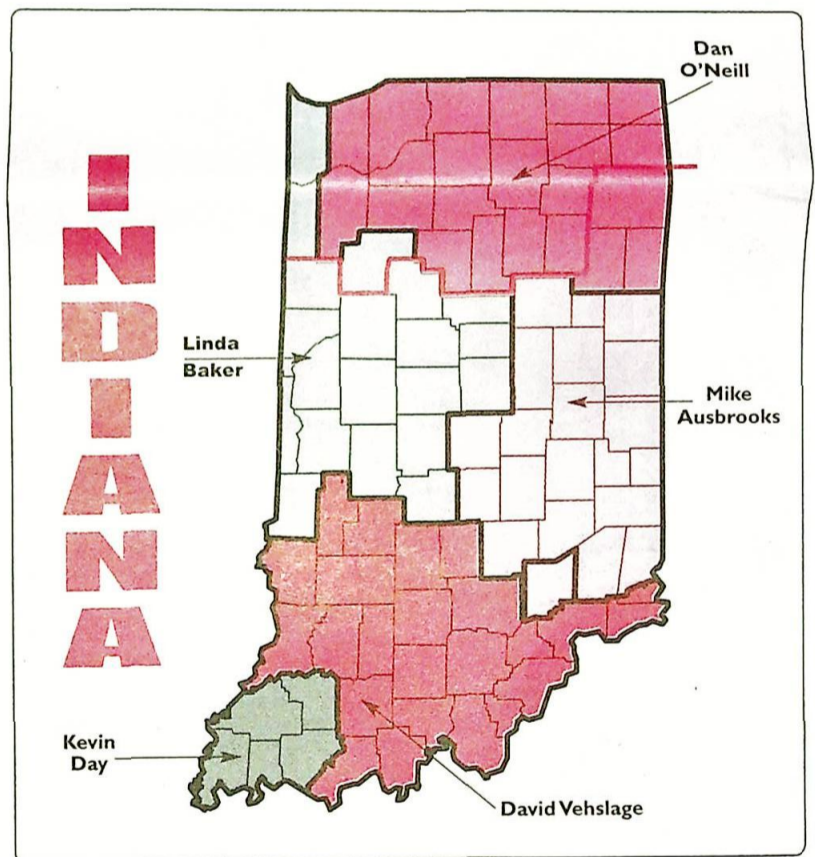
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Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

By now I am sure everyone has heard about the Kernan and Shepard report; if not, please go on line and

read it, as it is going to have a large effect on the firefighting service. Remember, five to seven phone calls to our legislators and senators and representatives brings up a red flag on that issue and they are telling us to tell them why we don't like certain items listed, not that we just don't like it.

It's time for all the Miss Flame contests to start taking place. Remember to support them, keep them active and invite them all to your fundraisers and special events.

It's almost fundraiser time again; please be sure to post everything on our website. A lot of people go there to see where they are going to eat supper at that weekend.

Hope everyone has a chance to stop by our booth of FDIC this year.

Remember convention is fast approaching. Carol Thrawley and his team are working very hard to ensure we all have a great time.

Until next time, everyone stay safe.

*Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations*

Beautiful weather attributes to success of District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest



An absolutely beautiful day helped to provide for a huge success as the Jefferson Twp. VFD of Otwell hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 12 October. Over 70 entries representing District

18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Otwell.

Following the parade District 18 Miss Flame 2007 Courtney Gentry, gave her farewell address and



proceeded to announce the results of the Miss Flame contest.

The eight lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

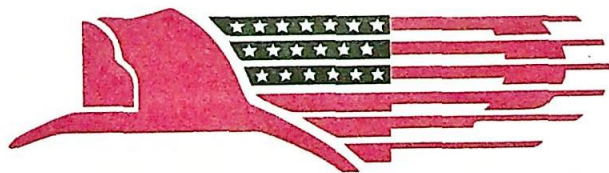
Riley Mehringer (pictured far left) representing the Haysville VFD was chosen "Miss Congeniality". Riley is the daughter of John and Lori Fuhrman and Daryl and Kim Mehringer. Riley is 16 and a junior at Northeast Dubois High School. Second runner up was Jenna Vaal (2nd from left) representing the St. Meinrad VFD. She is 17 and the daughter of Dan and Kathy. Jenna is a senior at Heritage Hills High School. Alexandra Ann Hamilton (2nd from right) representing the Carter Fire District was chosen first runner up. She is 14 and the daughter of John and Tammy Hamilton and Dan and Kathy Reinke. Alexandra is a freshman at Heritage Hills High School. Miss Hannah Verkamp (far right) representing the Schnellville VFD was crowned the District 18 Miss Flame for 2008. Hannah is the daughter of Lenny and Diann Verkamp. Hannah is 16 and a junior at Forrest Park High School. Hannah will represent the District 18 at the State Convention in June of 2009.

(Article and photos submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 Chairman)

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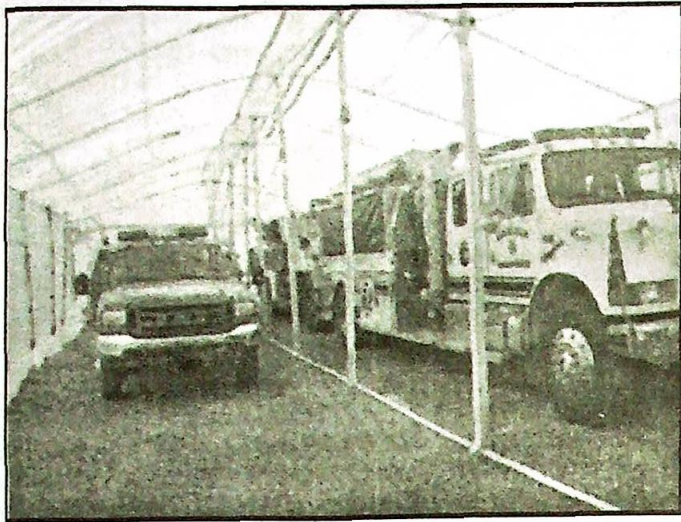
As the temperatures began to drop, the Jackson Township Fire Department anxiously awaited the construction of a temporary shelter for its trucks and equipment. Almost as if Mother Nature instinctively knew when the big top shelter was completed, temperatures dropped to below freezing.

The Jackson Township Fire Department building has fallen victim to the historic flooding of June 2008. Even while the department members were rescuing fellow Jackson Township residents from the rising flood waters with assistance from Nashville, Hamblen and Benton township fire departments, those same flood waters backed up through the septic system to almost four feet high in the station. Water damage, as well as bacteria and mold contamination, was extensive. Insurance has helped immensely with partial replacement of emergency equipment and repair of the trucks, but the building itself is another matter.

While the department struggles to find a usable solution for the building, it continues to operate from an alternate location with a temporary shelter for the trucks and equipment. Months of negotiations with the insurance company and FEMA have led to no avail. The current location would require raising the building to the level of State Road 45, which would render the septic system of the property unusable. The department has come to the only decision that remains, building

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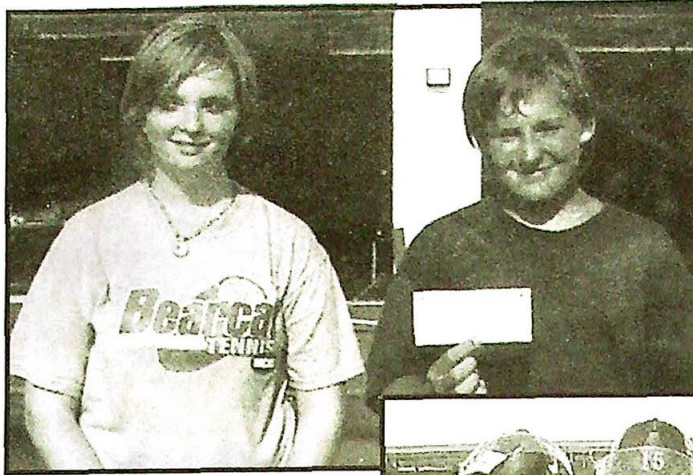
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a new building out of the flood path. Since June, JTFD has responded to over 100 emergency calls and volunteered at dozens of separate community related activities. Regardless and in spite of the difficulties, the department remains committed to serve the community to the fullest extent possible.

As the year closes, JTFD has begun a capital campaign to raise funds to build a new station. This week an organizational meeting was held at Waycross Conference Center and chaired by camp director, Van Beers. If you would like to be a part of this exciting effort, you are invited to the next capital campaign meeting at Waycross Center, 7363 Bear Creek Road on Wednesday, December 10 and 7 p.m. Please call the Center at 597-4241 for directions and details. You can also contact Chief Glenn Elmore at 988-1375 for more information. -- submitted by Tim Deckard.

Waterball held during Pennville Days

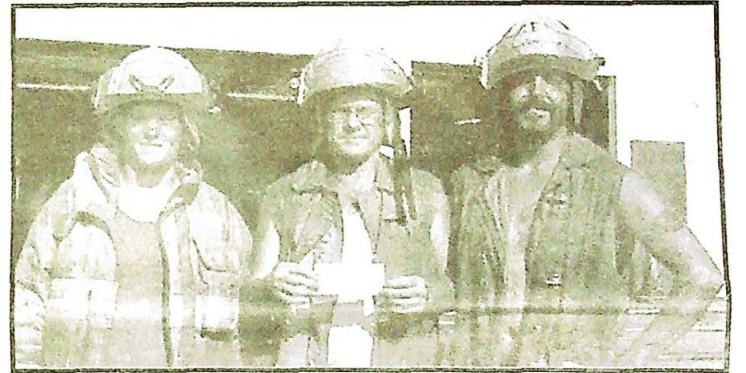


Taking first place in the cadet division of the waterball held at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department during Pennville Days was from Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (from left to right) are Courtney Willoughby and Zack Dornberger. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a waterball during Pennville Days.

Winning the first place trophy was the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (left to right) are Mat Coats, Seth James, Gary Dennis and Brandon Liechty.



Winning the second place trophy at the waterball held during the Pennville Days at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) are Shane Willoughby, Jim Millikan, and Tom Dornberger.



Stephen Hobbs presented 25 year pin

Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents Stephen Hobbs, chief of Oaktown-Busseron Twp. FD his 25 year pin. -- submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman

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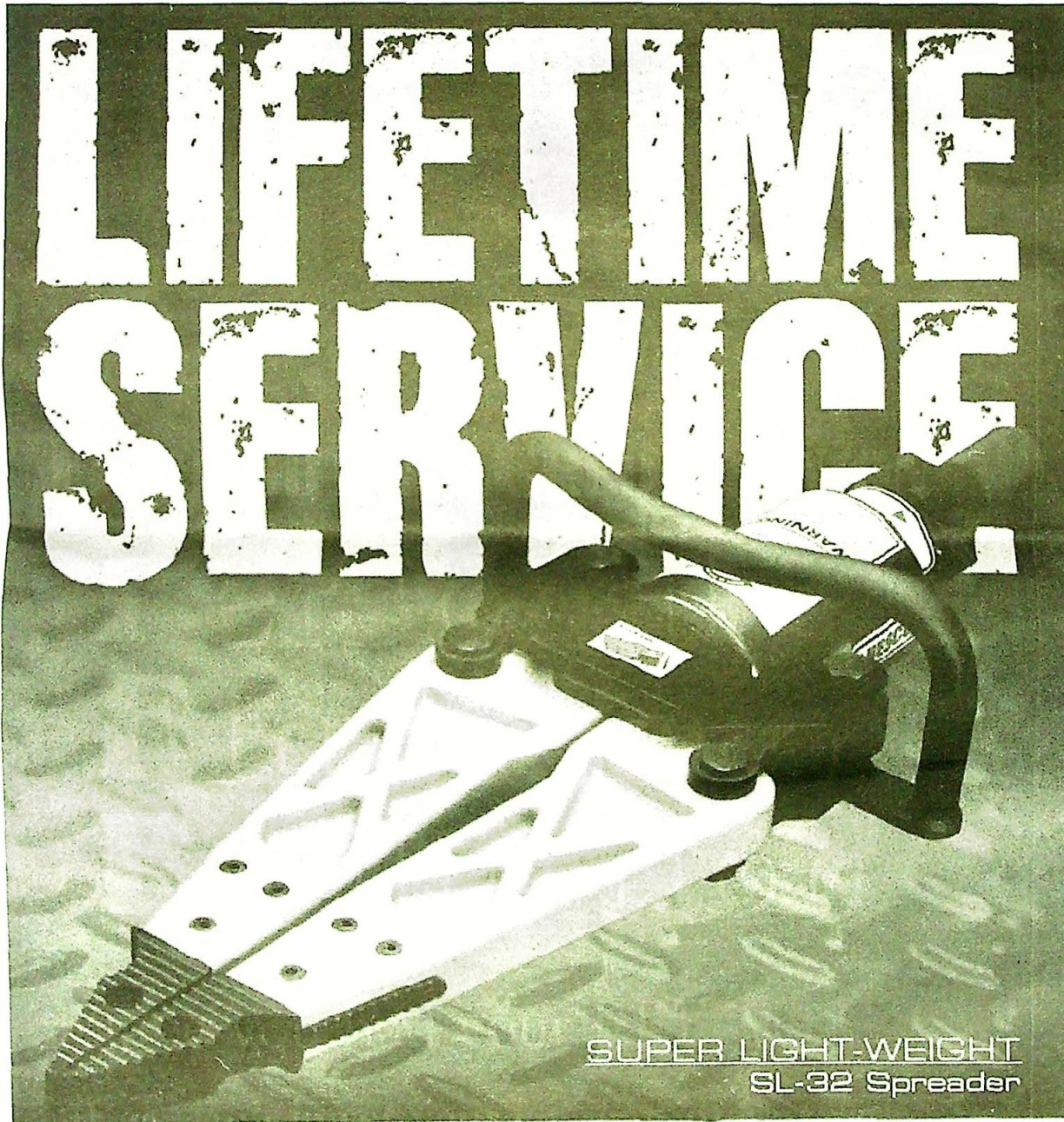
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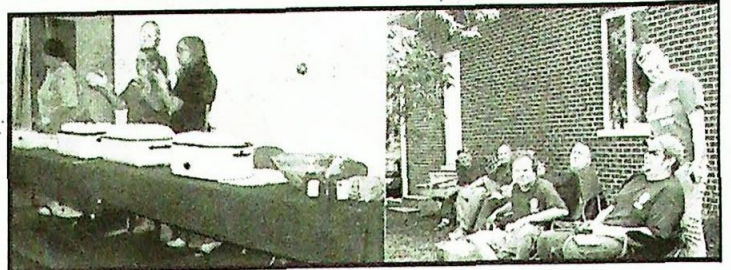
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Many enjoy September pork chop dinner



Shown here is the crowd enjoying the pork chop dinner held at the Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Looks like the guy with his arm up just won one of the door prizes that the department gave away. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

The Blountsville/Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department held a pork chop dinner on September 27, 2008. Shown are the ladies doing the serving and the men taking it easy. I think there is something wrong with this picture!!!

Bryant Loblolly Days held in September

Spring is just around the corner and with it come the fire schools, the FDIC show and pancake breakfasts.

Remember that you get a \$5.00 discount on each class you take at most of the schools. The IVFA will again have a booth at the FDIC show. Don't forget to visit us when you attend the show. The IVFA website (IVFA.org) is a perfect place to announce your fundraisers.

The convention this year will be held at the Holiday Inn on the north side of Indianapolis. The motel has a water park that should be a source of fun for your kids (and you).

You still have time to apply for the Bridgeport Scholarship. All applications must be in by March 1st. The application is available from your district chairman or on the IVFA website.

Jim Bradford
PRNW



Shown here is the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department truck in their Loblolly Days parade. Riding on top is the Miss Loblolly queen for 2008.



Ashley Theurer, District 8B Miss Flame, riding on the Salomonia Volunteer Fire Department's truck during the Bryant Loblolly Days parade held on September 13, 2008. -- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Montezuma-Reserve Twp. VFD holds Christmas gathering



Several members of the Montezuma-Reserve Twp. V.F.D. and their families met at Ryan's Steakhouse in Terre Haute for a Christmas gathering.

Shown are Randy and Natalee Atterbury, Brogan Sanders, Leslie Honaker, Jonell and Austin McIntyre, Rebecca and Jessica Berry, Gina and Diana Bartlow.

Row 2: Heather and Andy Griffin, Heather Atterbury, Heather McFall, Timothy and Brenda Honaker, Sarah McIntyre, Chris Berry, Paul Bartlow, and Eric Summers.

Back Row: Ann Schermann, Johnny Meyers, Josh Selzer, Tim Honaker and Keith McIntyre.

Gannon presented Gold Card



PRNW Jim Bradford presented retired Lake Station volunteer firefighter Bob Gannon with his 50 year IVFA Gold Card as Chief Alan Janes looks on. The card was presented at the fire department's annual Christmas party on December 13th. -- submitted by Jim Bradford, PRNW.

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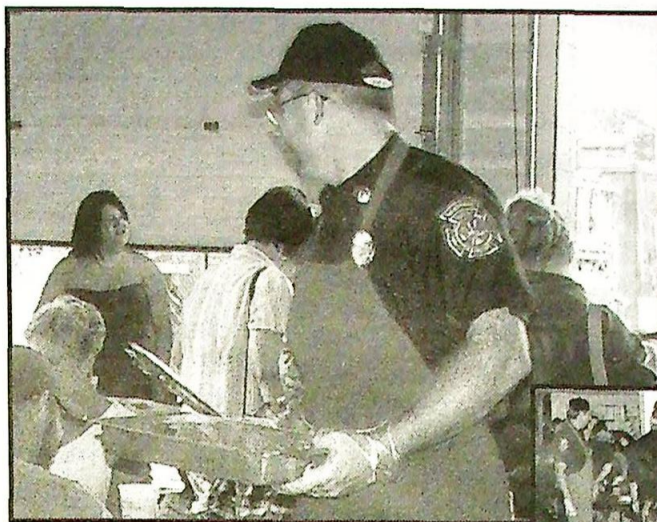
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Hartford City VFD holds fish and chicken fry



The Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry on September 27, 2008.

Shown in the picture (at left) are Bret Murry, fire chief of the department and his wife. -- I guess the fire chief has to eat, too!

Pictured (center photo) is Jeremy Jernigan of the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department asking the people if they need any more fish or chicken.

Pictured (bottom photo) are some of the firefighters serving the fish and chicken.

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



Fifty years of service: Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department at milestone



By SUE ELLEN ROSS
Post-Tribune correspondent
November 4, 2008

MERRILLVILLE -- Three generations of the Walter F. Cook family have served with the Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department.

Walter Cook III of Crown Point recently discussed his family's involvement as he planned a 50th reunion for other members of the

department. "My grandfather was a charter member of the Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department, and my father was a member for 21 years," he said. "I feel it is a great thing that our department has been about to weather 50 years of volunteering. To continue a volunteer department today is a very hard thing to do."

Cook and fellow volunteers thought it would be appropriate to

show appreciation to all those who have served with the department during its 50 years. A celebration is planned Saturday.

"We started 50 years ago in an old church with two bays; we are now in a four-bay fire station with an upstairs," Cook said. "Our equipment, like the trucks ... and the gear we wear, are so much better. They never had air to breathe when they went into house fires."

The first fire station is now the Ross Township Trustee's building at 24 W. 74th Ave.; the new station is at 18 W. 73rd Ave.

The first building housed the Fire Department from 1958 to 1981; the new building from 1981 to the present.

The first building, constructed in 1879, previously served the community as a church.

Don Baron of Merrillville has

served on the department for 31 years. He agrees with Cook that the equipment has seen many changes, but there is also another area that has been affected -- training methods.

"Training is more involved," he said. "Many things are state-mandated, such as haz-mat training."

Since there is no time limit on the amount of years a person can serve on a volunteer fire department, Baron said he expects to be on board for many years to come.

And he looks forward to seeing many of those he worked with in the past at the upcoming reunion.

"This dinner will give a chance to bring everyone together who has been in the fire department at one time or another," he said. "It's going to be a fun evening."

The Merrillville Fire Department is considered the largest all-volunteer fire department in the state, Cook said. About 200 people are included in the group.

The six members from left to right: Jerry Miller, IVFA - 50 years; Bob Schulte, Charter member; Tom Yaros, IVFA - 50 years; John Kmetz, IVFA - 50 years; Jake Thomas, IVFA - 50 years; Don Hudock, IVFA - 50 years.

The five IVFA 50 year members received the State Fire Marshal's Meritorious Service Award. -- submitted by Walter F. Cook III

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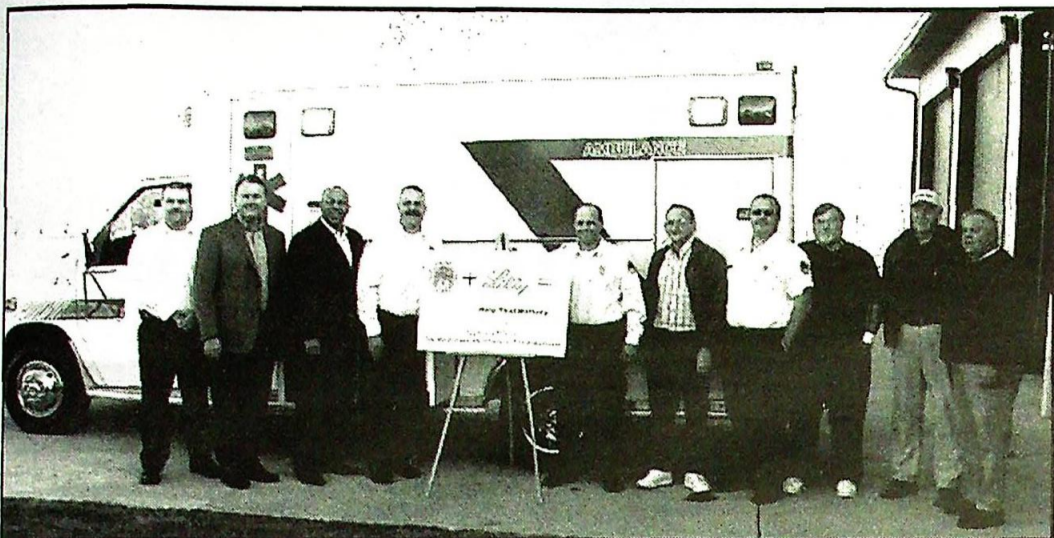


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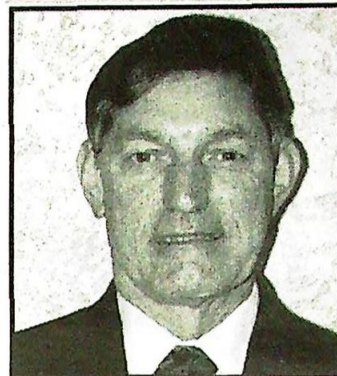
Currently, only three ambulances are based in Shelby County that provide dedicated emergency medical service transport to the people of

Shelby County. The ambulances are Medic 1 and 2 and Ambulance 128. Medic 1 and Medic 2 are staffed by Shelbyville Fire Department paramedics and provide advanced life support. Ambulance 128 is staffed by members of the Fountaintown Volunteer Fire Department who are Emergency Medic Technicians-Basic. Ambulance 128 provides basic life support.* There are also several private ambulance services that occasionally supplement EMS responses in Shelby County.

Thanks to Lilly's generosity, we can increase the transporting capacity in Shelby County by 25%. We intend to start out as a basic life support unit and then later expand to include advanced life support. After completing all the necessary paperwork with the State of Indiana, we hope to have the ambulance in

service in the next 90 days. The Lilly ambulance will allow us to

Public Relations Director Southeast Al Williamson



Greetings to all.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

In 2008 we lost some good friends and made some new ones along the way. We will never forget our good friend, Roy (Mr. Sweet & Low) Richardson, the father of the 25 year pin.

Roy was always persistent with the things he had a passion for. He got me into the District 14 chairmanship and then asked me "why not" when I was asked to run for PRSE.

I made a couple and missed a couple district meetings the past quarter due to a knee injury from a fall and scheduling conflicts, but am looking forward to seeing everyone in the next quarter.

Let's all have a safe and good year and best wishes to the new I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. officers taking office in 2009.

Al Williamson
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Happy New Year to everyone in the PRNE area.

I wish to welcome our new president, Tim Deckard and his officers for 2009.

I am glad to see the turnout at the local district meetings. Your district chairman spends four weekends a year at quarterly meetings in Indianapolis. If each department would make an effort to get at least two members from the department to attend their district meetings, we will be able to get all the important information relayed back to you.

The IVFA has a new legislative lobbyist this year, Larry Curl. Larry and his legislative committee will be very busy with all the issues before them this long session. If you are contacted, be sure and give them your support by e-mailing or phoning or contacting your local legislators in some manner to express how you would like them to vote.

February 7 and 8, 2009 "Beyond Hoses and Helmets", a seminar dealing with the strategies and tactics of leading a volunteer or combination Fire/Rescue organization. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost: Free Location: Public Safety Academy of Northeast Indiana, 7602 Patriot Crossing, Fort Wayne, IN 46816. There were over 300 new fire chiefs elected or appointed to lead fire departments in Indiana last year, and the job didn't come with an instruction manual. Join them on the 7th and 8th for something even better.

There will be Leadership/Instructor development seminars held in the northern part of the state. There will be one held on February 20, 2009 at Richmond and repeated on March 7, 2009 at Notre Dame/South Bend. These will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 5:00 p.m.

Remember the Bridgeport Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2009. The fee for the purchase of IVFA plates goes to this fund. The license plate applications forms are in the IVFA paper. You need to send \$5.00 for each plate and the form to the IVFA office.

Thank you to Miss Flame 2008, Kristen Wylie. She has attended many meetings and events already and is willing to attend others. So don't forget to contact her.

Have a good and safe new year in 2009.

Maurice "Mort" Sorg,
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Danny Cyrus, Greg Peelman awarded Medals of Valor for acts of bravery



Danny is a 13 year veteran firefighter and EMT starting his career in 1995 with Bear Branch VFD and completing his EMT certification at the same time while running with the Switzerland County EMS. Danny then moved to Osgood, Indiana and ran with Task Unit 1 until 2000. In the year 2000, Danny moved to Rising Sun; however with no openings on their roster, he ran with the Patriot VFD to keep his hours and training, while at the same time joining the Rising Sun Ohio County EMS. In 2001 he joined the Rising Sun VFD and still serves on the department in the capacity of firefighter.

Greg is a 17 year veteran of the fire service and also was an EMT. Greg started his career with the East Enterprise VFD in 1989. During Greg's service he also served as an EMT for the Switzerland County EMS. In 2006 Greg joined the Bear Branch VFD and to present is still with them.

December 13, 2008, Chief Kevin Armstrong of Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept., along with the Emergency Services of Ohio County presented the Medals of Valor to Danny Cyrus and Greg Peelman.

The Medal of Valor is the state's highest honor and is awarded to those who perform acts of bravery above the call of duty. Without the quick thinking and acts of instinct by these veteran firefighters, there is no question that we may not be reading about survivors from this devastating fire. -- submitted by Ed Scheele and Kevin Armstrong

On January 3rd, 2008 at approximately 06:03 the Rising Sun Fire Dept. was dispatched to a structure fire located at 5625 Salem Ridge Road with occupants still in the residence.

On this frigid early morning, the temperature was still in the single digits. The first firefighters on scene were Danny Cyrus and Greg Peelman. Upon arrival two subjects were found

lying in the front yard and advised one female was still inside. It was at that time that the firefighters' instincts took over. They both were able to get the third subject pulled from the engulfed house.

Two of the three subjects were flown to University Hospital via an air helicopter. On this day Danny and Greg went beyond the call of duty with their act of bravery and heroism,

risking their own lives to save another's.

Danny was just finishing his on-call duties with the Rising Sun EMS and Greg was enroute to work at AEP in Lawrenceburg, Indiana when the call came in. Danny arrived on scene at 6:06 AM, only three minutes after dispatch was first notified of the fire. The fire was put under control at 7:15 A.M.

Three Greene County volunteer firefighters receive the first IVFA Medal of Valor



On Saturday, September 20, 2008 will forever change the lives of three Greene County volunteer firefighters. Rural Lyons Volunteer Fire

Department was dispatched to a mobile home fire. First to arrive was Ron Sparks from neighboring Switz City Volunteer Fire Department to a

working mobile home fire. With heavy, thick smoke and intense heat, three volunteer firefighters entered the mobile home

for a rescue. With line in hand, Ron Sparks made the way for firefighters Chuck Fish and Ray Worland to find disabled 69-year-old Judith Kirk on the couch and rescued her to safety.

At Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis a week later, Judith died from smoke inhalation and burns suffered from the fire.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008 during a ceremony dinner to honor the actions these three firefighters gave risking their own for the life of another, firefighters and their families and members of the community filled the Lyons Fire Station where all three firefighters received the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association's first Medal of Valor.

Along with Assistant Fire Marshal Jim Bennett and Deputy Fire Marshal Stan Capobianco, the firefighters also received the Medal of Valor from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office.

In the photo (left to right) IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague, Chuck Fish, Ron Sparks, Ray Worland and IVFA President Tim Deckard. -- submitted by Tim Deckard, IVFA President

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Hanging out with Santa

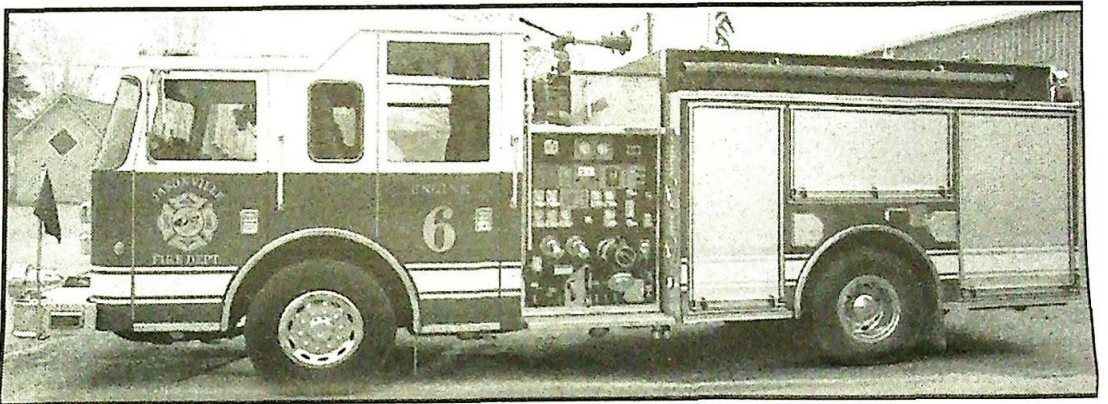
District 6 Miss Flame, Jordan Gorsuch and 2008 IVFA Miss Flame Kristen Wylie with Santa Claus at the Ligonier Fire Department fundraiser "Breakfast with Santa". - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Miss Flames attend Medal of Valor presentation



District 17A Miss Flame, Amy Byets and 2008 IVFA Miss Flame, Kristen Wylie at Lyons for the presentation of IVFA Medals of Valor. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

City of Jasonville receives new fire engine

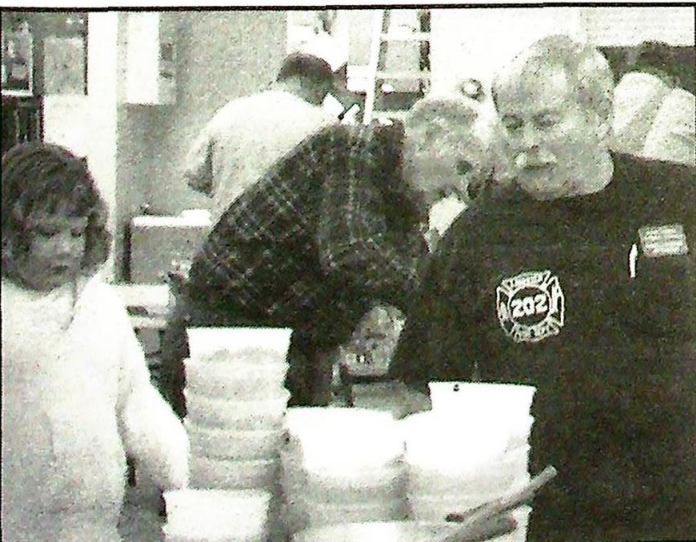


Jasonville Fire Department recently received their new fire engine just in time for Christmas. The new engine is a 2008 Pierce Contender Custom Chassis with a Cummins 400 hp engine, Allison 6 speed automatic transmission, 6 head sets for every seated position in the cab, Waterous 1250 gpm side mount pump, 1000, gallon water tank, 30 gallon foam tank, hydraulic foam system, hydraulic generator, rescue style body with roll up doors. The engine was purchased through Gary Davis of Global Indianapolis. - submitted by Darren Sluder, assistant fire chief, Jasonville Fire Department.

Brothers retire from Dublin VFD



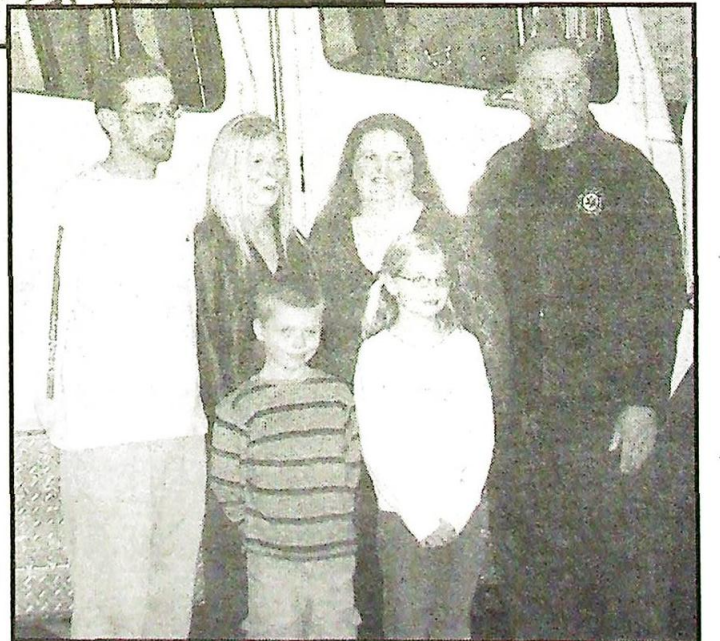
Lewis "Dan" Wicker retires from the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department with over 45 years of service. Dan served as fire chief for 37 years. Dan has served as president of the Wayne County Firefighters' Assn., Dublin Town Council, was one of the organizers of the first fire convention and the Dublin fish fry. Pictured is Dublin Fire Chief Lewis "Dan" Wicker (third from left) and his family.



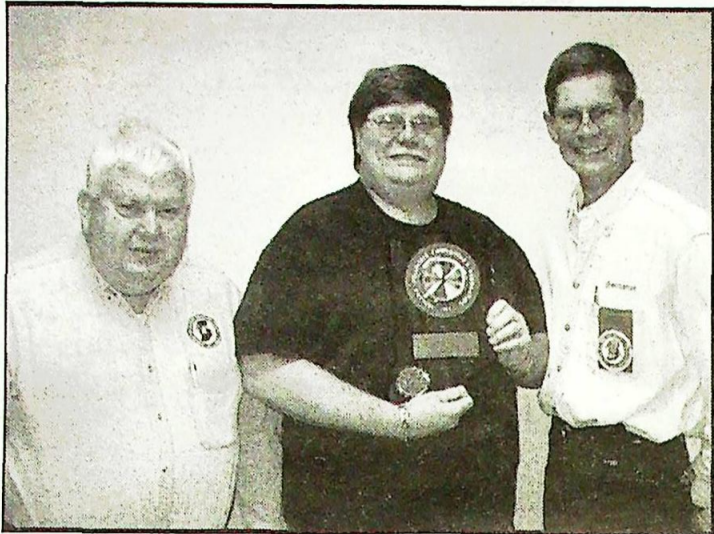
"Spook" at Poe FD

Jerry (Spook) Sprague at Poe Fire Department on November 14, 2008. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Lyndon Wicker retired from the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department with 30 years of service. Lyndon is an Emergency Medical Technician and started the Dublin Emergency Medical Services, which covers western Wayne County with three ambulances. Pictured is Lyndon Wicker (far right) with his family at an open house held by the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department.



West Baden Springs VFD receives station clock



At the January 6 meeting of the West Baden Springs VFD, (Orange Co.) Chief Marvin Malone (center) was presented with a clock from the IVFA to commemorate the WBSVFD's new fire station.

Presenting the clock were District 18 secretary Kenny "Pooch" Lau (left) and District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith (right). - Photo and article provided by John "Bull" Smith



2009 District 14 Miss Flame contestants

Jaelyn Carroll (Charlestown) and Tessa Stoner (New Washington) are the 2009 Miss Flame contestants for District 14. - submitted by Rhonda Moon, IVFAA District 14 chairman.

Members awarded 25 year membership pins



At the December 2008 meeting of the Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department of District 18, three members were presented with their 25 year membership pins.

Pictured (left to right) are Roger Wright, Roy Partenheimer and Jake Borden. - Information provided by the Birdseye VFD and submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.



Pictured are Danny Stoner (dad and New Washington firefighter), Charlie Moon (District 14 IVFA chairman) and Tessa Stoner, District 14 2009 Miss Flame. - submitted by Rhonda Moon, IVFAA District 14 chairman.

Charlestown ladies receive 25 year pins for years of service



On December 21st Charlestown held their annual Christmas party and dinner. While awaiting Santa's arrival, I presented 25 year pins to some of our ladies that were in attendance. Pictured are Martha "Jeanie" Slaughter, Nancy Miller, Catherine Hall, and Mary "Tommy" Shain. Thanks ladies for your years of service and dedication. - submitted by Rhonda Moon, IVFAA District 14 chairman.

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WHAT'S OUT...

SMOKE ALARMS WITH DEAD BATTERIES.

OLD PLAYPENS
Some older playpens have top rails that must be rotated when set up. These rails can collapse, entrapping

babies.

OLD CRIBS
Older cribs may be unsafe, due to missing or loose hardware, too much space between slats or cutouts on headboards.

CRIBS WITH SOFT BEDDING
Soft quilts, comforters, and pillows

can suffocate babies.

DRAWSTRINGS
Drawstrings on the hood and neck of kids' jackets and sweatshirts can strangle.

WINDOW BLIND CORDS WITH LOOPS
Children can strangle in cord loops.

Great Lakes Regional Fire Chaplain and CISM Training Institute to be held

The Federation of Fire Chaplains will be presenting the Great Lakes Regional Fire Chaplain & CISM Training Institute hosted by the Indiana Fire Chaplain Corps.

The Institute will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 21-20, 2009 at the Wayne Twp. Fire Department Headquarters & Education Center, 700 N. High School Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46214.

The GLFCTI is offering the Basic Level 100 Chaplaincy, Pastoral Crisis Intervention I, and Fire Families classes this year.

Basic Level 100 Fire Chaplaincy – Topics to include:

- Foundation and History of Fire Chaplaincy
- The Personhood of the Fire Chaplain
- The Fire Chaplain's Ministry to Firefighters
- The Fire Chaplain's Ministry to Crisis Victims
- Beginning a Fire Chaplaincy Program
- Fire Chaplain Operations
- CISM Overview
- Firefighter Injury and Death Notification
- Fire Service Funeral Procedures
- Confidentiality and HIPAA

The Basic Level 100 Institute includes 16 hours of basic chaplaincy classes affording participants opportunity to gain introductory information and education on topics important to the fire chaplaincy. All classes are taught by Federation of Fire Chaplains certified instructors.

The CISM Track – Pastoral Crisis Intervention

Overview: Briefly PCI is the functional integration of the principles of psychological crisis intervention with the principles and practices of pastoral support (Everly 2002). It is one of the components of the CISM system.

Participants in the PCI class will learn:

- The nature of human crisis
- The nature of crisis intervention
- Be able to recognize signs of crisis
- Basic criteria for psychological triage
- Assessment and screening
- To recognize the "crisis of faith"
- Psychological intervention
- Liaison intervention

- Spiritual intervention and religious intervention; to use the SAFER-R-PCI model of crisis intervention with individuals; to understand and use 5 PCI interventions; review most common mistakes; review self-care issues and more.

This two-day course consists of 13 hours. The instructor utilizes an interactive method of instruction, utilizing the manual, multi-media presentations, videos, role-play, skill building exercises, case studies, etc. to achieve the objective. This two-day course builds on Group and Individual CISM courses.

Participants are required to

purchase the Pastoral Crisis Intervention Workbook. The PCI class is taught by ICISF approved instructor: Glenn Calkins, M. Div., CCSW, one of the authors of the course workbook.

PLEASE NOTE: Enrollment in the PCI class must be **NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2009**. If there is **NOT** sufficient enrollment by this date, the class will be cancelled.

Note II: Payment must be received prior to class opening, unless arrangements are made in advance to pay at the door. No full refunds will be made. A cancellation fee of \$25.00 will be deducted from any and all refunds.

Advanced Fire Chaplaincy: Fire Families is a 16 hour class for chaplains who have completed the Basic Level 100 class. This class deals with ministry in and around fire families. Spouses and significant others are strongly encouraged to enroll for this class. Credit for this 16 hour class can be applied toward the FFC Advanced Chaplain Certificate.

In this class you will learn:

- about stressors and personality traits of firefighters;
- critical incident stress;
- gender differences in communication;
- verbal and non-verbal communications;
- helping families survive;
- the dynamics of change in families;
- conflict management and forgiveness;
- management styles and resulting stress and more.

This class is led by Master Chaplain and FFC certified instructor Cameron Brown. Cameron has been a firefighter/EMT for more than 20 years and a chaplain since 1990 with the Fort Worth, Texas Fire Department and currently serves as treasurer for the FFC.

Spouses and significant others may attend for half tuition (\$75.00). Meals and other fees apply.

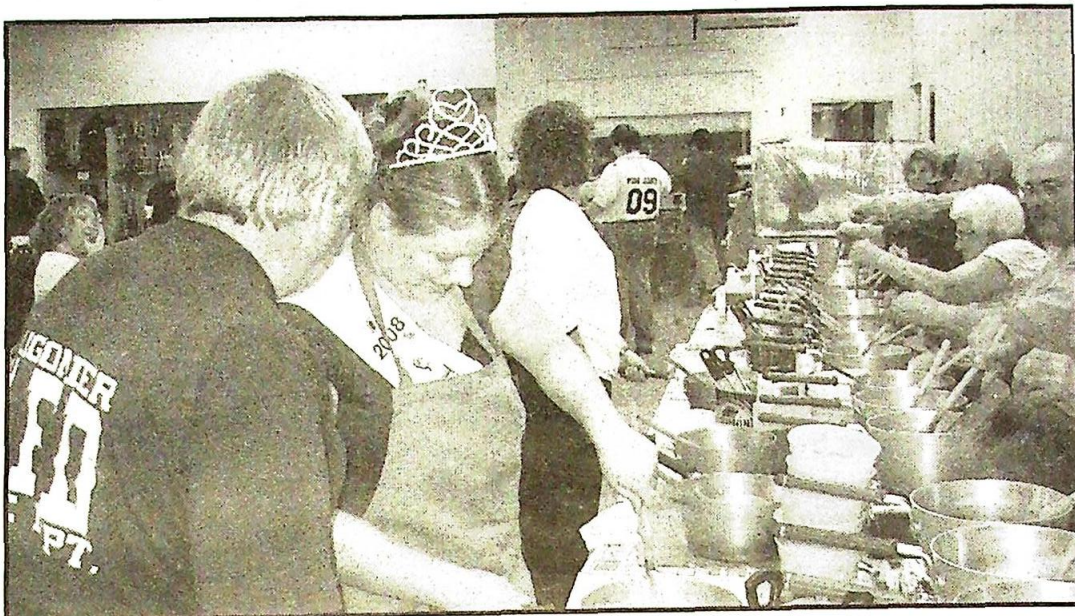
Dress Code: Those attending the Institute are encouraged to dress comfortably. Since the weather is unpredictable in Indianapolis in April, you will want to bring a light jacket (or a heavy coat).

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday. Classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. both days.

Travel directions to Training Site: Wayne Twp. Fire Department Headquarters & Training Center is located just off I-465 on the west side of Indianapolis, at 700 N. High School Rd. Exit I-465 at Exit 13B, only a few minutes from the Indianapolis International Airport and west side hotels. There are plenty of restaurants a few miles west on Rockville Rd. (U.S. 36).

For more information and registration form, contact Jim Burns, (318) 627-2575 or e-mail: Burns303702@bellsouth.net.

Making peanut brittle



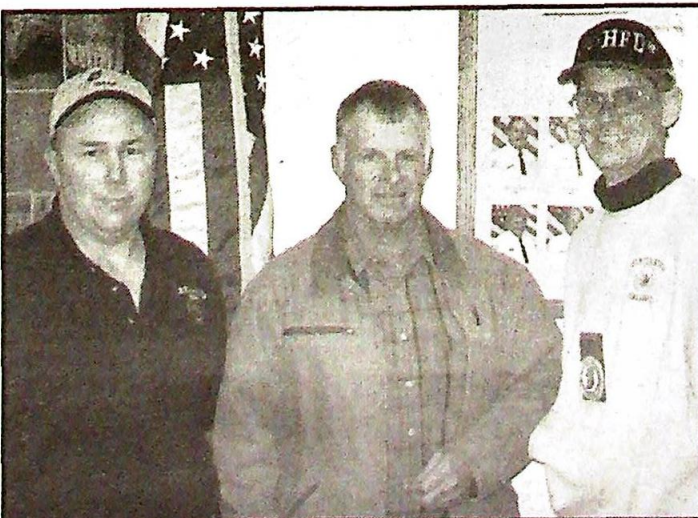
District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague and IVFA 2008 Miss Flame Kristen Wylie are shown helping make peanut brittle at the Poe Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser in December. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman

and making pancakes



Firefighter Bob Weldy and District 6 Miss Flame Jordan Gorsuch are shown making pancakes at the Ligonier Fire Department "Breakfast with Santa Claus" fundraiser in December. – submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman

Schwenk receives 25 year pin



At the December 12 meeting of the Ireland/Madison Twp. VFD Board of Directors and membership meeting, Mike Schwenk (center) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Also pictured are (left) Chief Stan Seifert and (right) District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. – pictured supplied by IVFD and submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

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Bentonville VFD receives donation



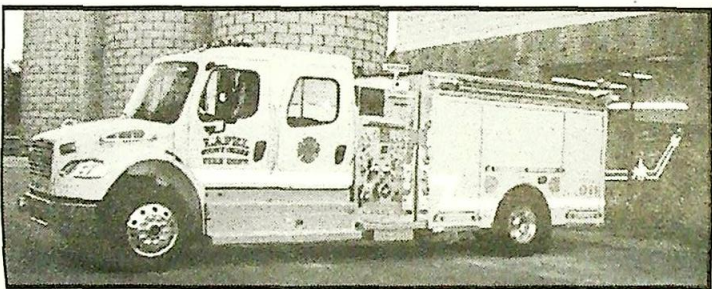
The Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department recently received a Lifepak 500 automatic external defibrillator from State Auto Insurance Company.

Earlier this year, State Auto purchased new Zoll AEDs for their main locations to replace the older units.

State Auto donated their older Lifepak 500 AEDS to small community or volunteer fire departments based on the financial and physical need of their communities. Lifeservers Inc. also donated one set of AED pads with each AED.

Pictured above are (from left to right): Jon Eakins, chairman of the Board of Directors; Chad Ripberger, president; Amy Weber, State Auto Insurance; Bentonville Fire Chief Phil Stanley; IVFA District 13B chairman Dennis Spears; Kenny Sunman, firefighter.

Department receives new rescue truck



2008 Freightliner Seagrave Rescue Truck - Lapel Stony Creek Fire Department. Thanks to Jeremiah Martin, Todd Sears, who spec. trk. -- submitted by Bill Pape, District 8A

Life saving AED's for local departments

State Auto Insurance Companies of Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana donated 14 AEDs to Ohio and Indiana departments.

David Webster of the Indianapolis office worked with IVFA District 12 chairman, Larry Bruner to distribute seven Medtronic Life Pak 500 units to needy departments throughout Indiana.

These units were updated to American Heart Association standards and new pads were donated by Life Savers, Inc.

The following departments received AEDs: Morgan County EMS Association - Mass Casualty Division received one AED, Mooresville Police Department received two AEDs, Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department received one AED, Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department received one AED, and Lizton Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department received two AEDs.

The IVFA and all receiving departments wanted to take this opportunity to thank State Auto Insurance for their donation. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

Honoring our military

We are exceptionally proud of our members that are serving in the military; they not only place their communities first, they also place their country first. We would like to thank them for their service to their country. Below is a list of military personnel who are members of the Association and on active duty around the world.



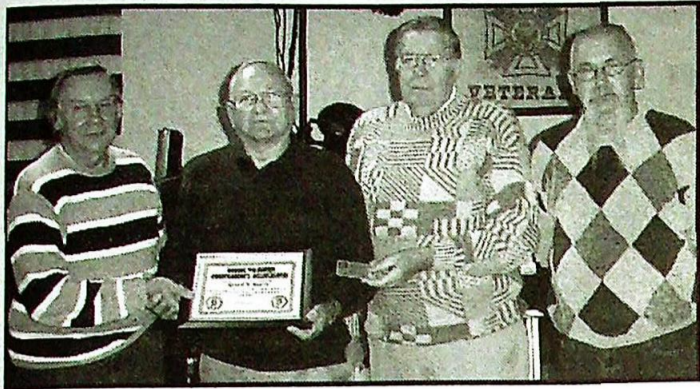
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Department
Ryan	P.	Jackson		Argos Vol. Fire Dept.
Joey		Cope		Bainbridge Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	K.	Fairchild		Batesville Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown		Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael		Demo		Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dessen	James	Miller		Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Beau	Steven	Gish		Cannelburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth		Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Luke	Jacob	McDonald		Cicero Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	A.	Dean		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Matthew	W.	Ladd		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Deana	Yvonne	Hakes		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Justin	Wayne	Miracle		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Paula	J.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Andrew	C.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Aaron	Dean	Myers		Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.
Frank	S.	James		Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.
Jered	Alan	Stetter		Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker		Eel River Vol. Fire Dept
Rusty		Oeth		Elberfeld Vol. Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday		Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Michael	Alan	Tobin		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	Leland	Meinhardt		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin		Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Bryan	Howard	Allen		Forest Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	Edward	Stahly		Geneva Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Brian	A.	Napier		Glenwood Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Brandon	Buckner		Hamilton Twp. Fire Dept.
Nichlas	Charles	Bohm		Hanna Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Larry	Dean	Strait	II	Hartford City Fire Dept.
Eric	Joseph	Vonderheide		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Richard	Joe	Hamilton		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Nicholas	Paul	Meyer		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	E.	Shaw		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Berger		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas		Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	R.	Schillke		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Sabo		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Wallace	Weaver	Jr.	Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Co.
Odis	Ray	King		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Brandon	Joe	Johnson		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Tony	Errol	Nunley		Markle Fire Dept.
David	C	Perry		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Brandon	M.	McVade		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Blake	Todd	Soller		Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner		Milford Fire Dept.
John	Henry	Flowers	III	Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.
Jeffery	Ryan	McClain		Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder		New Chapel Fire Dept.
Michael	B.	Dickey		New Washington VFD
Dallas	William	Hutts		Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Jason	Goings		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
Frank		Galvan		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
Aaron	Joseph	Bower		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
Steven	Edward	Bowyer		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
William	M.	Kendall		Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Ric	D.	Miller		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Woodrow	Lowe		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Miles	Stephen	Stutsman		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Christopher	George	Miller		Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
David	Wayne	Russell		Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Andrew	T.	Sparks		Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Byron	Thomas	Blake		Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Timothy	David	Zakutansky		Porter Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Darin	Ray	Scudder		Rising Sun Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Anne	Marie	Gilbert		Rome City Fire Dept.
Cean	L.	Pemberton		Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.
Tanner	J.	Archer		Sandborn Vol. Fire Dept.
Nicholas	Steven	Lucas		Santa Claus Fire Dept.
Casey	W.	Foye		Southeast Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Chris	James	Moore		Southwest Vol. Fire Dept.
Matthew	F.	Gaff		Sparta Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Richard	A.	Crunk		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Philip	J.	Murphy		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Steve	A.	Myers		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Luke	Albert	Peters		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Tony	Joseph	Presley		Summitville-Van Buren Fire Dept.
Jordan	H.	Craig		Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio		Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Terry	Lynn	Miller	Jr.	Topeka Vol. Fire Dept.
Gregory	Gilbert	Beard		Toyota Fire Dept.
Harold	Eugene	Gieselman	Jr.	Toyota Fire Dept.
Brandon	James	Harris		Ward Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dalton	Roy	Harris		Ward Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Joshua	Lester	Sorrels		Waveland Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ty	Bryant	Mercer		Webster Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Lisa	Dawn	Ellis		White River - Hazleton V.F.D.

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Kenneth Doherty receives 50 year Gold Card and certificate



Pictured are Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman, Kenneth A. Doherty receiving his 50 year Gold Card and certificate, Ivan Nevil and John Kleinknight at the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department.

Also receiving their 25 year pins were: Allan Farlow, Charles E. Fravel, David A. Hirschy, Carl L. Mann, Marion O. Smith, Arthur D. Vorhees and Phillip Lee Vorhees. -submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

Cannelton FD members awarded 25 year pins



During the Cannelton Fire Department meeting of December 1, 2008, District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith (center) presented Mark Gerlach (left) and Jerry Harris (right) with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Also receiving the award, but not present were James Peters and Don Stowe. - photo and article courtesy of Cannelton VFD and submitted by John "Bull" Smith.

Gasoline refueling advisory and safety guidelines for consumers

Static electricity-related incidents at retail gasoline outlets are extremely unusual, but the potential for them to happen appears to be the highest during cool or cold and dry climate conditions. In rare circumstances, these static related incidents have resulted in a brief flash fire occurring at the fill point. Consumers can take steps to minimize these and other potential fueling hazards by following safe refueling procedures all year long.

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

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

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

Here are additional consumer refueling safety guidelines:

- Turn off your vehicle engine while refueling. Put your vehicle in park and/or set the emergency brake.
- Do not smoke, light matches or lighters while refueling.
- Use only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jam the refueling latch on the nozzle open.
- Do not over fill or top-off your vehicle tank, which can cause gasoline spillage.
- In the unlikely event a static-caused fire occurs when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe and back away from the vehicle. Notify the station attendant immediately so that all dispensing devices and pumps can be shut off with emergency controls. If the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and use the emergency intercom to summon help.
- When dispensing gasoline into a container, use only an approved portable container and place it on the ground when refueling to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer.

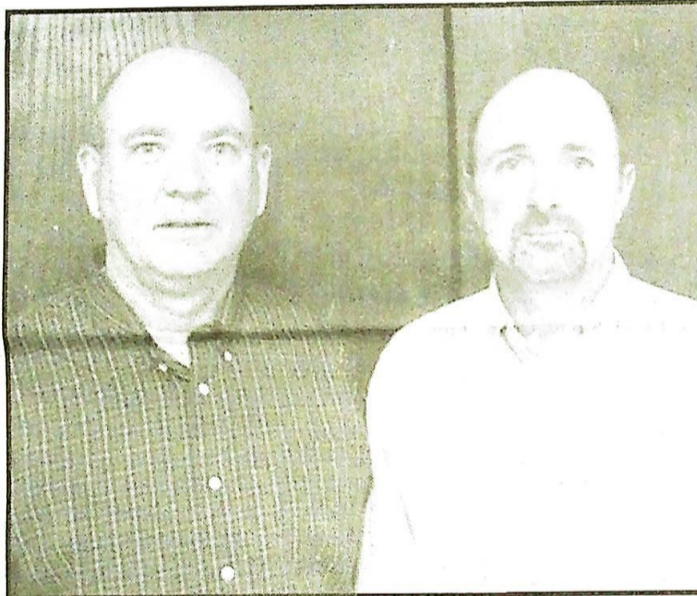
50 year Gold Card and certificate given to Donald Oswalt



A 50 Year Gold Card and certificate were presented to Donald F. Oswalt (right) of the Chester Twp. Volunteer Fire Department by Walt Reiter (left), District 7 chairman.

Also receiving a 25 year pin was Glen Gilbert. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

Kneis, Buechler earn 25 year service pins



At the December 6, 2008 meeting of the St. Anthony VFD, District 18, two of its members were presented with the IVFA 25 year service pin.

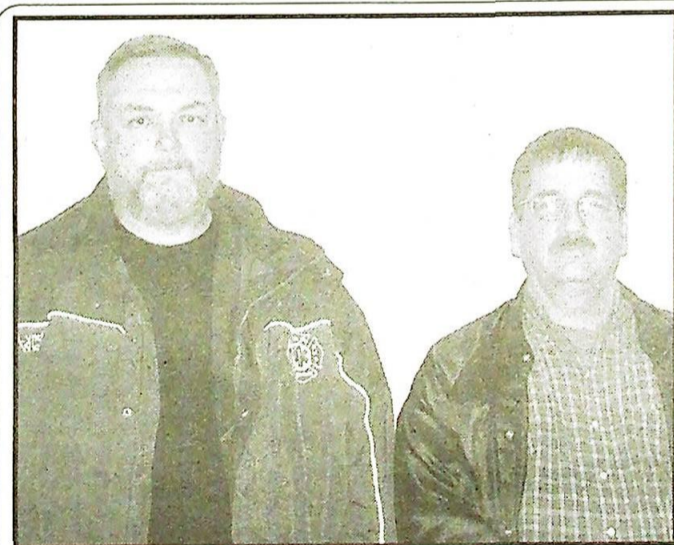
The members are Glenn Kneis (left) and Daniel Buechler (right). - photo and information provided by St. Anthony VFD and submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman

Several earn 25 year pins



25 year pins were presented to: Jim Hitchcock, Tim Bauman, Les Marckel, Sam Baumann, Roger Gage and John Lose, all members of the Decatur Fire Department.

Presenting the awards was Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman



Dublin Vol. firefighters receive pins

Three members of the Dublin Vol. Fire Department received their 25 year pins at the December meeting of the Wayne County Firefighters Assn. held at the McCullough Center in Hagerstown. Recipients are from left: Lyndon Wicker and Rex A. Snyder. (Not pictured) James Gordon.

25-year pins awarded

IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT - At the December 2, 2008 meeting of the St. Henry VFD - District 18, five members were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Pictured (left to right) are: Allen Steckler, Bob Luebbehusen, Tom Kessens, Kenneth Boeglin, Dwain Schwoeppe. - photo and information courtesy of St. Henry VFD and submitted by John "Bull" Smith.



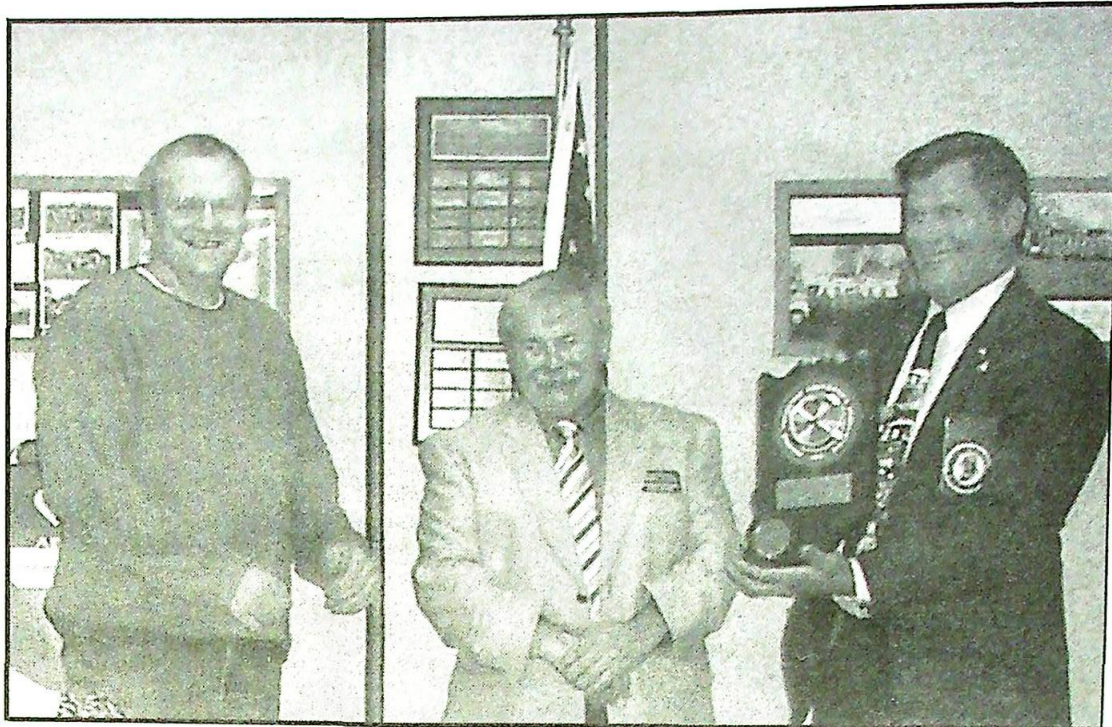
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Awards given at annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner



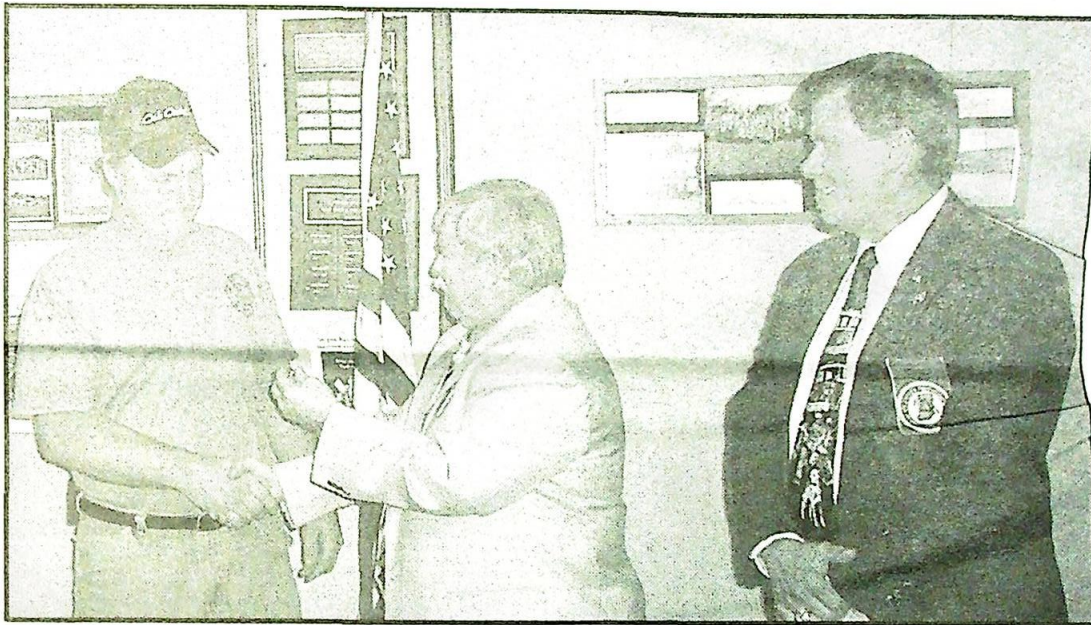
Arcola firefighter Dave Branning is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 6 chairman. (Dave wouldn't stand up!)



IVFA vice president Dave Elick assisted by District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague presenting an IVFA clock to Arcola firefighters Gene Branning and Steve Trahin for their remodeling and new addition to their fire station.



Arcola firefighter Bob Gruettert is shown receiving "Firefighter of the Year" Award from firefighter Trebor Trahin.



Arcola firefighter Bob Gruettert is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague.



Arcola firefighter Matt Butts is shown receiving "Firefighter of the Year" Award from Trebor Trahin.

2009 District 6 Miss Flame chosen



Selection of District 6 Miss Flame was recently held. Pictured from left to right: Mort Sorg - PRNE, Dave Elick - IVFA vice president, Kristen Wylie - IVFA 2008 Miss Flame, Jordan Gorsuch - 2009 District 6 Miss Flame and Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman. - submitted by Jerry Sprague.

All of the above photos were taken at Arcola's annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner held in December. - submitted by District 6 chairman, Jerry Sprague.

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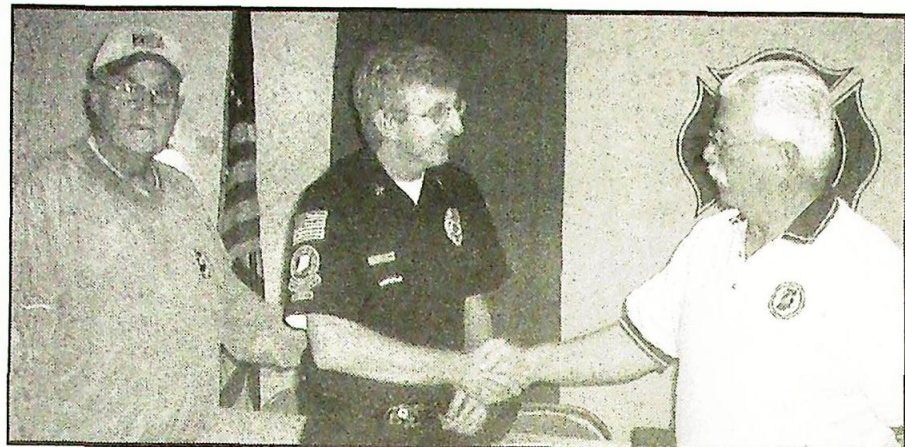
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Corning awarded 25 year service pin



Allan Corning (center) of Lake Twp. VFD is presented his IVFA 25 year service pin by vice president Buz Koehler (right) and District 2 chairman, Paul Watland (left). - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

25 year pin awarded to Wesley Cooper



Twenty-five year pin was awarded to Wesley Cooper (left) of Keener Twp. VFD by Paul Watland (right), District 2 chairman. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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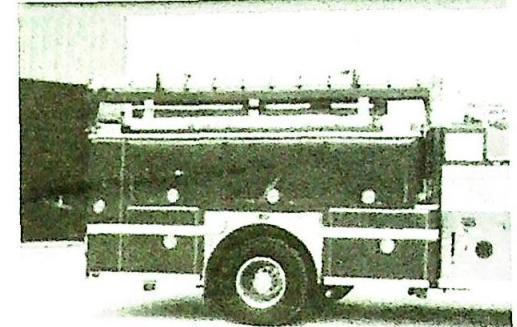


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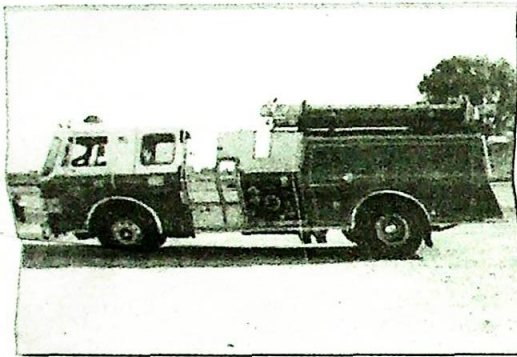
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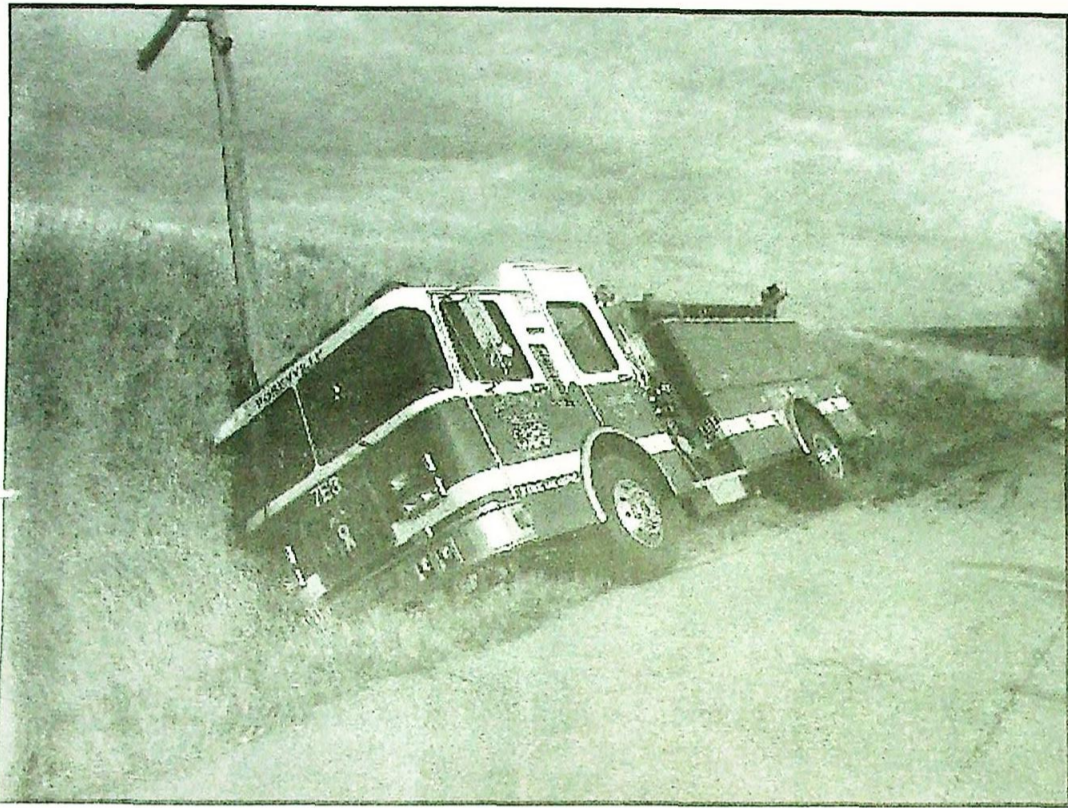
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This is what the Poseyville truck looked like after it was pulled from the ditch. - submitted by Heather Martin, IVFAA District 15 chairman.

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Thomas Edwards honored for 50 years of service

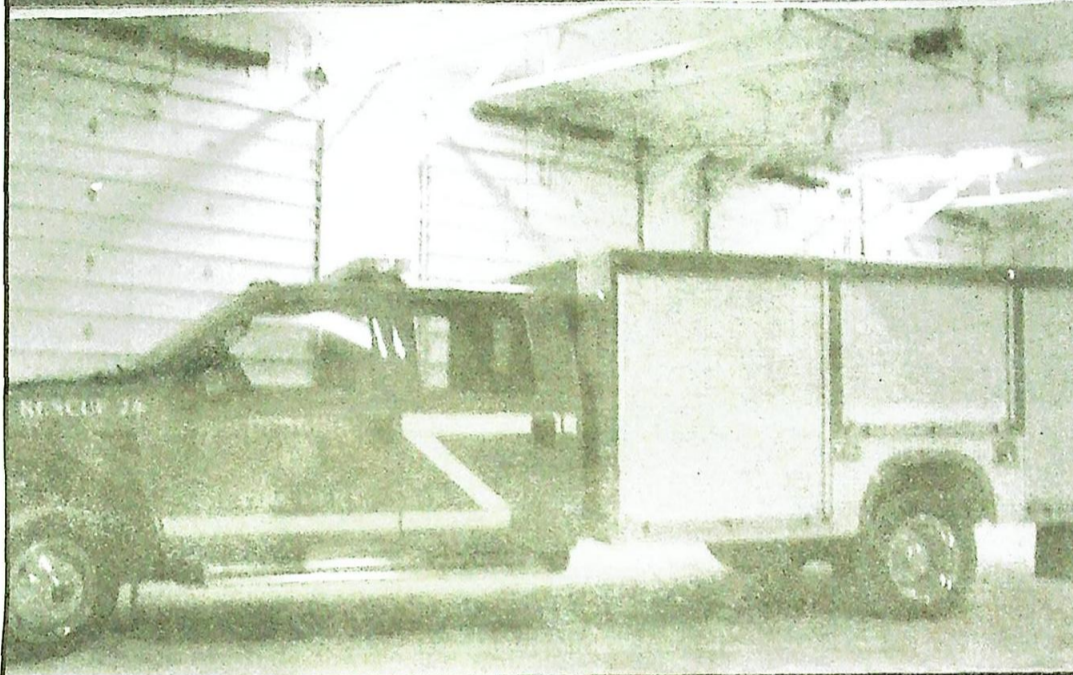


On January 5, 2008 at the Decatur Township Fire Department awards banquet, past chief Thomas Edwards was honored for 50 years of service. Accepting Tom's Gold Card was his sister, Mary Ann Hibler. Pictured (left to right): on stage Chief Henson and Decatur fire officers. (Front and center) District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and Mary Ann Hibler. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

Martin Bennett honored for 50 years of service



During District 12's November meeting, time was set aside to honor Marty Bennett for over 50 years of service with Brooklyn VFD. Marty received a plaque from Chief Mike McCool and his 50 year Gold Card from District 12 chairman Larry Bruner. A special cake was served for celebration. Pictured (left to right) are District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and Martin Bennett. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman



Dunkirk VFD acquires new rescue truck

Pictured here is the new 2008 Ford F-550 Super Duty 4x4 Crew Cab Power Stroke Diesel rescue truck recently acquired by the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. It will be used as a rescue truck for confined spaces, vehicle extrication, a back-up first responder truck, a lite truck, and the additional cab will be used for rehab for the volunteers. The equipment for the confined spaces will be purchased with money donated from the Anderson Grain and Saint Gobain Containers Glass Plant. The truck will be in service in the near future. Pictured with the truck (from left to right) are Craig Faulkner - Town Council, Larry Wright - Captain and Richard Long - Captain. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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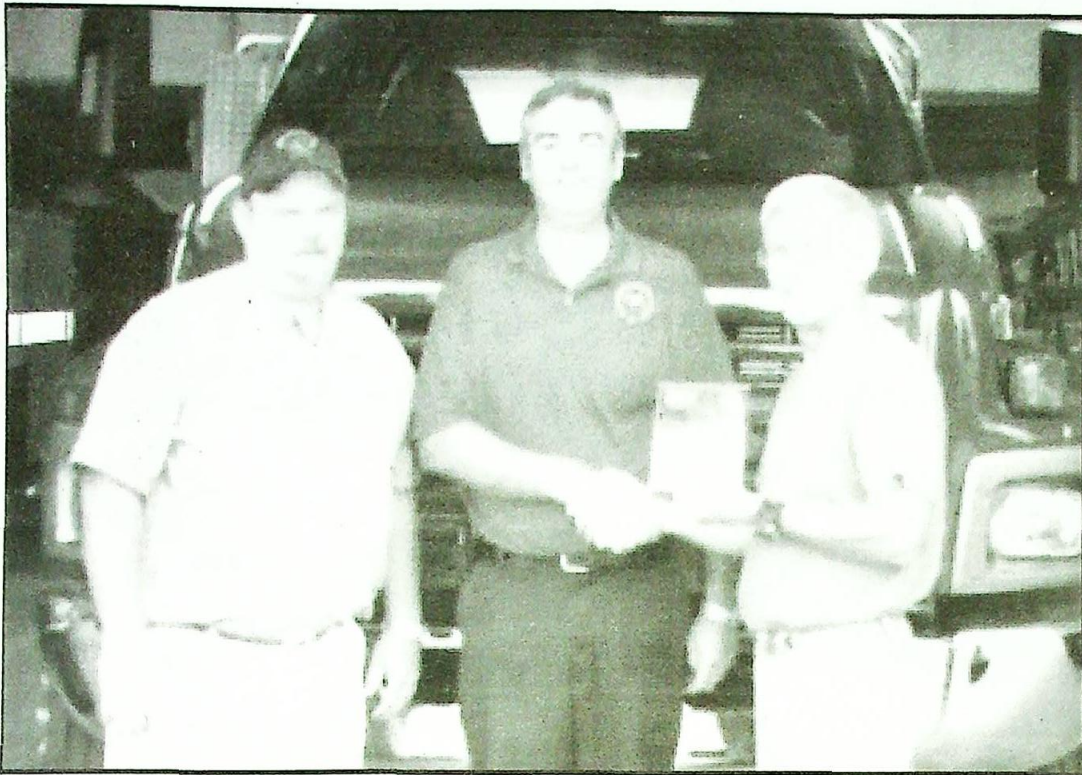
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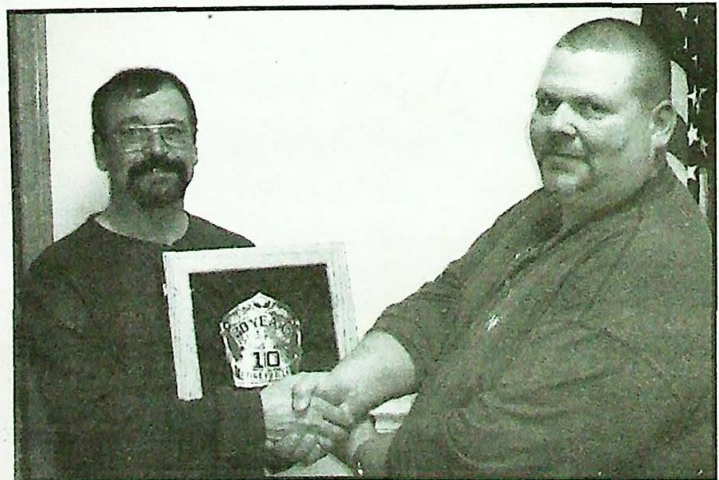
District 17B Global Award recipient, Bob Barber from Shawswick Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, Lawrence County, is shown along with Fire Chief Bob Brown and IVFA President Tim Deckard. - submitted by Tim Deckard.



Monroe Township VFD holds Christmas party

Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department of Cowan held their Christmas party on December 6, 2008. They celebrated by having a carry-in supper. After the supper, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the fire department. Shown here with Santa and Mrs. Claus are the Monroe Twp. firefighters, District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright and District 8B Miss Flame Ashley Theurer. Wonder if they all told Santa that they had been good all year! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Mike Knowles receives shield



Mike Knowles is shown receiving a shield from Bud Fehribach, Chief of the Poseyville Volunteer Fire Department thanking him for his 30 years of service to the department. - submitted by Heather Martin, IVFAA District 15 chairman.

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Due to space limitations not all news articles and photos were able to be published in this issue. Look for them in the May paper.

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