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From The President

Tim Deckard



Greetings!

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope the holiday season was a blessing and time was well spent with family and friends.

As a new year begins, let me first say Thank You for your hard work in your communities in 2009 in protecting them, educating and training for your members. Many long hours are put into volunteering and it has not gone unnoticed. There has been some major misunderstanding from wrong e-mails that have floated around about clearing the road at the scene of an incident. Who is in charge and who has authority? There is a law on the state books on clearance of the roadway. Yes and yes there has been some OVER zealous troopers that push the buttons on the incident

scene with us. Over the next couple of months we will be spending a lot of time educating everyone on this issue and what steps that needs to be taken. Attend your district meeting for more information as things proceed. Please watch the website for more educational info.

Time for a change. Let's sit and look at things for a minute. A question comes to mind. Are we doing everything we need to do to keep our firefighters safe? All this comes and is drawn back to education. Does there need to be changes in the fire service? Do we travel down our road of service with blinders on? I'm afraid that some of us do. In this time of change or things that are being changed for us we need to stand up for what we do and what we know. If we don't stand up, someone will stand up for us that has NO idea what we do, need or really what our cause is all about. Where are we going? Do you have a direction in which you want your department to take, or are you just going day to day with the flow? Do your members know that direction? What about your governed body. The township trustee, their board, Mayor, city or county council? Have you educated them on what services you provide and the need for you to be there? Have you shown them the things you do and the time you put in keeping them safe. It's not all about telling, it's about showing the need. As the cuts keep coming in we need to look at the education part of our job. Do the

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IVFA mourns loss of past Chaplain Jerry Cohen



IN MEMORY OF
Gerald "Jerry" Cohen
December 18, 1932 –
November 24, 2009
Immediate Past - IVFA Chaplain
IVFA Life Member
(54 Years of Service)

While we mourn the loss of Jerry Cohen, we must also celebrate his life. A life dedicated to serving his family, his community and his God.

Jerry returned home to the house of the Lord on November 24 at 12:10 A.M.

He was born in Chicago on December 18, 1932.

While Jerry had basically a normal childhood, his service to his fellow man began with a tour of duty with the United States Navy during the Korean War. It was around this time that he met and married Lucille or as she is more notably known as "Lee".

"While we mourn the loss of Jerry Cohen, we must also celebrate his life."

At the time of his passing Jerry and Lee had been married for 57 years. This union brought forth two sons and a daughter. Roy, Earl and Cheryl gave Jerry and Lee a total of seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Upon moving to the Michigan City area, Jerry became involved with the Coolspring Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in 1955. During his 7 year tenure at Coolspring Twp., Jerry's duties and responsibilities included that of Assistant Chief and President of the Board. In 1963 Jerry joined the Springfield Township Volunteer Fire Department where he remained a member until the time of his death. During this expanse of 47 years Jerry's duties and responsibilities were vast. However, when the time came in Jerry's firefighting career, where he was no longer able to actively fight fire, he requested that he be allowed to undertake the duties of department chaplain. Little did he know at that time that this vocation would lead to the chaplaincy of the IVFA and



Chief Steve Marvel presenting Chaplain's helmet to Lee Cohen.



Springfield Twp. Fire Department Honor Guard escorting Jerry to final resting place.



Battalion Chief Tim Sandy presenting American flag to the Cohen family for Jerry's service to his country. - Photos and article written and submitted by Tim Sandy, District 3, Secretary/Treasurer.

being a driving force in the forming of the Indiana Fire Chaplain's Association. It was during Jerry's tenure that the associate chaplain's program began and is flourishing today.

Jerry and Lee were also regular attendees at the annual convention and his presence will be sorely missed.

As a local independent businessman, Jerry was the former owner of "Jerry's CITGO" in Michigan City and along with his

son Roy, currently owned the Superior Marine Service and the Golden Sands Store and Lock.

Jerry was also a member of the John Franklin Miller American Legion Post 37 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2536. Throughout his life he had been active with various Boy Scout organizations. As a member of the Springville Free Methodist Church, Jerry emulated his deep faith and trust in God.

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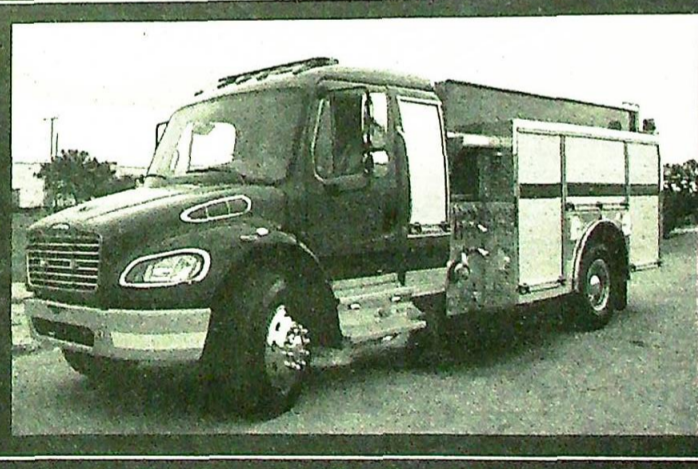
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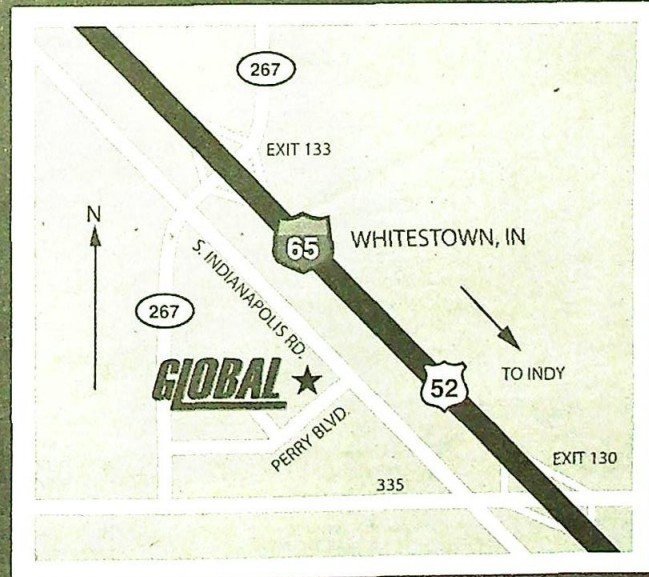
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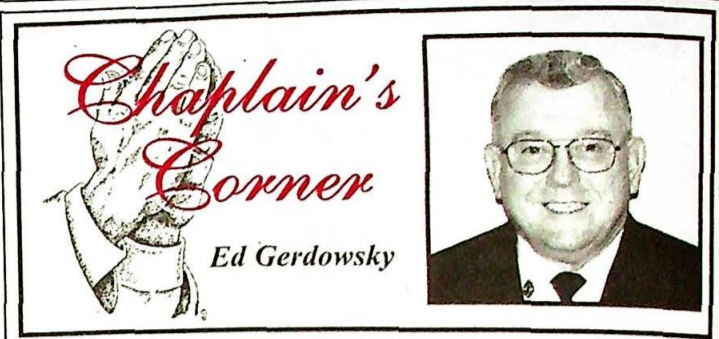
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Dear Mr. Gerdowsky,
Please extend our appreciation to all the volunteers who participated in the "Fireman's Funeral" given for our father, Gerald (Jerry) M. Cohen on November 27 and 28, in Michigan City. We were deeply touched by the brotherhood shown to honor him. It is very apparent that the volunteer firemen and women are people with conviction to serve others.

Our father's involvement with the volunteer fire service for over 50 years has given him the training and opportunity to train. This Association has allowed him to leave a legacy in his life and in his death. Our country is truly a better place for the service of these volunteers.

We, as well as our mother, Lucille Cohen, are greatly indebted for your kindness. The memory of the service offered to honor our father will always be remembered and treasured.

Sincerely,
Roy Cohen (Michigan City, IN)
Earl Cohen (Dunedin, FL)
Cheryl Cohen Cunningham (Milwaukee, WI)

Cohen funeral . . .



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Lone Bag Piper playing "Amazing Grace" at the conclusion of Jerry's burial service.

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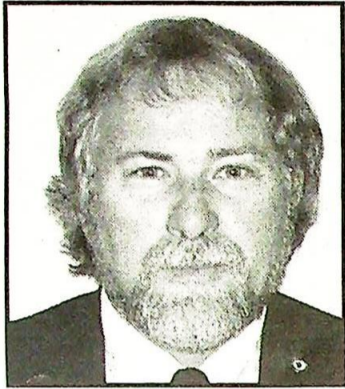
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From The Vice President

David Israel



Hope everyone had a safe and merry holiday.

A new year sometimes brings new people, so here I am. I would like to thank Buz and all those before me for all the hard work and dedication they have done to keep the IVFA out front.

Some may think it's an easy task to be an officer of this Association, but it's not.

The IVFA officers work pretty hard at keeping the V in Volunteer

Fire Departments and to keep alive the work the men and women that started those volunteer departments years ago to help, protect and serve those communities in which they live.

There is a lot of work, time and meetings and committees to achieve this goal for the betterment of the volunteer fire service in the state and with the help and support of every member of the fire service we can do it.

But we have to do it as a group, not individually.

Legislation is in full swing and we will be calling on you to help with phone calls to legislators to support the fire service. We should have two good Bills on the floor that will help protect us as firefighters and the public we serve. We are supporting to keep local government. Because local government is the voice of the local people, we all know what it's like to deal with county and state government. You can follow the legislation on the IVFA website.

I will do the best that I can at attending district meetings and functions within the state. If I can help, call me if it's important because sometimes it's a week before I check my e-mail.

Be safe and attend the district meetings in your area.

President column . . .

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your job? If not, communicate to them both. How about the people you serve, the taxpayer. Have we let them know that the cost cuts in revenue for us are jeopardy to our safety and to those we serve not to mention the reduction in manpower in services. Looking at the big picture this draws bigger insurance rates, raises the cost for the fire department for those who bill in which the taxpayer pays the cost once again. Does your community know the job of the township trustee and what would happen if that trustee was not there. Not even to say what would happen to the fire service, dumped into one big pot

within the county and everyone fighting for a piece of the pie of money. Are there areas in your department where changes need to take place? If so, make that move. Just because it's always been done this way does not mean it works this current time. Come up with new ideas, new ways. Work together within and without your department.

As the next couple of months, move, get involved in the legislation process. Please get involved, make sure everyone goes home.

Let's not talk about it and say it, but make it happen.

Tim Deckard, President

Fundraiser tickets to be on sale

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association will be selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the 2010 Convention which will be held in Terre Haute, Indiana June 16-June 19.

The drawing will be held Friday, June 18, 2010.

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Miss Flame notes . . .

Winter has arrived. The cold winds and the snow are signs we're in the new year and that the warm weather hopefully is on the horizon. It also points to the fact that we are only six months away from convention.

I have already received several entries for Miss Flame. If you have not held your district contest or made preparations for holding your contest; I would ask that you do so

before March 10th as that is the deadline for entries. I encourage you to inform all departments of the contest. I would like to see a representative from every district. The contest is always a highlight of our convention.

If you have questions or need paperwork, please call me at 812-867-2641 or e-mail at McFDChief@AOL.Com.

Thanks for your efforts and

good luck in getting a candidate from your district.

REMEMBER MARCH 10TH. Please include pictures (2), check for entry fee, and application when mailing your application.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman 2010

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Retaining your certification is a personal responsibility. Check your certificate for the expiration date or go to the IDHS website to verify certification by last name at the following address: <https://oas.in.gov/difs/emsonline/em/person.do?method=personLookup>

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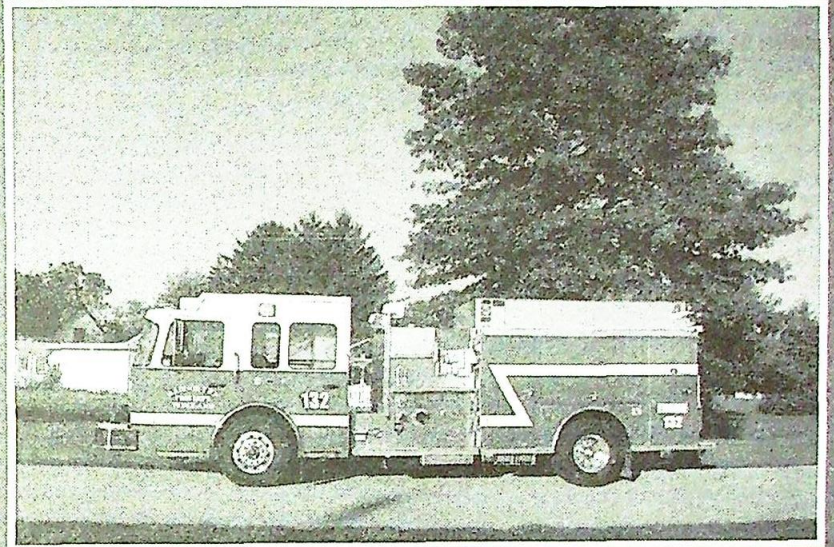
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DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman
Merrillville Station #1
August 19, 2009

District 1 chairman Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. VP Koehler led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by 31 members of six departments in District 1 with Ainsworth as the trophy winner and by nine members of three departments in District 2 with Porter Township as the trophy winner.

Guests: Past president Parish, VP Koehler, PR Northwest Bradford, District 1 chairman Orrell, District 2 chairman Watland, District 1 & 2 secretary/treasurer D. Orrell; 50 year Gold card members Pete Monix, Jake Thomas, Bill Casbon, Bub Wise, Merrillville charter member Jerry Miller, Ross Township Chief Ed Yerga and assistant chief Jim Lilly, IVFAA past president Martha Thomas, District 1 & 2 chairperson Phyllis Vargo, IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, Phil Griffith and Paul Patterson of EMA and Dale Hensley of 5 Alarm Fire and Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniform.

Chief: Assistant chief Billy Thomas gave a brief history of the department.

Program: John Minchek of IOSHA.

Minutes: Motion to dispense with the reading by Bob Sztot, seconded by Bill Casbon. Passed.

Communications: Bradford discussed physical, Burn Camp, training and E.S.Co. Koehler discussed training issues and forms to complete, legislative data sheets. T. Orrell discussed required autism training, online, announced to all that Wally Cook was the District 1 2009 Global Award winner.

Treasurer's report: \$1128.95
Old Business: None.
New Business: None.

Deaths in districts: None.
Good of order: South Haven FD Fire Fest on August 28, 29, 30th at Haven Hollow Park. Kouts Pork Fest with parade at 10 a.m. on August 22. October 15 is Miss Flame application deadline.

Marge Baumgardner won \$42 in the 50/50 drawing.

Bob Sztot made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Bill Casbon seconded.

*Diana L. Orrell,
Secretary/Treasurer
IVFA Districts 1 & 2*

St. John Fire Department
September 16, 2009

PR Northwest Jim Bradford called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by eleven members of five departments in District 1 with Beverly Shores FD as the trophy winner and by 35 members of seven departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township FD as the trophy winner.

Guests included: past president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, PRNW Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 1 & 2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, I.V.F.A.A. past president Martha Thomas, Gold card member George Thiel, Gold card member Jake Thomas, Gold card member Bill Gasbon, Gold Card member Pete Monix, Gold card member Nick Thiery, Gold card member Jerry Miller, Jim Daly from Hoosier Fire Equipment, Bo Keiser from Fire Service.

St. John fire chief Fred Willman gave some brief information and history of his department.

Motion was made by Bob Sztot, seconded by Billy Howe to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting. Passed.

Past president Mitch Parish gave a brief report from the National Volunteer Fire Council.

PRNW Jim Bradford discussed the changeover from 800 mhz to 700 Mhz radios.

The newsletters will be out the first week of November and the deadline for submission of articles will be October 10 at noon. The deadline for submission of articles for the newsletters in 2010 will be

the 5th of the month prior to printing. This year, Hoosier Burn Camp was attended by 68 kids (480 hot dogs and 760 hamburgers were served). Some departments are still struggling with the N.I.F.R.S. reporting, but, compliance is needed to receive grants and INDHS training. The convention will be in Terre Haute in 2010 and at South Bend in 2011. Firefighters are reminded that seatbelts are 'mandatory' when riding in apparatus. For the Porter County departments, 'Swine Flu' shots will be available in October through the health department.

I.V.F.A.A. past president Martha Thomas advised that applications for Miss Flame must be submitted to District 1 and 2 chairman Phyllis Vargo by October 15. The judging for District 1 and 2 Miss Flame will be at the I.V.F.A.A. meeting on November 5th at Lake Station Fire Dept.

Treasurer's report for Districts 1 & 2 shows a balance of \$1128.95.

Gold card member Nick Thiery (St. John) received his 50 year pin and Bobby Davis (St. John) received his 25 year pin from past president Buz Koehler and St. John chief Fred Willman.

Global Fire Equipment will be having a grand opening on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at their facility at 4212 Perry Blvd. - Whitestown, IN 46075.

Beverly Shores Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lake Hills Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cedar Lake Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Sunday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Merrillville Fire Department - Station #1 will be hosting an open house on Saturday, September 26.

Schererville & St. John Fire Departments will be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tri-Town Safety Village.

The 50/50 was won by Bill Gnerlich.

Several items were donated by Fire Service and Hoosier Fire for the raffle.

Motion was made by Billy Howe, seconded by Bob Sztot at 8:33 p.m. to close the meeting. Passed.

The next meeting of Districts 1 and 2 will be at Lake Ridge Fire Department on October 21st.

Lake Ridge FD
October 21, 2009

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. VP Koehler led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by 33 guests of nine departments in District 1 with Beverly Shores as the trophy winner, and by 13 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township FD as the trophy winner.

Guests: past president Parish, VP Koehler, PR Northwest Bradford, District 1 chairman Orrell, District 2 chairman Watland, Districts 1 and 2 secretary/treasurer D. Orrell, District 1 Global winner Wally Cook, 50 year members Jake Thomas, George Thiel, Bill Casbon, and Bub Wise, past IVFAA president Martha Thomas, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz, and John Krockner, Dave Burton and Ed Ford of Rich Construction.

Program: John Krockner of Rich Construction.

Minutes: Motion to dispense by Keith Austin, seconded by Bob Sztot. Passed.

Communications: Koehler discussed the website, Parish discussed Grants and the National Volunteer Fire Council. Bradford advised the newspaper would be out the first week of November, discussed smoke detectors available for hearing impaired at state fire marshal's office, advised 2010 convention in Terre Haute and announced that former IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen is extremely ill.

Treasurer's report: \$1128.95, patches for \$2 each.

Old Business: none.
New Business: none.

Deaths: none.

Good of order: October 28, Sklarewitz Uniform hosting a seminar at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 21st, Lincoln Township having their annual Christmas auction at 5 p.m.

Next meeting: November 18th at Porter Township Station #1.

Mitch Parish won \$55.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Ike Wrench made a motion, seconded by Wally Cook to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Passed.

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Boone Grove FD
November 18, 2009

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by eight members of four departments in District 1 with Beverly Shores FD as the trophy winner, and by 42 members and two guests of seven departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township FD as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past president Parish, VP Koehler, PR Northwest Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, District 1 / 2 secretary/treasurer Diana Orrell, Marge Baumgardner, IVFAA Districts 1 / 2 secretary, District 2 Miss Flame Rachel Stenger, Greg Eckhardt of Porter Co. Hazmat, 50 year Gold card members Bill Casbon and Bub Wise, Porter Twp. trustee Ed Morales, 4 Seasons chaplain Bob Kulesa, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire and Scott Gilbert of Donley Safety.

Chief Bill Casbon gave a brief history of the Boone Grove FD.

Program: Greg Eckhardt discussed TATP (Mother of Satan - TriAcetone/Triperoxide).

Minutes: Bub Wise made a motion, seconded by Bill Casbon to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Passed.

Communications: Koehler discussed Fire Service Institute Dinner on February 1, 2010 and legislation.

Bradford discussed NIFRS, radio info, smoke detectors, 2010 convention in Terre Haute, the Indiana Pipeline Awareness and recommended attending the local meetings and advised the next newspaper deadline is January 5, 2010, paper will be out first weekend of February.

Treasurer's report: \$1,281.31.
No old business.

New business: Watland presented a 25 year pin to John Hyatte.

No deaths: A prayer was said for past chaplain Jerry Cohen.

Good of the order: Lincoln Township auction Saturday, November 21st at the station at 5 p.m.

Cedar Lake Texas Hold Em tournament on February 20, 2010.

Next meeting: January 20, 2010 at Washington Township FD.

Ray Chambers of Lincoln Twp. FD won \$63.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Ike Wrench made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Passed.

*Diana L. Orrell,
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IVFA Districts 1 and 2*

Attention Instructors:



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-Problem:
A student who is 17 years of age takes a mandatory written and practical examination.

-Answer:
In order to take a written or practical examination a student

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must be 18 years of age. This test will not be processed.

-Problem:
A firefighter takes a safety officer course and completes the examination and submits an application for certification. The firefighter is not a certified Fire Officer I.

-Answer:
The application for safety officer certification will not be processed because the firefighter was not a certified Fire Officer I at the time of the examination.

-Action:
Instructors review the prerequisite for every course of instruction. Ask the students to go on the IDHS website and bring documentation to prove they have met the prerequisites.

Proctors - when giving a written examination have the student verify they have met the prerequisite.

Effective March 15, 2010 any

test submitted where the student does not meet the prerequisite will result in the test being invalidated. The student will be denied certification.

If you have questions about prerequisites, email State Fire Training Director John M. Buckman III at jbuckman@dhs.in.gov

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address this financial stress is to work with ESBC to try to get reimbursed.

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

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

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passing through to another city or town.

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

The billing of auto accident responses, for both paid and volunteer departments, is a much needed tool. Not billing takes money away from your invest-

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

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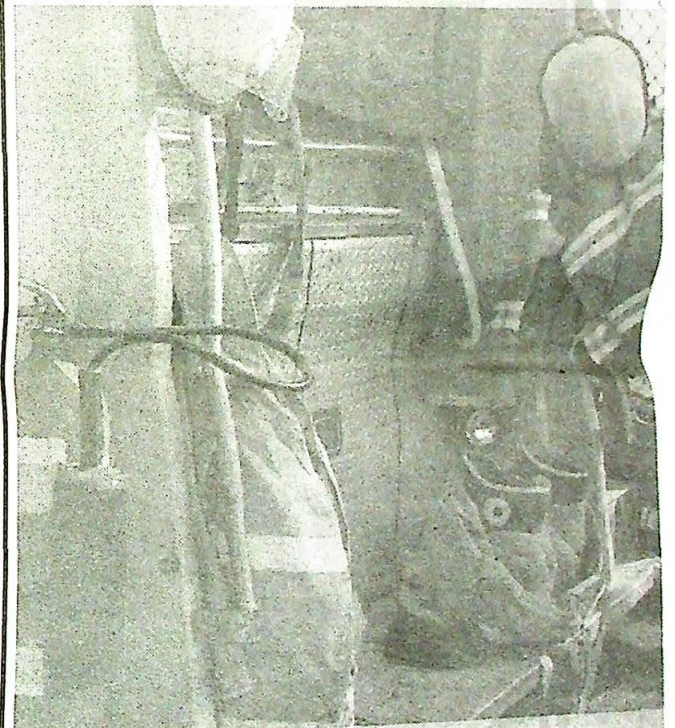
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - Chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith which was held on October 21, 2009 at Cleveland Township Fire Department which began at 7:35 p.m. The prayer was given by Russel Peterson and the pledge by Chief Newman. The roll call consisted of five departments with 14 members and three guests.

The 4th District minutes from the August 2, 2009 meeting were read by secretary Ron Maier and approved.

P.R.N.E. Mort Sorg reported on: The rates a department can charge on different kinds of calls; money from the 2009 I.V.F.A. convention. \$1,500 went to the Burn Camp and \$3,300 went to Supporting Heroes; Shepherd-Kernan Bill is still an issue concerning county government; possibility the police department can request you move your vehicles from blocking the traffic.

Gene Goddard discussed more on Bill 1501 where the township trustee and their office will be eliminated. Gene also discussed having more in-house weekend trainings on top of what trainings the department already holds. Maybe firefighters would be able to attend the training if held on a weekend.

Jean Smith passed out information on the H1N1 virus and how many people have been affected and have died. Discussed precautions one takes if around someone with flu-like symptoms.

Chairman Smith passed out new I.V.F.A. hand booklets. A discussion on training problems and how to find qualified instructors for new products such as Hybrid cars. Training on portable meth labs were discussed, along with traveling time and distance we have to go for special training. A lot of discussion was on having 4th District weekend training in 2010. Chairman Smith informed everyone of what happens when membership dues are not paid on time and how to go about buying I.V.F.A. license plates and where the money goes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by chairman Smith.

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was held at Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department on December 16, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The prayer was given by Russell Peterson and the pledge by Chief Weldy. The roll call consisted of four departments with 13 members and three guests. Since quorum was not met, a round table discussion took place.

P.R.N.E. Mort Sorg talked about the possibility of the I.V.F.A. having a fundraiser cruise sometime in 2010. It was brought to the bodies' attention that when calling the hotel for the 2010 I.V.F.A. convention, make sure you state you are an I.V.F.A. member. Mort also discussed the Shepherd-Kernan Bill and that a new Web-Master was

being looked into. Chairman Smith reported the information discussed at the last state officer's meeting held in November, 2009 such as the police asking fire departments to move their apparatus from the road. Discussion on the Shepherd-Kernan Bill where the county government would have a central location for all departments in that county for purchasing and trainings. New homes being built with sprinkler systems were also discussed.

Chairman Smith informed the body of the 800 megahertz radio frequency and how your department needs to use them and the cost of changing all radios over to this frequency. The maximum a department can charge for calls by state guidelines were also discussed.

Chairman Smith crowned a new 2010 4th District Miss Flame, Alisa Smith, from New Carlisle Fire Department. There also was a 50/50 drawing along with a drawing for three special gifts.

The next 4th District meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Osceola Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. and refreshments were served.

Chairman Terry Smith
4th District

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Tony Farrer - Chairman

November 12, 2009
(These minutes are not official until approved at the January meeting.)

Location: Atwood Community Building, Atwood, IN

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

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:44 hours.

Guests: Jean and E.J. Smith, Mort and Toni Sorg, Riley Cripps and Peggy Nifong of Bourbon.

Roll call: 18 members representing five departments.

Minutes of the September meeting were amended to read that Jay Cunningham received a 25-year pin, not a 50-year pin. They were then approved as amended.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer reported on the October quarterly officer's meeting. The Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association will have a training meeting and dinner at Christo's in Plymouth on January 5 at 5:30 p.m. and another in Wabash on January 12 at the Honeywell Center. Dinner and training is free but you must make reservations to attend. A cruise is being organized by the Membership and Marketing Committee for next fall. Bylaw changes regarding district chairmen and secretaries were passed. It was reported that a PR Director must reside within the area they represent. Deadline for the IVFA paper will move to the first part of the month, beginning January 5th.

Legislation: Bills are being considered that would:

- Prohibit toy-like cigarette lighters.
- Require the notification of a local fire department when light construction methods are being used in buildings.
- Require and regulate the use of residential fire suppression systems in new construction.

Implement the recommendations of The Kernan-Shepherd Report (this legislation did not pass in the last session, but is being re-introduced.) Be sure to contact your legislators to let them know where you stand.

February 1 is the scheduled date of the Fire Caucus Dinner. License plate forms are in the IVFA paper. Nominations for the awards to be given at the 2010 IVFA convention in Terre Haute are due February 1.

2011 IVFA Convention in South Bend: a meeting has been scheduled for February 21 to organize Districts 4 and 5 for the various committees that will be needed. Chairman Farrer distributed a list of committees and volunteer opportunities so that departments and individuals can consider how they will participate.

PRNE Report: Mort reported that State Code 9-28-27 states that no one can close a state highway, and this has caused some conflict between the state patrol and the fire service. More will be coming on this in the months ahead.

Homeland Security is no longer sending out notices to individuals that their certifications are due to expire. We will have to keep track of these ourselves. A list of District 5 departments that have not paid their IVFA dues was read. The next meeting of the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education will be December 14 and will address changes in the NFPA Standards.

Jean Smith reported that Paul E. Patterson made a presentation on 800 Mhz. radio requirements. A printed version was distributed to those present. The New Albany Fire Museum is having a fundraiser November 19 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

New Business: Riley Cripps, daughter of Vyron and Stacey Cripps of Bourbon, is the Miss Flame candidate for District 5. She answered impromptu questions in order to give her a taste of what the competition will be like at the state convention in June. Peggy Nifong thanked District 5 for giving her the opportunity to represent the district and chairman Farrer thanked Peggy for her hard work.

Good of the Order: Bremen will be doing a Toys for Tots drive again this December. Jerry Cohen, past state IVFA chaplain, is in the final stages of cancer. Atwood reported that a county sheriff's deputy was killed today in a head-on collision. A website, infiretrucks.com, is soliciting departments for permission to photograph fire apparatus. Dick Coppes of Atwood won the 50-50 drawing. Mort Sorg was thanked for his service as PRNE Director for District 5. Jean Smith will be PRNE director in 2010.

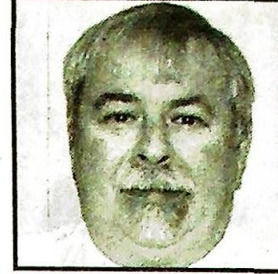
It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Argos Fire Station in Argos, IN January 14, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka, Secretary

**MAY 5 DEADLINE:
APRIL 5, 2010**

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

It is now February and the white stuff is on the ground. With the freezing temperatures and snow on the ground, everyone needs to slow down in their responses and on the scene.

Hope that everyone is staying safe out there.

Thanks to the Union Township Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in November. My sincere thanks to the men and women from Union Township for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided. They were great!

Special thanks goes out to past V.P. Dave Elick for his help with our meetings.

It has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and fire department functions the last few months. It seems as though there are two and sometimes three events scheduled the same Saturday each weekend. There are still 12 departments in District 6 that I do not have an e-mail address for. You know who you are as you received your flyer via snail mail. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to: spralawn@ligtel.com

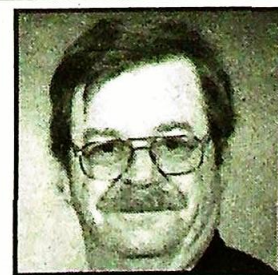
Our next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. It is going to be held at the Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department on Main Street in Woodburn. Since we didn't have any candidates at our November meeting, this meeting will also have our judging for our Miss Flame for District 6 for 2010.

If any of the departments or individual firefighters have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on January 26 or March 23. Our March meeting will be in DeKalb County. The location will be announced at a later date. Please visit the IVFA website as the meetings for District 6 will be posted - (ivfa.org).

In closing I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. Now it's time to work on all of those New Year's resolutions!

E.G.H.
Jerry Sprague (Spook)
District 6 chairman

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello district firefighters,

This is a new year and I hope you keep all your "new year" resolutions.

The news from the state is that January 1, 2010 there is a new

training procedure for the "Mandatory, 1 & 2 Class Firefighters".

Thank goodness someone in the state finally heard us. This should be good news to the instructors and chiefs.

The Senate is now in session for Indiana. The I.V.F.A. has received some suggestions and we passed them onto our lobbyist for the following. If there are concerns for our lobbyist, please send them to me and I will forward to the president.

February is the month we need all the nominations for the awards the IVFA is giving in June at the convention. You can find these at "i.v.f.a.org." The one award that we have to vote on is the District Award, please let me know of any names you want in the consideration.

Well, all for now.

Bill Pape
District 8A chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Here we are in 2010 already. Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a safe beginning of a new year.

District 8B held their district meeting at the Portland Fire Department on November 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. District chairman Lloyd Wright led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The secretary's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 24 members in attendance from nine departments. Don Cushman, PR director was in attendance.

Chairman Wright told the group about the Bylaw that was passed. He also told them that they need to get their nominations for the awards to be given at this year's convention to him by the end of January.

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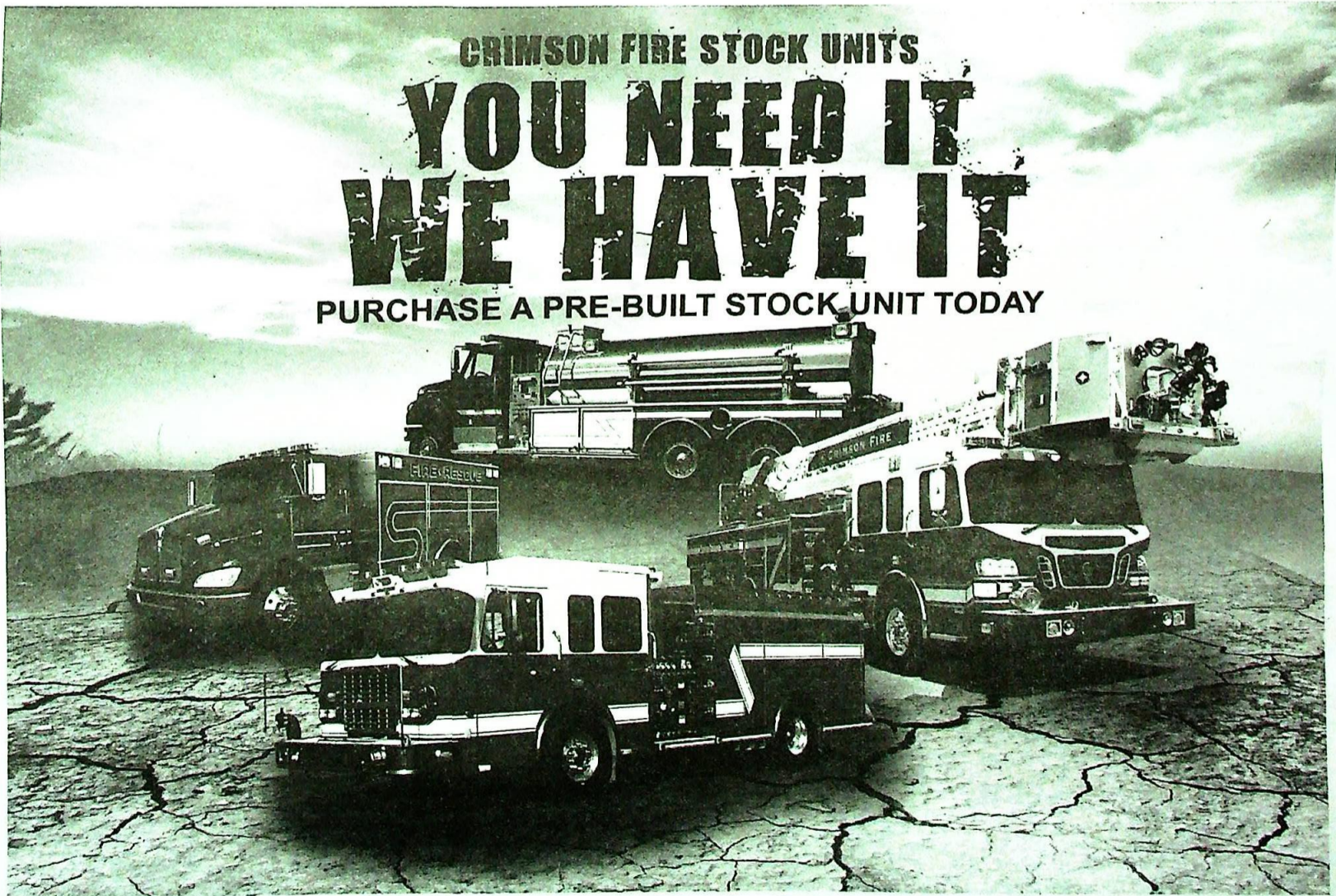
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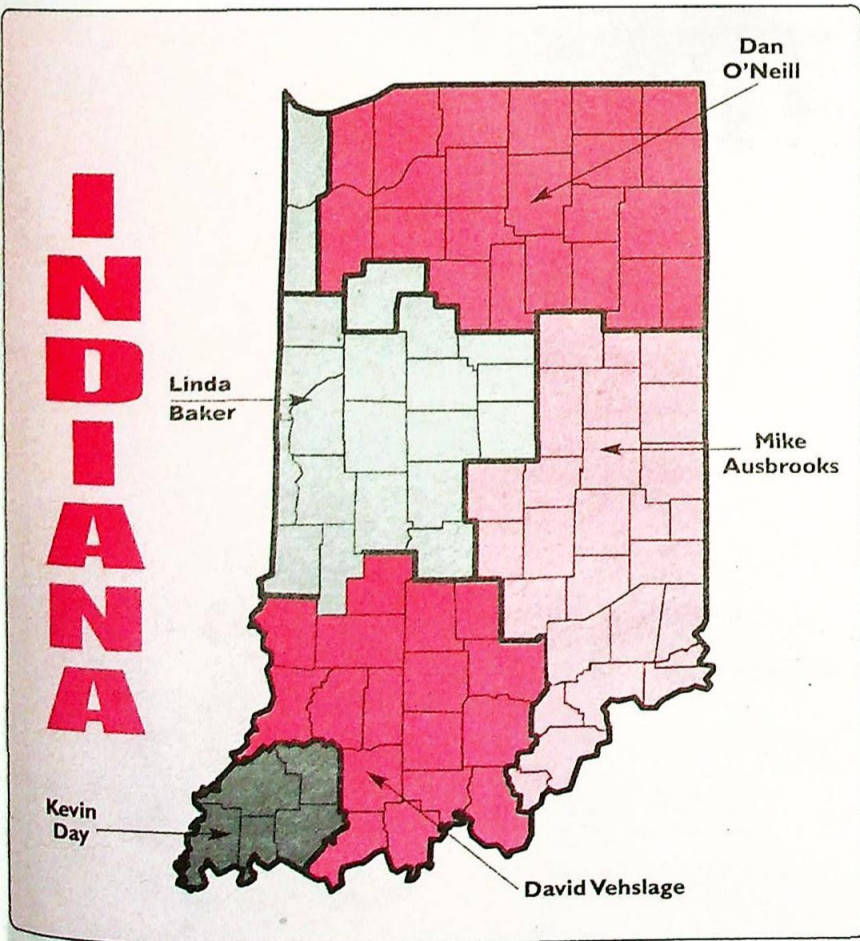
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DISTRICT REPORTS

District 8B

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Not too many fundraisers happening in the district right now, just a lot of Christmas parties.

The drawing for our Miss Flame raffle was held. A lot of the winners were present.

Next meeting will be at the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department on January 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The Miss Flame contest will be held that night.

Thank you to the Portland Fire Department for hosting the meeting and for the lunch that was served.

Thank you to all that replied to "What is it?" article that was in last month's paper.

Lloyd E. Wright
District 8B

August 1 is New Waverly days - lunch at the fire station from 10-2.

Jim Bradford chaired the election for district officers: 9A chairman - Leighann Ellis, secretary/treasurer - Joyce Ancil.

Linda Baker is the new Towers representative. Call her if you need new items.

50/50 of \$14 was won by Isadora Davis.

Miracle clothes from Towers were won by Jon Minglin, Jack Knight, Buz Koehler and Joyce Ancil. Coffee won by Cory Zeider. Fred Skinner won a small firefighter.

Clinton Twp. Clymers fish fry is Sept. 5 from 4:30-7:30.

Trooper McCall gave a presentation on how we as firefighters can be of help to the police on an emergency.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40.

Chairman - Leighann Ellis
Secretary - Joyce Ancil

September 24, 2009

The District 9A meeting was held September 24, 2009 at the Walton VFD with eight departments represented. The meeting was presided over by chairman Leighann Ellis. The pledge was recited followed by prayer by Joyce Ancil.

Guests were Jim Bradford and Jim Fultz, District 21 chairman.

The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given of \$190.65. This was also approved.

Jim Bradford reported that former state chaplain Jerry Cohen has lung cancer. Jim gave us some information on communications. Each department needs to be sure to renew your FCC license. The State Fire Marshal has smoke detectors for hearing impaired. Contact his office.

Training information was discussed in District 15. There have

been several certifications dropped or they have been lost too long to get them back.

October 10 is the newspaper deadline.

New business: We need to elect a vice-chairperson to set in if the chairperson is not available to attend regular or board meetings. The next state officer's meeting will be November 7-8. Bill Garden/Dave Shepherd moved we elect a new vice chair officer. Carried. We will vote on this at the November meeting.

They are looking to turn the games trailer into an education trailer to be used by various departments.

Billing by Emergency Billing Corp. has been questioned.

Firefighter safety on accident scenes is critical. Some firefighters were told to move their trucks out of the way by police or sheriff deputies. This will compromise the safety of the firefighters.

The IVFA treasurer will receive a lap top to be used only for state business.

January 1 the autism training goes into effect.

Convention will be June 16-19, 2010 in Terre Haute at the Holiday Inn.

Forms for registration will be available after January 1.

The deadline for applications for our district Miss Flame is January 1.

Mark Ancil/Joe Troutman moved we accept the by-law changes as read.

Carried.

Fundraisers: Harrison Twp. Alto Safety Festival, Sept. 26 from 3-8; Royal Center Pancake Sausage breakfast, Nov. 7 from 6-10; Young America Ham and Bean supper, Oct. 17 from 4-8; New Waverly chicken dinner, Sept. 26, 4-8.

The departments need to notify the chairperson or secretary in case of the death of a member in our district.

Jim Breachy and George Long from Walton received their 50 year pins.

50/50 of \$11 was won by Father Kilcline and donated back to the district.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30.

LeighAnn Ellis - chairperson
Joyce Ancil - secretary

DISTRICT 9B REPORT



Randy Denton - Chairman

November 12th
Francesville Vol. Fire Dept.

Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

Randy Denton called the meeting to order at 8:00 EST.

Roll call: Boswell 1, Chalmers 1, Francesville 11, Medaryville 2, Monon 2, Rensselaer 6, Wolcott 1. Total number of alarms was 144 with seven departments answering roll call.

Guests: Buz Koehler - vice president IVFA, Jim Bradford - Public Relations, Mitch Parish - past president, Don Fultz - District 21.

Don Fultz: Glad to be here and said that Ron Hill did a good job with Dave Bogan's Chief of Chalmers memorial service.

Jim Bradford: 2013, please pick up new radio communications and read. Did departments get information on pipeline safety meeting? Need to attend. January 5, 2010 cut off for the newspaper.

Mitch Parish: Glad to be here.
Buz Koehler: Need to attend

pipeline safety meetings so your local utilities get credit for you attending. Three legislative items:

1. Novelty lighters trying to pass bill to ban them;
2. Notification of light weight buildings to First Responders'
3. Sprinklers in residential housing.

And a reminder to stay on top of downsizing local government in legislation.

Thank you for mutual aid on big dairy fire.

Randy Denton: need Miss Flame candidates for next year at Terre Haute. Contact Randy. Everybody is getting newspaper. Need to get e-mail addresses to the secretary for contacts on memorials. Have sticker and license available.

Fire Institute Dinner on February 1, 2010.

Fund Raisers: Wolcott - still selling raffle tickets; Boswell - Benefit auction November 28, 2009.

Daniel Koebecke from Francesville Vol. FD was presented his 25 year pin.

Chief introduced department. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting January 14, 2010 at Goodland.

Meeting adjourned.
Submitted by James Wisley,
9B secretary

**MAY 5, 2010
DEADLINE IS
APRIL 5, 2010
12:00 NOON**

DISTRICT 9A REPORT



Leighanne Ellis - Chairman

The District 9A meeting was held July 23, 2009 at Twelve Mile VFD.

The pledge was recited followed by prayer by Father Frank Kilcline.

Guests were Charlie and Linda Baker, Trooper Earl McCall, Jim Bradford, Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish.

The meeting was presided over by chairperson Leighann Ellis.

The minutes were read and approved.

Jim Bradford reported if you are 60 days late on NIFRS you lose an AFG grant. The new IVFA vice president is David Israel from District 10.

October 10 is the deadline for the paper. Beginning next year, articles will be due on the 5th of the month, due to the size of the paper.

The Burn Camp had 68 participants. Dues packets are due by July 31.

Every fire death in May was caused by a heart attack.

Buz Koehler reported the minimum weekly indemnity will go up to \$290 as minimum wage goes up. The officers need to know if you are acquainted with a legislator to let them know our stand on various bills in legislature.

The web site is growing - forms for most items are available on line.

Mitch Parish reported he is glad to be out again. He told a little about his experience with his stroke.

No old business.

New business - Curtis Bordner won the Global Award from our district.

Joyce Ancil won the Angel Award for 2009. She brought her trophy for all to see.

Next year the convention will be in Terre Haute, South Bend in 2011.

Some departments have not paid dues for 2009.

They will not send any new PSID cards. The number can be sent by e-mail.

Next meeting will be at Walton VFD - 25 and 50 year cards will be given at this meeting.

Harrison Twp. Alto Safety Festival Sept. 26 at Oakbrook church from 3-8.

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To Obtain Your License Plates You Must:

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

Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
AAAA	ARNN	Saturday, February 7
ARNO	BATE	Saturday, February 14
BATF	BLAI	Saturday, February 21
BLAJ	BRID	
Rental fleet vehicles		Saturday, February 28
Heavy vehicles		
Trailers		
BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOR	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
PATU	PONT	Monday, September 7
PONU	REDM	Monday, September 14
REDN	ROBE	Monday, September 21
ROBF	SANC	Monday, September 28
SAND	SERM	Wednesday, October 7
SERN	SLON	Wednesday, October 14
SLOO	SPRI	Wednesday, October 21
SPRJ	SUCE	Wednesday, October 28
SUCF	THOP	Saturday, November 7
THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
VANP	WALD	Saturday, November 21
WALE	WATT	Saturday, November 28
WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

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

BMV PROCEDURES

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

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$15 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 the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

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6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

**May 5, 2010
Deadline Is: April 5, 2010
12:00 NOON**

Top of Form

IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)

Name IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City State Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew Choose Month

Day Time Phone Evening Phone # Plates Requested

County Of Residence Amount Paid \$ Check #

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Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



DIGEST OF CONVENTION 2009 MINUTES CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 2009 ISSUE

TIM DECKARD: I've been asked to announce by our treasurer to make sure that all your mileage information has been turned in for your delegates. The Mileage Committee is wrapping things up and they want to make sure you have your mileage vouchers turned in.

LARRY CURL: I'm not through. I'm just on pause.

IVAN NEVIL: The Credentials Committee has verified 174 votes. Now we will continue with the process of the election of officers. District Chairmen: poll your district for the office of president - Tim Deckard - Dave Elick. They had 174 delegate votes Tim Deckard is the winner. Tim, congratulations. For vice president the nominating committee nominates LeMoyne "Buz" Koehler. Are there any further nominations from the floor?

MIKE ? DISTRICT 10: I'd like to nominate David Israel for vice president.

BILL STAGEY, DISTRICT 10: I'll second it.

IVAN NEVIL: Are there any further nominations from the floor?

CAROL THRAWLEY 13A: 13A places into nomination Charlie Moon.

BILL PAPE, DISTRICT 8B: Seconds.

CARL THRAWLEY 13A: I move the nominations be closed.

TOM SELMER DISTRICT 14: Seconds that motion.

IVAN NEVIL: The motion has been made and seconded, that we close the nominations. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed same. At this time we will invite the individuals up here to do a little short presentation while we do the verification of the eligibility for them to be nominated. Dave Israel, if you will come forward. Charlie Moon if you would come to the mike. Then Mr. Koehler if you would come to the mike.

DAVID ISRAEL: I am David

Israel, District 10 chairman. Thirty-two year member of the Burney Volunteer Fire Department. I served as chief for the last 25 years. Currently served as district chairman for 14 years, township trustee for 14 years. This is something I'd like to do at some point in time. So I threw my name in the hat. If I'm going to go get bald and gray haired like the rest of these guys up here, I thought now was the time to do it.

CHARLIE MOON DISTRICT 14: I've been district chairman of 14 for three years now. Member of the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department going on 15 years. Kind of got interested through Roy Richardson in the IVFA. I enjoy being district chairman. I kind of want to bring some new ideas to the table and get it started. So, thank you.

BUZ KOEHLER: I'm the fire chief of Rensselaer, Indiana. And I am paid, not very much, but I'm paid. I've been in the fire service for 35 years. I've been in this organization since 1980. I have served as deputy chairman, PR director, vice-president, president, chairman of the board, past president. I serve on the Legislative Committee presently and this has been a working year. And I appreciate the opportunity to serve. I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Legislative Committee and work as hard as we possibly can. We've had a lot of things going for us this year. We got a lot of things started. I'd like to stay with that and continue. I will tell you the same thing I always tell you - my work comes from here. Everything that we do for this Association should benefit the Association or we shouldn't do it at all. Thank you.

IVAN NEVIL: After checking with the secretary, all three nominees do meet the criteria for the office of vice president. So, we will proceed to vote. If I can say one thing on behalf of the Committee over here, district chairmen - please sign the paperwork to speed up the process. You have to sign the ballots when you turn them in. Lock the doors, please. Nobody comes in - vote. While you district chairmen are doing your balloting, Larry Curl will finish his report to speed things up at this time.

LARRY CURL: Let me just finish up by saying that we have a lot of things going for us right now. We've had a good successful year, in my opinion, in legislation we've been able to accomplish. More so than we accomplished some things

- we have certainly made ourselves known at the statehouse. That was probably my top priority. Don't take that wrong, I know we've got to pass legislation, or at least try. Those who have been with me at the statehouse can verify and testify the legislators are starting to understand that we are a 17,000 member organization. Every time that I talk to the legislators and introduce myself as the lobbyist for the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters, an organization of 17,000 plus members; it tells them we are a very large organization. If we were to ever coordinate to bring together, to figure out how to get that 17,000 members active, supportive, involved, we would be a dynamite group legislatively. We do well now. But we could do a lot better. We have all kinds of plans, things to do, places to be, people to visit and see. And you folks need to be a part of that. We're going to schedule some meet and greet activities throughout the summer with some of our elected officials. We're trying to develop some kind of a short power point three to five minute presentation we can hand off to the district chairmen so you folks can share with your districts. We need to be active. You know, the best way to reach the legislators is by their constituents. The more numbers that we have reach them, the more they listen. Ladies and gentlemen, I'll tell you for fact, once they are elected to office, they immediately start thinking about one thing - re-election. And what does that take to get re-elected - votes. So they know that the more they hear from us, the more they need to listen to us. One other real quick, just something to think about. How many of you know what a political action committee is? How many of you are involved in a political action committee? How man of you would like to be involved in a political action committee? Come on, it's time for everybody to raise your hand. You want to be involved in a political action committee. We are looking into the opportunity - as an association the IVFA cannot be a political action committee - but we can form as a separate function a political action committee. It takes two things to make things happen in the legislative process and you just said it - it takes numbers and it takes money. Political Action Committee will give you that money. Just stop and think about this - I don't need any comments good or bad - but if we did a political action committee

and people who joined that, belonged to that, would contribute one dollar a month, think about the resources. Thank you.

IVAN NEVIL: It's going to take a majority vote to declare a winner, so therefore; we may have a second vote on this election immediately following the results of the election for vice-president. We're going to take a break. We are going to have a runoff between Dave Israel and Buz Koehler. So district chairmen, poll your delegates and take care of your paperwork. Check the doors to see if there's anybody out that wants to come in to vote. If they are, let them in and we will secure the doors again. The votes have been tallied. David Israel was elected as vice-president. For the office of secretary the nominating committee submits the name of Larry Bartlow. Are there any further nominations from the floors? (Called three times). Mr. Vice-President, will cast one unanimous ballot for the office of secretary?

BUZ KOEHLER: For secretary of the IVFA 2009-2010 I cast one unanimous vote for Larry Bartlow.

IVAN NEVIL: For the office of treasurer, the nominating committee submits the name of Bev Harker. Are there any further nominations for the office of treasurer? (called three times).

BUZ KOEHLER: For the office of treasurer for 2009-2010 year, I cast one unanimous vote for Beverly Harker.

IVAN NEVIL: Sergeant-at-Arms, the committee submits the name Bill Bush. Are there any further nominations for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms? (called three times).

BUZ KOEHLER: For the office of sergeant-at-arms for 2009-2010, I cast one unanimous vote for Mr. Bill Bush.

IVAN NEVIL: For the office of chaplain the nominating committee submits the name of Ed Gerdowsky. Are there any further nominations from the floor? (called three times).

BUZ KOEHLER: For the office of chaplain for 2009-2010, I cast one unanimous vote for Mr. Ed Gerdowsky.

IVAN NEVIL: PR Southwest which is Districts 17A, 17B, 15, 18, the nominating committee submits the name of Jim Abrams. Are there any further nominations from the floor? (called three times). Declare the nominations closed. Mr. Vice-President.

BUZ KOEHLER: I cast one unanimous vote for Mr. Jim Abrams, PR Southwest.

IVAN NEVIL: PR East Central. The nominating committee submits the name of Don Cushman. Districts 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B and 10. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations from the floor?

RENEE BLUMENHORST: I nominate Scott Harris.

DAVE MARSHALL: Second, 8A.

IVAN NEVIL: Are there any further nominations? We will check the validation of Mr. Harris at this time. So Mr. Secretary, if you will check the validation. The committee finds that Scott Harris is an eligible candidate for the office of PR East Central. So Districts 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B and 10, poll your delegates. To speed things up, we have a ballot going on in 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B and 10. At this time we will do an election in PR West Central. The nominating committee submits the name of Diane Harrison, which is Districts 11A, 11B, 12 and 21. Are there any further nominations for PR West Central? (called three times). Mr. Vice-President.

BUZ KOEHLER: For the office of PR West Central, I cast one unanimous vote for Diane Harrison.

IVAN NEVIL: PR Northwest the nominating committee submits the name of Jim Bradford. Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A, 9B. Are there any further nominations for PR Northwest? (called three times). Mr. Vice-President.

BUZ KOEHLER: I cast one unanimous vote for Jim Bradford, PR Northwest.

IVAN NEVIL: For PR Southeast the nominating committee submits the name of Al Williamson, Districts 14, 16, and 19. Are there any further nominations from the floor for PR Southeast?

STEVE MACKIE, DISTRICT 19: Place Charlie Moon for nomination of PR Southeast.

RICH CANNON, DISTRICT 14: I second it.

IVAN NEVIL: Are there any further nominations for PR Southeast? I declare the nominations closed. Districts 14, 16, and 19 - poll your delegates. PR Northeast. The nominating committee submits the name of Mort Sorg. Are there any further nominations for the office of PR Northeast?

DAVE ELICK, DISTRICT 6: I nominate Jean Smith for the position of PR Northeast.

JERRY SPRAGUE, DISTRICT 6: Second.

IVAN NEVIL: Are there any further nominations?

DAVE ELICK, DISTRICT 6: Mr.

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District 11A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

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DEADLINE IS
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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING
IVFA AUXILIARY
QUARTERLY MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
Quarterly meeting of the IVFA Auxiliary was called to order by President Beth Caudill at 8:30 A.M. Prayer and a reading were given by Chaplain JoAnn Hays. We offered our prayers to Jerry & Lee Cohen during this difficult time in their lives, also remembered Malinda Bell and Faye Sallee.

Pledge to flag was led by Sgt-At-Arms. President Beth introduced new district chairmen who will serve in the new year:

- Janet Woodfill District 14
- Tammy Davis District 13B
- Karen Maier District 5
- Janet Matthews District 10

Welcome and thanks for serving our organization. Roll call was given by recording secretary Lou Bartlow. Roll was answered by 21 members and 11 guests.

A motion was made by June Cahill and seconded by Martha Thomas to dispense with the reading of the minutes of previous meeting. Copies were mailed to officers by corresponding secretary before meeting.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter presented current quarterly treasurer's report.

Correspondence was received from Amber Farrer, Jack & Carolyn Zeeks and Malinda Bell.

Chaplain Jo Ann discussed how contacts should be made during report of illness or death. Each chairman and officer should have copy of current call list. It takes each person to do their job so all will be notified. President Beth will get e-mail list together.

Susie Lewis' new phone number is 260-571-7923.

Membership up-date was given by secretary Lou. As of this date we have 36 departments, 89 individuals

and 22 life members.
Committee Reports:
Membership: Leona Uryga; No report.

Chaplain: Jo Ann Hays; Sent out 6 get well cards. We will now have funeral reports form district chairman. These need to go to JoAnn and Lou. Flowers were sent to Malinda due to her hospital stay.

Auditing: Martha Thomas; No Report.

Financial Study: Toni Sorg; No Report.
Miss Flame; Barb Kerney; Gave brief report on holding your district contest.

Vice Pres. Project: Barb Parker; Gave out tickets to each member present (12) to start selling for convention. Sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. A thank you was sent to printer for his donation of the tickets at no cost to us.

Mary Mackin; Phyllis Vargo; Asked for ideas on how to improve essay contest and to stress importance of each contestant to enter one. Gave past essays back to chairman.

Budget: Toni Sorg; had mailed budget sheets to each chairman and chairman of committees to budget what their committee or position would cost if it received no donations or funding. This is to see what our actual budget would need to be to operate efficiently. Findings will be forthcoming from her committee.

Jewelry: Marlene Poling; reported she had obtained cost of IVFA pins. 1-11 \$3.25 each, 12-99 \$3.09 each and \$2.93 for 100. These are for the state pins. A motion was made by Phyllis Vargo to order 50 pins, seconded by Janet Woodfill. Motion carried. It was also noted that 25 year pins should be given to district chairmen so they may give them out when needed. President Beth noted it is important to see that those who are to receive the 25 year pins get them in a timely manner. Also Marlene is to order 50 year Gold cards. Toni requested one for someone in her district.

Nominating: June Cahill; No Report.

Historian: Phyllis Vargo; No Report.

Lois Boaz: Wanda Johnson; No names of committee has been in paper for names to be sent. Letters of nomination should be sent to:

- Wanda Johnson
- 1894 N. Ooley Rd.
- Bloomfield, Indiana 47424

Marie Emery

779 E Harvest Church Rd.
Bloomfield, Indiana 47424

Sue Glant
619 S. East St.
Bremen, Indiana 46506

Chinese Auction; Lori Parker; Please start preparing to bring in your items for the auction.

Parliamentarian: Toni Sorg; Ok. Michelle Baxter from our insurance carrier was present to answer questions and give an up-date. New mailings will be going out. Lou also has extra cards if you need them.

Eula Bush gave phone number for Holiday Inn in Terre Haute for convention room reservations - 812-232-6081.

President Beth stated that she had only received 3 district reports. Beth commented on importance of turning in your reports and complying with our guidelines. No money will be dispersed without report being filed.

It was also suggested that each district chairman and officer buy a copy of Roberts Rules of Order for your individual use.

Marlene was instructed to purchase new bars for the new district chairmen.

On Saturday a class for district chairmen was held. Jo Ann Hays and Phyllis Vargo presented each one attending with packets of information, discussed responsibilities that each has as chairman. Class was very informative and was a chance for new chairmen to meet present chairmen and officers. At Sunday's meeting a certificate that was prepared by JoAnn and Phyllis was presented to all who attended.

A discussion was held on paying the expenses of the seminar for chairman. A motion was made by Barb Ketchem, seconded by Marlene Poling to pay for expenses that were incurred for the meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion held on reprinting of by-laws and SOG's. After discussion, it was decided that the by-law committee will meet in February to collect information on what needs to go into books and cost factors.

Tim Deckard, IVFA President gave report on new meeting facility. Beginning in February, we will meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis. Next meeting date will be February 7, 2010. Phone number is 317-244-6861.

IVFA vice president Buz Koehler announced articles for newspaper must now be due by the 5th of month instead of 10th. Also we are looking for a new web master for the IVFA. Contact Buz or Tim if you are interested.

2010 Convention chairman Bill Bush gave report on upcoming convention in Terre Haute. They are working hard to have a good convention and to see that everyone enjoys their stay.

There will be no social hour at our February meeting as various committees will be meeting.

Due to no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Barb Kerney to adjourn, seconded by Sue Glant. Motion carried.

Submitted by Barb Kerney
Past President

COMMITTEES FOR 2009 - 2010

AUDITING
Martha Thomas - Chm.
Barb Ketchem
Susie Lewis
Barb Kerney

BUDGET & FINANCE
Toni Sorg - Chm.
Dorothy Reiter
Barb Kerney
Lou Bartlow

CHINESE AUCTION
Lori Parker, Chm.
Martha Thomas
Laura Durbin
Janet Woodfill

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Toni Sorg

VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT
Barb Parker - Chm.
E. J. Smith
Debbie Vermillion
Janet Matthews

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
Faye Sallee - Chm.
Martha Thomas
Toni Sorg

LOIS BOAZ
Wanda Johnson - Chm.
Marie Emery
Sue Glant

NOMINATING
June Cahill - Chm.
Pam Gerdowsky
Heather Martin

HISTORIAN
Joann Hays - Chm.
Phyllis Vargo

INSTALLATION
Faye Sallee - Chm.
Marlene Poling
Janet Woodfill

MEMBERSHIP
Leona Uryga - Chm.
Tammy Davis
Pam Gerdowsky

BY-LAWS
Susie Lewis, Chm.
Leona Uryga
June Cahill

MISS FLAME
Barb Kerney - Chm.
Miriam Schaeckel
Heather Martin
Karen Maier

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Marlene Poling

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Phyllis Vargo - Chm.
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Chairman, I move the nominations cease.

IVAN NEVIL: District chairmen 4, 5, 6, and 7 poll your delegates. I will check the validation of Mr. Smith for the office. The winner in the East Central is Don Cushman. It has been determined that Gene Smith is eligible for the office of PR Northeast. PR Northeast Gene Smith has been elected as the PR director. PR Southeast Charlie Moon has been declared the winner. That concludes the nominating committee's function. I want to thank everybody for bearing with us on this.

PRESENTERS FOR CONVENTION-

DAVID ISRAEL: We have three bidding for convention in 2011. And some of these people have commitments, so their presentations may be a little shorter than planned. The order is Districts 4 and 5; District 14; and District 8. So we will start with Districts 4 and 5, Terry and Jeanie Smith and Tony Farrer. This will be the South Bend bid. Keep in mind we're going to try to limit this to 20 minutes. And even though we have three, it will still take 2/3 majority votes. We'll vote on all three and at the end we'll have a run off.

TERRY SMITH: About a year ago this started at Belterra. Everybody told us that we hadn't been north for awhile. Three years ago when I took this position, I never thought I would be standing up here doing a presentation. Tony Farrer and I would like to take this time to invite you all to the IVFA Convention and head north where all roads leave to South Bend. District 4 and 5 will be combing our efforts to put the convention on that you'll remember. Our rooms will be at Marriott. The rate for those rooms is \$99 a night. Hospitality room will be at the Marriott. Registration will be \$65 before May. After it will be \$75. The registration will be in the Century Center. Since we had a long meeting, I'm not going to go through all this. I'm just going to introduce the three people that are going to present our presentation for you. First is Dave Hicks, he is from Century Center. Everything will be under one roof. All the vendors, all the trucks, ambulance, will be in one big room. You won't have to go outside. The second person is Carolyn Wallace. She is from the Chamber of Commerce. And Justin Hanna, he is from the Marriott. I will turn this over to Dave Hicks right now and he can do his presentation.

DAVE HICKS: Good morning to all of you. As Terry has said, this has been about a year long process getting to this point. We were talking about groups and associations that revolve around firefighting. This was one of the groups that was brought up that we would be interested in bringing to South Bend to see what we have to offer. So in everybody's seat, they should have a pamphlet that looks like this. This is information about South Bend and the convention we're proposing to bring to South Bend. Also with that, we've added a little bit of taste of South Bend with the South Bend chocolate. We're going to show a video and kind of gives the essence of what's in South Bend.

VIDEO OF SOUTH BEND

CAROLYN WALLACE: Good afternoon, so hello to all. Thank you for having us here today. We said all roads lead north to South Bend. We're about two and a half hours north of here. We hope that you will come to South Bend for 2011 IVFA

Convention. We'll be hosting that convention in downtown South Bend's convention district. It's not only anchored by the extraordinary Century Center, and the Marriott, but it's home to a lot of exciting venues, museums, shopping, dining, college football Hall of Fame, Studebaker National Museum, South Bend Chocolate, Center for History, some of the venues and attractions that will be a fun place for you to visit. They include Notre Dame. The home of Notre Dame, Convention and Visitor's Bureau will be happy to help you set up a tour or you can tour on your own. We can set up tours at the South Bend Chocolate Factory. Fun for the whole family includes the Potowami Zoo, which is the oldest zoo in the state. Healthworks Kids' Museum where kids of all ages can learn how our bodies work. Conventions in South Bend are always a team effort. And we'll work very closely with Terry, Judy and Tony to make it the best ever should you decide to come to South Bend. I'll turn it over to Justin Hannah.

JUSTIN HANNAH: Thank you for the opportunity to come and talk to you about the South Bend Marriott. My name is Justin Hannah; I am the area sales leader for the State of Indiana. I've worked for Marriott for 18 years. I've worked at the South Bend Marriott for five years as the Director of Marketing. We have a culture in Marriott that has a service clause that we have the spirit to serve. That is our motto as a company and it's something we live by every day. And when you leave our conference in 2011 you may remember the comfortable bed, and the wonderful facility for a little while, but I think what you're going to take away is the Spirit to Serve that our associates at Marriott have and what you're going to get from the South Bend populous. They are excited about the opportunity to have this conference. We've been talking about it for a long time and we really want your business. So we hope you give us a chance to show you the Marriott in South Bend has the Spirit to Serve.

DAVE HICKS: We have over 95,000 square feet of space underneath our roof. We are connected to the Marriott Hotel by a skywalk. You will be under one roof. We've got a 25,000 square foot exhibit hall and 12,000 square foot exhibit hall that will be able to accommodate the majority of your exhibits. That will be indoors in a comfortable setting. We look at every convention that we work with as a partnership between us and the hospitality industry and museums and also with our groups - Tony, Terry and Judy. We are one team to ensure that this convention would go off without a hitch. And you guys will have an outstanding time in South Bend. I know Tony wanted to come up and have a couple remarks for you.

TONY FARRER: You know, everybody's been hollering to come up north. We've been south of Indianapolis for the last several years. Terry and I, we have been working with this group for the last year doing different things. We have got a lot of ideas on the table. We would really appreciate if you guys would vote for us and come north. We are going to put a great time on. They have bent over backwards helping us. Dave's got a lot of ideas on the table. They have said they are going to assign one person to us to

get this thing on the ball and have a good time. So we would appreciate your vote at this time when everything's done. So thank you everybody.

IVAN NEVIL: Tony, are you guaranteeing the \$99 room rate for 2011?

TONY FARRER: Yes, we are. We are guaranteeing \$99. It started out \$164.

TERRY SMITH: Yes, \$99 is confirmed. We have a contract. If we get the vote we'll have all the other contracts signed. So I look for you in 2011. Any more questions on the floor?

TOM SELMER, DISTRICT 14: This is not to demean anybody whatsoever. I know the sales tax, but do you have any other local taxes. Thank you.

JEFF HANNA: Our hotel/motel lodging tax is 6%. So that would be added on to the 7% sales tax.

TOM SELMER, DISTRICT 14: Thank you, sir.

DAVID ISRAEL: Thank you for the presentation. District 14 Charlie Moon for Clarksville. You and your group are next.

CHARLIE MOON, CLARKSVILLE: It's no secret in 2011 the IVFA will be celebrating its 65th birthday. Clarksville is no stranger to hosting the IVFA conventions. We kind of sat down with the Holiday Inn Lakeview where we've had it in years past. When we sat down and started discussing this we kind kept the economy in perspective of it. A lot of people have a lot of time, a lot of hard times right now. Being volunteers we understand you have to work. Something that we'd like to do is actually take the convention back to the weekend. And take it off Wednesday and move it to Friday, Saturday and Sunday to kind of help the working people out. Early registration is going to be \$60 and late registration is going to be \$80. We talked with the Belle of Louisville. Anybody that's been to Clarksville knows we like to take the Belle of Louisville trip. The Belle of Louisville is in beautiful shape. They've actually went through and done a lot more work to it, made it air conditioned. Several golf courses in the area that we can choose from. Something we also found is the Beer Wagon from a local merchant on the east side. So we'd love to bring the beer wagon back. The menu seems like each year we kind of get in a routine. We actually are working on a better menu at this time to actually have real red meat and chicken. One of the other factors is a lot of departments have cadet programs and sometimes the cadet programs and the kids kind of go to the wayside a little bit. We want to make sure the cadet program's recognized also and have outlets for the kids there. So something we'd like to do is actually have cadet competitions with water ball and etcetera, like the IVFA used. We'd also like to bring games back to the convention since parking lot there at the Holiday Inn can provide that at that area there. Right now I want to ask Debbie of Holiday Inn to come up and give you an overview of the hotel and prices.

DEBBIE: I do want to thank you for the opportunity to be here. I'm Debbie (inaudible), I'm the director of sales at the Holiday Inn in Clarksville, Indiana. We're a 356 room hotel; we have over 10,000 square feet of meeting space. Our Royal Ballroom that will easily accommodate your banquet facility, as well as an indoor pool, a lounge and we do have the various meeting

rooms to take care of all your other meeting needs. The outdoor activities, if you want to do your games outdoors, then obviously there is plenty of parking space between all of our front lot, our side lot and Atlantis Water Park. Which means we do have fun with water everywhere, not only do we have an indoor pool, we have an outdoor pool and Atlantis Water Park is right next door to us. Being on the sunny side of Louisville, we never want to forget that we do have a great community not only in our area but in Jeffersonville, New Albany, Clarksville and then neighboring Harrison County for Corydon for a lot of activity. But Louisville, Kentucky which offers a great deal of opportunity there as far as museums are concerned. They also have Churchill Downs. If you're looking for anything in the way of museums within one block you have glassworks, you have the Slugger Museum. You have Ben Frasier's Museum and Muhammad Ali Center. On our side, the sunny side, you have the Interpretive Center down by the Falls of the Ohio. It gives you an opportunity to see the fossil beds that are actually on the bed of the Ohio River right where the locks are located. I know that a lot of the conference itself has to do with your camaraderie. You have a lot of business to take care of. So you do want to be able to have them so we will be able to accommodate all of that. And we can do that all at one location for you at the Holiday Inn in Clarksville. Basically with our meeting space over 10,000 square feet we can take care again of anything you need in a meeting way. We certainly look forward to the opportunity to be able to serve you. And what we're looking for is \$82.95, which will include the discount coupon to our Atlantis Water Park for you as well. And those rates are guaranteed for 2011. We hope that you will choose Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville. Thank you.

CHARLIE MOON: To be fair, I can answer the question that I asked of the gentleman at the Marriott. Our tax rate there is the 7% sales tax and the convention tax of 3% on that. I'm highly involved in the community; we would love to have you. I'm highly involved in the fire department which is a combination fire department. Our Chief is Bob Hansford and our volunteer chief is Denny Hammel. The fire department would love to host you folks again.

DAVE ISRAEL: The tax on that actually would be 11%. The convention tax is 4% on the. Any other questions?

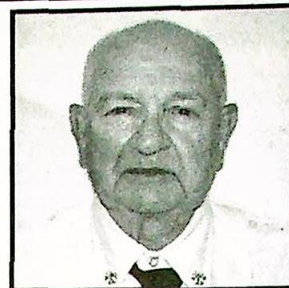
BILL PAPE, DISTRICT 8A: I hate to bring this subject up, but can they guarantee us food on time this time. I think we had a two and a half hour wait last time.

CHARLIE MOON: That was addressed last year when we bid and also we addressed it again this year with the catering manager. I was guaranteed the food will be on time. There will be enough seating capacity. We guarantee the food to be served on time and room will be completely open.

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It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood. In general, businesses may not open burn anything.

DISTRICT 10 REPORT



John Ray - Chairman

In behalf of the 10th District IVFA, my family and myself, I would like to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and safe new year! We are not only entering a new year in 2010, but also a new decade!

I look forward to the opportunity to get to know more of you and visit your departments in the coming year. I hope you will feel free to call or contact me when you have concerns, comments, suggestions or questions regarding fire service.

During my time as your chairman, I have been able to visit seven area meetings and the privilege to present three 50 year pins and four 25 year pins. Thank you, to our dedicated volunteers who have given countless hours of their time, talents and skills in serving and protecting our communities. Congratulations to each and may God continue to bless you.

Miss Danielle Mathews retains her crown and will serve again as Miss Flame for 10th District during 2010. She is a resident of St. Paul, IN.

At our October district meeting, a very enlightening program was presented by Gary Coons on firefighters with Parkinson's disease. Gary was injured when he was in his early 30s and while recovering, the disease began to affect him. Mr. Coons now works with others in seeking answers and cause effects for this debilitating disease. You can go to www.firefighterswithparkinsonsdisease.org for more information.

There was no district meeting in December, however, Santa made his annual visit to the Hartsville & Community Volunteer Fire Department for breakfast of sausage and pancakes; and to visit the children and firefighters in the community to get their Christmas wish lists! Miss Flame, Danielle was also on hand to "flip" a few pancakes and take her turn to talk with the jolly fellow!

Until next time, thank you again for all you do to educate and protect our communities through fire service.

John Ray
District 10 chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A

This quarter started off with a sad note. Arnold Hughes, a 56 year member of the Prairieton Fire Department, passed away on November 7, 2009. Our sympathies go out to the Hughes family and the Prairieton Fire Department.

Our last meeting was held at the Wright Twp. Fire Department. The guests were president Tim Deckard, treasurer Bev Harker and PR Diane Harrison.

Our guest vendor, Christy Lewellyn, spoke about her business

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based out of Linton. She sells high visibility vests and other apparel and fire prevention supplies.

President Deckard spoke about the legislative committee and fighting to keep the township trustees.

Treasurer said Bridgeport scholarships are due by March 1st. All forms can be printed from the IVFA website.

PR Diane Harrison said the Global nominations are due by February 1st.

It was pointed out that the state is no longer sending out notifications of expiring certifications.

President Deckard said anyone having trouble with the new training or having suggestions on how to improve it should contact Steve Anderson or Larry Southard.

Bev Harker said the Vincennes sausage supper is the third Saturday in January.

The district Miss Flame contest is January 30th at the Steamfitters and Pipefitters, 8802 E. Milner Dr., Terre Haute. JoAnn said everyone is invited to Kleptz's restaurant before the dance.

State Miss Flame Micajah Green said she had not been getting invited to many functions and she can be reached at flame2009@hotmail.com.

I sent a Gold Card to Art Lueckel in Florida and received a nice letter back from his wife. I also presented 25 year pins to Monte Hughes - Honey Creek FD, Todd Hunt - Fairbanks SD, Carl Huhbanks - Thunderbird FD, John Bousher - Jasonville FD, Bill Camp and John Quilliam Sr. - Nevins FD. Because of scheduling problems, I mailed a 25 year pin to Melvin McCollough, Center Point FD. Congratulations to all of you for your service to your department and your community.

Until next time brothers and sisters,

Be careful out there.

Jack McFarland
District 11-A chairman

auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. The guest list was announced by chairman Southard. This included state representative Nancy Michael, IVFA state lobbyist Larry Curl and District 21 chairman Don Fultz.

The district auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem introduced her guests which included the state Miss Flame Micajah Green, the district Miss Flame Hillary Pebbles and two former state past presidents Maxine Davies and Lou Bartlow. Roll call was taken with 25 members from six departments answering the roll. Chairman Southard introduced this area's state representative, Nancy Michael who spoke on certain state projects and issues forthcoming this year. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Southard introduced Larry Curl, Lobbyist for the IVFA who announced the last session of the legislature passed two bills pertaining to the IVFA. H.B. 1205 and H.B. 1362. There will be three (3) pieces of legislation to be presented at the next session for consideration and passage. Chairman Southard spoke on the training problems within the state on certification issues and asked that anyone having problems in this area contact him. He then announced the upcoming activities in the district. A motion was made and seconded to have the picnic next to members of District 11-B only; the motion passed and that on January 10, 2010 the district meeting will be hosted by the Perrysville Vol. Fire Dept.

Bill Bush announced that all information for the convention be funneled through the new convention public relations representative, John Davies.

Chairman Southard presented the host certificate to Chief John McPherson of the Washington Twp./Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept. with no further business to transact. Chairman Southard then dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies

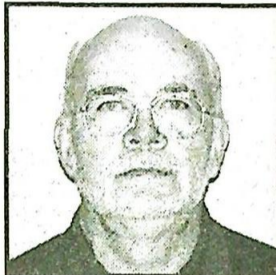
one at Monroe Township Fire Department.

I also passed out three IVFA Gold Card 50 year pins. Also I have been to both of these departments 60th year parties of being fire departments. Both departments started in 1949.

By the time you get this article we will be having our district Miss Flame election at Scottsburg fire house. If any departments have anything going on or wants me to speak at a meeting, call me at 502-523-2665 or e-mail me at reannon3301@yahoo.com.

Rick Cannon,
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

I hope that everyone had a safe holiday season and a good start to the year.

October 26th memorial service was held for Eastern/Beech Creek Twp. fireman John W. Doane. Condolences go out to the family.

November 5th I attended Richland-Taylor VFD meeting at Scotland at which time a Miss Flame run-off was held. Congratulations to Miranda Baker who was to represent Richland-Taylor.

November 7th I attended the state officer's meeting in Indianapolis.

November 9th I attended the Greene County Firefighters' Assoc. at Wright Twp., who put on their annual Thanksgiving feast. A hearty thanks to them as they once again showed how to put on a meal.

November 12th I held a District 17A meeting at the Plainville VFD. Thanks to our guests Tim Deckard - IVFA president, Bev Harker - IVFA state treasurer and Jack and Barb Kerney from the Central Office for being there and for remarks and information that was presented.

I presented Collette Strange a Bible, grave marker, 50 year Gold Card and pin in memory of her husband, Gordon. My condolences to the family for their loss.

I presented 25 year pins to Plainville firemen Steven Cox and Richard Smith; also in attendance was Anthony Wichman, Washington Twp., who was also presented his 25 year pin.

I also presented Bernard Mallett his 50 year pin to go with the 50 year Gold Card that he had already received.

Congratulations to all those receiving their awards and many

thanks to the Plainville department for hosting our meeting.

November 30th I held a memorial service at Bicknell for Charles W. Thompson of the Vincennes Twp. VFD. My condolences go out to the family.

I would also like to send my condolences to the Jerry Cohen family in their time of loss.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18,

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. With the coming of the new year comes another year of challenges our Association will meet.

Be sure to stay informed on legislative, training, and certification issues that will be facing all of us.

The 17 September meeting of the 18th District was held at the Tell City Schergen's Center with the Tell City VFD hosting.

A moment of silence and the playing of the bagpipes was conducted for members who have answered their "Final Call". They included Dennis Heeke, Dubois VFD founding member and retired state representative, Ralph Seger, Dubois VFD; and Vernon DeKemper, Dubois VFD.

Sixty-nine (69) members representing nineteen (19) departments answered roll call and reported answering two hundred and forty-six (246) calls.

Guests in attendance included State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson, Assistant State Fire Marshal Mike Bigler and his wife Victoria, Jack and Barb Kerney of the IVFA Central Office, Southwest PR Director Jim Abrams and his wife Stella, Todd Daming of Mid-America Fire & Safety, and Vince Luecke from the Perry County News.

The 19 November meeting was held at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center and was hosted by the Haysville VFD. A memorial prayer and a moment of silence was observed in the passing of Tom Gerber, 40-year member of the Ferdinand VFD.

The District was introduced to the new District 18 Miss Flame Riley Mehlinger, representing the Haysville VFD. My thanks to the Haysville Fire Dept. for hosting the district's annual Fire Prevention Parade and District Miss Flame

Contest on October 11.

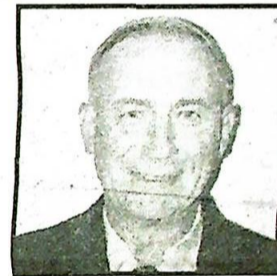
Also, to the Carter Fire District of Dale, my most sincere thanks for hosting the annual district Memorial Service on October 8, honoring the memory of our members who have answered their "final call" this past year.

Guests in attendance included IVFA President Tim Deckard, vice-president "Buz" Koehler, vice-president-elect David Israel, state treasurer Bev Harker, Jack and Barb Kerney of the IVFA Central Office, Jim Abrams Public Relations Southwest, Mike Steinhart of Fire Service, Inc. and Todd Daming of Mid-America Fire & Safety. Sixty-six (66) members were in attendance, representing eighteen (18) departments, and reported answering two hundred and seventy-eight (278) calls.

For the year the District 18 held six (6) meetings as scheduled, with an average of seventy-five (75) members present at the meetings. Those attending represented an average of seventeen (17) departments, and reported answering a total of one thousand seven hundred and nineteen (1,719) calls.

Until next time -
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff"
John C. "Bull" Smith
District 18 Chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Years.

At our November meeting Rachael Butt was named our Miss Flame for District 19 for 2010 and will represent Sunman Rural Fire Department and Sunman Rescue 20 at the state convention.

Glen Kamman, Friendship V.F.D. was presented his 50 year Gold card and pin.

Thank you, Rachael and Glen for your service to your communities.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

District 11-B
Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept.
November 15, 2009

The Reelsville Honor Guard presented the colors then the meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The opening prayer was given by district

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Happy New Year to all District 14 members.

Just wanted to let everyone know I have been to two department Christmas parties; one at Sellersburg Fire Department and

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DISTRICT 3 REPORT



Leona Uryga - Chairwoman

convention. Last year she designed, printed and sold cookbooks and organized a bake sale for the Burn Camp. She also was involved with the fire trailer to educate children on fire prevention and safety. Presently, she is studying EMT training. She sent pictures of the San Pierre Fire Department fish fry to the newspaper. If anyone has news, they can send it to the newspaper.

Next year's convention will be June 16-19 at the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute.

The 50/50 was won by Gertrude Matukas, \$7.00. Everyone present received a door prize. On behalf of the District 3 IVFAA, we'd like to thank Michiana Shores for hosting this meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dolly Millick, seconded by Gertrude Paterson; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Joan M. Lewis*

Minutes of the November 18, 2009 District 3 meeting:

The meeting was held at the Michiana Shores Fire Department on November 18, 2009, with the auxiliary members enjoying a Thanksgiving luncheon. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dorothy Moffitt said the prayer.

Roll call was taken: 3 Coolspring, 2 San Pierre, 7 Michiana Shores, and 1 guest.

The minutes of the September 16, 2009 were read and will stand as read. The treasurer's report was read and will stand as read until audit.

State Information: Chairperson Leona Uryga stated the membership needs to complete their information for the state. If you wish to nominate a member for the Lois Boaz award, the deadline is February 1, 2010.

The state district officers were revamping the by-laws. The meeting will be held for the committees - district chairs.

The District 3 2009 Miss Flame, Autumn Schumacher, was crowned as our 2010 Miss Flame contestant for the state title at next year's

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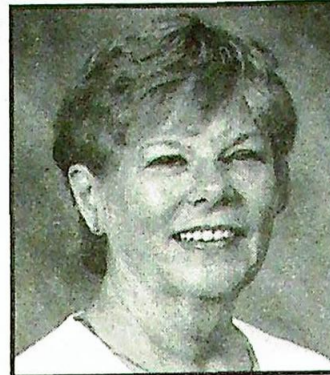
The flame of fire has many symbolic uses. Let us think of it as a promise of eternal life.

May the image of its flame and memory of your loved one live forever in our hearts.

- the above has been submitted by Joann Hays, IVFAA chaplain.

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



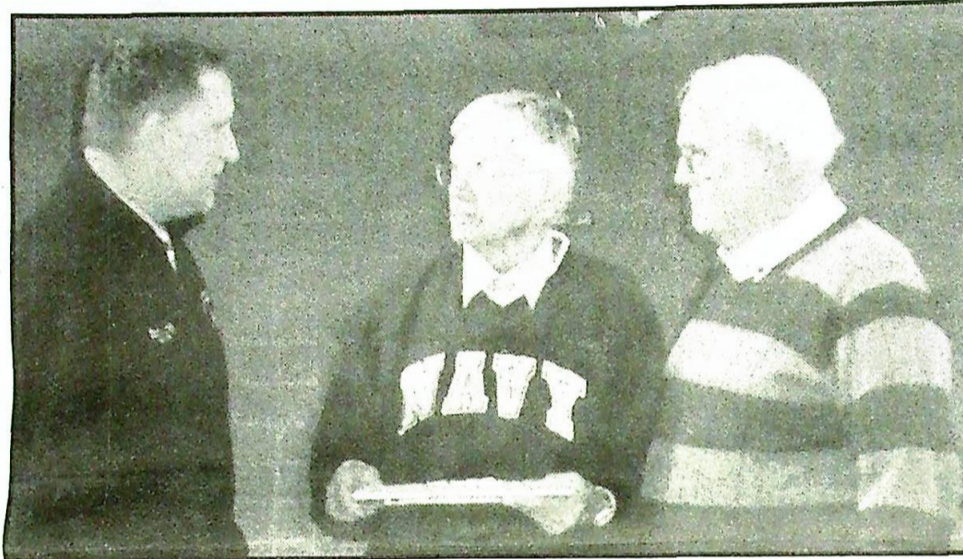
It is now January 4th, 2010. I hope everyone survived the holidays. Thank you to everyone that sent me Christmas cards. I love to get Christmas cards but I did not get mine sent out. You were all in my thoughts during the holiday season. Next Christmas I will do better.

The past three months I have attended four district meetings, three memorial services, two county meetings and one parade.

The annual report is finished except I haven't received the bank statements yet for December. I need

those to reconcile the accounts. Since the deadline for the newspaper is January 5th, I will wait until the May newspaper to publish the report.

*Beverly Harker
IVFA Treasurer*



*Receives
Gold card
and
certificate*

In the photo at right - Crown Point Mayor David Uran and District 2 chairman Paul Watland present Ed Brix with his 50 year Gold Card and certificate as a member of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

*Saying Good-Bye To A Friend, Colleague
And Fellow Firefighter*

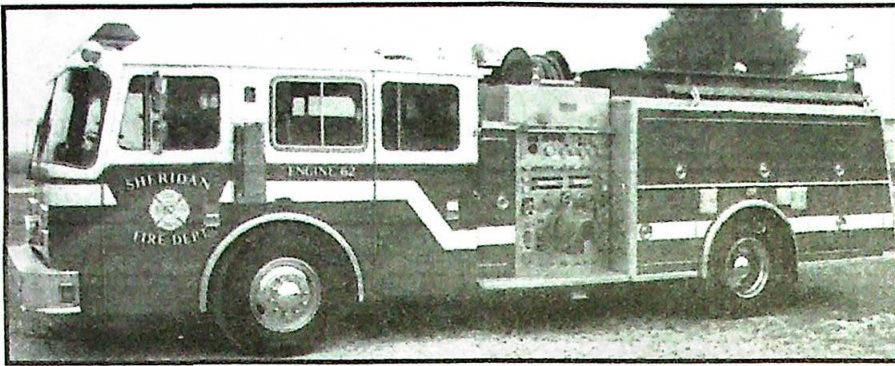


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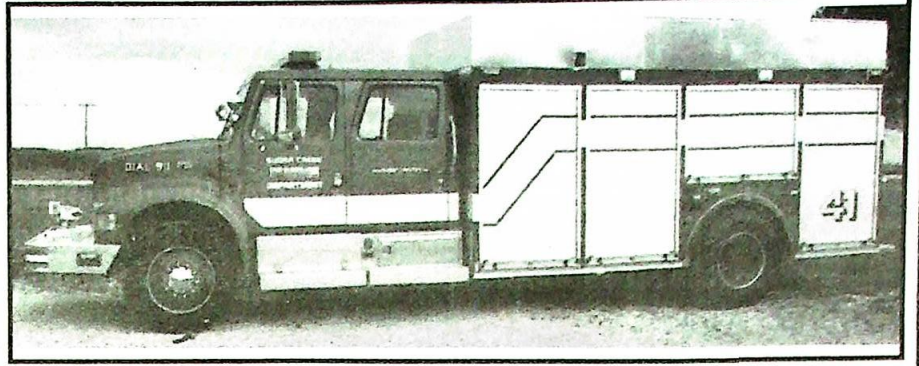
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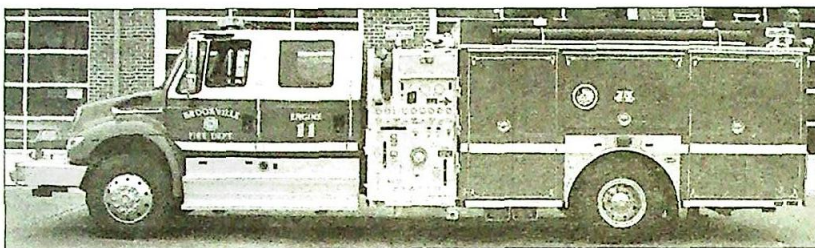


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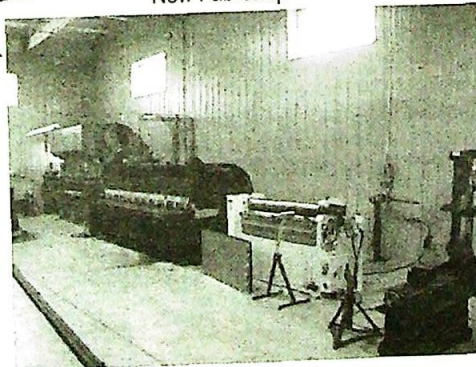
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News and notes from the Indiana State Fire Marshal, James Greeson



Redkey VFD July 4th 2009 parade held

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

I hope you all experienced a wonderful Christmas and a safe Holiday Season.

This past year has been a busy and trying time for everyone. Many, if not all of you have had to do more with less.

As usual the Fire Service of Indiana has been up to the challenge. The creativity and the determination of our firefighters is unmatched.

BREAKING NEWS!!

What used to be known as the Fire Marshal's Orientation is back.

In late February and March, over three weekends, the staff of the Fire Marshal's Office and the Division of Training and Preparedness will be conducting seminars presenting subject matter that is important to new and seasoned fire chiefs.

Our plan is to offer the seminars in Fort Wayne, Brownsburg, and New Albany.

Here is a preview of the proposed subject matter:

What can the Office of the State Fire Marshals do for you?

- Steps to follow when the Fire Chief is faced with closing a business, establishment, etc.
- Cause / Origin and Arson Investigation, how can we assist?
- Grants, what's available.
- Highway auto accidents to close or not close, whose call?
- Fire training.
- IFCA/PFFUI/IVFA/IFIA/IFA presentation.
- And Much More.

Hope to see you all in February and March.

*James Greeson,
Indiana State Fire Marshal*



The Redkey Volunteer Fire Department held their annual 4th of July parade.

Shown riding the Redkey fire truck is Kylee Bell, District 8B Miss Flame runner-up and Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Take precaution against carbon monoxide poisoning

As the weather turns colder throughout much of the country, homeowners are urged to have a professional inspection of all fuel-burning appliances - including furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers, water heaters and space heaters - to detect deadly carbon monoxide (CO) leaks.

These appliances burn fuels - typically gas, both natural and liquified petroleum; kerosene, oil; coal; and wood. Under certain conditions, these appliances can produce deadly CO. However, with proper installation and maintenance, they are safe to use. An annual inspection and service is the first line of defense against this silent killer.

CO is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fuel. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. Exposure to high levels of CO can cause death.

Each year, CO poisoning associated with using fuel-burning appliances kills about 20 people. Having this inspection performed could prevent a terrible tragedy.

It is recommended that the yearly professional inspection include checking chimneys, flues, and vents for leakage and blockage by debris. Birds, insects and other animals sometimes nest in vents and block exhaust gases, causing the gases to enter the home. Leakage through cracks or holes could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue. These stains and strange smells can mean that pollutants are leaking into the house. In addition, have all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances checked to make sure they are not loose or disconnected.

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**Public Relations
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Al Williamson**



This past quarter I have traveled a lot attending several meetings, memorial services, dinners, and a clock presentation.

In our area there has been a rash of structure fires but no serious injuries so far. Adding to the problem is fire hydrants being frozen causing departments to hook onto hydrants further from the fire. Just a reminder to everyone, be cautious and watch out for your neighbors.

Congratulations to the Clarksville/McCulloch Station 3 on recently receiving a nearly 1M dollar 100 foot platform purchased by the Town of Clarksville. The truck is a Crimson built on a Spartan chassis and is operated out of the volunteer station. Also congratulations to the McCulloch Volunteer Firefighters Association on signing an additional contract with Clarksville to have a paid driver on station 24/7. Plans are to have a photo

of the Station 3 firefighters and the new truck in the next quarterly paper. The 2010 convention is only six months away, so start making plans to attend and have fun.

*Al Williamson
P.R.S.E.*

Liberty Township VFD holds parade



Pictured is the Liberty Township Volunteer Department in their parade which was held on August 22, 2009 in Selma, Indiana. — submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Carbon monoxide ...

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Have your appliances inspected for gas leaks and adequate ventilation. A supply of fresh air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney, stovepipe, or flue, and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel. Never block ventilation air openings. Also, make sure the appliance is operating on the fuel that it is designed to use. An appliance must be modified by a professional to burn propane.

It is also recommended that every home should have at least one CO alarm that meets the requirements of the most recent Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 standard or International Approval Services 6-96 standard. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has worked with UL to improve the CO alarm standard to improve the reliability of alarms, and reduce the potential for nuisance alarming.

Home owners should also have the vent pipes on their heating systems inspected.

The CPSC continues to work with the furnace industry to develop new technologies to address the hazards of CO poisoning and fire. Results include a standard that added blocked-vent shut-off devices to protect against blocked vent pipes and chimneys, and requirements to guard against a vent pipe becoming separated from the furnace. Both of these conditions could lead to CO poisonings.

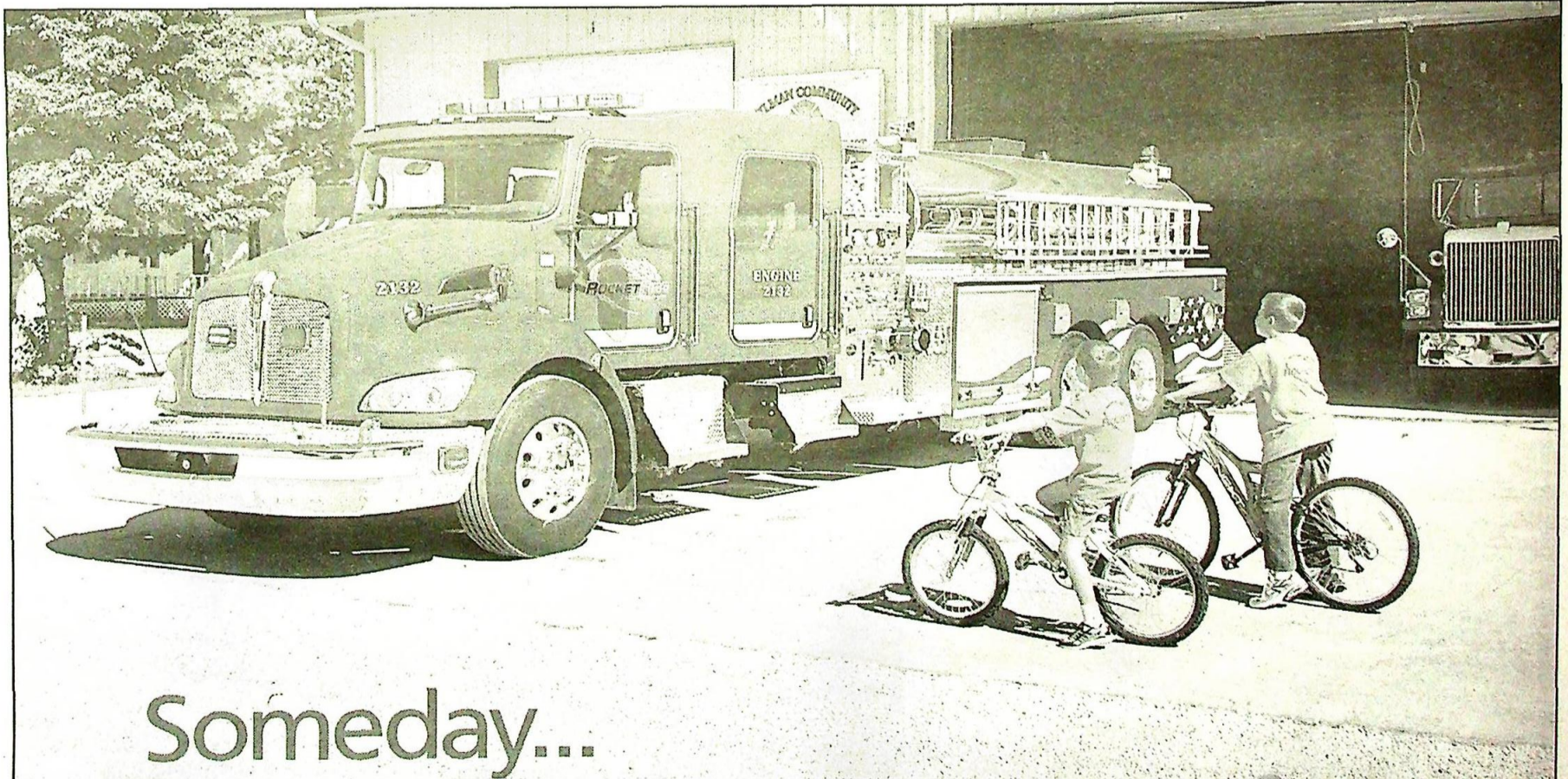
All gas-fired furnaces manufactured in the last 23 years have flame roll-out protection technology that prevents flames from shooting out of the furnace's combustion chamber and starting a fire.

Fish and chicken fry held at Ridgeville VFD



The Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department held a fish and chicken fry on September 19, 2009 at their station. Helping serve are Stacy Chalfant and Tom Friend.

(At right): Looks like Gary Barnett has a helper. Wonder if his daughter is trying to tell him to get back to work?— submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



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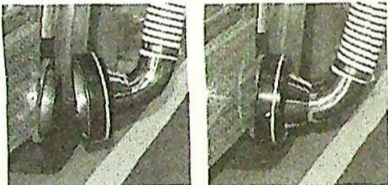
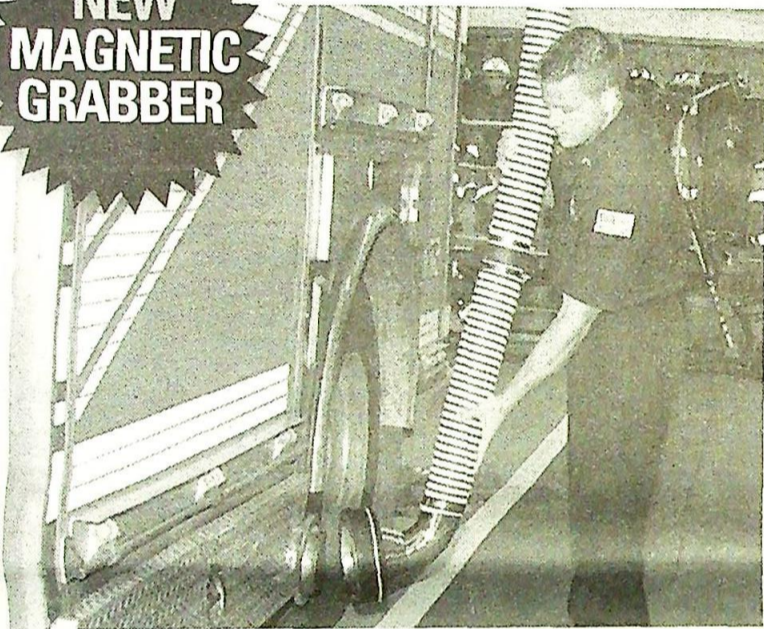
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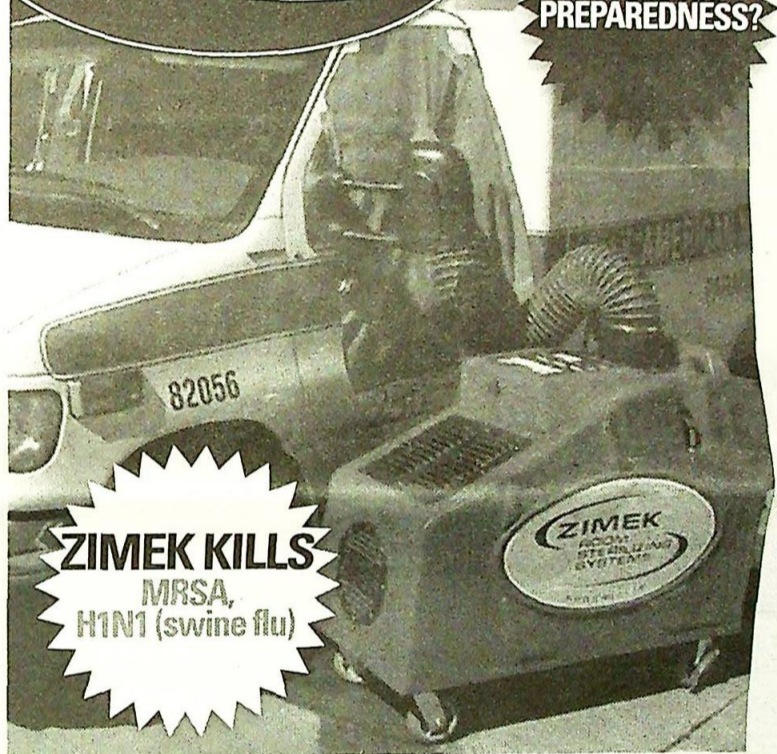
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From the desk of the Historian John Davies



District 5 crowns Miss Flame 2010

Webster defines history as a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events. Our organization has a wealth of history. Beginning with our very first meeting to organize to our current level. History has recorded our progress from the beginning to where we stand as of today.

Many individuals are responsible for the success of our happy family. A lot of hard work and a lot of long hours by our officers over the years have resulted in continuous changes to the rules and by-laws in order to keep abreast of the times. Not all of the changes that we had desired were put into law. That just makes our lobbyist work that much harder. It is difficult at times to get the law makers to see and recognize what we as firefighters are trying to make our environment safer for everyone. That is why we have a lobbyist working on our side to get these ideas made into laws. We have come a long way since the first year as an Association. Changes in society requires us to make changes in the way we do business. Health and safety has been and will always be on the top shelf of our leaders' priorities.

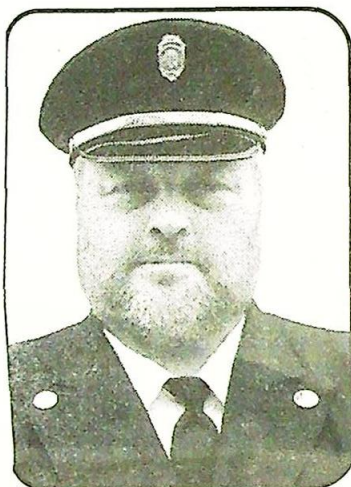
I subscribe to a newsletter that I get over the internet on a daily basis that informs me of the deaths and serious injuries to our fellow firefighters in other states and around the world. These newsletters are very depressing in that a fellow firefighter has been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. Our classroom instructors have pounded safety into our heads for as long as I can remember. This is done for one reason, to keep our firefighters safe during an incident. So far, I would say that our state has performed up to the expectations of our leaders while engaged in an emergency.

I wish each and everyone of you a safe Happy New Year.

Your Historian
John Davies



Ryley Cripps, District 5, Bourbon Volunteer Fire Department, was crowned 2010 Miss Flame at Atwood Volunteer Fire Department.



Toney Clark presented 25 year service pin

Toney Clark was given his 25 year pin at the Farmland Fire Department's annual Christmas party.

Toney was also the Grand Marshal in Farmland at the Fire Prevention Day. - submitted by Bill Sunday



E.J. Smith presents District 5 Miss Flame Ryley Cripps with an impromptu question to prepare her for State Convention.




Bourbon Fire Department supports Ryley Cripps at District 5 meeting. - submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast




Chief Billy Camp awarded 25 year pin

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents Chief Billy Camp of the Nevins Twp. Fire Department with his 25 year pin. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman



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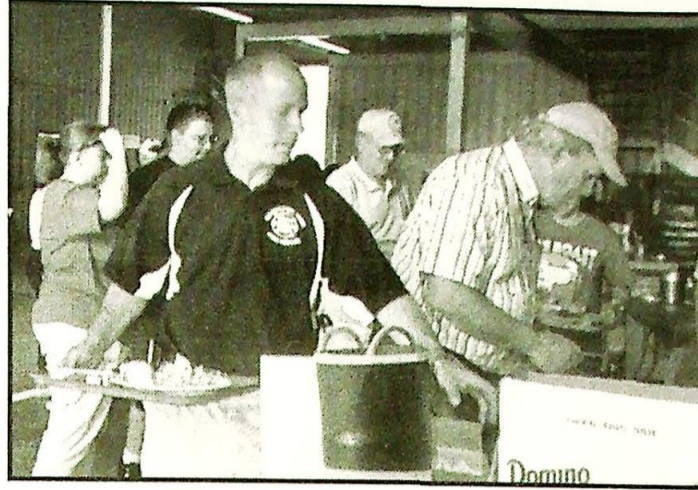
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I attended the Memorial Service at Carter Fire District on October 8, 2009. It was a very moving service.
I attended District 15 meeting at Chandler on November 17th.
I missed District 17A meeting at Plainville Volunteer Fire Department on November 12th.
I attended District 18 meeting at Jasper Outdoor on November 19th.
District 17B was same night as District 18 so I missed this meeting.
I attended the district meeting in Indianapolis on November 5 and 6.
I attended memorial service for Charles W. Thompson, Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and department.
I attended a memorial service for John Doane at Bloomington, District 17A. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and Eastern Volunteer Fire Department.

Hog roast held at Hamilton Township VFD



The Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast on September 12, 2009 at their station.

Pictured is the fire chief Tim Baty. I guess even the chief has to eat! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Shown here are the volunteers getting the meat ready to be served.

Please send in award letters by February 1st.
I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas vacation and has a great new year!
I attended a memorial service for John Folsom at Chandler. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and Chandler Volunteer Fire Department.
I attended an award ceremony at Vincennes Twp. Volunteer Fire Department. Matt Hand was presented award for rescuing Bill Tennis.
See you at Vincennes sausage supper January 16th.

Sincerely,
Jim Abrams
P.R.S.W.



Twenty-five pin awarded to John Bousher of Jasonville VFD

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents John Bousher of the Jasonville Fire Department with his 25 year pin while Fire Chief Harold Keller looks on. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman

It's cold outside . . .

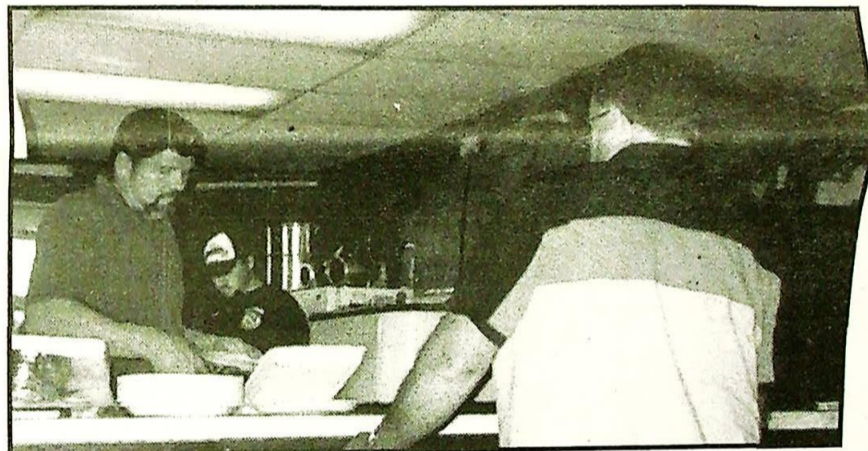
The outside temperature is falling into the twenties, the teens, and lower. Inside our homes fires are built in wood stoves, thermostats are turned up to "take the chill off", or portable heating devices are used to supplement the structure's traditional heating appliance. Regardless of the heat plant used or how it is used, these devices can cause fires.

Heating fires applies to those fires that are caused by functioning or malfunctioning central heating units, fixed or portable local heating units, fireplaces, chimneys, and water heaters. Units use multiple types of fuels such as oil, gas, coal, wood, etc. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) finds that an average of 51,000 residential heating fires are reported each year. It also reports the peak months for heating fires are January - February. Knowing that now is the time for heating fires to occur, let's examine some possible accidental ignition sources to look for while doing the investigation.

It is important to remember to document the area before any form of examination is conducted. The examination of the heat plant is conducted using the same systematic approach as the scene exam. This is exterior to interior and least to heaviest. Begin the exam on

the heat plant's exterior. Check
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Salamonia VFD hosts pancake and sausage supper



On September 26, 2009 the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held a pancake and sausage supper. Shown here serving the pancakes is Tim Hein. Mixing up the batter is Travis Theurer. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

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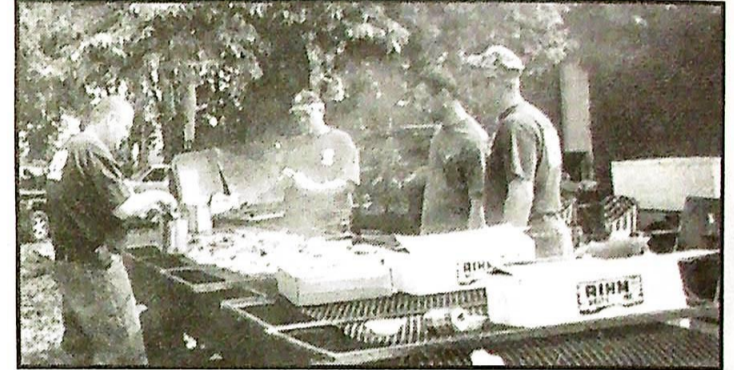


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Joey		Cope		Bainbridge Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	K.	Fairchild		Batesville Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown		Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael		Demo		Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dessen	James	Miller		Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Adam		Foster		Buck Creek Twp. Fire Dept.
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.
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Michael	Anthony	Berger		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas		Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	III	Milford Fire Dept.
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Jeffery	Ryan	McClain		Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder		New Chapel Fire Dept.
Michael	B.	Dickey		New Washington VFD
Joseph		Donahue		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	Jr.	Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio	Jr.	Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Terry	Lynn	Miller		Topeka Vol. Fire Dept.
Gregory	Gilbert	Beard		Toyota Fire Dept.
Harold	Eugene	Gieselman		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.

Stoney Creek VFD holds pork chop dinner



Shown here is the serving line waiting to serve the people.



The Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department held a pork chop dinner on September 26, 2009.

Shown here are the men cooking the meat.

Sure hope they know what they are doing! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Carl Hughbanks awarded 25 year pin



District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland (center) presents Carl Hughbanks (on the left) his 25 year pin while Thunderbird Chief John Quilliam looks on. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman

It's cold outside . . .

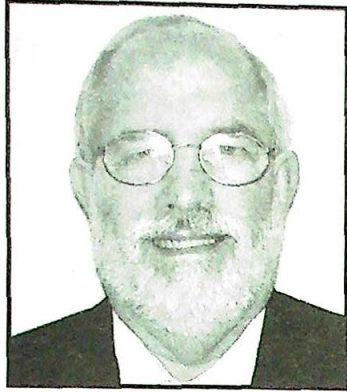
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flue pipe(s) and/or chimney for cracks and/or loose connections. Note the distance between the flue pipe/chimney and combustibles especially where there is a breach in structural components. Mentally ask yourself if this distance is sufficient to create pyrolysis effect of area combustibles. Check the unit's connections and controls. Is there any sign of a leaking fuel product? An example of this may be discoloration of the floor overlay or floorboard itself. Can you move connectors easily? Are there signs of tool marks? Observing these things should cause you to inquire with the owner/occupant if there were any mechanical problems with the unit. Note the positions of any of the controls. Make sure that controls are in an "on" position if you suspect the heat plant is the ignition source. The interior of the heat plant requires the same basic observations as the exterior. One additional item to consider when examining the interior is the general "housekeeping" of the unit. Does it appear that filters are clean and the unit has been maintained or are there signs of inadequate maintenance?

Fifty-one percent of heat plant fires are attributed to some form of mechanical failure. Twenty-seven percent are caused by improper maintenance, and eleven percent is caused by combustibles stored too close to the unit. Be careful on how much examination of the heat plant is done. If a mechanical failure is suspected, the insurance company will most likely want to have the unit examined for possible litigation. Tampering too much with the unit could raise spoliation issues. Use this to your advantage. If the insurance company hires an engineer to examine the unit, ask for a copy of the report when the engineer is finished. This reduces the chance of spoliation, allows the "expert" to render the opinion about the heat plant, and provides documentation to support your conclusion.

So the next time you are digging out the fire scene this winter and a heat plant is located in the area of origin, keep these suggestions in mind to help you with your examination.

**Public Relations
Director
Northeast
Jean Smith**



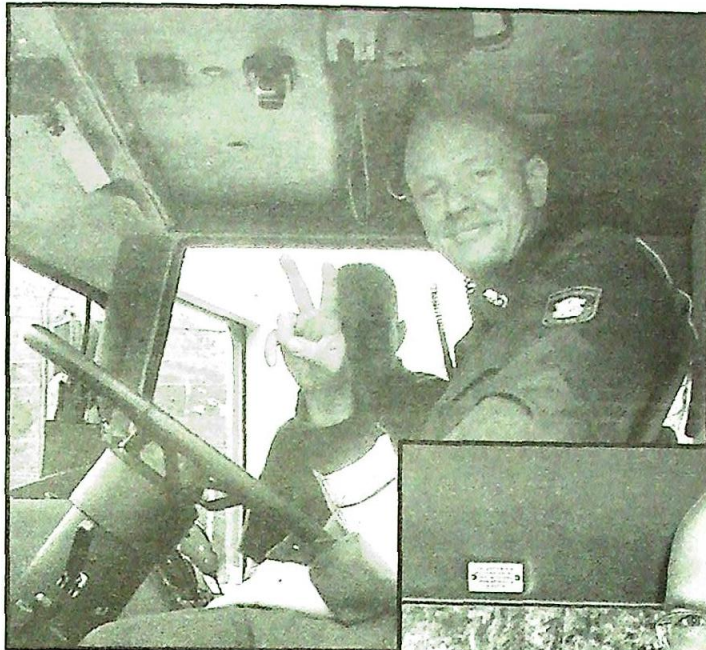
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we look to the new year.

A little reminder for the heating season – most residential fires involve space heaters, gas heaters, and kerosene heaters accounting for the highest fatality risk. All heating systems can be dangerous if they are not used and maintained properly. Pass the word along, inspect and maintain your heating system.

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

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast
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Beverly Shores FD hosts firefighters from Germany



Beverly Shores FD hosted two firefighters from Germany during the spring/summer months of 2009.

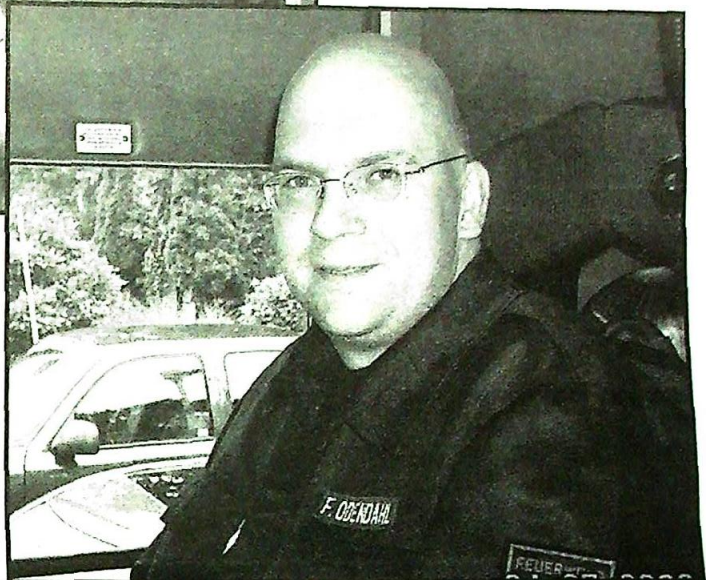
Friends made during FDIC, these two traveled a great distance from their home to see firefighting in the states.

Two Shores firefighters spent time the previous year in Germany, and many more German firefighters are anxiously waiting to visit in 2012.

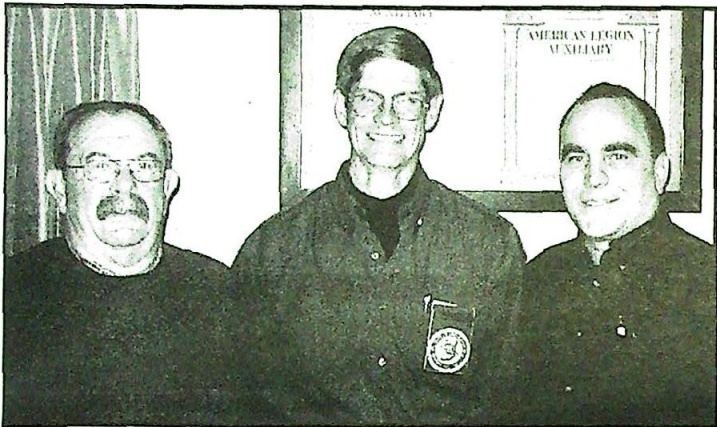
Pictured in the driver's seat is Patrick Dau, in the jump seat is Frank Odenhaul, and then the Beverly

Shores FD in front of their engine 2511, and their guests.

– submitted by Diana Orrell,
Districts 1 & 2
secretary/treasurer.



St. Anthony VFD awards service pins



At the annual Christmas Dinner of the St. Anthony VFD (Dubois Co., Dist. 18) on Saturday, 5 December, two members of the SAVFD were presented with their IVFA 25 year membership pins. Tom Boehm (left) has served as department Secretary/Treasurer, Fire Captain, and now serves as 2nd Assistant Chief. Scott Uebelhor (right) served as Training Officer, and is now in his 4th year as Fire Chief. Pictured center is District 18 Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith. – Photo & article provided by Dist. 18 Chairman



Changes with IVFA Web Master

It's hard for me to believe that in late 2002, Buz Koehler and I discussed the need for a web site to support the activities and mission of the IVFA. Now, seven years later, the web site has become one of the primary communication tools for our members. From the initial concept of what Buz and I thought our members would need, and the growth the site has seen, has went beyond what I ever imagined.

However, it is also time for me to move on, and allow someone who can dedicate more time to the site, to take over. In recent months, it has become increasingly difficult to put more than the minimum time into the web site; mainly just posting what is sent me. The site can and needs to be more. As much as I would love to lead the charge on a site overall, and include new features, I just don't have the time to do so.

As of January 1, I will begin working with Brad Mushett, who will take over as web master. Brad is a volunteer firefighter and EMT, and is beginning his training towards Paramedic certification. Unlike me, who learned a lot by the seat of my pants, Brad brings a lot of knowledge and web experience with him. Naturally there may be some minor hiccups during this transition, and I will continue to support Brad when needed until he has full knowledge of how I put our web page together.







It has been a real pleasure to serve the IVFA in this capacity

during the past seven years. It has afforded me the opportunity to meet many fantastic people and to fully appreciate the great association we have.

Sincerely,
Brent Lank, Ex Web Master

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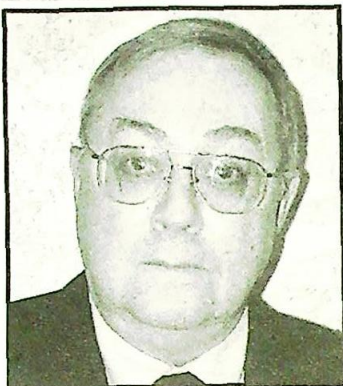
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Northwest
Jim Bradford**



my PR area and to the Memorial Services for our fallen members. I sure miss him.

Jim Bradford - PRNW

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the fire schools. As an IVFA member, you receive a \$5.00 discount on each class you take. The Duneland Fire School is scheduled for April 10, 11, 17 and 18. Info is available on line at <http://ifia.org/DunelandFire.htm>.

Right after the Duneland Fire School comes the FDIC show in Indianapolis from April 19-24. The IVFA again will have an information booth at the show.

When you attend your district meetings, be sure to ask your District Chairman for a copy of the benefits brochure listing the benefits you receive as a member.

The IVFA lost a great member and I lost a very close, personal friend in November. Our recent State Chaplain Jerry Cohen passed away. Jerry and I spent a lot of time traveling to the district meetings in

Antique fire truck show and muster a huge success!



Some of the 106+ rigs at the muster on the west side of Indianapolis last July - submitted by Scott Rollins.

From the Pompier, Pump and Playpipe Society of Indiana - The antique fire truck show and muster we advertised in the 1st quarter issue of this paper was a huge success! We had well over 3,000 visitors and 106 rigs show up.

We want to thank all from Indiana who took time to come out for the day and add a special thanks

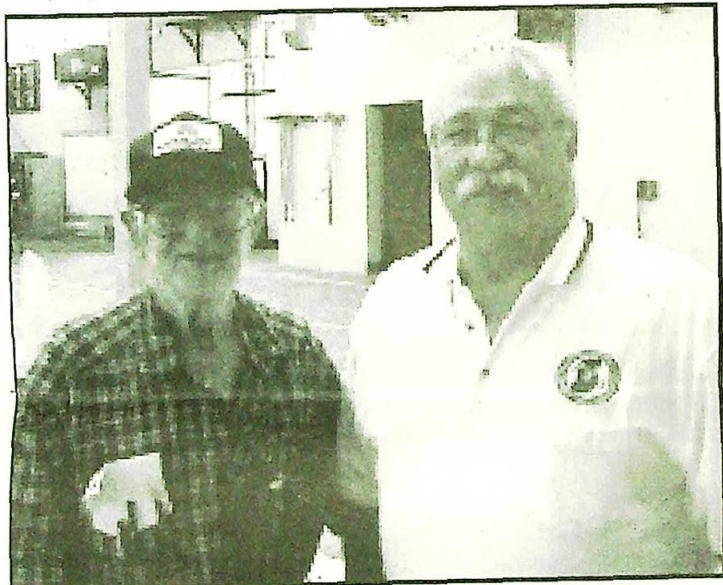
to those who took the time and money to bring a rig to the muster.

All of the out of state visitors were impressed with Indiana and everyone commented on how nice everyone was that they came in contact with during their visit. I know some of our visitors visited fire stations for photos and your graciousness in pulling out rigs and

positioning them just so, was appreciated. In all, the week showed all who attended that "Hoosier Hospitality" is alive and well.

If you are interested in antique fire trucks, please visit our website www.pppsi.org or contact us by e-mail info@pppsi.org

Nick Thiery presented 50 year Gold Card



(Pictured at left)* - Vice president Buz Koehler presented Nick Thiery of St. John with his 50 year Gold Card during St. John District #1 meeting held on September 16, 2009.

Not pictured: Bobby Davis, also of St. John, receiving his 25 year pin. - submitted by Diana Orrell, Districts 1 & 2 secretary/treasurer.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2009

CLARION HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Vice President Koehler called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky gave the Invocation.

Vice President led the Pledge to the Flag.

Vice President Koehler called asked for the secretaries' report. Secretary read Thank You note from the Zeeks family.

Secretary Bartlow presented the minutes of the last meeting. Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul Watland, District 2 chairman made the second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Bev Harker gave the financial report for the quarter and the year to date. The expenses appear to be very close to the figures that were budgeted. The income is up from the amount that was budgeted.

The proposed Budget for 2010 was passed out for everyone to look at and be voted at the Board of Director's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing brought up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE: BUZ KOEHLER - The Committee met on Friday evening. Discuss Insurance for next year and will have quotes from different at the February 2010 meeting. We need a complete inventory of all equipment that belongs to the IVFA that anyone has; including Make, Model, Serial Number, the date purchased (if known) and the approximate price paid.

The IVFA is seeking a new Web Master at this time.

Had discussion on the Proposed 2010 Budget.

CENTRAL OFFICE: JACK KERNEY - Packets for each district chairman contains: Paid/not Paid list of departments, Pipeline safety meeting dates for the State, list of department officers and meeting dates, and Gold Card and 25 Year report. Request for an additional 50-Year Pin. Past president Jack Zeeks made the motion to grant this one request; additional requests must be approved by the directors. Carol Thrawley, District 13A made the second. Motion passed.

Membership as of November is 16,097.

Mail inspection for mailing periodicals was performed and we are able to continue to mail periodicals.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING: DIANE HARRISON - Set up booth at the Indiana Emergency Services Conference on Friday and Saturday. Will have Beverly Roberts for A.Y.S. Travels talk about a cruise for a fundraiser.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION: JACK McFARLAND - No information on FDIC. Carol and Marlene Thrawley are updating the Power Point program. Asked about using the Games Trailer by the Committee to move all their material with. Have a need for TV/DVD player. They have price on a Magnavox Flat Screen TV/DVD for \$350. This will be Board action. Carol Thrawley is

working with the Career Training Programs, these schools train high school age students to be Firefighters. This group is having competition events involving all the Career Schools May 8, 2010 at the Wayne Twp. Training Center.

BY-LAWS AND SOG: BUZ KOEHLER - The By-Law Committee proposes the following additions on August 1, 2009: (1) Add: ARTICLE IV - SECTION 14 - DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT SECRETARY QUALIFICATIONS: [a] Must be an ACTIVE member of the Association for (3) three years; [b] Must be a member of a fire department with (5) five ACTIVE Association members; [c] Must live within the area they represent.

Roll call vote taken all districts voted "Yes" (23) except District 13B and 16 (2) who abstained because of a lack of quorum at their district meeting; (2) Add to: ARTICLE V - Section 14 - (d) The PR director must live in PR area they represent. Roll call vote taken. All districts voted "Yes" (23) except District 13B and 16 (2) who abstained because of a lack of quorum at their district meeting. Much discussion on the SOG's about voting rights pertaining the right to vote at Convention for Individuals. Also the right of Individuals to vote at the district level. Chairman of the Board made a motion to accept the August 2009 By-Laws and SOG's as printed. Larry Bruner, District 12 made the second. A Roll call vote was taken. All officers present vote "yes" (36) except Districts 6, 7, 8A and 10 who voted "No" (4). Motion passed.

District 11B presented a By-Law addition to Article XV to add Section 8 setting the number of directors that are needed to be present to approve a By-Law change. This addition was withdrawn by District 11B, as some of the wording was not presented in the right format.

The speaker for today was Beverly Roberts from A.Y.S. Tours and Travel. She presented proposal for fundraiser for the IVFA on Carnival Cruise Line and explained what all was included in the Cruise package.

HISTORY: JOHN DAVIES - Not present.

LOGO: JOHN SMITH - One request by the 2010 Convention to use Logo on seat of Dixie Chopper that will be raffled off at Convention. Use of logo is granted.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: JIM BRADFORD - Mailed 67,272 newspapers this year. Deadline for articles in the February issue is January 5, 2010. The deadline date for all issues has been changed to the 5th of the month.

AD TAKER: JIM BRADFORD REPORTING - All ads are paid for this issue.

CLOTHING CLAIMS: JEAN SMITH REPORTING - Had one claim for glasses that was approved. One claim for work boots was put on hold until more information can be obtained.

CONVENTION: DAVID ISRAEL - Reminded everyone that all Awards for this year's Convention need to be sent to those Committees before February 1, 2010.

CONVENTION 2010: BILL BUSH - Things are moving along. To make reservations at the Holiday Inn - call Holiday Inn Terre Haute and ask for group Indiana Volunteer Firefighters. Most of schedule is set

at this time.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY - September meeting held at Marion with seven board members present, eight staff members and 12 guests. Approved 4 variances. Moving forward on a program for Certification of 16-17 year olds at Career Schools. A six week turnaround on Certifications. The October meeting was held in Scottsburg with 4 Board members and 8 staff present. Working on updating of Standards. There will be no notification of certification expiring; costs too much to notify each individual. It is the individuals responsible to get certifications renewal in on time. Next meeting will be December 14 in Indianapolis.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: BUZ KOEHLER - The Institute Dinner is February 1, 2010 at the Hyatt. Past president made motion that we attend. Past president Ivan Nevil made the second. Motion passed. One nay vote.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: JACK KERNEY - Working on 1001 Standard as to what is actually training is needed for entry level Firefighter. Also stated the Fire Grants for next year Combination Departments, 25% Career Departments, 25% Volunteer Departments and 25% Other.

INDIANA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL TEAM: DIANE HARRISON - Activated two times this quarter

LEGISLATIVE: IVAN NEVIL - The discussion we held about State Police requiring Fire Apparatus being moved off road so traffic can move freely at accident site or vehicle fire is clarified in IC 9-21-8-47. Governor proposal for elimination of Township Government (1) Eliminate all Township government; (2) Move Township authority to County; (3) Appoint Fire Trustee with the responsibility of preparing Fire Budget for newly defined Township Fire Department; (4) New Fire Trustee would be the current elected trustee for the first appointment. After the first term the Fire Trustee would be appointed by the County Commissioner for each Township. (5) All financial authority would go to County Council for review. (6) Move toward centralization in purchasing and education. We need to respond back to the Governor plan with questions of our own. Need all responses sent to the Legislative Committee so they can respond. Our Legislative agenda for this year is (1) Do away with all Toy Lighters. (2) Identify Lightweight Building Construction. Contractor to report to Central Dispatch of this type construction and place identifying sign on the building. (3) Sprinkler system for homes.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 P.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:40 A.M. Invocation by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER - Pass.

CHAPLAIN ED GERDOWSKY - Drive 1128 miles this quarter doing 3 Memorial Services and attending 3 District Meetings.

SGT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH - Hotel Reservation phone number for Convention 2010 is 812-543-9406.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD LARRY KETCHEM - Pass.

PRNW JIM BRADFORD - Attended 7 District meetings, 1 IVFAA meeting, 2 county meetings, 3 Memorial Services, 1 Gold Card presentation, one 25-year pin presentation, 4 Fundraisers, one trip to Printco for newspaper for a total of 1548 miles this quarter.

PRNE MORTSORG - Attended all 4 of district meetings, 1 Board of Fire Fighters Standards and Education meeting, two county meetings and 4 Fundraisers.

PRWC DIANA HARRISON - Attended 1 district meeting, 1 county meeting, 2 Memorial Services, 1 Line of Duty Death and the Emergency Services Conference.

PREC DON CUSHMAN - attended all district meetings

PRSW JIM ABRAMS - Attended 4 district meetings, 3 county meetings and 4 Memorial Services.

PRSE AL WILLIAMSON - Attended all district meetings.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

PAST PRESIDENT JIM PARKER - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT CARL BRUNS - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT IVAN NEVIL - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT RICHARD GLANT - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT JACK ZEEKS - Thank everyone for the cards and prayers.

PAST PRESIDENT BUZ KOEHLER - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT JACK KERNEY - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM - Pass.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

DISTRICT 1: TOM ORRELL - Next meeting January 20, 2010 at Washington Twp. (Porter Co.) Fire Department.

DISTRICT 2: PAUL WATLAND - Next meeting November 18, 2009 at Porter Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3: DAVE KAUFMAN - Next meeting November 19, 2009 at LaPorte County Haz-Mat.

DISTRICT 4: TERRY SMITH - Next meeting December 16, 2009 at Jefferson Twp Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 5: TONY FARRER - Next meeting November 12, 2009 at Atwood Fire Dept. The January 14, 2010 meeting will be at Argos Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6: JERRY SPRAGUE - Next meeting November 24, 2009 at Union Twp Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7: WALT REITER - Next meeting November 16, 2009 at Poe Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A: E. P. PAPE - Next meeting November 11, 2009 at Madison Twp Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B: LLOYD WRIGHT - Next meeting November 11, 2009 at Portland Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A: LEIGHANNE ELLIS - Next meeting November 19, 2009 at Young America Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B: RANDY DENTON - Next meeting November 12, 2009 at Francesville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10: JOHN RAY - Next meeting November 18, 2009 at German Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A: JACK McFARLAND - Next meeting

November 15, 2009 at Wright Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B: LARRY SOUTHARD - Next meeting November 15, 2009 at Reelsville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12: LARRY BRUNER - Next meeting November 23, 2009 at Fire Department Liberty Twp (Hazelwood).

DISTRICT 13A: CAROL THRAWLEY - Next meeting November 17, 2009 at Kennard Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13B: DENNIS SPEARS - Next meeting February 4, 2010 at Centerville Fire/Rescue.

DISTRICT 14: RICK CANNON - Next meeting January 21, 2010 at Scottsburg Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 15: STEVE ANDERSON - Next meeting November 17, 2009 at Chandler Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 16: PAUL HOLCOMB - Next meeting November 12, 2009 at New Middletown Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17A: SAM EMERY - Next meeting November 12, 2009 at Plainville Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B: LUKE KLUENDER - Next meeting at Perry Clear-Creek.

DISTRICT 18: JOHN C. SMITH - Next meeting November 19, 2009 at Haysville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19: ED SCHEELE - Next meeting November 19, 2009 at Friendship Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ - Next meeting November 30, 2009 at Rossville Fire Dept.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Koehler passed out new District Chairman Guideline books. They have copies of all the new forms, copy and use them as needed. Throw away all old out-dated forms.

Discussion on mileage rates for 2010. Carol Thrawley, District 13A made a motion to keep mileage rate at 40 cents for next year and revisit it in November 2010. E.P. Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

Those people wanting to attend the Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner need to turn in a business card at this time.

Discussion on desire to attend the Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington D.C. Several members thought we should have representation at that meeting. Ivan Nevil, past president and Chairman of the Legislative Committee made motion that we send some people. Larry Bruner, District 12 made the second. Motion passed.

New committee assignments will be made the first of year. If you want to change committee or be assigned a committee contact president by November 30, 2009.

Michelle Baxter with American Income Life insurance addressed the group about any problems that anyone was having.

Results of the problems with Training as reported in each district; 1. Getting test material to a class in time for the test to be given.

2. Turn around time on Certifications.

3. Qualified Instructors on Technical training.

4. 16-18 year olds certification.

5. Instructor update class.

6. In house proctors and instructors; return questions that are missed.

7. No consistence in answers from IDHS.

8. Class material does not match test.

9. Hard time getting material from

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State.
 10. Receive credit for computer based training.
 II. Instructors not turning in test in timely manner.
 12. Practical training be made more important than the test.
 This information will be complied by the committee (Steve Anderson, Larry Southard, Jack Kerney, Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford and Diana Harrison).

Discussion on the Cruise Fundraiser presented by Diane Harrison. Carol Thrawley; District 13A made a motion that Diana Harrison pursue this program. Diana Orrell, District 1 made the second. Motion passed.

Meeting closed to proceed to the Board of Directors meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Chairman of the Board Larry Ketchum called the meeting to order.

(1) Purchase of Tamper Proof Identification Tags to be placed on all IVFA equipment with a Log of Make, Model, Serial Number and other identifying information including estimated value and the location of each item. Steve Anderson, District 15 made motion to purchase tags not to exceed \$250. Larry Southard, District 11B made the second. Motion passed.

(2) Purchase TV/DVD player for the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to use at various displays. Have one located that one that can be purchased for \$250. Al Williamson, PRSE made motion to purchase this unit. E.P. Pape, District 8A made the second. Motion passed.

(3) Lobbyist contract with Larry Curl. Contract will be for three years starting November 2009 and ending November 2013 for \$43,775.00. Either party can cancel contract with a 30-day notice. Motion by Jim Parker, past president to accept this contract. Terry Smith, District 4 made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Donation of \$1000 to the Hoosier Burn Camp. Larry Bruner, District 12 made the motion to donate \$100 to the Burn Camp. Jerry Sprague, District 6 made the second. Motion passed.

(5) Need to subscribe to the Legislative Directory. This directory monitors all votes of all legislatures on every bill. Also provides bill tracking at all times. This program costs \$1800. This service is very valuable in tracking legislation and being able to keep members informed of what is happening. Luke Kluender, District 11B made motion to purchase this service. Steve Anderson, District 15 made the second. Motion passed.

The quarterly meetings for 2010 will be held at the Crown Plaza

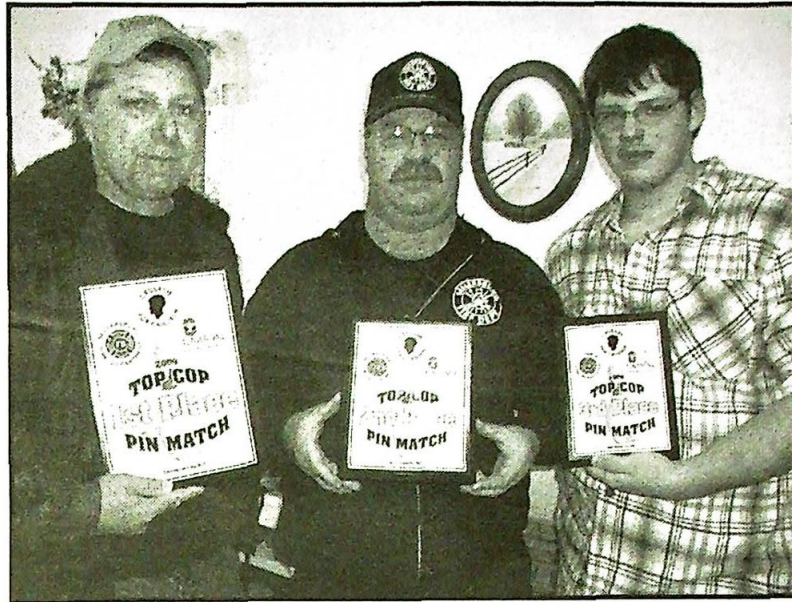
Hotel at 2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN. Dates for 2010 are February 5, 6 & 7; May 7, 8 & 9; August 6, 7 & 8; November 5, 6 & 7.

Motion to adjourn made by past president Jack Zeeks. The second made by vice president Buz Koehler. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
 Larry L. Bartlow,
 Secretary*

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Receive awards in Louisville Top Cop Nationals



Sellersburg Fire Department in District 14 showing off the awards for the Louisville Top Cop Nationals.

All money went to the crusade for children.

Pictured are District 14 chairman and Sellersburg Major Rick Cannon, Sellersburg Captain Charlie Heishman and firefighter Steven Heishman. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman

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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
10:00 a.m. - ??	Golf Outing	Hulman Links
2:00 p.m. - ??	Cornhole Games for Supporting Heroes	Holiday Inn -
6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Vigo County Fairgrounds
6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Picnic	Vigo County Fairgrounds
7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer	Vigo County Fairgrounds
8:00 p.m. - ??	Auction for Hoosier Burn Camp	Vigo County Fairgrounds
9:30 (Dark) close	Fireworks Display	Vigo County Fairgrounds

THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging (closed)	Holiday Inn - Gallery & Cherry
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Women Tour	Clabber Girl
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Men Tour	????
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Seminar ??	
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Another Seminar ??	
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Holiday Inn - Sycamore Grove
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Men Tour	????
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Women Tour	????
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging (open)	Holiday Inn - Gallery
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	IVFA Officers Meeting	Holiday Inn - Gallery
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	IVFAA Officers Meeting	Holiday Inn - Terrace West
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog/Beer Bust	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Opening Meeting	South Vigo High School
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Entertainment	Holiday Inn

FRIDAY - JUNE 18, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Coffee Klatch	Davis Avenue Baptist Church
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service	Davis Avenue Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IVFA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IVFAA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Your choice
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Outing	????
1:30 p.m. - close	IVFA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
1:30 p.m. - close	IVFAA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Children's Party	Holiday Inn - Gallery
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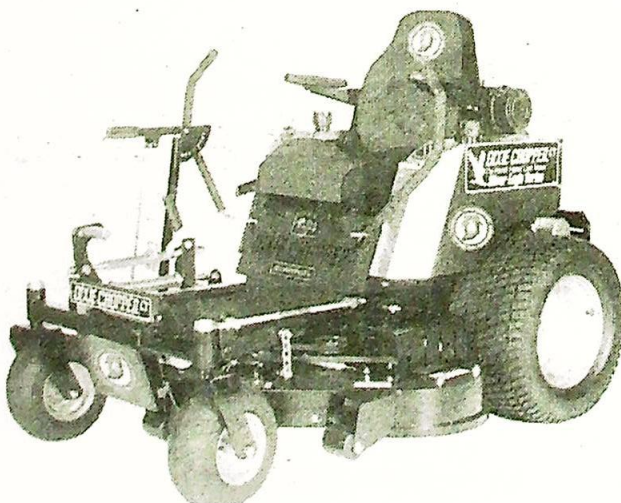
Fundraiser tickets to be on sale

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association will be selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the 2010 Convention which will be held in Terre Haute, Indiana June 16-June 19.

The drawing will be held Friday, June 18, 2010.

- 1st Prize is a Model 2744 Dixie Chopper (shown at right).
- 2nd Prize is a 14" Echo Chain Saw
- 3rd Prize is a Stihl Trimmer

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Fire department donates fire truck



In this tough economy and with the holiday season upon us, it's hard to imagine anyone having the resources to hand over something for free to those in need, but the Churubusco/Smith Twp. Fire Department did just that Tuesday evening. They donated their old rescue to another Indiana department.

For the past several months a committee of five firefighters have been sifting through a stack of donation requests from around the country and the world. "We received somewhere around 25 or more," said fire chief Roger Bennett. "Everywhere from Mexico, Arkansas to New Hampshire and Connecticut. There are a lot of departments in need," continued Bennett.

Before too long the committee narrowed it down to three Indiana departments and in the end Earl Park Fire Department in northwest Indiana won the donation.

"Between the three finalists they seemed to be the most needy," said committee member Bruce Shanabarger.

Currently the department doesn't even have a truck to carry rescue equipment on, so they have to remove firefighting equipment from other trucks to make room.

"You have no idea how much this means to us," said Mark Jones, a four year veteran of the department.

Just recently the area around Earl Park divided up their centralized rescue organization that is similar to an emergency management agency and dispersed equipment and trucks to local departments. "We ended up with a box truck that wouldn't even fit in our station," said Tommy Bennett of Earl Park.

If handing over the truck wasn't enough, they were given numerous water extinguishers, fire hose nozzles and other miscellaneous equipment to try and make their job a little easier.

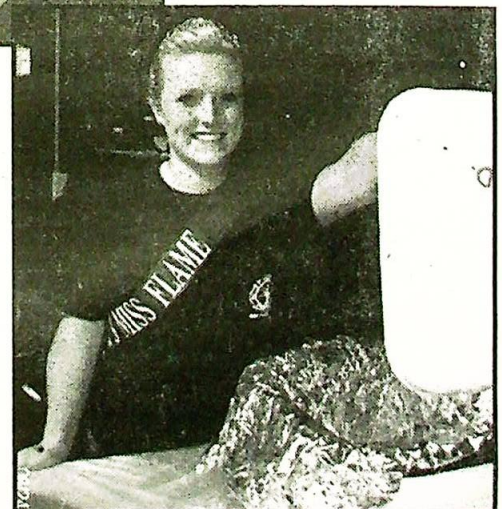
We congratulate their department on receiving the gift and hope that it serves their community for many years to come!

- submitted by Roger Bennett, chief - Churubusco/Smith Township Fire Department.

Miss Flame donates time to fish fry

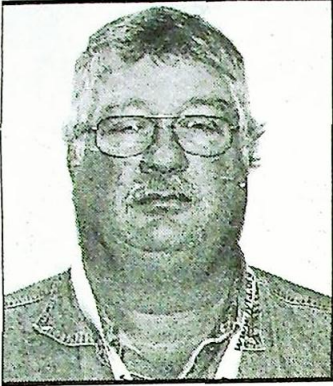


Miss Flame Autumn Schumacher donates her time to helping out at the San Pierre Volunteer fish fry held on October 10, 2009.



Photos submitted by Dawn Schumacher

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BRITTTTTTTTTTTTTT it's cold!
Hope all had a happy holiday and a good year.
Will be getting around to meeting and visiting at district meetings. We all need to be safe in the cold weather.

We all need to be sending our House and Senators e-mails to leave the townships alone that have worked just fine for years.

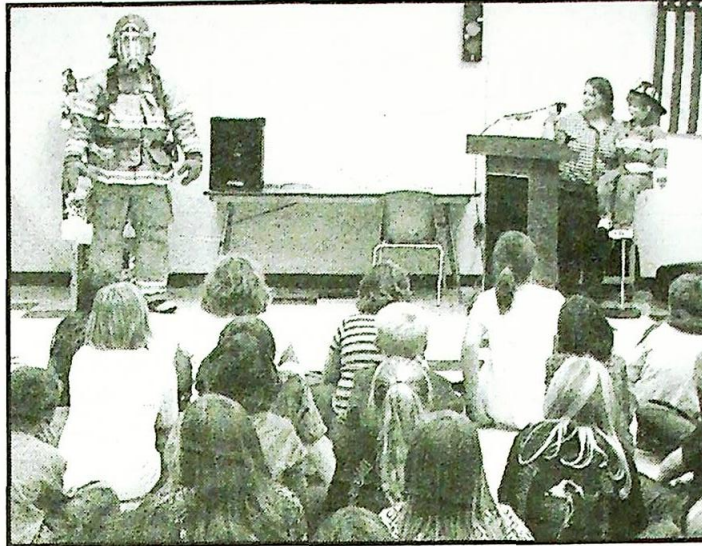
It only takes five calls or e-mails for them to at least know that firefighters are watching them.

We all need to give Tim and David all the support to lead the group into 2010.

Be safe.

See all at meetings.
Don Cushman
ECPR

Even a dummy can learn fire safety



Cyndi Marsh of Danville, with her partner, Chester, delivered a message about fire safety. Cyndi has been practicing the art of ventriloquism since she was 12 years old.

Students at North Salem Elementary got a look at a firefighter in turnout gear when Cyndi Marsh and Chester presented a program on fire safety last Friday.

THE REPUBLICAN, DANVILLE, IN. – Children at North Salem Elementary got a message about fire prevention and safety from the members of the North Salem/Eel River and Lizton/Union Township Fire Departments, and a special guest.

North Salem Fire Chief John Berry introduced Cyndi Marsh and Chester, who showed the students that even a dummy can learn about fire safety. The children were reminded to never play with matches or cigarette lighters, or put

blankets or clothes over lamps or heaters. Even the kitchen can be a dangerous place for children, and they should never try to cook without adult supervision.

Cyndi and Chester told the students that families should plan two different fire escape routes, and a place to meet so that they will know everyone got out safely. "Call 911 after you get out," Cyndi reminded them. "And never go back into the house or try to hide from the fire under a bed or in a closet."

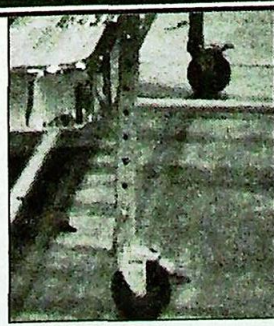
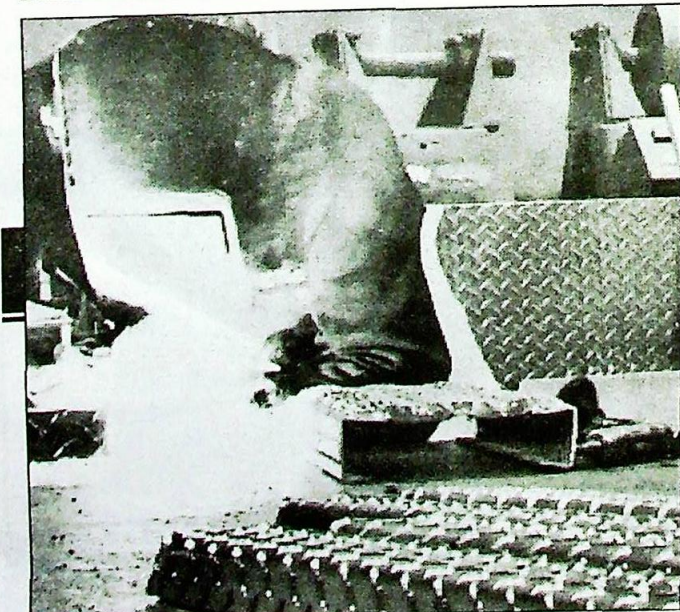
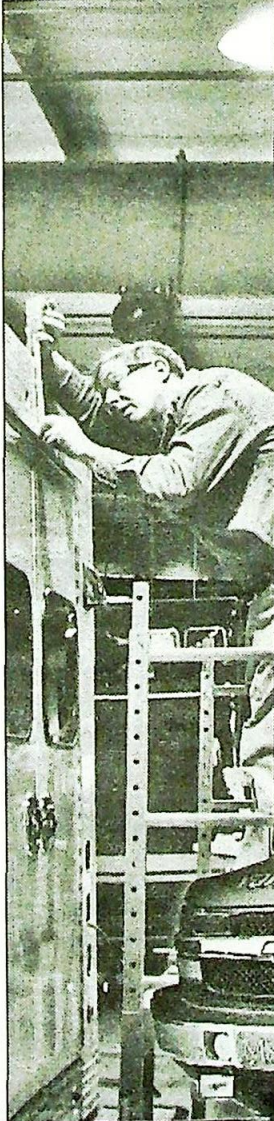
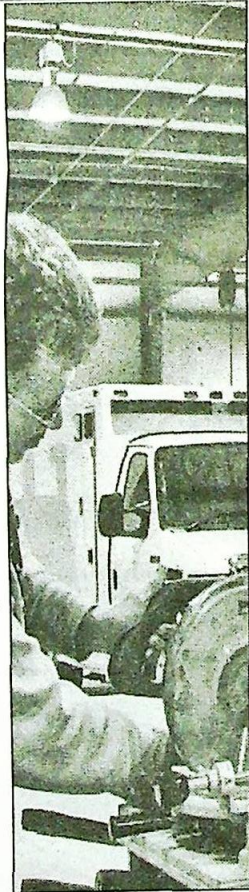
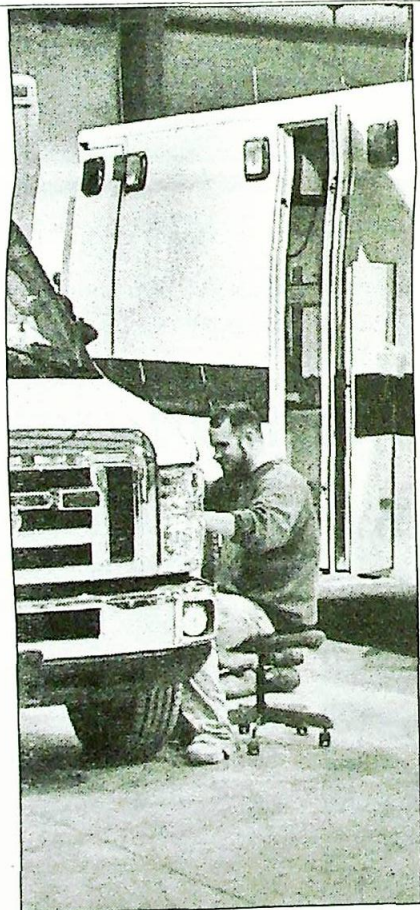
A firefighter in complete

turnout gear came in to show the children what they might see if there's a fire at their house. "He might look a little strange, with all that gear on, but he's there to help you," the children were told.

The students knew the three things to do if their clothes catch on fire: Stop, Drop and Roll. They were told to remind their parents to test the smoke detectors in the house once a month, and change the batteries twice a year. - article submitted by John Berry, chief, Eel River Twp. Volunteer Fire/Rescue, North Salem, IN and reprinted with permission from The Republican, Danville, IN by Betty Jo Bartley, Assistant Editor.

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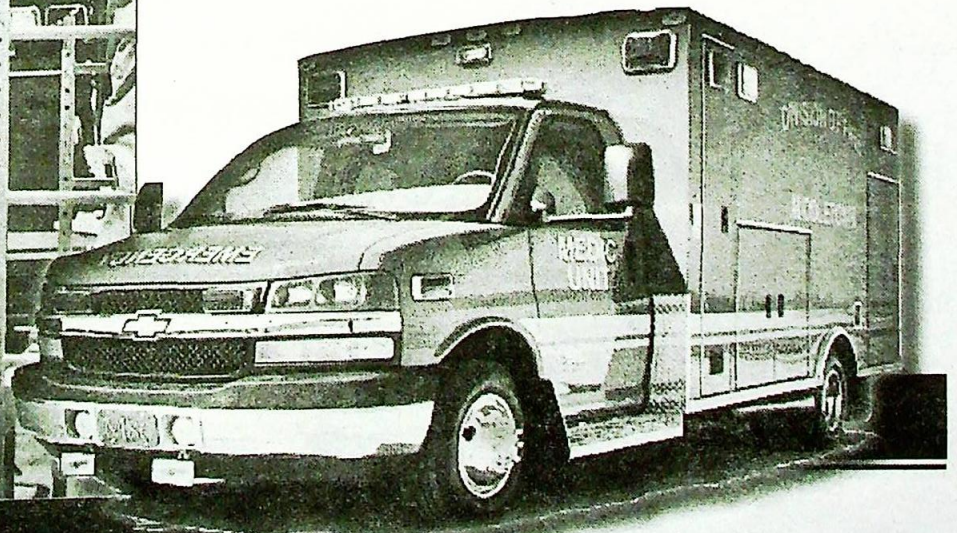
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Wayne County firefighters train at live burn



Firefighters from six fire departments participated in a live burn training sponsored by the Webster Fire Department.

The department allowed several fire departments to do other trainings in the structure prior to the live burn.

This type of training is very important to take advantage of when they are available.

The fire departments involved in the live fire training were Webster, Williamsburg, Fountain City/New Garden Twp., Abington, Economy/Perry Twp., Cambridge City.

Thanks to all who participated in the training.

— Photos by Tammy Davis, District 13B secretary and submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman.

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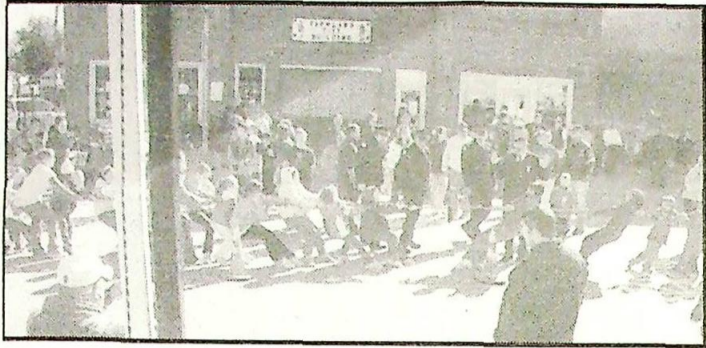
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Farmland Fire Prevention Day held

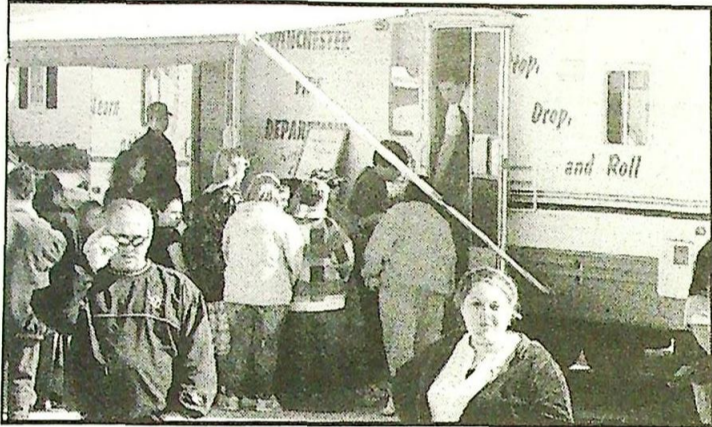


Farmland Fire Prevention Day tug-of-war always brings the kids. After they pull for prizes, they get to pull against all the firemen.



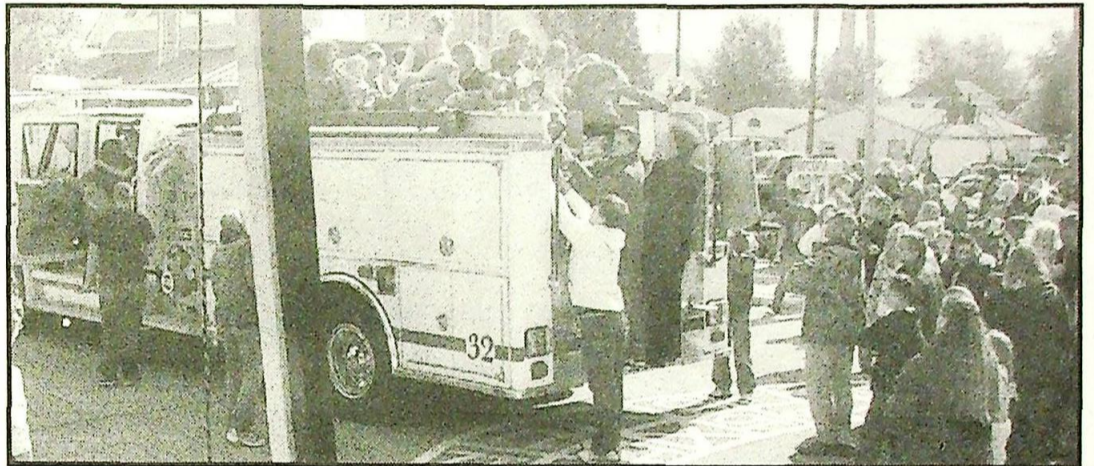
Farmland Fire Prevention Day always has lots of games and of course lots of prizes.

photos submitted by Bill Sunday

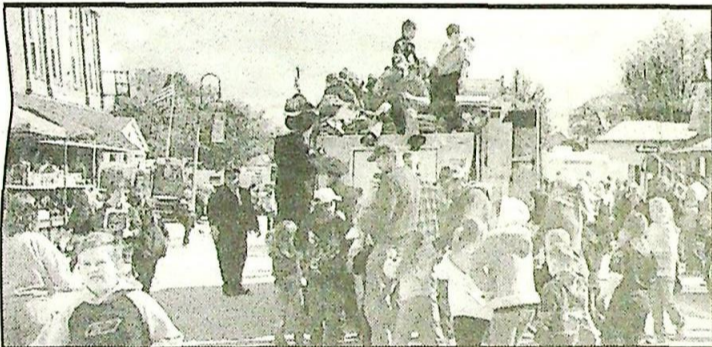


Farmland Fire Prevention Day with the prizes and games also has Fire Prevention Awareness.

The Smoke House belongs to Winchester Fire Department. Thanks to Winchester, we promote Stop, Drop and Roll to all the kids.



Farmland Fire Prevention Day is always a big hit with fire truck rides around town.



Thanks to Parker Fire Department for staying after the parade to help with the fire truck rides.



Farmland Fire Prevention Day cake walk is sponsored by the auxiliary. Approximately 35 cakes and pies were given away during two different walks.

Farmland Fire Prevention Day hosts games all day such as bike rodeo, 3 wheel races, sack race, tug-of-war, cake walks and a dance at the fire station. Thanks to everyone and the merchants for all the donations for the kids.

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Kamman honored for 50 years of service to department



In the picture on the left Tim Huntington is shown presenting Glen Kamman, Friendship V.F.D. with a plaque for 50 years of service to the Friendship community.

Pictured at right (left to right) are Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Glen Kamman - receiving his 50 Year Gold card and pin and Tim Huntington, Friendship fire chief. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.



Butler named Fireman of the Year



Burket Fire Department has named Fireman of the Year as Brad Butler. Brad has been with B.F.D. for three years. Brad has served as a Lieutenant and training officer for one year, although Brad has been an I.V.F.A. members since 1994.

In the photo (left) is Chief Kevin McSherry shown presenting recipient Brad Butler with the Fireman of the Year Award.

Wright Twp. obtains new tanker



Chief Jack Wilson and members of the Wright Twp. Fire Department pose with their new tanker. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman

2010 Convention committee selling tickets on Dixie Chopper

The IVFA 2010 convention committee will be selling tickets on this Dixie Chopper (pictured at right).

The tickets are 2 for \$5.00.

If you need tickets or want some to sell, contact Lou Bartlow or 11-B chairman Larry Southard. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman



2009 convention minutes continued . . .

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DEBBIE: The food will be served hot. I promise you that. Any other questions? Thank you guys for your time.

DAVID ISRAEL: District 8B with Scott Harris and Ed Smith for Muncie.

ED SMITH: My name is Ed Smith, I'm from 8B. Muncie is in my district. We'd like to host the 2011 convention in Muncie. Our logo is "The Cat's Meow, Having a Ball in Muncie". My co-chairman is Scott Harris from 8A and we'd like to introduce Jody Massey and Brittney Smith from the Horizon Convention Center to give you the slide program for us.

JODY MASSEY: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Jody Massey, director of Sales and Marketing Center at the Horizon Convention Center. Brittney Smith, my assistant, we represent Muncie, Indiana.

JODY MASSEY: As you may or may not know, Garfield is one of our claims to fame in Muncie, Indiana. If you have Muncie, then he will be part of your convention there. One of the things we pride ourselves on being very family oriented community. We have lots of different attractions. If you come and you're interested in the arts we have the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the artist within you can make your pottery at the Artist Within. Ball State University has an art museum. If you want sports, we have lots of different sports facilities. We've got the Cardinal Greenway. We've got the Muncie Sportplex where you can enjoy softball, basketball or softball, soccer. We have the Prairie Creek Reservoir with a very nice sailing club. Canoeing. We have what is like Indianapolis' Monon Trail. We have a revitalized historic downtown area. And that's where our Horizon Convention Center is located. We have a civic theatre down there. Vera Mae's Bistro, White River Landing and Cannon's Bakery. Lowery's Candies are just a few of the restaurants that are on Indiana's Culinary Trail. We can do candy demonstrations, we can do baking demonstrations. We have a company that makes art on paper and help with a paper making demonstration. For those of you who bring your kids and grandkids, I know that's a big focus here, we'll have step on tours on the Muncie Children's Museum, the Artist Within, The AMA or the Model Aeronautics. A property called the Play Station with Escapades Family Fun Center, several miniature golf things. For those of you who aren't going to bring your kids, we have a cool downtown area where we're going to set up a pub crawl. So when you guys are in the evening - somebody mentioned being party animal - so we've got that coming for you. We've got about six bars and will provide continual transportation for you all the way through the event. We've had some different events. We've done groups to 2500. We recently just held a gymnastics tournament. Some of the bigger conventions as well - 600-700-800 people is in our comfort level. When you are in Muncie, Indiana your size group is not going to get lost in the shuffle as it does in a lot of the other cities. We have confirmed the rate of \$85 for your hotel room. That will be guaranteed for 2011. We have three different properties which we're going to use for that - Holiday Inn

Express, Fairfield Inn and Signature Inn. We provide continual shuttling to and from all hotels. To and from all attractions, to and from all restaurants, and to and from the Hoosier Park Casino in Anderson.

JODY MASSEY: The Horizon Convention, we have 47,000 square feet of convention space. Much like one of the other cities, we have 23,000 square foot ballroom so you will have room for some of trucks and displays inside. They won't have to be outside. We also have capacity for all of your meals in one room. We have three big rooms and they can take care of all your meals and all your functions. The intention right now is to keep your convention registration rate the same as it is this year. And it will include eight meals. It will include Wednesday night dinner, three meals on Thursday, three meals on Friday and Saturday morning breakfast. So you won't have to pay for meals on your own while you're there. And again, we have confirmed the hotel rate at \$85 a night. So that will be included as well. Garfield will be present at your convention. We will have events where your kids can have pictures with him and walk around with him. The Children's Museum is also attached to our building and Garfield lives there. So he is there a big part of the time. What questions do you guys have? Our tax, of course, state tax is 7% and the hospitality tax is 5%. So you have a total of 12%.

DELEGATE: I have another question. Are we talking about accommodations in four hotels?

JODY MASSEY: Three hotels.

DELEGATE: Are the hotels adjacent to the convention center.

JODY MASSEY: They're not adjacent to the convention this time. We are in the process of trying to get one that is, and my hope is that will be finished by the time you guys get there. However, we do have a concierge at each hotel that will coordinate all shuttle service. You will never be in a place where you have to wait or stop. The three hotels are all within the same block. They are all right there together.

JODY MASSEY: Any other questions: Please come see us 2011. Visit Garfield, the cat and it will be an event you don't forget. Thank you. They just wanted me to remind you that registration will be between \$60 and \$70. And again, that will include eight meals. We also intend to bring back the water ball games on Thursday. And then immediately following that the City is sponsoring an ice cream social that will close down the street. It will be dedicated to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Associations. It will be something we create specifically for you event. Whenever we do that, your hot dog and beer bust will be there as well. It will be open to the public so everybody can come and celebrate the job you guys do and the service you have. And then all of the attendees will have wrist bands so that yours will still be complimentary. But then the city will also be able to come in and participate and salute you for your service. Any other questions? Hopefully we'll see you in 2011.

DAVID ISRAEL: I would like to thank you for your interest in bidding for 2011. At this time we'll get ready for the voting process and secure the room. You've heard the presentations. District chairmen, poll your delegates to vote for either South Bend, Clarksville or Muncie

for 2011 convention. Normally we do a run off for the two that's left. But according to the counters over here at the table there's no need to do the second run. We're going to South Bend in 2011.

TONY FARRER: Hey, I just got a short thing. I want to thank everybody that voted for us. Terry's got a few things. You guys won't be disappointed, I'll tell you. We're excited. Like we said, we got the ball rolling. It's been a year already and we've already worked on it. So we're ready.

TERRY SMITH: Tony was supposed to stand up here and try to sell this. He said he was tired from the auction the other night. I am speechless. Thank you. We have a lot of things on the table, we have a lot of plans. We're going to make it fun. It will be fun, it will be family. It's going to be challenging. But it's going to be a trip. It's going to be an enjoyable trip to take care of this organization. If I can say this, I have fallen in love with this organization. I've been a firefighter for 30 years; I've been a member of this organization for 30 years - almost 31. And there is no greater organization than the IVFA. I mean it, guys, there's no greater organization. Like Larry said, if we can get together, man what we can do in legislature. We're looking for you. Thank you.

DAVID ISRAEL: I'd like to hope that Clarksville and Muncie would turn in a bid for 2012. We need letters of intent by February 1, 2010 for bids for 2012. I was also asked to make the announcement from the IVFA ladies group. The Chinese Auction is out there around the pool. They're about \$200 short of the goal they need to make. If you haven't visited that help them out if you can. Drawing is at 4:00 this afternoon.

TIM DECKARD: I want to dismiss our Credentials Committee. Thank you all very much for your hard work this morning. And releasing our mileage committee. Thank you, Beverly and your committee. At this time I'm going to ask Larry Ketchem to come forward. And we need to have a review of our audit for the our association.

LARRY KETCHEM: The president has informed me that we need to act on this. And it's our budget for the past year. What we had done last night, we had a meeting and brought it before the group. And I, as the board chairman, went through it. As far as I could see, we depend upon the auditing group to do it. It's far above board, but what we need to do is have the group's approval on this.

MIKE MACKIN, DISTRICT 6: I'd like to make a motion that we accept it as printed.

LARRY KETCHEM: The motion has been made.

DAVE ELICK, DISTRICT 6: I'll second that motion.

LARRY KETCHEM: It's been seconded. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Opposed? Motion carried.

TIM DECKARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill Bush, do you have any other announcements to be made for next year's convention? Moving right along, Carol Thrawley. Do you have any announcements that need to be made for today?

CAROL THRAWLEY: The food is out here in the atrium. The ladies got their first. Tables tonight,

they are reserved. The food will be hot tonight. Seating is for 410 people.

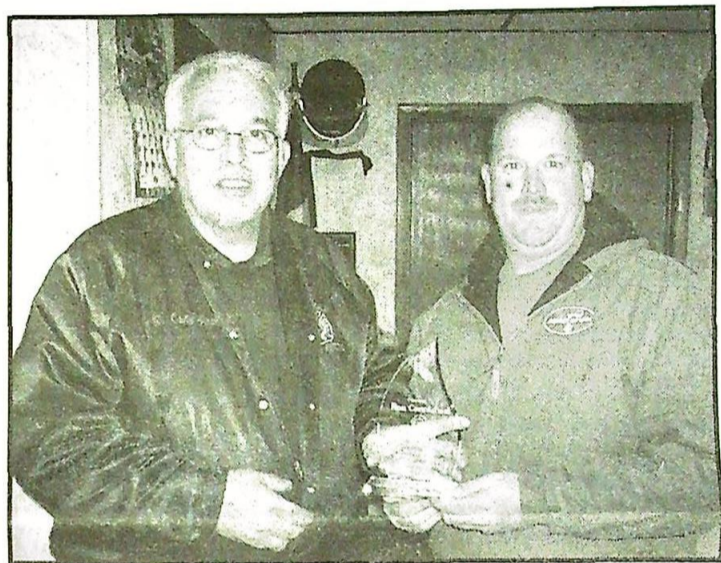
TIM DECKARD: Thank you all for vote of confidence. Bill needs some help taking down the district signs in our meeting room. If there's nothing else, I'm going to ask our chaplain. Ski, if you will release us at this time. I thank you

all for your attendance at today's meeting. And we'll see you this evening.

ED GERDOWSKY: Let's bow our heads real fast. (Offers prayer). Meeting adjourned at 12:53.

Digest prepared by: Larry Bartlow, Tim Deckard, Buz Koehler, Bev Harker.

Swayzee Volunteer Fire Dept. honors 30 year member



2010 marks a new decade for all.

But for one Swayzee firefighter, it marks the third decade of service.

On December 21, Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department awarded Ron Carmichael with a token to honor his 30 years of service to the department and small town.

His service has shown Carmichael to be not only an exceptional member of the fire department but a kind, friendly and helpful member of the Swayzee community.

Shown (from left to right): Ron Carmichael and John Shafer. - submitted by Erret Hughes, S.V.F.D.



Todd Hunt awarded 25 year service pin

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents Todd Hunt of the Fairbanks Fire Department with his 25 year pin. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman

Plan now to attend the 2010 Convention Terre Haute

Bentonville Fire Department recognizes members

- 40 year members -

- 25 year member -



Bentonville Fire Department recognized the members of its department that have served for 40 years at a dinner.

Congratulations to all of the 40 year members.

Pictured are (from left to right): Paul Ripberger, Bill Barker, James McElfresh, Kenny Summon, David Akins. - submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman



Bentonville firefighter John R. Clarke (left) received his 25 year pin from district chairman Dennis Spears (right) at the department's recognition dinner. - submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman

- 30 year members -



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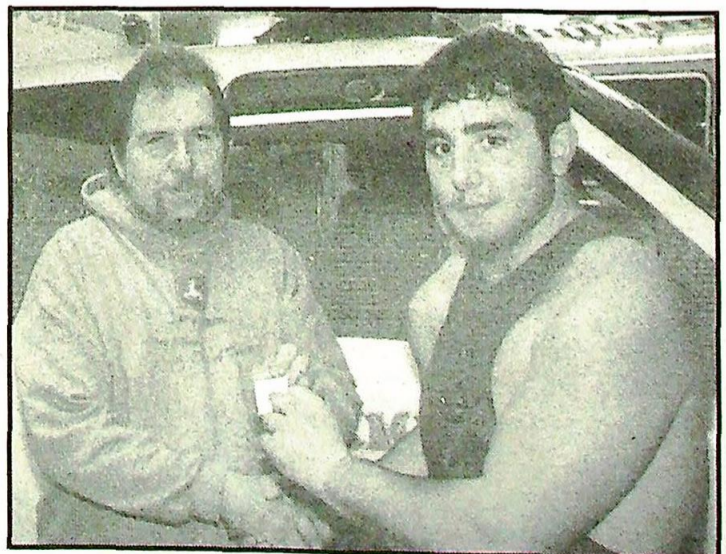
Pictured (left to right): David Akins, Kenny Summan, James McElfresh, George Miller, John Clarke, Paul Ripberger, Philip Stanley, Jon Eakins, Bill Baker (wheelchair).

Congratulations to all 30 year members.

Hughes awarded 25 year pin



District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland congratulates Monte Hughes of the Honey Creek Fire Department for his 25 years of service. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman



Allen Morris earns five year pin

Mike Osgood, Farmland Fire Chief, presented Allen Morris his five year department pin. - submitted by Bill Sunday

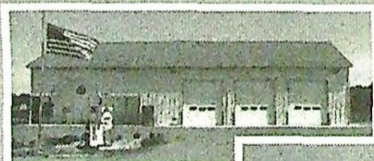
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West College Corner Fire Dept. members receive 25 year pins

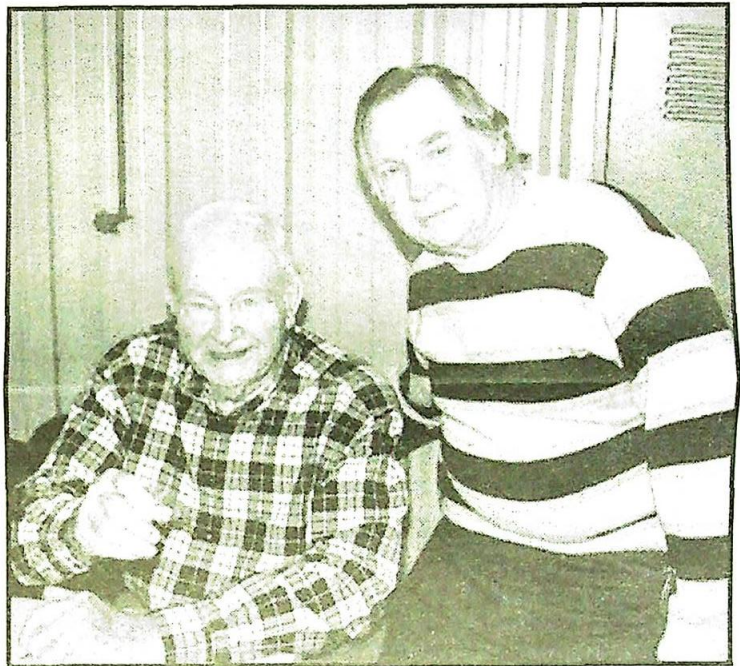


Awarded 25 year pin

On December 16, 2009 at the department's year end meeting members were presented their 25 year pins by District 13B secretary Tammy Davis. Pictured (left to right) are: Jerry Crawford, Eric Stevens, Brian Brookbank, David McDill, John Seibert, Dannie Witter, and Chief John Johnston. - submitted by Dennis Spears, District 13B chairman.

Tony Stimpson, Deputy Chief, Decatur Fire Dept., receiving his 25 year pin from Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

Receive Medal of Valor



Awarded 50 year pin

Pictured above - Decatur Fire Department Captain Tim Bauman and Firefighter Ed Spangler are shown receiving the "Medal of Valor" from Mike Bigler of the State Fire Marshal's office.

Maurice (Gabby) Colchin, retired fireman, Decatur Fire Department, receiving his 50 year pin from Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

On October 3, 2009, the Decatur Fire Department was dispatched to a reported building fire at 1133 Bollman St., Apt. 125.

Upon hearing the dispatch on their pagers, Captain Bauman and firefighter Spangler were only a few blocks away from the fire location.

Arriving at the scene, Captain Bauman was directed to Apt. 125, where bystanders were advising him of a resident possibly still trapped inside the apartment. With this information he opened the door and found the entire area filled with thick black smoke. Bauman began to yell into the structure to see if he could get any response and he heard a voice yelling back to him, "I need water."

Hearing the victim's cry for assistance, Captain Bauman entered the burning structure without the aid of protective clothing or self-contained breathing apparatus. Making it in approximately 15-20 feet and nearing zero visibility, Bauman was able to feel the victim's arm and attempted to pull him from the burning structure but was unable to when firefighter Ed Spangler, now in the structure assisted Captain Bauman in removing the victim to safety outside the burning structure.

These two firefighters understood the seriousness of the situation and placed their own lives in jeopardy to accomplish the job at hand. Therefore, Captain Tim Bauman and firefighter Ed Spangler are awarded the "Medal of Valor" for an act of unselfishness and dedication to their profession in which they endangered their lives to save another. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

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THE NEW DEADLINE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2010 IS AS FOLLOWS:
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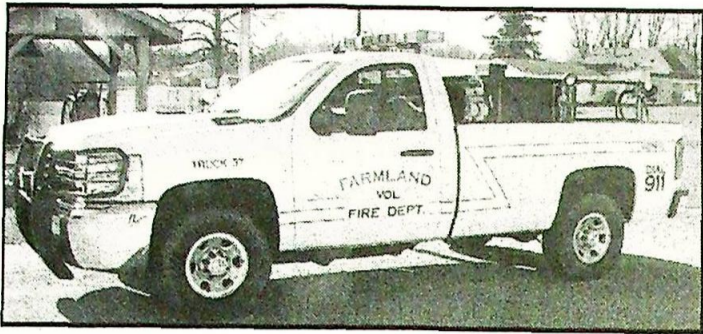
From The IVFA Office:

The Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association will be hosting their annual training. The training will be provided free to emergency responders on how to respond to a pipeline incident throughout Indiana. There will be 20 meetings through out January and February. The training is sponsored by the Indiana Pipeline and Local Distribution Companies as part of their requirements per RP 1162. Each attendee receives a dinner, door prizes, valuable pipeline company and product information. Firefighters receive 2 CEU's and police officers receive ILEA credits for taking part in a two hour training. Emergency Responders can go their web site at inpa.org to register.



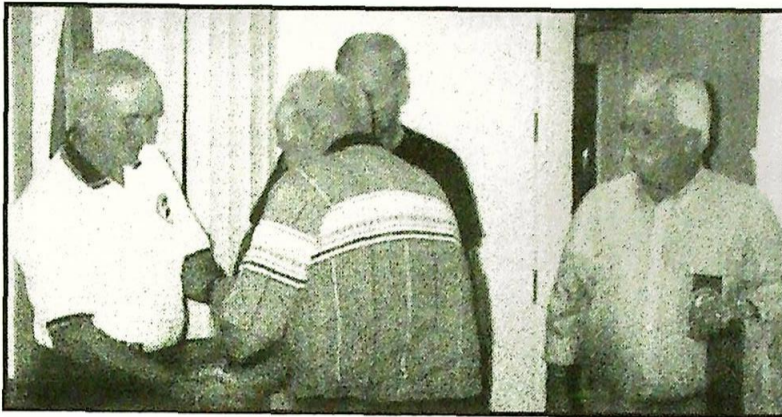
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Lawrenceburg	2/9/2010	Napolean Community Center	3675 West Main St	Napolean	IN	47034		5:30 p.m.

Farmland firefighters purchase new grass rig



Farmland firefighters purchased and put together a new grass rig. The truck is a 2009 SK-3 Chevrolet 4WD, 6.0 OL V-8 engine. The department dressed it up with wheels, tires, push bumper, lights, 300 gallons of water, 250 G.P.M. pump with two nozzles and a manifold system for circulation and refill. - submitted by Bill Sunday

Carl Bruns awarded 50 year Gold pin



(Left to right) - Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Carl Bruns - past president, Sunman F.D., Dave Smith - Sunman Rural F.D. chief and Buz Koehler - IVFA vice president.

Kirk Morris awarded 25 year service pin



Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, attended Farmland Fire Department regular meeting and presented Kirk Morris his 25 year pin. - submitted by Bill Sunday

Carl Bruns, Sunman Rural Fire Department and past IVFA president, received his 50 year Gold pin from Ed Scheele, Dave Smith and Buz Koehler.

Carl and Vi are both very active in the fire department and the IVFA and IVFAA.

They have been married 60 years and have been on the fire department all the time.

Thank you, Carl and Vi for your service to the community and the IVFA and IVFAA.

- submitted by Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman



(Left to right) - Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman, Carl Bruns - past president, Vi Bruns, Dave Smith - Sunman Rural F.D. chief and Buz Koehler - vice president.

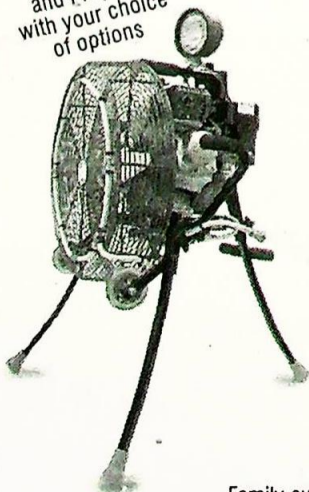
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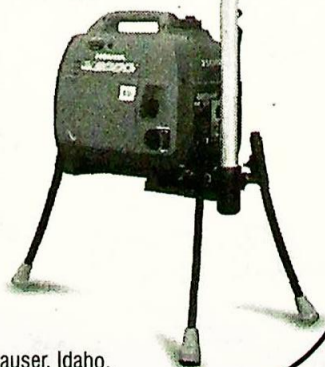
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It is crucial that the customers and partners are able to find Ventry Solutions easily online, at tradeshows, and in various media, and it helps to have a name that's easy to remember, pronounce, alphabetize and spell. The name change does not diminish in the least the great pride that the company takes in the family business and products, but it will simplify marketing and improve communication with the customers and business partners.

"Ventry Solutions" incorporates the recognized registered trademark, VENTRY®, as in VENTRY® PPV Fans. "Solutions" emphasizes innovation and the high

quality engineering that sets them apart. Finally, "Solutions" helps customers remember them because it is descriptive; the reason they engineer and distribute any product is to **solve problems!**

The name change will take place gradually throughout 2010 as the company steadily updates the website, accounts, literature, and so on. Other than the business name, all contact information remains the same.

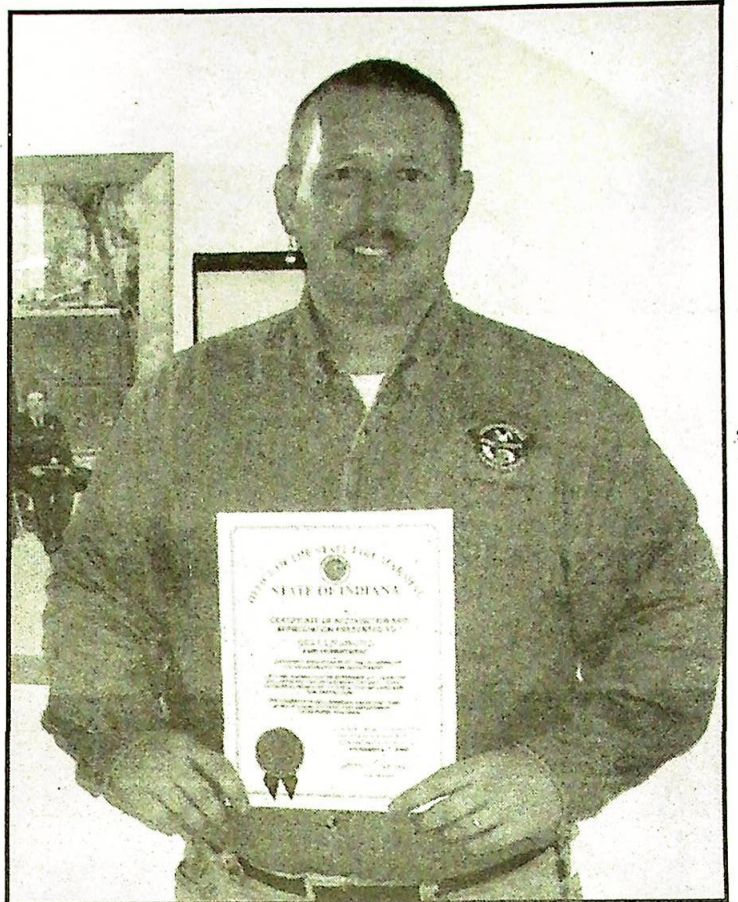
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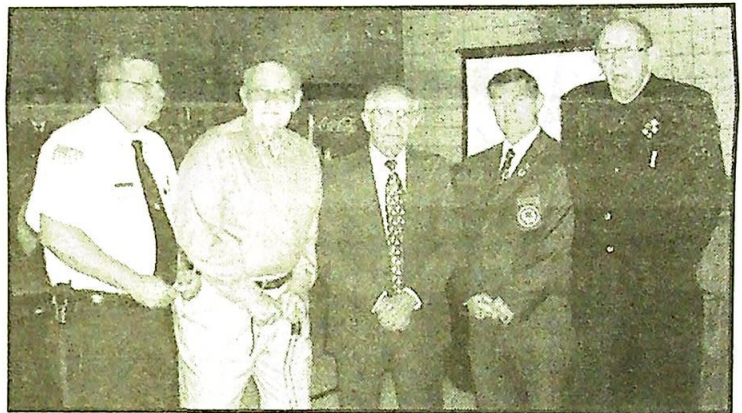
Chief Mark Furnish and assistant Chief Doug Dunlevy present award for 60 years as a fire department. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman



Chief Greg Dietz with 60 year certificate from the state.

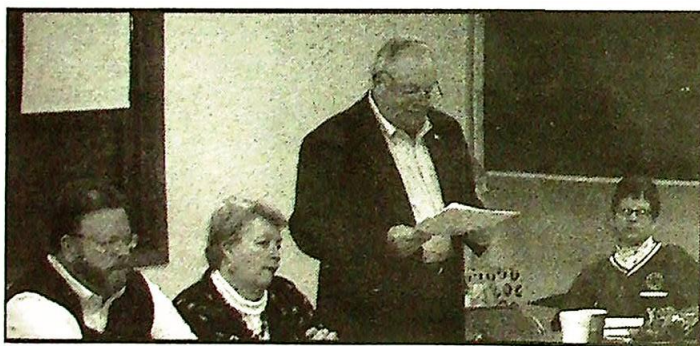


Monroe Twp. in District 14 annual Christmas party and 60 year celebration.



Chairman Rick Cannon and PR Director Al Williamson presenting three 50 year pins to Emmett Mull, Paul Braun and Elmer Masters.

Eel River Twp. holds Christmas banquet



Roger Johnson addressing the group.



Seven new members with Chief Berry. (Left to right): Keith Huffer, Ron Helton, Kevin Basham, Drew Fleece, Kathy Bewely, Jennifer Wilburn, Chief Berry and Marc Wilburn.



Chief Berry receiving his plaque from the department officers: (L-R) are: Jason Wiles, Captain and head of training, Greg Bucy, Assistant Chief, Training and Operations, Chief John Berry, and Assistant Chief Steve Miller. - submitted by John Berry, Chief, Eel River Township Volunteer Fire/Rescue, North Salem, IN

The annual department Christmas banquet for the Eel River Township Volunteer Fire / Rescue Department, North Salem, was held December 16, 2009 at the Eel River Township Community Building. All department members and

families were encouraged to attend with only three members and families unavailable. The Township Trustee, Joyce Greene and Advisory Board, Clara Thompson, Mike Schlagel, and Steve Miller and families were all

present. Liz Freeland owner/operator of Liz's Café in North Salem, catered the meal.

The featured speaker for the evening was Roger Johnson, former Indian State Fire Marshal and current President of the Indiana Firefighter Association.

Roger focused his presentation on the importance of volunteers and the contribution they make to their community. He also addressed the seven new members of the department and admonished them to be the best they can be and to uphold the values of their department and to take pride in their efforts.

Each member was recognized and all members received new department polo shirts.

Fire Chief John Berry received plaque from the department officers.

A good meal and a good time was enjoyed by all.

2010 Convention Terre Haute

Medal of Valor given to Vincennes Twp. fire captain



Vincennes Township Captain Matt Hand recently received the Medal of Valor Award for rescuing fellow firefighter William Tennis from the basement of a working fire.

Tennis fell into the basement during firefighting.

Pictured (left to right): Chief Tim Smith, Capt. Matt Hand, firefighter William Tennis and IVFA president Tim Deckard. - submitted by Tim Deckard, IVFA president

Tips to prevent home fires caused by space heaters

As fire departments across the country battle winter home fires, consumers are reminded to demonstrate care when purchasing and using space heaters.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that space heaters, including both fixed and portable heaters, are associated with about 21,800 residential fires every year.

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

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

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

1. Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element. Place the heater on a level, hard and nonflammable surface, not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep the heater at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture, or other flammable materials.
2. Choose a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters meet specific safety standards.
3. Keep doors open to the rest of the house if you are using an unvented fuel-burning space heater. This helps prevent pollutant build-up and promotes proper combustion. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to provide sufficient combustion air to prevent CO production.
4. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.
5. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Have a smoke detector with fresh batteries on each level of the house and a carbon monoxide detector outside your sleeping area.
7. Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.
8. Have gas and kerosene space heaters inspected annually.

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