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From The President

Tim Deckard



Greetings,

As another year comes to close and a new begins, so does the plans for the future and the goals that we set. Thank you for your hard work in spreading the information about local government reform that the governor wishes to pass and shove down our throat. As we set again to defend our right, please be prepared

to gear up and help keep local government in place. There is NO cost savings, nor any for thought about the future and where it lies if this is to take place. NOT understanding the effects this will cause after the push is deadly to us ALL. Be assured the IVFA has and will continue to support the efforts of the fire service and its members on their behalf during legislation and throughout the year.

The IVFA is taking a stand on our training and trying to voice our view of our training. We are NOT against training, we are against having to travel to do it when it can and should be offered right in our own fire stations and it should NOT cost us to take the test at the end. Yes, nothing is FREE but there is a lot of money wasted and it should not be at the expense of the volunteers. It is once said that much of a journey's success is measured by progress along the way. Looking at this tells us what lies ahead for us in our strive and our goals. The IVFA has made some success in 2010 and we will make bigger one in 2011 as we strive with our goals.

As the New Year begins, this comes with changing of some positions. Leadership is an

EARNED privilege. The drive for us comes from the passion we have to help our neighbor or a stranger. The passion also is feed by our leadership, NO leadership or the lack there of causes our strive and passion to be darken. Please Fire Chief's, remember that you are at the bottom holding up our fire department. I read an article on leaders, here is some questions to ask:

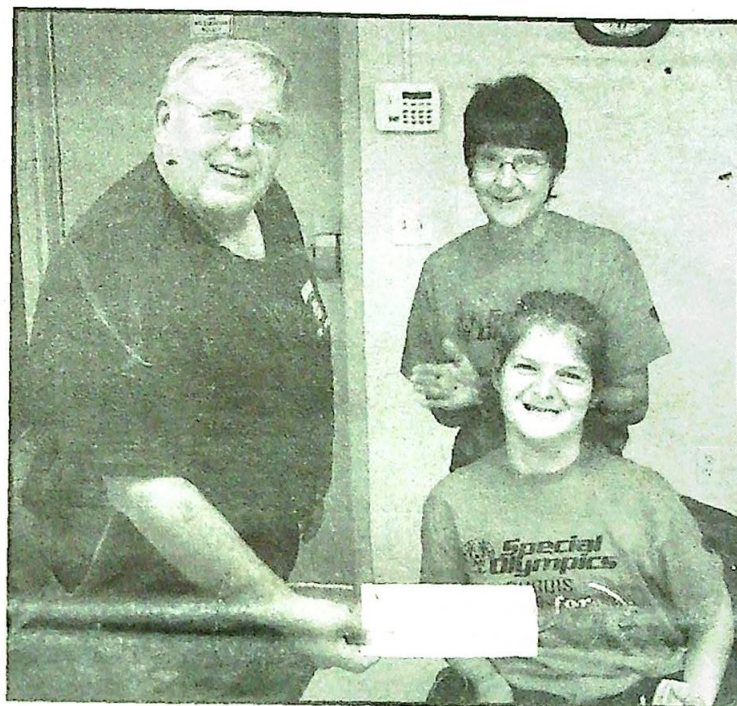
1. Does the Fire Chief give us a vision?
2. Am I or my fellow firefighters motivated to follow him or her?
3. Does have the fire department its members at heart when making the decisions.

If you have not answered a YES to those questions, that you the Fire Chief maybe should NOT have that title. Remember you are not ONLY representing your fire department, its members, your community, BUT the WHOLE fire service.

Remember, Be Safe and Bring EVERYONE Home.

Tim Deckard, President

Huntingburg VFD donates to Special Olympics



At the October 20, 2010 meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department (Dubois Co. Dist. 18), HVFD Treasurer Ray Kissling presented a donation check in the amount of \$705.00 to Miss Allison Werne of the Dubois/Spencer Co. Special Olympics.

Also pictured is Miss Werne's mother, Gayle Werne. The funds were raised during the department's annual roadblock. Miss Werne serves as the Secretary of the Athletic Leadership Program (ALP), is a member of the Special Olympics Varsity Club, and is a Special Olympic swimmer. She is the 29-year-old daughter of Terry and Gail Werne of rural Huntingburg. - Photo and article courtesy of John "Bull" Smith, Dist. 18 Chairman.

Last call . . .



Last Call for David Gundle 12-08-10.

He was an EMT for Clark County EMS/Sellersburg Fire Dept. who died in the line of duty, leaving behind a wife and six children.

David served his community with pride and will be deeply missed. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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Disputed claim awards may be appealed to the Board of Directors by the claimant at the next scheduled officer's meeting.

Suitable claim forms covering all necessary information shall be furnished by the Association to all member departments.

Ready, set, sail

March 17, 2011, IVFA sets sail on their first fund-raising cruise. Be there! You'll have a blast!

A new date has been set for the IVFA cruise - March 17. There will be the same ship, the same great itinerary - just the new date.

The first stop will be the eclectic port of Key West, known for its high-spirited fun and such historical settings as Ernest Hemingway's home. The tree-lined streets will invite you to stroll, shop and enjoy. Then on to Cozumel, where you will explore ancient ruins, shop in colorful open-air Mexican markets and snorkel in the breathtakingly clear turquoise waters.

The Destiny, a floating resort IS a destination. You have all the amenities of a land based vacation and more YOU'RE AT SEA!

Your meals are included and you will never want for entertainment.

If you must stay "connected" while away, you can do so at the Internet Café.

Let's not forget that cruises are fun for all ages. So, for those who want to bring the family go for it! Carnival offers the best children's program afloat. Camp Carnival is available for children 2-11 and the O2 Teen Club will keep teens 15-17 busy. The 12-14 year old group will love the Circle "C" Teen Club. All offer supervision with trained counselors.

This is a fantastic way to help IVFA. Explore new destinations. Wiggle your toes in the sand. Grab an ice cream cone. Play games. Consider putt-putt golf for select one of many, many other options.

There is a full spa onboard, so allow yourself a guilty pleasure with a facial or a massage. Feel yourself relax and rejuvenate. Treatments and costs vary similar to a land based vacation.

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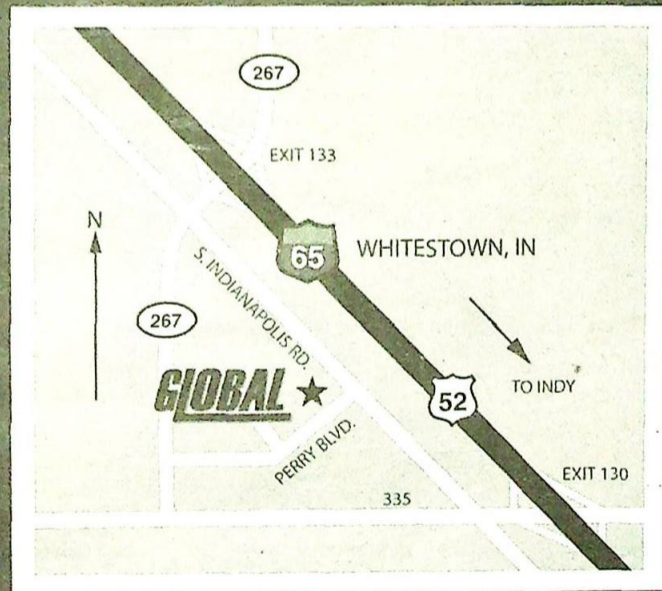


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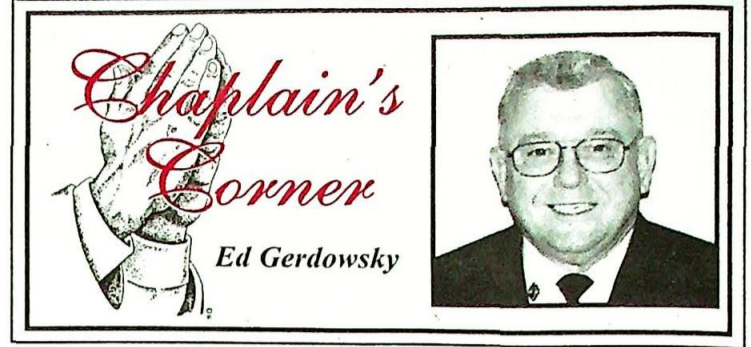
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I hope this finds you all well and happy. I know we have gotten much snow and cold but I guess it is the time for it. God's gifts are so beautiful to look at. I just pray you will all be safe and stay healthy during these beautiful but treacherous times if you have to be out in it.

We have had many memorial services to attend, too over the last few months. Without my associate chaplains I would have never gotten them all done. I thank you all for your generous service to doing these meaningful memorial services. They touch the families so much and I have heard good things about the way you conduct the services. I am happy to say we represent the organization very well and without God's help it would not be possible.

I hope the New Year will be a good one for all and not so many deaths. We know death is a part of life but still hard to lose loved ones any time and especially our fallen firefighters and auxiliary members. May God's many blessings be with you each and every day. I hope your Christmas was a time to reflect on how good our God is and may your New Year be blessed with Health and Happiness!

I'd like to leave you with this excerpt:

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky

Faith calls love more than cards on Valentine's Day



Now very soon will come the day

That's been established to convey

Our love for someone very dear

With feelings that are quite sincere,

Just by expressing our regards

On sentimental greeting cards,

To show this love that we disperse;

Yet love is more than just a verse.

It's doing any kindly deed

For someone known to be in need.

It's giving something to the poor

To ease the hardships they endure,

And also praying for the ill,

That they'll recover, through God's will.

All this is love, whose true design

Is more than just a Valentine.

- Gloria Nowak

"Let us not love in word... but in deed and in truth." - 1 John 3:18

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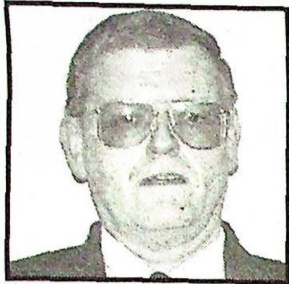
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Porter County Hazmat
Valparaiso, Indiana
October 20, 2010
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge by Buz Koehler.
Roll call taken: District 1 - 8 members, 5 departments; District 2 - 9 members, 5 departments.

Program: Scott Gilbert, ISP, crime scene investigator. Introduced by Greg Eckhardt, deputy chief hazmat, Porter County.

Chairman Orrell introduced guests in attendance: 50 year Gold card member, Bub Wise, Crown Point; Bill Casbon, Chief, Porter Twp.; Jerry Miller, Merrillville VFD; Jim Bradford, PRNW; Buz Koehler, past president IVFA; Mitch Parish, past president IVFA; Ed Morales, Porter Twp. trustee; Paul Watland, District 2 chairman; Jim Daly, Hoosier Fire; Jim Crowel, Sklarewitz Uniforms.

Motion made by Keith Austin and seconded by Harry Carey to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Passed.

Buz Koehler talked about special IVFA paper being mailed to all members with all names of people running for office in the state.

Jim Bradford said smoke detectors for hearing impaired are available. Go to IN.gov/smokedetector for information on how to get them. Also contact the fire marshal's office for information. Ask for Pam Bright.

Jim also talked about changes coming to physicals for FF to try and locate heart problems. More FF are killed by heart attacks.

Paul Robertson of Porter County Hazmat talked about changes coming for low band radios.

Treasurer's report: \$789 in checking account.

No old business.
No new business.

Moment of silence for John Knapp (41 year member) of Lincoln Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

No comments from guests.

Announcements: November 20 - Lincoln Twp. VFD Christmas auction; November 13 - Fund raiser by Rolling Inferno for Colin Mosely who has leukemia, 6 p.m.-midnight at the Portage American Legion Post 260, 5675 Mulberry Ave., Portage, IN.

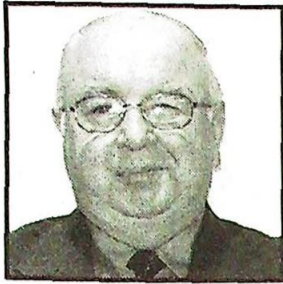
50/50 won by Jim Crowel, Sklarewitz Uniform who donated it back to Colin Mosely Fundraiser.

Next meeting - Schneider, November 17, 2010.

Motion to adjourn: Bub Wise, seconded by Bill Casbon.

Paul Watland
District 2 chairman

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, 2010 at the Penn Township Fire Department which began at 7:30 p.m. The prayer was given by Russell Peterson and the Pledge by chairman Smith. The roll call consisted of 13 members and 5 guests.

The 4th District minutes from the August meeting were read by chairman Smith and approved by the body. The 4th District is looking for someone to come forward offering to be the district secretary.

Tim Westco was our guest speaker. He is a member of the Penn Township Fire Department and the I.V.F.A. Tim is running for District 21 seat in the Indiana House for Congress. Tim stated that he is not in favor of government reform in its present form. He informed the membership of his background, how he became a candidate, and his decision to become a fireman.

Gene Goddard inquired about the 2011 convention and chairman Smith explained how everything will be under one roof -- vendors, truck displays, meetings, meals, kids' room, etc. He explained about the 65th anniversary coin which will be made for the convention and sold. He also stated he would like to see registrations come in as soon as possible so we know how many to plan for and the committees are working together to make this a successful convention.

PRNE: Jean Smith informed the members about the Grain Storage Rescue being put on at Purdue Agriculture Farm and the changes the I.V.F.A. Board is considering to make. Chairman Smith informed the members the Indiana Educational Fire Service is looking to change the way certifications will be handled.

Jean discussed the 800 mhz band which will go into effect December 31, 2012. You must apply or renew your license by this date.

Michelle Baxter addressed the problem Penn Township Fire Department was having with one of the insurance representatives, the \$3,000 accidental death and dismemberment, and the Health Discount Card at no cost to the I.V.F.A. or I.V.F.A.A. members. She also stated if you receive a yellow card, you are to fill it out and make sure you put the beneficiary name and return the card.

Ivan Nevil discussed the I.V.F.A. sent out letters to legislators and the I.V.F.A. received 30% return on the letters. An eight page paper will be coming out with a list of all Senator and House candidate names to the I.V.F.A. members can inquire from these candidates where they stand on important issues and encouraged our members to get out and vote.

Testing for any certifications will no longer be done on paper as of January 1, 2011, but will be accomplished on computers. There are certain places you will need to go for this testing and it could cost the student anywhere from \$15-\$100. Ivan discussed about taking the training and testing locally and forgetting the certification, as in

Indiana, there is no requirement you must be certified.

Ivan also explained the billing company which is sending out bills to the fire department. Each department should be aware of how much the company is charging for your department service. There is a limit as to what a department can charge for fire and hazmat runs.

Ivan also discussed if the county government would take over, would your I.S.O. rates change, and will you receive fair fire coverage or will it go to some other service.

The next meeting will be held at Middlebury Fire Department on December 16, 2010, and District #4 Miss Flame competition will be held. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays from my family to yours.

Chairman Terry Smith
District #4

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith which was held on December 16, 2010 at the Middlebury Fire Department which began at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge was given by Gene Goddard. The roll call consisted of 15 members and 4 guests. The minutes from the October meeting were read by chairman Smith and approved by the body.

Jeff Mangold from J. B. Medical Supply informed the body of the company's history and displayed some of their medical supplies and discussed how his company could save fire departments money.

Jack Runion from Spencer Manufacturing discussed with the body some new products coming out in 2011 and to receive information on the 2011 I.V.F.A. convention coming up in June held in South Bend.

Gene Goddard talked to the body about the Government Reform coming up in Indiana Legislation and how important it is to call our congressmen to let them know we are not in favor deleting the Township Government.

PRNE: Jean Smith also discussed the Government Reform. He informed the body of a proposed draft which was introduced by Rep. Fuller. It also goes back to the Kernan-Shepherd proposal to do away with Township Government by 2015.

Jean discussed that after December 2011, fire departments can no longer enter into fire territories without the approval of the County Government.

Jean also explained to the body that the Certification On Line Testing which was to go into effect January 1, 2011, will be delayed as the software had not yet been developed.

Chairman Smith discussed the I.V.F.A. Cruise coming up in March on the Carnival Cruise Lines and there is still time to sign up.

Tony Farrer, District #5 chairman, also discussed the 2011 I.V.F.A. convention and informed the body that the committee meetings will now be held every month until the convention and that things were progressing well. Tony also invited anyone interested in volunteering to come to the meetings held at the Bremen Fire Department at 1:00 p.m.

Shelby Leach, District #4 I.V.F.A.A. chairman, crowned Alyssia Smith as the 2011 Miss Flame for District #4. Alyssia is

associated with the New Carlisle Fire Department and explained as her project, she would like everyone to save canned pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and bring them to her at the district meetings.

Chairman Smith informed everyone that they need to fill out the American Income Life yellow card stating who their beneficiary is and if you would like to make a change already on file, make sure that is done.

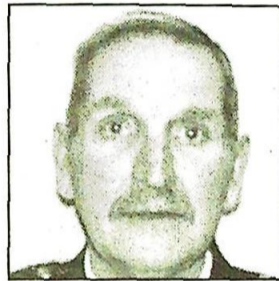
Jeff Mangold from J. B. Medical Supply donated two \$25 gift cards for a drawing. Chairman Smith had two gifts for a drawing, and there was a 50/50 drawing.

The next meeting will be held at New Carlisle Fire Department on February 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman Terry Smith
District #4

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Tony Farrer - Chairman

November 11, 2010
Burket Fire Department, Burket, IN

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

Meeting was called to order 1931 hrs. by chairman Tony Farrer with the pledge of allegiance following. There were 19 members representing 6 departments.

Guests: Jean and E.J. Smith - PRNE, Terry and Judy Smith - District 4 chairman, Riley Cripps, District 5 Miss Flame.

Chairman Farrer reported that eyeglass coverage was increased from \$50 to \$100 for regular glasses and \$75 to \$250 for glasses with hearing aids.

Award nominations are due in by February 1.

Bridgeport scholarship nominations are due in by March 1.

He reported that the beneficiary cards for American Life Insurance need to be filled out and returned to be eligible for the \$3000 life insurance.

He reported that we have a new webmaster as of October 30.

Online firefighter testing WILL NOT go into effect the first of the year.

We are looking into obtaining any type of donations for the convention next year.

Looking for items to auction off at the Burn Camp auction. Those can be fire department or personal donations.

Planning on kicking off games at next year's convention with water ball.

We discussed the antique fire truck show, swap meet, and burn trailer display at next year's convention.

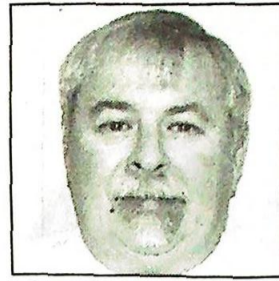
Riley Cripps, District 5 Miss Flame, gave us a report of her activities.

Next meeting January 13, 2011 at Bourbon Fire Department.

Meeting was adjourned 2018 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Martin
District 5 secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - chairman

Greetings from District 6,
Hello to all. It is wintertime in northern Indiana and the snow and cold weather is upon us.

Thanks to the Churubusco Smith Township VFD for hosting our meeting in November. My sincere thanks to the men and women from Churubusco for their hospitality. A big thank you goes out to Bob Sterling who represents Paul Davis Restorations for the food and refreshments they provided for the meeting. They were great!

Also want to thank Rich Enfield and Mike Mackin for their generosity in donating their winnings back to District 6 after winning the 50-50 drawings in the last two meetings.

I need to extend a thank you to Katie Enfield for a job well done representing District 6 as our Miss Flame during 2010. Her attendance at numerous functions demonstrated her dedication to the IVFA.

During our meeting in November our Miss Flame competition was held. Congratulations go out to Tianna Schuerman for being chosen as District 6 Miss Flame for 2011. I'm sure she will do an excellent job.

As always, it has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and Fire Department functions the last couple of months. It seems as though there is at least one and sometimes two events scheduled the same Saturday each weekend.

To all of the departments in District 6 as well as all of Indiana, everyone needs to be in contact with their legislators to express our viewpoints on government reform. These elected officials need to know how drastically these changes will affect the volunteer and combination fire departments over the entire state.

There are still four departments in District 6 that I do not have an e-mail address for. You know who you are and if you don't, here they are: Ashley VFD, Orland VFD, Spencerville VFD, and Washington Township VFD (Allen County). Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to sprawlawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. It is going to be held at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department in Arcola. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 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 25, 2011. Please visit the IVFA web site as the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

In closing, I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's holiday. Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.
Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 Chairman

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

District 8B held their November district meeting at the Union City Volunteer Fire Department on the 10th at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was opened with all saying the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". Secretary and treasurer's report was read and approved.

Roll call was taken with 25 members present from 10 departments. One guest was present, Jeff Mangold, who spoke about his EMS supplies.

Chairman Wright told the group that the raffle tickets for the Miss Flame contest was doing real good.

Group also talked about Government reform, testing at Ivy Tech for Firefighter I and II.

Chairman Wright also told them about the awards that are given at fire convention and reminded them that he needed their letters by January.

The second roll call was taken with how many fire and EMS runs. There were a total of 189 fires and 218 EMS runs.

Next meeting will be held at the Saratoga Ward Township Fire Department on January 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Miss Flame contest will be held.

Thank you to the Union City Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the district meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was held and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Our November meeting was held at Otter Creek Station #3. I want to thank Chief Don Daugherty, Larry Akers and all of the folks at Otter Creek for their hospitality and a great meal. A station clock was presented to Chief Daugherty.

Mike Ryman from Paul Davis Restoration was our guest speaker. Paul has just opened a franchise in Terre Haute and talked about services you can get from Paul Davis Restorations.

Guests were Larry Ketchem, Bill Bush, Larry Southard, Diane Harrison, Barb Ketchem and Joann Hayes.

Larry Southard talked about keeping records up-to-date and filing every year with the state. Larry also talked about keeping training records up-to-date.

Diane Harrison asked people to send in nominations for Mr. IVFA,

Ollie Sandburg, Global Award and Angel Award.

Diane also talked about the need for firefighters to keep beneficiaries and other personal information up-to-date.

I talked about getting to know your elected officials and letting them know how you and your department feel about the issues concerning the volunteer fire service.

The Miss Flame contest will be held at the Plumbers and Steamfitters hall on January 29th.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters, be careful out there.

Jack McFarland
District 11-A chairman

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Reelsville Vol. Fire Dept.
November 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush and the opening prayer was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies.

Chairman Southard introduced the guests present, then auxiliary chairman Ketchem introduced her guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 29 members from seven departments answering the roll. Chairman Southard called on Public Relations director Diane Harrison who spoke on the upcoming cruise and gave some information about the cruise. Bev Harker, state secretary announced that the award names are due. District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland announced their district Miss Flame dance will be January 29th.

Chairman Southard made announcements concerning LODD saying they were down from last year. He reviewed the insurance benefits and made a reminder about the convention that reservations need to be in. The open burn ban was mentioned and a lot of questions were being asked about this subject. The High Band Radio License deadline is about here, paper work for each department be sure it is correct.

Chairman Southard announced that the next district meeting would be at Marshall on January 9, 2011. The Grain Storage Rescue Training will be at Purdue University on December 8, 2010. He reminded everyone to check the deadlines for the awards. Changes in the Board of Firefighters Personal Standards proposal to do this is in the works.

Bill Bush, co-chairman of the recent convention presented Roger Wright from Floyd Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with a check. Chairman Southard presented John McPherson, Chief of the Reelsville VFD with a host certificate. He then mentioned that the honor guard material property of the district was up for sale. A motion was made to table this until the January meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

With no further business to transact, Chairman Southard dismissed the meeting.

John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12.

Our July 26th meeting was held at Lizton Union Twp. VFD with ten members present from five departments.

Guests were Gary Robison from IDHS, Kevin Schultheis from MES and PRWC Diane Harrison.

Discussion covered fire run reporting, changes effective January 1st and changes through 2013. At present Indiana is ranked 11th in reporting in the nation. We discussed upcoming events and the fact that IVFA dues are due before the last of July.

Our September 20th meeting was held at Mooresville Fire Department with twenty members present from nine departments and three guests. Larry Curl, our IVFA lobbyist discussed local government and the changes recommendation #5 under the Kernan Shepherd report would bring about, the fact that it is very important for all of us to vote and how Morgan County is slotted as a possible pilot program for county fire and EMS with a start date of 2012.

Our November 22nd meeting was held at Monroe Twp. Fire Dept. with nineteen members present from eight departments. Guests were IVFA vice president David Israel and PRWC Diane Harrison.

Discussion covered representative Foley's draft on local reform, countywide fire vs countywide EMS, due dates for IVFA awards, the IVFA cruise March 17-20, IVFA Convention at South Bend June 15-17, discussion on new equipment and new fire stations in the area.

Our next District 12 meeting will be held at Paragon VFD on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 19:00 hours. Our Miss Flame contest will be held at Danville Fire Dept. on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 15:00 hours.

Stay informed, stay involved, see you at the next District 12 function.

Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman

DISTRICT 13-B REPORT

Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B, Wow, winter has set in and now the new year is here.

I would like to thank the Everton Fire Department for hosting the November meeting.

I would like to thank Vice President David Israel for his attendance. We had a lot of discussion on local government reform, engineered lumber, and training.

Next meeting February 10 2011 at Centerville Fire Department. This will be our Miss Flame contest.

Please keep all the Brothers and Sisters we have lost this past year in our prayers.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year.

Jeff Biehl
District 13B Chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Your district chairman and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon have been busy this quarter. We have been to three Christmas parties, one chili supper auction.

The last meeting of the McCulloch Fire Department where we presented them with an IVFA award for over 50 years of service to the citizens of the Jeffersonville Township area. We also have handed out three 50 year pins and five 25 year pins to Fair Play Fire Co. 1 and four 25 year pins to the Charlestown Fire Dept. and one 50 year pin and eight 25 year pins to Washington Fire Co. 2. Also our next IVFA district meeting is at Madison 5 at 19:00 hours on January 20, 2011.

I also need departments to host some of the upcoming IVFA district meetings so I can have the next six meetings covered and I also need all district departments to get me your department patch so we can display all the department patches at the 2012 convention at the Horseshoe Casino.

I need the patches ASAP so we can display them at the 2011 convention at registration. Any people who want to help with the convention, call me or e-mail me. And any departments that have members that need 25 or 50 year pins, call me so I can get them to your department. Any building or adding on to your station call me early before your station dedication so we can order your clock.

I need to know of any up and coming events that your department is having so we can get there.

Rick

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Steve Anderson - Chairman

Let me start by giving a schedule update for the rest of 2011:

- March 15 at Owen Twp. VFD
- May 17 at McCutchanville Co. 5
- July 19 at Poseyville VFD
- Sept. 20 at Toyota FD
- Nov. 15 at Newburgh VFD

By the time this is published, District 15 will have selected our Miss Flame. I already know the judges will have a tough job.

I would like to congratulate several departments on delivery of new trucks in past few months. These include: German Twp (command), Haubstadt (tanker), Marris Twp (brush), OVSAR (boats and trailer), and Smith Twp (tanker & brush). If I have missed any, send me a note so I can recognize you next time.

Haubstadt has completed work on

their new station. If you have not seen it, you need to make a point to come see it—inside and out. Outstanding job for those of you involved with that project. Marris Twp. is nearing completion on their new station as well; and New Harmony just got word on a grant they are receiving for a new station.

Our last meeting was cancelled due to the memorial service for Harlon Ziliak, a 43 year member from my home department. Harlon got his last wish, riding the truck in his honor one last time (see photo on different page).

Finally, I end with the closing of one of my area departments. For those that have not heard, the Knight Twp. VFD has closed its doors. But they went out with class and style. Current and former members gathered for a reunion on Dec. 21. On Dec. 31 they paraded their protection district on last time. Then at midnight Jan. 1, Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch officially stood down the department—having each apparatus, firefighter, officer and chief call out of service for the last time. If you get the chance, search YouTube for "Knight Fire out of Service" and you can hear the scanner traffic from that night. To all my friends from Knight Twp., thank you for your service; it was an honor to work with you—7A9.

Until next time, be safe.
S. Anderson

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

October 8th - Richland-Taylor VFD and other departments had Fire Prevention Day at Bloomfield. Many thanks to all the departments who participated.

October 9th - I attended a hog roast at Highland Twp/ VFD which was well attended. Good food as always. Good job, well done.

October 10th - I attended a new station and new truck dedication at Haubstadt, both of which were greatly needed. The station is great and the new truck has everything on it to make it a great addition to their department.

October 11th - I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Lyons VFD. After a great meal many items concerning issues in the fire service were discussed.

October 23rd - I attended an extrication training at Haubstadt Fire Dept. Training was great and several new methods to use were obtained by all in attendance.

November 8th - I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Wright Twp., who hosted their annual Thanksgiving meal; turkey, dressing and all the other things to go with it and many desserts. Another good one for their department.

November 16th - I went to Loogootee VFD and presented 25 year pins to Donald Mann and Andrew Ringwald and then I had the honor of presenting Melvin T. Bell with his 50 year Gold Card and pin. Congratulations.

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Tim Smith, chief, Vincennes Twp., was given a 50 year Gold Card and pin to be presented to Bert Dodd for his many years of service.

November 17th - 17A meeting was held at Spurgeon VFD. Scott Genneman of Kwik Kopy gave a talk on fund raising programs his business has to help VFD. Also Jeff Mangold of J&B Medical Supply gave a presentation on what his company offered. Many thanks to Spurgeon for the meal and hosting the meeting.

December 2nd - Richland-Taylor had its monthly meeting and Miss Flame contest. Miranda Baker was announced as the winner.

On January 9th Victoria Newkirk, representing Edwardsport VFD and Miranda Baker, representing Richland-Taylor will have their Miss Flame contest at Scotland. I am sure that either of these young ladies will represent our district well at our state convention.

December 5th - I attended a Christmas dinner at Switz City VFD and presented 25 year pins to Steve Holsclaw and Bradley Zimmerly. Thanks for your years of service.

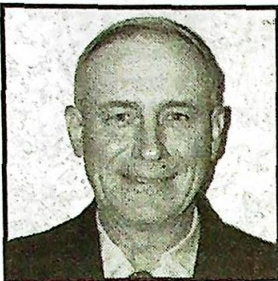
December 8th - I attended a membership meeting at Spurgeon, asked for by Chief David Barclay, at which much information was passed out. Hope it helped.

December 27th - a memorial service was held for Roger Eaden, Vincennes Twp. VFD. I presented a Bible and grave marker to the family. My condolences to the family.

Hope I saw you at District 17A meeting January 15th at the Eagles in Vincennes for the Vincennes Twp. VFD annual sausage supper. Until next time - stay safe.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

District 19 held its Miss Flame judging at the November meeting at Versailles V.F.D.

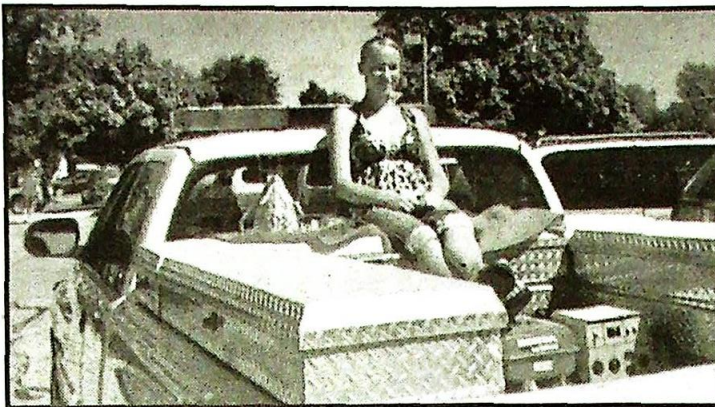
Congratulations to Tatihana Marsee, representing Milan V.F.D. on being named District 19 Miss Flame and to Jacqueline Eckstein, Sunman Rural Fire Dept. being runner-up.

As the winter season is well underway, we need to take time to be careful so no one gets injured. At the time of writing this letter we have several inches of snow on the ground and are expecting more this week.

I hope everyone had joyous Christmas season and a safe 2010 and that 2011 will be even better. Any department that has members that need 25 or 50 year pins, let me know.

Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman

Takes a ride in the Selma parade



Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame riding in the Selma parade on August 28, 2010. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Wakarusa holds pancake and sausage dinner

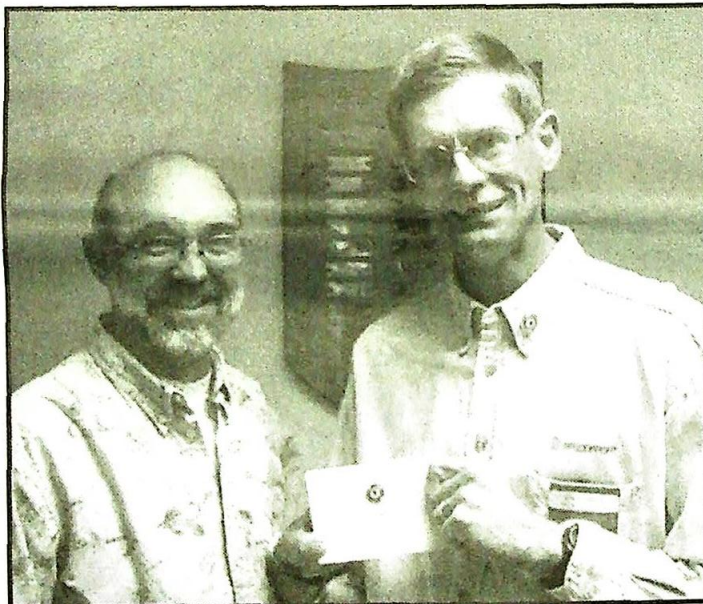


(Above) - Everyone enjoying the pancake and sausage dinner at Wakarusa Fire Department on September 25, 2010. - submitted by Terry Smith, district 4 chairman.



(At right) Dennis Grove serving sausage at the Wakarusa Fire Department's pancake and sausage dinner on September 25, 2010.

Haysville's Neukam awarded 25 year pin



At the Haysville VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) meeting November 8, 2010, Haysville firefighter Donald Neukam (left) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - photo and article provided by district chairman Smith.

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Portland VFD hosts July 4th parade/waterball



The annual 4th of July parade 2010 was held in Portland.

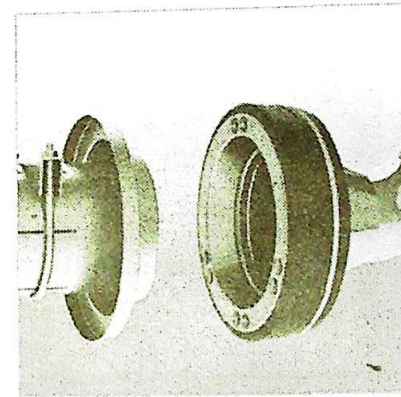
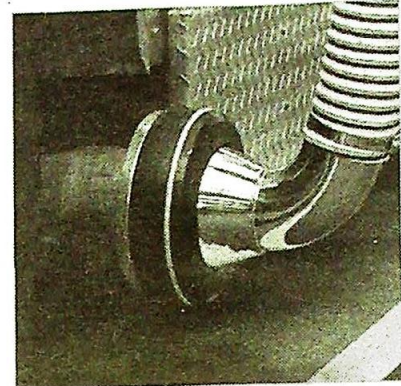
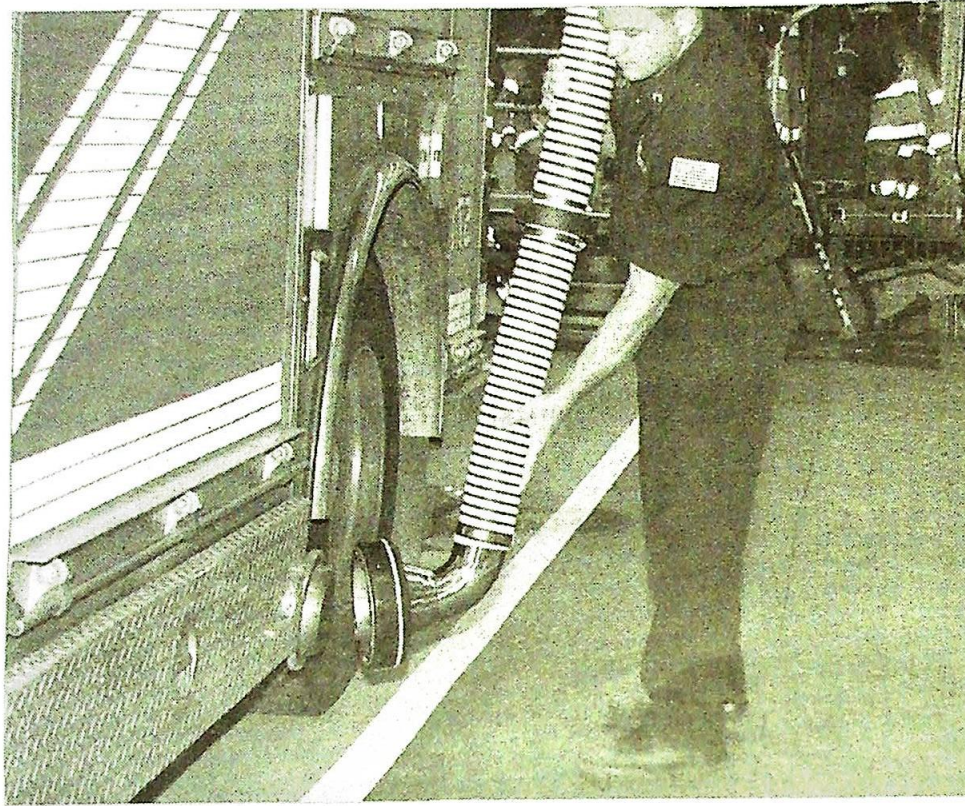
Riding in the parade is District 8B 1st place runner-up Heaven Smith, Montpelier and District 8B Miss Flame Megan Karn. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



The Portland Volunteer Fire Department hosted a waterball on July 4, 2010 at the fairgrounds. Pictured are two departments fighting it out.

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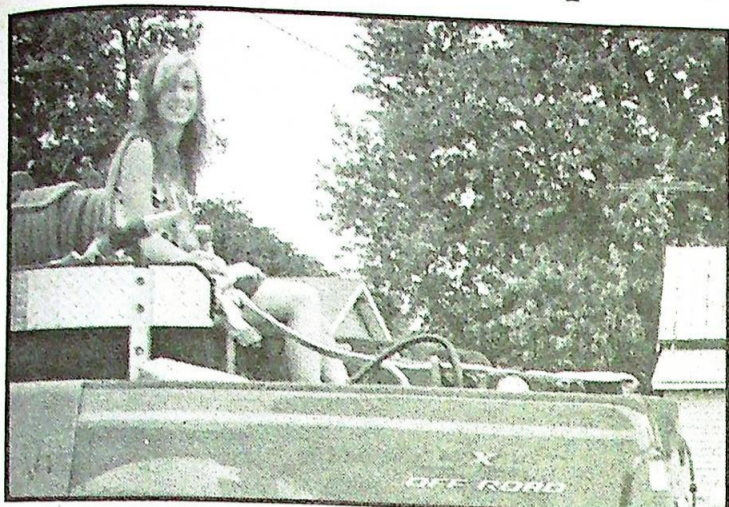


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West Union VFD holds parade



On June 12, 2010 West Union Volunteer Fire Department held their parade. Riding in the parade is Heaven Smith, District 8B Miss Flame 1st runner-up.



Driving the 1250 pumper truck from the West Union Volunteer Fire Department in the parade is Jonathan Harshman. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Miss Flames appear in Dunkirk VFD parade



On June 5, 2010, the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade.

Standing in front of Dunkirk's rescue truck is District 8B Miss Flame 1st runner-up, Heaven Smith from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department and Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame from the Salamoniam Volunteer Fire Department. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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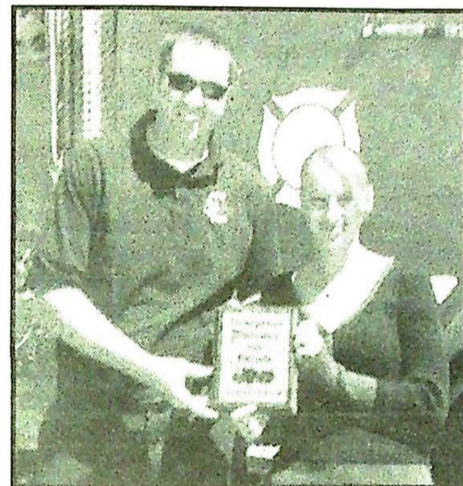
Jamboree Days parade held



Winner of the Oldest Truck during the Montpelier Jamboree Days parade was Bryant Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) are Andrew Storie, Megan Karn - District 8B Miss Flame, and Seth James. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Winner of the Newest Truck in the Montpelier Jamboree Days Parade was Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department. Presenting the plaque to Nick Parrot from the Hartford City VFD is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame.



Winner of the Fireman Choice in the Montpelier Jamboree Days parade was Salamoniam Volunteer Fire Department 1st responder truck.

Pictured (from left to right) are Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame and Lloyd E. Wright from the Salamoniam Volunteer Fire Department.



The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their Jamboree Days parade on September 4, 2010.

Riding in the Salamoniam Volunteer Fire Department 1st responder truck is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame.

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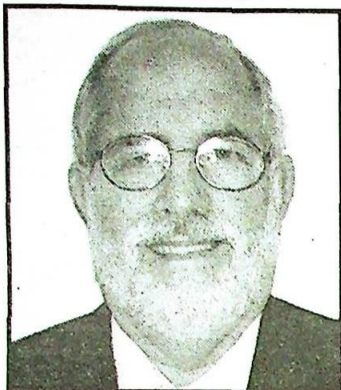
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December 23, 2010

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

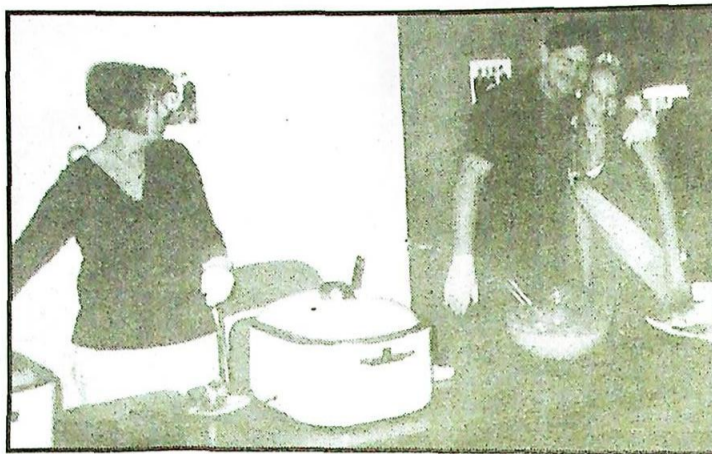
A little reminder for the heating season - most residential fires involve space heaters, gas heaters, and kerosene heaters. All heating systems can be dangerous if they are not used and maintained properly. Pass the word along, inspect and maintain your heating system.

Remember, this will be the year for Government Reform. Attend your district meetings for updates and contact your representative.

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

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Blountsville VFD kept busy in 2010



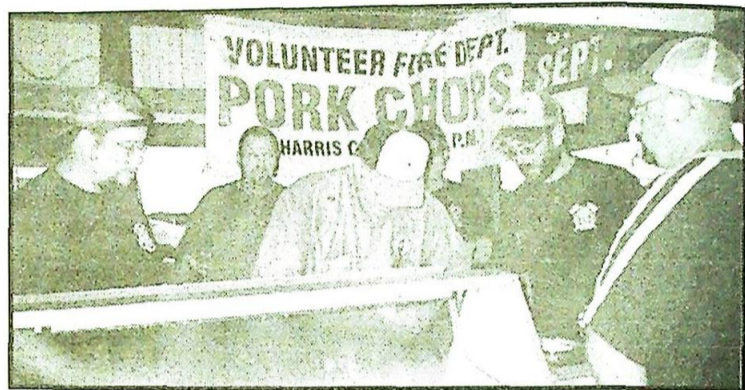
On September 25, 2010 the Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual pork chop dinner. Pictured are Carlos Riddle and District 8B Miss Flame Megan Karn. Carlos, are you supposed to be serving the applesauce? - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame, showing the guys from the Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department how to turn the pork chop the right way.

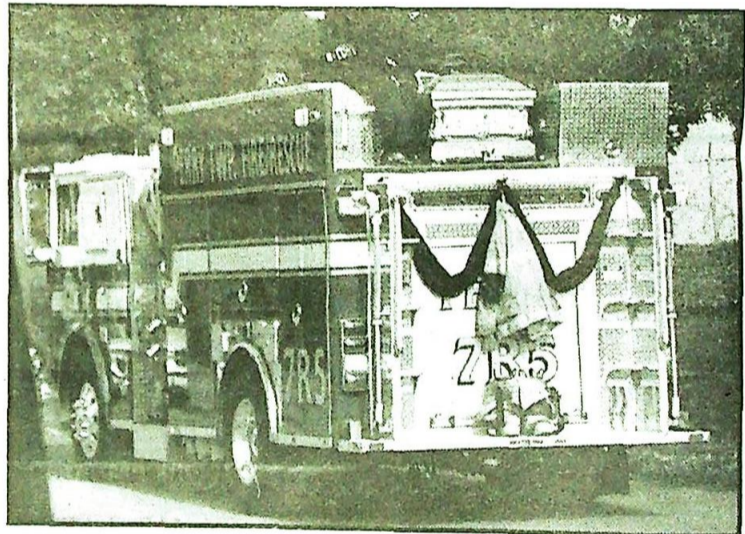


The Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department served ice cream during the Mooreland fair on August 11, 2010. Pictured is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame helping the guys out by taking the money. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Helping them out by serving the ice cream is Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. Is he doing it right?

One last ride ...



Perry Twp. VFD firefighter Harlon Ziliak gets his wish, one last ride on Rescue #5; the truck dedicated to him for his 43 years of service. - submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman.

James Royer presented 25 year membership pin



At the October 25, 2010 meeting of the Central Perry VFD. (Perry Co., District 18), firefighter James Royer (right) was presented his IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Royer is past president of the department and is responsible for apparatus maintenance. - article and photo submitted by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

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Knights VFD members gather for reunion

Current and former members of the Knight Twp. Volunteer Fire Department gather for a group photo during a reunion held December 21, 2010.

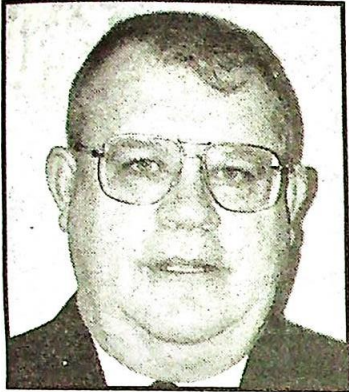
Knights Twp. closed its doors at midnight December 31, 2010 after 28 years of service to eastern Vanderburgh County. - submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman.



IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING NOVEMBER 6 & 7, 2010 CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Vice President David Israel. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Israel.

LOBBIEST LARRY CURL - He has met with the Local Government Reform Task Force and our Legislative Committee. Our position on Local Government reform has not changed. The Governor has listed Local Government Reform as one of main items on his agenda to get passed this year. Part of the agenda will be to eliminate the Township Advisory Board and have the County approve the Township budget. Our position is that any funds generated in a Township should stay and be spent in that Township. We don't want to take money from one Township to support another.

Our survey that we took of all candidates running for office this year showed that a majority of them did not approve of Local Government Reform in its present form. We, our members, need to be inviting the newly-elected Legislators to our meetings and fund raisers and explain what our needs and concerns are. This needs to be done now. We need to educate our new Legislatures as to what our services are and the need for local funding to support that service.

Discussed the Election Newspaper that we sent out. It was an informational paper to get people to vote not, an endorsement of any candidate. Possibly needs to be sent a little earlier.

Vice President Israel introduced our new District Chairman. They are Jeff Biehl in District 13B and Steve Nolan in District 17B.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW - Read correspondence from Linda Lau.

Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting. Bill Pape, District 8A made motion to accept the Minutes as printed. Paul Watland, District 2 made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

TREASURER BEV HARKER- Explained the Profit and Loss sheet for the year to date. Income for the year is up and the expenses are down a little bit for the year. We still have two months of expenses.

Next year's budget is adjusted to reflect those items that are over this

year. Next year's Budget will be approved at the Board meeting tomorrow. Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the report as given. Past President Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

The new Web Master is Jessica Deckard.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL- Next meeting Jan. 19, 2011 at South Haven Fire Dep.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND - Next meeting November 17, 2010 at Schneider Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN - Next meeting November 18, 2010 at Kankakee Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH - Next meeting December 16, 2010 at Middlebury Fire Dept

DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER - Next meeting November 11, 2010 at Burket Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE - Next meeting November 16, 2010 at Churubusco Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7 WALT REITER - Next meeting November 15, 2010 at Andrews Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A E.W. PAPE JR. - Next meeting November 10, 2010 at Sharpville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT - Next meeting November 10, 2010 at Union City Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A LEIGHANNE ELLIS - Next meeting November 18, 2010 at Delphi Tri-Township Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON- Next meeting November 11, 2010 at Monticello Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10 JOHN RAY - Next meeting November 17, 2010 at Hope Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND - Next meeting November 21, 2010 at Otter Creek #3 in Burnett.

DISTRICT 11B LARRY SOUTHARD - Next meeting November 14, 2010 at Reelsville Washington Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER - Next meeting November 22, 2010 at Monroe Twp. Fire Dept. in Monrovia.

DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY - Next meeting November 16, 2010 at Kinnard Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13B JEFF BIEHL- Next meeting November 11, 2010 at Everton Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 14 RICHARD CANNON SR. - Next meeting November 18, 2010 at Jennings Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON - Next meeting November 16, 2010 at Poseyville Fire Dept.

He was approached by individual for help for the Firefighter Combat Challenge Regional qualification. They want to hold raffle using our Licensing. At this time we do not think it is in our best interest to be involved in this raffle. We will check with Gaming Commission and Legal counsel. Executive Committee will get answer for Steve as soon as possible.

DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB - Next meeting November 10, 2010 at Lucas Ag

Center in Salem.

DISTRICT 17A SAM EMERY - Next meeting November 17, 2010 at Spuregon Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B STEVE NOLAN - Next meeting January 11, 2011 at Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 18 JOHN SMITH - Next meeting November 16, 2010 at Schnellville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19 EDS SCHEELE- Next meeting November 18, 2010 at Versailles Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ - GEORGE BUCK REPORTING- Next meeting November 29 at Shadeland Vol. Fire Dept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY - We have 15,799 members at this time. The District packets contain a Paid/not Paid list of Department, Bad Addresses for District, Deceased list to be check for accuracy and the National Volunteer Fire Council's Legislative agenda.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING - DIANE HARRISON - The Cruise is March 17-21, 2011; still time to sign up for it and have a great time. Also discussed presentation by Humana Insurance. They will make presentation in February.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - JACK McFARLAND - The trailer is here if anyone wants to see it. Working on some handouts for it. Will have request for additional items that are needed for the Trailer at the February meeting. Have the new Logo's for the Trailer. Trailer will be stored for the winter.

BY-LAW AND SOG - BUZ KOEHLER - Proposed change to the IVFA SOG Guideline Article XVI, Section 7 and Paragraph 3 which now reads: No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance for the damage of eyeglasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to fifty dollars (\$50.00) except in the case of hearing aids in connection with eyeglasses, where a maximum allowance is limited to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

The change to read: *No cleaning bill allowed. Maximum allowance for damage of eye glasses or contact lenses under this article is limited to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) except in the case of hearing aids in connection with eye glasses, where a maximum allowance is limited to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).*

Bill Pape, District 8A made the motion to accept this change. George Buck, District 21 made the second. Motion passed unanimous voice vote.

HISTORIAN - JOHN DAVIES - Pass

LOGO - JOHN SMITH - Pass
AD-TAKER - WILLIE PARISH - One ad not paid at this time.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD - November paper printed 16,111 copies of 40 pages. The Special Edition printed 15,653 copies.

CLOTHING CLAIMS - TONY FARRER - Had 5 claims this Quarter. Approved 3 claims for Glasses, 1 for boots and denied 1 for Blue Jeans.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE - DAVID ISRAEL - Steve Anderson and David Israel have put together a form with all the information about a Convention that can be passed on to the next

Convention.

Convention 2010 - Bill Bush - It's over; will be getting final financial report soon.

Convention 2011 - Terry Smith - Had a few minor problems but have them solved. They need to know if anyone is interested in the Kayak Race that is available in South Bend. Bring it up at District meetings.

Next Convention meeting is December 5, 2010 at Breman Fire House. Next meeting will be January 9, 2011.

The prize for Pre-registration for Convention 2011 will not be drawn until they have 100 pre-registered.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY - August 9, 2010 meeting in Kokomo with 5 Board members present and 3 absent. Jerry Sprague and Lloyd Wright guests present. Approved 6 Variances, denied 4 and tabled 1. Announced that paper testing will no longer be available after January 1, 2011. Looking at 28 test sites including Ivy Tech. Each site must have a dedicated computer for Firefighter testing only. The facility would be able to charge a fee for testing and keep the proceeds. This decision was made without physical impact study done. All skills must be complete before taking a test. Staff stated Certification is a voluntary system; that you don't have to be Certified. But if personnel are not Certified you cannot get any Grant monies. John Buckman says to get Certified follow the rules - no testing allowed in the fire house; travel 10 to 40 miles one way to take test. Ivy Tech not open on weekends.

John Buckman reported the State Budget approved monies for NFPA rules change. The public comment on the rules change was September 9, 2010. Keeping 5 classes for IFSAC accreditation, FF 1&2, Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, Instructor 1 and Instructor 2-3. For every course requested the Lead Instructor, Lead Evaluator, and the Proctor will get E-mail receipt explaining what is required for Practical skills to be valid. Guidelines for swapping Evaluator and Proctor after class starts are being drafted.

October meeting had 7 Board members, 4 staff, and 30 guests present. The Board approved 98 variances, denied 29 and 1 Administrative ruling approved.

Arson Division have responded to 114 investigations and made 4 arrests. The Live Fire Training trailer training about 250 Firefighters a month.

May 11, 2011 will be the National DHS Training session. The Fire Service rules are being rewritten. Any rules change that you think might affect the Fire Service need to be submitted by November 26, 2010.

The Firefighter 1 & 11 Practical Skills hand book have been completed. Six of the books were on table at the Greenwood meeting but were picked up before anyone had a chance to look at them.

Recommend that Motorsports Certification be dropped. IDHS budget cut \$120,000, to do this they will no longer using paper tests or grade them. This cost passed on to the Fire Departments. From August 5 until October 1, 2010 they did 1757 Certifications.

INDIANA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL TEAM

DIANE HARRISON - Activated last week. Had "Line of Duty Death" training classes What Chief and other officers should do. Supporting Hero's doing class December 3, 4 and 5. The Supporting Hero's Memorial Dinner will be May 5, 2011 at Shepardsville, KY.

LEGISLATIVE - DAVID ISRAEL - Main objective is still Local Government Reform. Also going to try to get Novelty Lighters banned.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT - DAVID ISRAEL - Have attended Legislative special meeting on the extra paper, two Memorial Services, five District meetings, one new Fire House Dedication, five departments meeting and seven County fire meetings. All awards need to be in by the February Officers meeting. Bridgeport Scholarship application must be in March 1, 2011.

CHAPLAIN - ED GERDOWSKY - Did 6 Memorial, two were Line of Duty Deaths, one Chaplain meeting, one fund raiser and traveled 1404 miles.

SGT-AT-ARMS - BILL BUSH - Thanked everyone for their help while he was Sgt-At-Arms. He served under 14 Presidents of the IVFA. Introduced the new Sgt-At-Arms Brent Bush.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - LARRY KETCHEM - Pass

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR REPORTS

PRNW JIM BRADFORD- Attended 5 District meetings, 2 Porter County meetings, 3 Memorial services, 3 Fund Raisers and 1 trip to Printco for newspaper. Driven 927 miles this quarter.

PRNE JEAN SMITH- Attended 5 District meetings, Fire Station Dedication, Award Ceremony and 2011 Convention meeting.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON - Attended all District meetings.

PREC DON CUSHMAN - Made all District meetings but one.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS- attended 4 District meetings, 4 Memorial meetings and 1 new station dedication.

PRSE AL WILLIAMSON - Attended all District meetings.

PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT

JIM PARKER - Pass

CARL BRUNS - Pass

WILLIE PARISH - Asked to send our newspaper to the Legislators. Steve Anderson, District 15 made motion to print 150 copies of the Newspaper each quarter and mail to each Legislator. Larry Southard, District 11B made the second. Motion passed.

RICHARD GLANT - Pass

JACK ZEEKS - Attended National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, MD. A very impressive Memorial.

BUZ KOEHLER - Get Mr. IVFA letter sent to the Committee.

JACK KERNEY - Pass

LARRY KETCHEM - Pass

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Holcomb brought up that the Indiana Firefighters Association (IFA) is trying to get membership in his area with all kinds gifts and pamphlets. This problem seems to be in this area only right now. Be prepared for it to appear in other areas. Be prepared to explain our benefits to our members.

Need to prepare for trip to Washington D.C. April 6-7, 2011.

Request to pay mileage for transfer

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

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Web site information.

Officers mileage rate for next year. John Smith, District 18 brought up the need to up our forms, especially our funeral form. This will be looked into.

Brent Bush brought the need for Departments to be aware of their Not-For-Profit statuses. You do not get notice from State by mail anymore.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. Reconvened at 8:35 A.M.

Morning message by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Discussion of the benefits of going to the National Volunteer Fire Caucus in Washington D.C. Those wanting to go needs to turn in business card.

Motion by John Ray, District 10 Made a motion to adjourn this meeting and go to the Board of Directors meeting. Past President made the second. Motion passed.

Michelle Baxter from American Life spoke to the group to review our benefits and what is covered.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2010
C R O W N E P L A Z A
I N D I A N A P O L I S A I R P O R T

Board meeting called to order at

8:50 A.M.

(1) Request for mileage from Rensselaer to the Indianapolis to transfer the web site information from the retiring Web Master to the new one. Past president Jack Kerney Made motion that we pay this. Terry Smith, District 4 made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(2) Officer's mileage for the year 2011. Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to keep mileage rate at 40 cents for next year. Past President Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

(3) Approve the 2011 as presented at the August meeting. Motion by Past President Buz Koehler to accept the proposed 2011 budget. Past President Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Past President Jim Parker brought up that the Executive Committee look at the By-Laws/ Convention compatibility.

Motion by Past President Jim Parker to close the Board of Directors meeting. Past President Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary

Santa visits Cordry Sweetwater



On Saturday, December 4, 2010, Santa and Mrs. Claus made an early visit to the Cordry Sweetwater clubhouse. They arrived by a fire engine to find lots of children staring out the windows eagerly trying to get a glimpse of the jolly fellow.

When Santa and Mrs. Claus were seated and the kids gathered around them, Mr. Claus read a story book about the meaning of Christmas. Mrs. Claus then read the name off each present that was packed in Santa's bag and the kids went one at a time to get their gift from Santa.

Santa's trip was sponsored by the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department for the benefit its member's children and grandchildren.

Mike Eckert presented with 25 year service pin



At the December 2, 2010 meeting of the Jasper FD (Dubois Co., District 18), Mike Eckert (pictured right) was presented with his IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - submitted by district chairman Smith.

Allen Gasaway presented with 50 year Gold Card



At the Christmas dinner and meeting of the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department, (Spencer Co., District 18), Allen Gasaway was presented with his IVFA 50 year membership pin and Gold card.

Making the presentation was District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - photo and article submitted by District 18 chairman.

District 6 welcomes 2011 Miss Flame

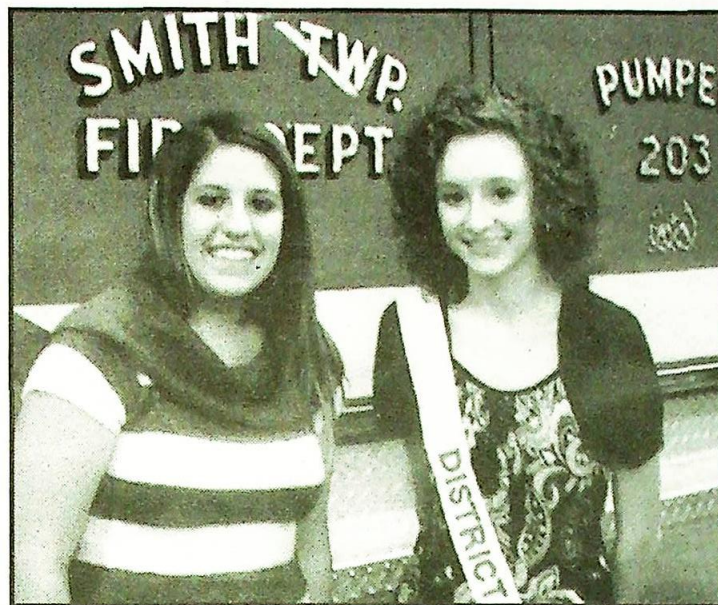
(Pictured at right) - Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman, Jean Smith, PR Northeast, welcome Tianna Schuerman, Southwest Fire District, District 6 2011 Miss Flame. - (submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)



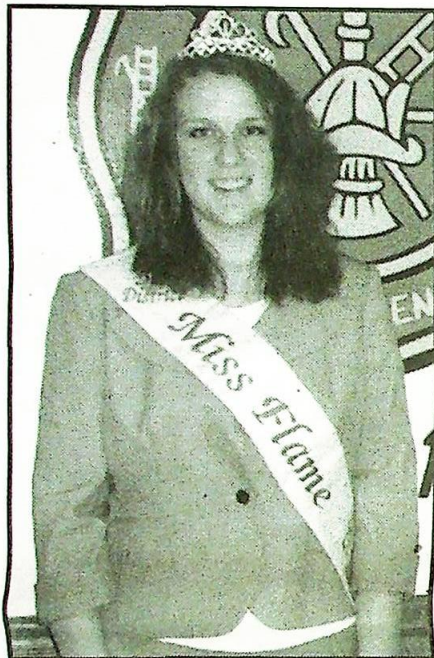
Miss Flames crowned



Shelby Leach, IVFAA District 4 & 5 chairman, crowned Alyssia Smith, New Carlisle Fire Department, District 4 2011 Miss Flame at Middlebury Vol. Fire Department. - (photos submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)



Kaitlyn Enfield, 2010 Miss Flame, crowns Tianna Schuerman, Southwest Fire District - District 6 2011 Miss Flame at Churubusco / Smith Twp. Vol. Fire Department.



Ryley Cripps, Bourbon Vol. Fire Department, crowned District 5 2011 Miss Flame at Burket Vol. Fire Department.

Miss Flame Notes:

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2011

The new year has arrived. My committee and I are anticipating another great year for the Miss Flame program. Each year brings new ideals along with another great group of young ladies who help make our annual convention an enjoyable time for all of us.

Many of you have held your district contest and have selected those names or applications. Remember that March 10th is the deadline for entries - (65 days). Please see that your paperwork gets to me so that everyone will be able to participate.

Just a reminder, if you haven't held your contest, make sure all departments in the district know when it is going to be held so that all who want to participate may do so. Also keep in mind that there can be only one candidate from each district.

This year's convention committee is planning activities for the girls and I know that all will be in for a great experience for 2011 in South Bend.

Questions or concerns can be addressed by calling me at 812-867-2641.

Thanks to all who support this program.

Barb Kemey

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

When you have completed the information below, print this page.

The State of Indiana provides Special License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

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.**

**ATTENTION: IVFAA
AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128
(765) 246-6220

Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

**MAY 5, 2011 DEADLINE
APRIL 5, 2011
12:00 NOON C.S.T.**

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 #

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney
P.O. Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724
1-877-606-4832

*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.

Santa Claus visits Eagle Fire Company



On Saturday, December 5, 2010, the Eagle Fire Company of Oldenburg opened their doors to over 70 children along with their families.

Santa Claus was on hand to listen to wishes for toys as well as to hand out sleds and other gifts from the firemen to the little ones.

All ages enjoyed cookies and refreshments and a chance to look at the fire equipment.

This was the second year for the event which continues to grow in popularity and plans are already underway for next year's event. — submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



Hope everyone had a happy holiday.

It's the beginning of a new decade. I think legislation will be very interesting this year. I hope everyone takes an active part and lets their legislators know their feelings on different issues.

Be sure you get your Bridgeport Scholarship applications postmarked by March 1, 2011.

Hope to see some of you at your district meetings.

IVFA Treasurer
Beverly Harker

LTFD setting up new section on website

The Lewis Township Fire Department is setting up a new section on their website called, "What They Are Saying About LTFD".

Here we will post feedback and past experiences folks have had with our proud department. If we have responded to your home or a loved one, please let us know what you thought about our response and services. Maybe it was a fire, EMS response, accident or even a public safety/training event or fundraiser... we wanna hear what you think about our department.

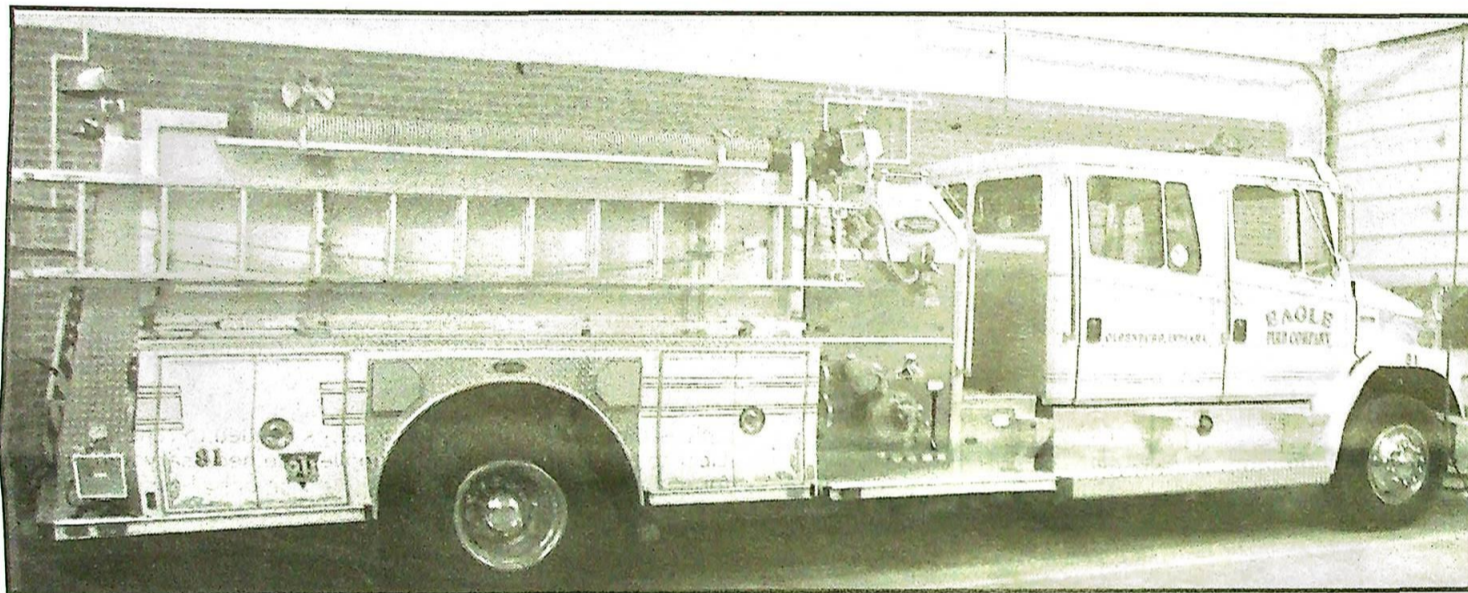
If you are a fellow First Responder that has been on scenes or dealt with the LTFD, we want to hear your thoughts and feedback also!

Please post your responses on our Facebook page or you can reply by e-mail. If sending an email, please include your name and agency you are associated with.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you!

Bryan Moyer
Lewis Township Fire-Rescue
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Eagle Fire Company puts engine into service



Pictured is the rural engine that the Eagle Fire Company recently put into service.

It is a 2001 E-One on a Freightliner chassis. This truck replaced the 1984 E-One which the department was able to sell to a local department that was in need of a dependable engine. — submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

Responds to ATV accident

On Friday evening, November 26, 2010, the Lewis Township Fire Rescue Department was dispatched to McNabb Street in Coalmont for a serious ATV accident.

First arriving crews found two patients injured inside a residence. One suffered a serious leg injury while the second patient had a very serious head injury.

One patient was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where Lifeline helicopter was awaiting their arrival. The second patient who suffered the head injury was transported from the scene by Air Evac helicopter and taken to an Indianapolis hospital.

Responding LTFD Apparatus: Rescue 112, Engine 11, Brush 115.

Assisting agencies: Trans Care Ambulance, Greene County Ambulance, Air Evac helicopter, Lifeline helicopter, Jasonville Police, Clay County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police. -- submitted by Bryan Moyer, Lewis Township Fire-Rescue.

Facts about Indiana:

One of the first complete bathrooms in Indianapolis was in the home of Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley.

The career of Dorothy Lamour (famous for the Bing-Crosby-Bob Hope Road Movies) was launched in Indianapolis.

Aviatrix Amelia Earhart was once a professor at Purdue University, located in Lafayette, Indiana.

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PHONE _____ DEPARTMENT _____

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE
THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.
District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011
District 4 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011
District 14 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011
District 17A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010
District 11A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010
Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information.

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I.V.F.A.A. STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Malinda Bell
 Corresponding Secretary

**IVFA AUXILIARY QUARTERLY MEETING
 NOVEMBER 7, 2010
 CROWNE POINT
 INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

Call To Order: President Beth called meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Beth asked Chaplain Joann to open the meeting with prayer.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann read two humorous poems "Autumn Leaves are a Lot like Kids", and "Thanksgiving food". Remembered Martha in prayer and other ladies who have been ill and other problems.

Pledge To Flag: Sgt-At-Arms Miriam led ladies in the "Pledge to the Flag".

Roll Call: Recording Sec. June did the roll call and we have 4 guests, 27 officers for a total of 31 in attendance. Judy Smith filled in for Amber Farrer.

Minutes: June: Phyllis made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes, with a second from Lou. Was asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to be made. There were none. Stand approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy gave the treasurer's report. Toni asked about term on CD will be in three months, Matures end of October. Toni asked if we might be able to get a better interest rate and longer term. Dorothy looking into this.

Correspondence: Malinda read two thank you cards from Miss Flames Katie Enfield, and Amy Hoefling, District 15 and she is 2010 IVFA Miss Flame Congeniality. Marlene Poling's daughter-in-law still in coma, E.J. Smith's daughter doing better and Amber Farrer is also improving. Martha called Malinda and said to say Thank You for the cards, flowers, and phone calls; she is doing much better. Dorothy said Thank You to everyone who was concerned about her. Reminded ladies to get reports turned in to her and Beth at each

State meeting.
 Membership: June gave Membership report for 11-06-10. 55 Dept's., 89 Individuals, 16 Lifetime, 768 Paid By Depts., for a Total 873 members. A new member to the IVFAA State Auxiliary is Richard Cottrell of Odon. Yes, ladies, men can belong to the IVFAA state Auxiliary so get out there and contact your IVFAA district chairman and get him signed up. Dues are only \$5.00 a year. He will get the same benefits at memorial service that is held for the ladies. Also not only does he qualify for the \$3,000.00 accidental dismemberment and death but he is also entitled to it being an IVFAA member so it would be a total of \$6,000.00.

Chaplain's report: Joann has Bibles if any one needs any. Have had only two losses since convention Dist. 4 and Dist. 11B. Joann passed around cards for Martha and Sharon Angel; she is out of hospital but can't stay by herself so she is staying with her daughter for awhile. Al will keep us posted on how she is doing. Joann has checked at a couple places about cards and no luck yet, she is still looking, has until Feb 2011 meeting. Joann asks for suggestions and one lady said she knows of a place that makes T-shirts and etc. and will do some checking. Joann said if needed to send any cards before we get new ones she would go out and buy them until this is taken care of.

Beth reminded everyone to shut their cell phones off or put on vibrate.

Auditing: Chm. Martha was absent.

Financial Study: Chm. Toni passed out plain papers and ask us to fill them in as she goes along. This is PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010/2011. A motion by Heather to accept proposed Budget for 2010/2011. Marlene seconded; was approved. We will discuss this again at Feb. 2011 meeting. Beth brought it up about paying all district and past-presidents for their rooms and Toni said she had figured this in when she drew this up. Figured at 5 meetings for everyone.

Buz came in to take pictures of ladies who had needed their pictures taken, the ones he took last time for some reason never came out. So he is retaking them.

Break time 9:15 a.m.
 Resumed time 9:25 a.m.

Beth said she was informed of a six-alarm fire down street from us; it is a warehouse.

Malinda said about e-mailing everyone that has e-mail the minutes that would save on postage. Is Roselle Bousman need address on her; she is

a past-president. Sending around paper to re-put your e-mail addresses and current addresses and names. Ones who don't have e-mail will mail out minutes to them.

Bylaws: Suzie says doing revised version, and also we have two new bylaws. Books to print would be .50 a copy. Needs to know how many we need. We can get 500 for \$250.00. Suzie is to order 1,500. Same size we have. Barb Parker made motion for Suzie to order 1,500 copies of bylaws books, with a second from Barb Kerney. Motion approved.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker went down list of Districts who will be donating to the Chinese Auction. Bring to May 2011 meeting to her.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis need pictures and articles.

Installation: Toni ready.
 Jewelry: Marlene gave Leona a 50 year pin to present to one of her ladies. Also Marlene has two men's silver past-president's pins with the ruby, Marlene was told to use them give to past-president men.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis would like to have a meeting with her committee on Saturday February 5, 2011 about 2:00 p.m. Phyllis will contact her committee members.

Membership Report: Leona hopes everyone going out and getting new members. Would like for IVFAA President to talk to IVFA president to announce to district men and urge them to join in and help on getting the word out. Also get information out to the men about our P.V. Project.

She has gone to every fire dept in her district and ----- so good luck. She has tickets to sell for fundraiser for their Miss Flames contestants so they can continue to support them. Drawing in November.

Miss Flame: Barb had meeting Saturday and they are pretty much ready to go. Make sure everyone knows when contest is.

Insurance Co: Michelle Baxter: she had a review with the IVFA. If you filled out card or did not, you are covered as long as your dues are paid up. It is best to have a beneficiary on file. If not goes into member's estate. Said if you have any questions for her, please don't hesitate to call her.

Bill Bush brought in more newspapers for us. Thanked Bill for his years as IVFA Sgt-At-Arms, he has always done a wonderful job.. Thanks again Bill.

Parliamentarian: Lou: everything fine.

Nominating: Pam: she will be ready.

President's Advisory: Barb Parker: everything fine.

Beth said to let her know about things going on and if there are things she should be doing or do. If no one tells her if anything is wrong she can't fix it.

V.P. Project: Diana passed out papers and tickets to all District chairmen, Past-Presidents, committee members they have 50 tickets and Line Officers have 10. Ladies, give to your Miss Flames and have them sell them at the men's meeting. Diana said if need more she will get them to you.

Lois Boaz: Marie: said send in letters. She will be having a meeting in her room on Sat, Feb. 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

All District Chairmen, turn in your reports to Beth and Malinda. I have received two from District 3 chairman Leona, I received two from Dist. 6 Cathy Mackin, two from Dist. 7 Antoinette Sorg Sec., one from Dist. 14 Janet Woodfill, Dist. 15. Heather Martin called a

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IVFAA auxiliary report . . .

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meeting Sept. 21, 2010 - not enough to have an election - is sending out reminders, hoping to have a meeting before end of year. Dist. 17A Marie Emery gave me two for 2010 and list of five meetings for 2011.

Old Business: Carol Curl was absent. Beth will call her. She was to have had prices for us on briefcases on wheels, hope to see her in May. Marlene Thrawley was to have had a power point and she left it at home - forgot it. Will have at Feb. meeting. Marlene said if anyone has pamphlets from funerals, she would like to have them for the power point since most do have a picture on the pamphlets. Also Miss Flames pictures and other information. If you have Memorial Service Pictures, give to Joann, she will give to someone who has lost a loved one. Phyllis will put also in book.

Beth passed out committee papers to ones who didn't get one.

Convention Report 2011: District 4 will be at South Bend. Only have 90 registered for now. Discussed tours that will be going on and also things for children to do.

New Business: Beth thought entertainment we had yesterday (Sat.) very nice. She said her Line Officers did a great job. Joann brought crafts to make; ladies made ornaments, some very unique.

Toni going back to budget on rooms; wants to bring up for discussion. A proposed discussion about room rates. Who we pay, when we pay, anyone want to discuss this? Toni brought up to pay

Officers, Line Officers, past-presidents, Bylaws?" Toni said all Officers would get \$50 for each meeting. Total of 5 meetings. Beth explained that this would include everyone even if they have a spouse who is an officer in the IVFA. If you don't want to take it you don't have to. This would be as long as officers doing their jobs. Discussed we would still have to pay out almost another \$50 on our rooms. Toni said I know where you coming from. We are two separate organizations, one is the IVFA and one is the IVFAA. Men have more money than we do. Lou said key word here is VOLUNTEER. Toni said this is to help offset your volunteer expenses. Beth said basically giving you \$50 to do your job. We quit giving annuals, and mileage. We are now able to do this. To say thank you for doing your jobs going to state meetings, convention, and your district meetings. If you don't come, you don't get paid because you are not doing your job, and if that is what you want that is your decision. You are not doing your state and district what they deserve, you were voted in and that means coming to officer's meetings 4 times a year and to convention. Beth said again we just want to say thank you for doing your job. This is for the organization. Heather discussed about hotel room price where we had been at, and then we go to one more expensive. Barb Kerney said men go to get a contract with a hotel and most won't accept a group of our size. Getting the rooms at the price

we are near to nothing, because they could make more money on weddings, and etc. We are lucky to be here. They got cost down as low as they could go. Most said would like to go back to Columbus. Beth said we don't have to vote this in right now but we need to discuss it and you guys think about it. Toni made motion on floor to pay all officers \$50 for every quarterly meeting and convention which would be 5x a year, can do it by ballot. One district chairman only comes up on Sunday and said would she be entitled to it also? She doesn't come on Sat. to save herself money and us money. This money will be paid to all officers regardless if it is on room expense or food or gas as long as you have a receipt and voucher for the expenses that come to \$50. Need a second in order to vote. Barb Parker making amendment to motion she seconded it. Phyllis said that if you did not stay overnight at hotel but is on the roll call at meeting you should get the \$50. Even if in husband's name on hotel receipt, you still turn it in. Also any person who is sitting in for another officer will be paid the same way. Ladies, you can vote this down if want. There is a motion on the floor to pay all \$50 with an amendment have to have receipt and voucher to receive your money. Voting by ballot for or nor. Voting shows that it did not pass. So need to think about this Beth said and bring up in future. Lou said we have that in budget, Toni since voted down and we did not vote at last meeting for

paying us for today November meeting and also August meeting 2010. Beth said we need to make a motion those who get paid in past, Phyllis made a motion we pay those who already getting paid today and with a second from Beth said has to be like I make a motion that ones that don't have IVFA chairman gets paid today. Phyllis made motion to amend for it to say, that everyone who does not have an IVFA representative get paid today.... Phyllis had rescinded first second motion from above. With the new amendment above. Seconded by Leona all said aye except Lou. Budget is not legal since we voted it down. We have to rescind the budget and it has to be redone. Also today and August meeting were included in the budget. Barb Parker made motion from floor to cover August meeting expenses with their room receipt 2010. Second by Marlene, approved. Barb Kerney said it's okay to propose budget but we never voted before to include everybody. Budget is to be redone. Toni will do this. Toni said we rescinded the budget and nothing says about Feb. 2011 being paid or May and June 2011. Barb Parker we pay Feb., May, and June 2011 that expenses for room one night and two for convention for those who do not have a spouse that is an IVFA Officer. Seconded by Joann Hays. All approved. Lou motioned they can use their \$50 for what they want to, but must have a receipt dated that weekend and attached to voucher. Like miscellaneous expenses. Phyllis motioned to be tabled. Phyllis rescinded. Lou did not understand

why budget was voted down. We have to have a paper trail because we will one day be audited. Barb Kerney said before this we had no receipts, no paper trail. Lou said we can't use this budget. Lou said, "Listen to her, you have to have receipt for everything." Barb Kerney said we can revisit the budget and have receipt and voucher got confused today when we made the budget, should have waited and proposed the budget to all of us first. Lou motioned each officer will be paid \$50 per meeting and \$100 for convention have to have receipts attached to vouchers; this could be for food and/or gas, just so long as you have receipts for this attached to voucher. Barb Parker seconded, stand approved. It does not matter what the men IVFA get or do we are separate organization. Beth said we really need to think about this. Falls under option, take it or leave it. Toni stated this. Joann wanted to know if we could have a form that spells out everything, Joann said just an idea. Lou said on voucher it does spell out postage and etc., if you have receipt miscellaneous like gas, make sure attached to voucher and it would have to be dated for today and not over \$50. Lou said budget legal.

Convention 2011 report: Dist. 4 at South Bend. Registration low, only have 90 so far. When sending in registration put on if you want to go on tours, so they will know how many will be going. Also having lots of things for the children to do.

Any committee meetings meet on

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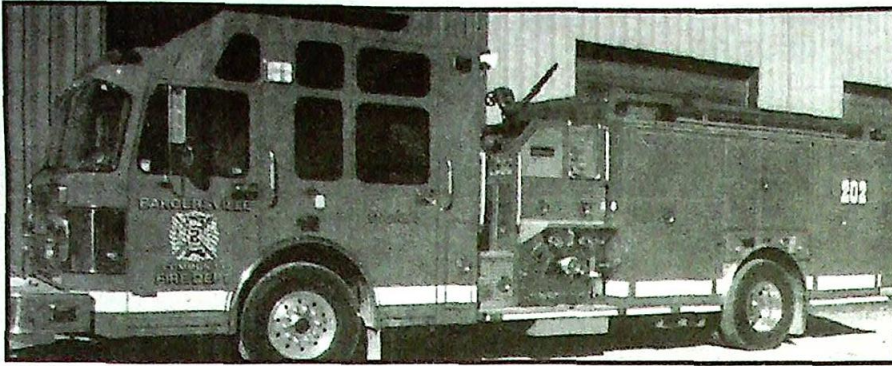
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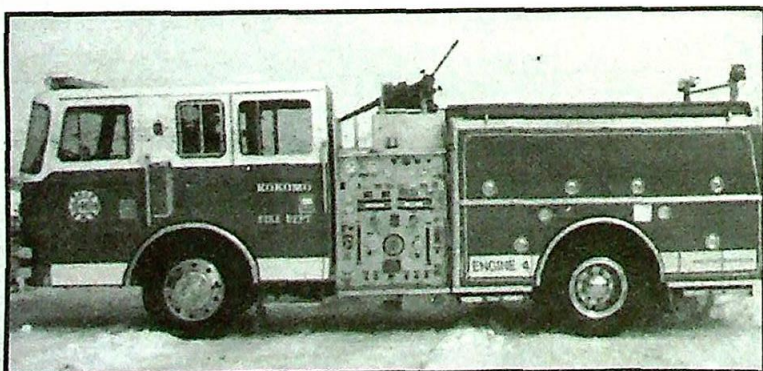
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IVFAA auxiliary report . . .

Sat. Feb. 5, 2011. Suzie will be having a bylaw meeting in evening. Suzie said she didn't know she had to have some things voted on before revising the bylaws. Phyllis having a meeting also on Sat. It's the Mary Mackin Memorial Fund committee - meet at 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment and next meeting date: Meeting date Feb. 6, 2011 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Here at Crown Point Airport Hotel Indy. Entertainment will be held on Sat. Feb. 5, 2011. Suzie and Heather will be hostess for this starting at 3:30 p.m.

Lou brought up about buying a new computer for the corresponding Secretary Malinda, tabled until Feb 6, 2011 meeting.

Adjournment: Phyllis motion to dismiss with a second from Heather.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Joann closed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by IVFAA Correspondence Secretary Malinda Bell

IVFAA AUXILIARY CONVENTION MEETING
FRIDAY JUNE 18, 2010
CONVENTION HOLIDAY INN
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA
Call To Order: President Beth called meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann gave the opening prayer.
Pledge To The Flag: Sgt-At-Arms Miriam led the ladies in the pledge. Miriam was honored for her 30 years of service with a plaque and corsage.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney introduced the 2010 IVFA Miss Flame Autumn Schumacher, San Pierre Fire Dept. and 2010 IVFA Miss Flame runner-up Rachel Butt, Sunman Rural Fire Dept. Then each of the contestants gave their name and district. There were 22 girls this year. Congratulations to all of them. One young lady was in uniform and getting ready to go into the service to support our country.

Any District Chairmen and Line Officers who do not have spouses in the IVFA who are officers are to fill out a voucher to receive their \$100 for two nights at convention. Give to Martha with your room receipt and voucher; she will sign it and then Dorothy will write the check.

Roll Call: Lou - there were 26 officers and 1 guest.

Minutes: Martha made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes with second from Beverly Taylor. Was asked if any corrections or additions needed to be done. There was none. Stand approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy read report. Report stand as read.

Correspondence Report: Malinda had nothing to report.

Carnival Cruise Lines Destiny gave a presentation about how this would be a great fundraiser for IVFA 1st annual cruise.

Membership: Lou did Dept., roll call 50 in attendance, had membership 6/15/10 60 Depts. 127 Individuals, 885 Dept., 22 Lifetime for a total membership 1,034. Membership 10/11 10 Depts. 17 Individuals, 132 Dept. members, 22 Lifetime for a total membership 171. Dues are due July 1 and delinquent after Sept. 30th. Reminded everyone to get dues paid.

Chaplain's Report: Joann has 35 years in IVFAA. If any lady did not get a rose at the memorial she will get one to them.

Joann and Ed did a wonderful job at the memorial service. We still have money in our flower fund.

Auditing: Martha will be doing this in August.

Financial Report: Toni we had a budget and it was approved; we fell within the guidelines.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis said all ready.

Jewelry: Marlene has 25 and 50 year pins and state pins in shape of map Indiana.

Toni asked about on forms if children, grandchildren and also your spouses, can be put on has a member, yes, as long as the dues are paid. Also they would have the \$3,000 insurance; there is no age limit on women's auxiliary.

V.P. Project: Barb Parker so far has brought in \$1,729 and the Chinese Auction need to buy more tickets, and if any District Chairmen have any tickets, please turn them in to her.

President's Advisory: Martha said doing a fine job.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis have book 1 but nothing in it. Need pictures and articles.

Bylaws: Susie - okay.

Lois Boaz: Our 2010 Lois Boaz is Lou Bartlow, congratulations.

Parliamentarian: Toni - Gave out one 25 year pin to Beverly Taylor and Joann did the honors. Mary Stafford is to receive a 50 year Gold pin. Mary Boyd will take to her.

Old Business: Mary Boyd made center for quilt; would like one square from each District. Send to Mary Boyd; her number is 407-8249. This is her new number.

Nominating: June - all ready.

Convention Report: 2011 chairman gave report. Dates for 2011 is June 15, 16, 17 - they will be taking registrations at noon. It is \$65.00 until end of April, will go up May 1st to \$75.00 - Room rates \$99.00 plus tax. Will be at South Bend.

New Business: Eula Bush hoped everyone had a good time at the convention. Don't forget Banquet tonight. Sign back of red ticket.

A big thank you to Lou Bartlow and Larry and helpers for getting our organization back on track.

Be sure and get room vouchers to Martha for her to sign then will go to Dorothy.

June read names of nominees. Lou nominated June Cahill for recording secretary and Marlene nominated Pam. This was all from the floor. After all nominated Martha made a motion to close with a second from Lou.

Installation: Marlene Poling, Janet Woodfill, escorted the ladies who were elected to Toni who swore them in.

2010-2011
President Beth Caudill
Vice-President Diane Gray
Recording Secretary June Cahill

Corresponding Secretary Malinda Bell

Treasurer Dorothy Rieter
Chaplain Joann Hays
Sgt-At-Arms Miriam Schaeckel
Immediate Past-President Martha Thomas: Thanked school official vice-principal for letting us use the school.

It was great to see Marilyn Dever at the convention.

Send dues in to Lou through August 1st then after August everything will go to June.

Entertainment and next meeting: August 7th and 8th at the Crowne Hotel at Indy Airport. Meeting starts on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. On Saturday Barb Parker providing light refreshments. Hosts are Martha with David Elick and

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Buz Kochler should be.
Adjournment: Phyllis motioned to adjourn meeting with a second from Jaclyn Rench.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Joann gave the closing prayer.

Submitted By IVFAA Corresponding Secretary Malinda Bell

Lois Boaz Awards Committee

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DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo - Chairman

Minutes of the May 6, 2010 District 1 & 2 meeting of the I.V.F.A.A.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 & 2 chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge was recited.
Phyllis had everyone stand for a moment of silence for passing of 2 of our district auxiliary Cele & Bill Christensen.

Prayer was given by Deb Vandyke of Lake Dale Fire Dept.

Guests included Jim Bradford, PR Northwest I.V.F.A., and Paul Watland, District #2 chairman, and Rachel Stenger, Miss Flame District #2.

Roll call was taken with 17 members in attendance representing 5 departments and 2 individuals.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Jim Vargo to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer Report: Phyllis gave Treasurer's report with \$623.60 in checking. A report stands as read for audit.

Old Business - State dues are due by Sept 30th. Please send them to Phyllis first.

New Business - Martha Thomas said the convention committee is looking for pictures for a slide show. If you have any please get them to Martha.

Phyllis stated that there will be 3 people remembered at the Memorial Service at Convention this year. They are Betty Sontag from Lake Station, Cele & Bill Christensen of LOFS.

Phyllis stated that she still had some state raffle tickets available to buy if you are interested.

Also, they have tickets for the Chinese Auction at convention. If you would like to purchase some please see Phyllis, she will make sure they get to auction.

State Auxiliary is looking for a 12 x 12 quilted square from District

1 & 2. They will be making up a quilt to give to past president.

Department announcements were given.

50/50 winner was _____.

Next meeting is Sept. 9th at Crown Point.

Motion by Martha Thomas, 2nd by Rita Stanger to adjourn. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Baumgardner
I.V.F.A.A. Sec. Dist. 1 & 2*

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Hello everyone,

In October, Sam and I attended the dedication of a new fire station and fire truck at the Haubstadt V.F.D. Many past and present state officers were in attendance. For us, getting to see our son Ross Emery, assistant chief and wife Jenny and our grandsons was an added treat along with the Haubstadt fire personnel and their families. Your program was very nice and the new station and equipment will service the community well.

Our 'Tastefully Simple' fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to each and every one who helped out in any way.

November 8th, I attended the Greene Co. Firefighter Assoc. annual turkey dinner and meeting at the Wright Twp. VFD. Thanks to Jack and his crew, your meal was very good and enjoyed by all present.

Our November district meeting was held at the Spurgeon VFD. Thanks for being such a good host. We also enjoyed the ladies of the department participating in the IVFAA meeting.

Congratulations to Miranda Baker who won the Richland-Taylor Miss Flame run-off. I attended the meeting. I am sure it wasn't an easy job for the judges. The district Miss Flame contest will be January 9, 2011. Good luck girls!

I attended the Richland-Taylor ladies' auxiliary Christmas party at the Mexican restaurant in Lyons, IN. Twenty-two members enjoyed a very authentic meal and gift exchange was enjoyed by all.

I have attended two different meetings with Sam where he presented fellow firefighters with 25 year pins and one Gold Card and pin for 50 years of service. It's very nice to see these gentlemen recognized for their years of fire service.

*Marie Emery
District 17A chairperson*

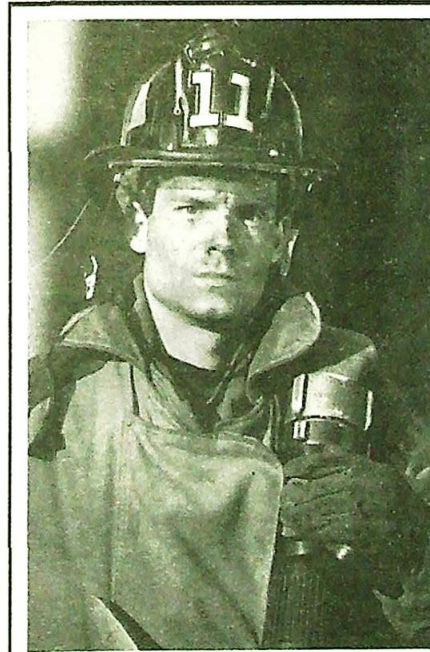
DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hi Ladies,
I hope you are all trying to keep warm and staying healthy. We have finally seen the cold come in but I guess we shouldn't complain and be thankful for what we have. God's blessings are found in many different ways of life.

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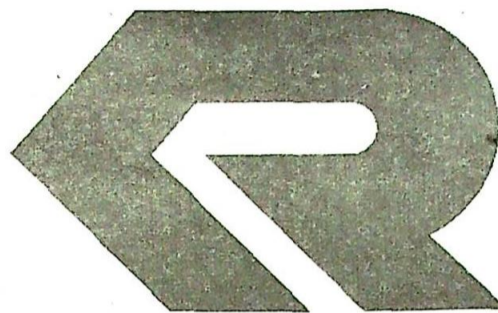
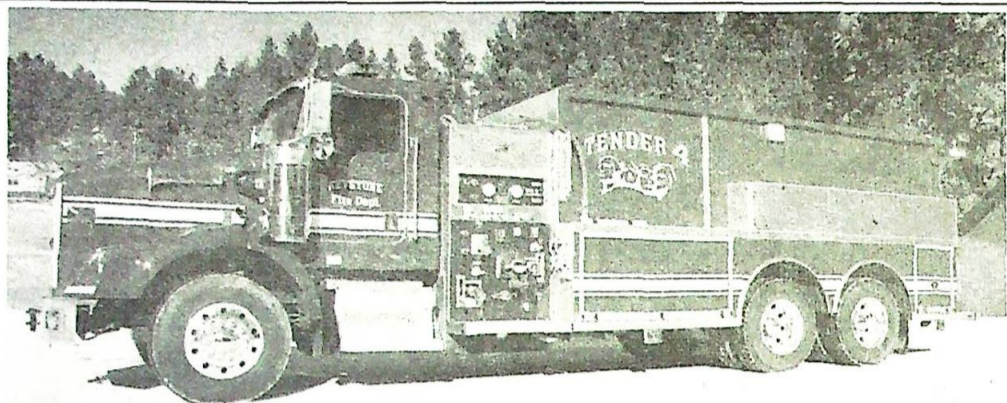
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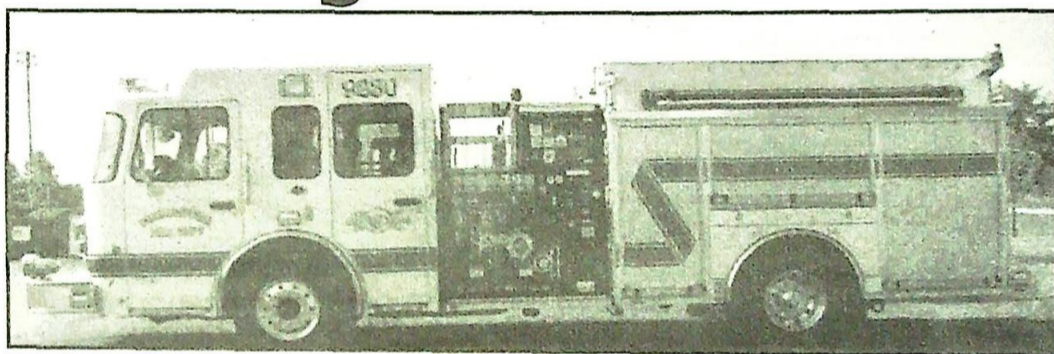
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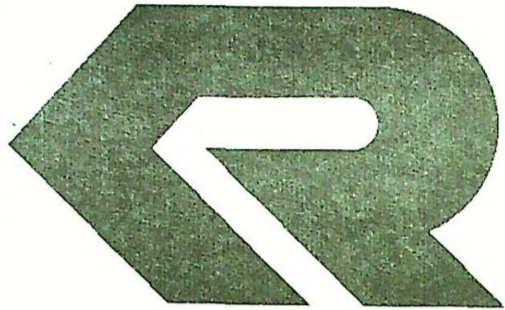
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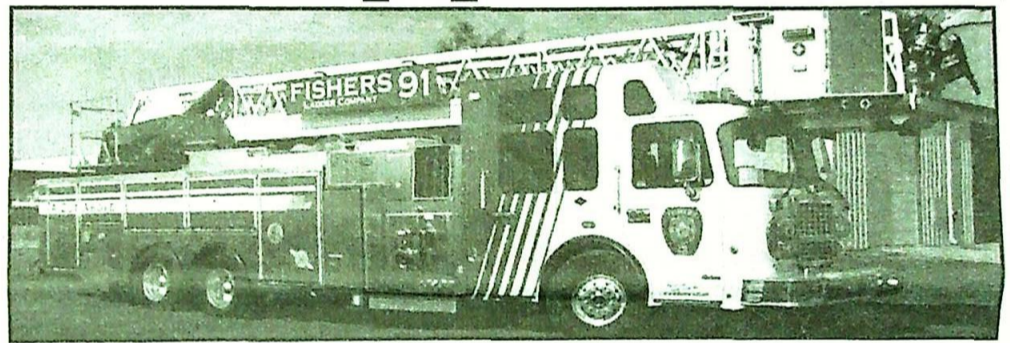
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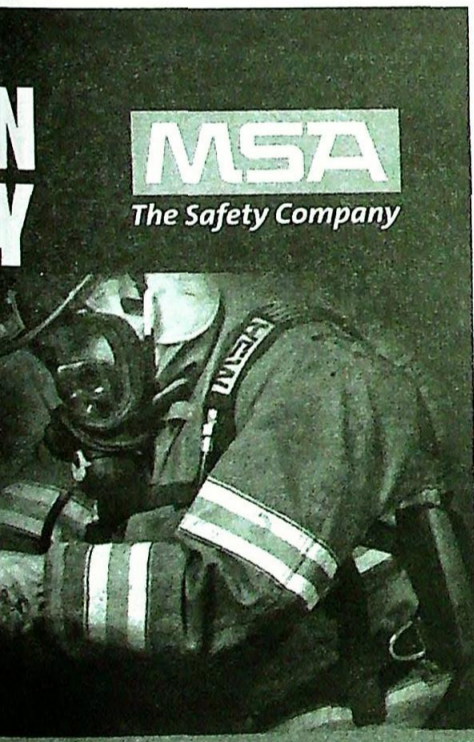
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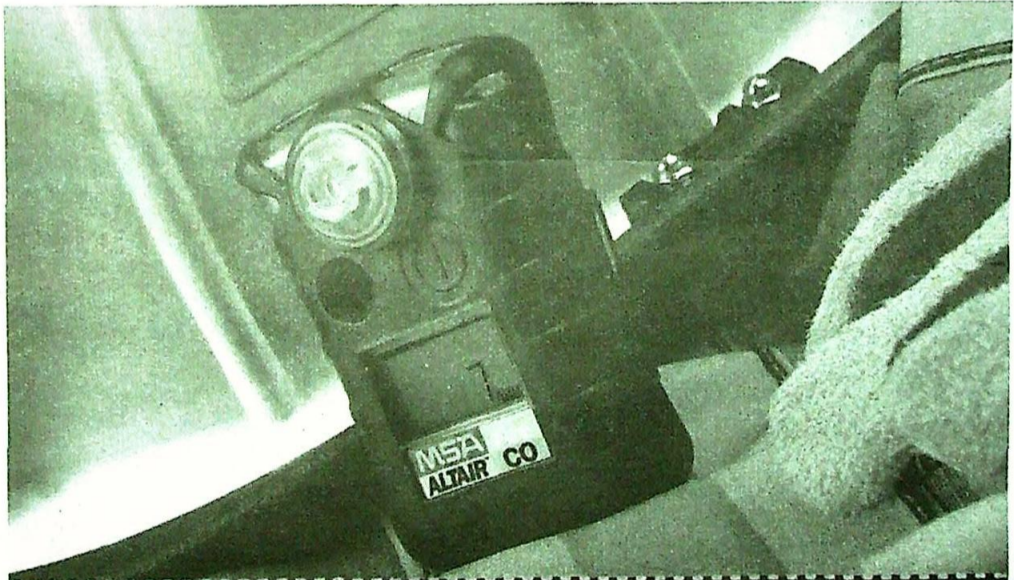


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District 19 IVFAA . . .

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We had our state meeting on November 7th with a get-together on the 6th where the officers presented us with crafts to make and good food for all to enjoy. We thank you for that wonderful treat. Susie Lewis and Heather Martin will host the Feb. 5th get-together and the meeting will be held on the 6th. We discussed the upcoming convention, Miss Flames and budget for coming year.

District 19 held their Miss Flame contest on November 18th at Versailles Fire Department. We had Tatijana Marsec representing Milan and Jacqueline Eckstein representing Sunman. They both did a nice job answering the questions and were very personable. Tatijana will be the Miss Flame for 2011 with Jacqueline being first runner-up. Both girls are going to represent their departments and our district very well. Thanks for your service to the organization, girls. I really appreciate all you do for the fire service.

The IVFAA District 19 meeting was held in Sunman, November 9th with good food and representatives from Batesville, Morris, Sunman, Blooming Grove and Milan. We played bingo for prizes and had a good time. We talked about the state meeting and passed out raffle tickets for the convention in June 2011. We enjoyed the fellowship and thanked Sunman for hosting. The next IVFAA District 19 meeting will be held in Batesville at the Fire house on February 8th with a white elephant auction. Hope you can all join us.

Thanks for all you do to keep our organization in good standing and supporting our firefighters. Hope you will all have a wonderful Christmas with God's many blessings for you and your family and a Happy New Year!

District 19 chairman
Pam Gerdowsky

From the desk of the Historian



John Davies

I hope that each one of you had a wonderful holiday this year. Those of us who found a lump of coal in our stocking received a message that for the year 2011 we must do better.

I am going to say a few words about our retired Sgt.-at-Arms who "hung it up" after serving this Association for twenty-eight (28) years in that capacity. I have known Bill Bush all of my volunteer firefighter years. He was the one that got inside of my head and persuaded me to join the local fire department. With our families, this friendship has grown over the years to the point of saying it has been a fantastic experience. Bill's energy has motivated him in every project he has undertaken. When Bill's father-in-law expired as the Association Sgt.-at-Arms, president Jim Parker asked Bill to take over the reins of the office. This he has done in a professional manner for the past twenty-eight years. When the district was divided and an election was held, Bill was elected the new chairman of the district. I

was also elected to a position within the new district.

Bill Bush has served our Association in the best way he knew how. I am very proud and honored to say that my wife and I have been a part of four Association conventions. Bill was the co-chairman of these conventions. It was a learning process to start from scratch and present to the state a convention that the entire convention committee would be proud to have served. He will be missed. But he is not that far away to answer any questions or make recommendations to anyone that might ask him for advice. To Bill Bush, I say, "Enjoy your retirement, you have done the Association proud and you have earned it."

We close the year of 2010 with only three (3) Line of Duty Deaths in the state. This figure is not perfect, but it is a figure that we can be proud of. There are a lot of states that cannot make that statement. The powers to be have beaten into our heads to train, train, train. When these classes become available and are offered to you, please sign your name on the enrollment forms. We have the best instructors that are available so take advantage of the program.

In closing, as you read this article, I ask each and every one of you, "The next time you see any of your instructors regardless of the subject of the class, walk up to them, extend your hand and say, "Thank You" for being my class instructor.

Let's make 2011 a safe year for the citizens of this great state, this includes the fire service.

Your Historian
John Davies

IVFAA Chaplain

Joann Hays



Miss Flame 2011. As at this time I have six young ladies and expecting a few more.

Take care, my dear friends. Looking forward to seeing you soon.
Love and prayers, Joann Hays

What kind of open burning does the state allow?

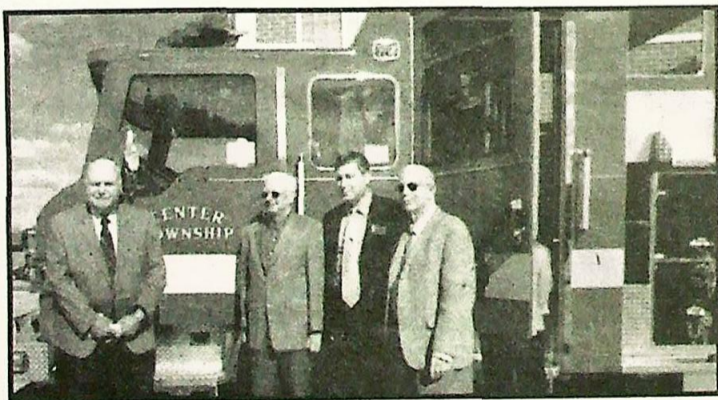
Some types of burning of vegetation from a farm, an orchard, nursery, cemetery, tree farm or a drainage ditch.

This exemption is for maintenance purposes rather than when there is a change in the use of land.

There are several restrictions on this type of open burning.

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Township buys new fire truck for Crown Point Fire Rescue



The Center Township Board of Trustees, which includes board president Roland "Bub" Wise, retiring board member John Ensweller, secretary Randy Palmateer, and Trustee Eldon Strong presented the Crown Point Fire-Rescue Department with a new \$500,000 Pierce fire engine recently. - (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

May 2011 Deadline is April 5, 2011 12:00 p.m. C.S.T.

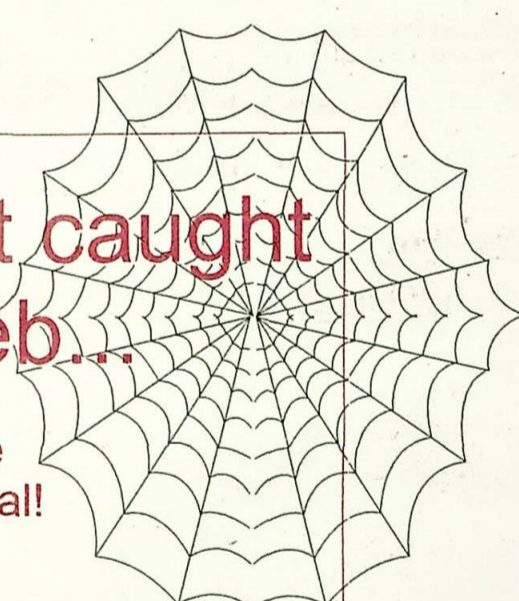
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If you haven't noticed the information on the front page, the IVFA has increased the benefit for the damage or loss of eye glasses or contact lenses.

The 2011 Leadership Series remaining meetings will be held on February 12th in Jasper and March 5th in Warsaw. Advanced registration is required to receive a certificate of attendance. To register <http://www.indianafiretraining.com/District7/>. A lot of valuable information is presented at these meetings and you should try to attend one of them.

FDIC also is coming up from March 21 - 26 in Indianapolis. The IVFA will again have an information booth set up.

The IVFA convention will be held in South Bend this year. The convention committee is hard at work making sure everyone will have a good time.

With spring just around the corner, it's time for department pancake breakfasts and other fund raisers. Help out your neighboring departments by attending them.

Jim Bradford - PRNW

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Ireland VFD hosts parade and Miss Flame contest



A bright and sunny day helped to provide for a huge success as the Ireland VFD hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, October 10, 2010. A total of 76 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Ireland.

Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2009 Riley Mehninger, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 9 lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

Megan Kloeck (left) was crowned District 18 Miss Flame, she is the 17 year old daughter of Tom and Sue Ann Kloeck. She attends Heritage Hills High School where she is in the 12th grade. She represented the St. Meinrad VFD. Megan shall represent the District 18 at the State Convention in June of 2011.

First runner up was Samantha Humbert (center). She is the 17 year old daughter of Keith Humbert and Joyce Partenheimer. She attends Northeast Dubois High school where she is in the 12th grade. She represented the Dubois VFD. Samantha also won Miss Congeniality, which is voted on by the girls.

Johannah Jackson (right) was named second runner up. She is the 16 year old daughter of Jeff and Kim Jackson. She attends Forest Park High School where she is in the 10th grade. Johannah represented the Birdseye VFD.

Following the Miss Flame contest, the Ireland VFD hosted a Waterball contest in which the team from Ferdinand came in first.

Article and photos submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, Dist. 18 Chairman



Dave O'Brien awarded 25 year pin for years of service



(Pictured at left) - PR Northeast Jean Smith, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer and District 5 Miss Flame Ryley Cripps presented Dave O'Brien of Burket Vol. Fire Dept. with an IVFA 25 year pin. - (submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

New engine delivered to Bloomington department



Bloomington Township Department of Fire & Emergency Services of Monroe County, recently was delivered their NEW engine - E-51, a Darley 1000 gal. water 1500gpm pump and a compressed air foam system.

This is the first of its type in the Monroe County area of such new firefighting technology.

The fire department is under the leadership of Chief Faron Livingston, Assistant Chief Joel Bomgardner and volunteer president Scott Fleck.

The department has been established since 1971. - submitted by Tim Deckard, president.

Two receive 25 year pins



Mike Dimeglio and Warren Bruns, Sunman Rural Fire Dept. received 25 year pins from the IVFA.

Congratulating them are Ed Scheele, district chairman and Bill Craig, fire chief. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

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Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

I attended District 12 meeting at Mooresville.

I attended District 11-B at Reelsville and their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

I attended District 11-A at Otter

Creek 3.
I attended District 12 at Monroe Twp.
I attended District 21 meeting at Shadeland.
Convention will be here before you know it. Anyone wishing to donate an item to the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction on Wednesday night, it would be greatly appreciated! We set a record last year and hope to break it this year.

I attended a memorial service for John R Bord, our prayers and thoughts are with his family and his department.

I also attended a line of duty memorial for Chad Null, Sullivan County firefighter and paramedic. Our prayers are with his family and Sullivan Fire Department.

It's not too late to go on the Carnival Cruise with us in March. If you are interested, please give a call to Bev at 317-322-8687.

Stay safe,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

Crown Point firemen congratulated on membership to fire department



Mike Parks (right) is congratulated by president Kevin Pedersen on his five year membership on the Crown Point VFD. - (photos submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

What kind of open burning does the state allow?

Recreational or ceremonial fires, such as barbecues, campfires and fires for scouting activities.

These fires may burn at night, but may be fueled only by clean wood products, paper, charcoal or clean burning petroleum products, such as lighter fluid. As an alternative, IDEM recommends using an electric lighter, charcoal chimney or newspaper as a lighting aid. If you're planning to light a bonfire, notify your local fire and health departments in advance. There are limits on the size of fires and the length of time they may burn. These fires may not be used for disposal purposes.

Matt Wise (left) is congratulated on his membership on the Crown Point VFD by his grandfather Roland "Bub" Wise, a 50 year member of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department.



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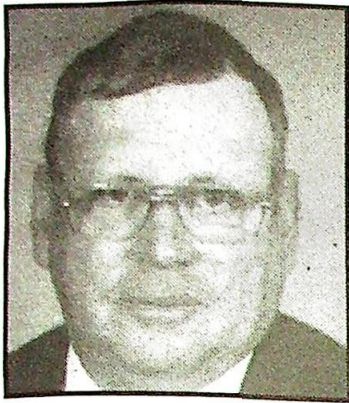
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Jim Abrams



I attended the quarterly IVFA meetings on November 5 and 6.

District 18 lost John H. Braun from Carter Fire District and Felix Mundy of the Ireland Vol. Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their departments and families!

I attended a memorial for Harlon Ziliak of Perry Twp. Fire Department on November 16th in Evansville, District 15. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and department.

I attended District 17A's meeting held at Spurgeon Volunteer Fire Department on November 17th.

I missed District 18's meeting November 18 at Schnellville.

I attended a memorial service for Roger D. Eaden of Vincennes Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on December 27th. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and department.

January 9th District 17A will have their Miss Flame contest at Scotland Station.

January 15th District 17A sausage supper at Vincennes.

January 12th District 17B's meeting at Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept.

January 18th District 15's meeting will be at Haubstadt's new fire station.

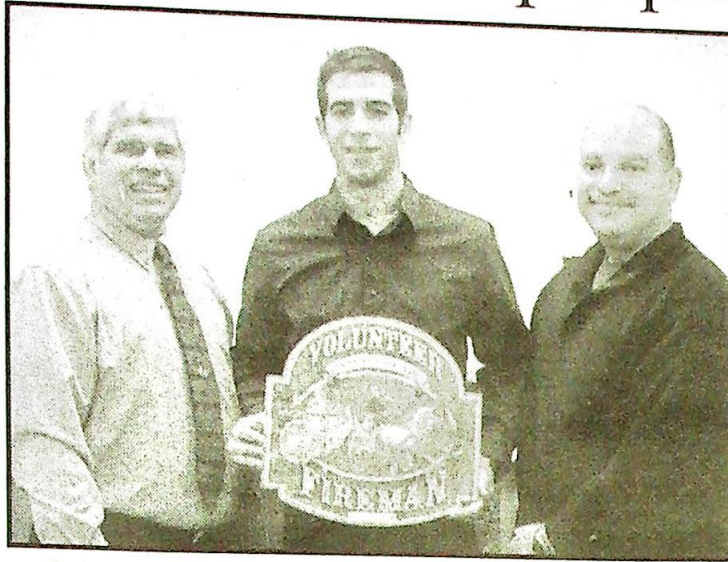
January 20th District 18's meeting at Rockville at Ohio Twp. Fire Dept.

Hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed holiday! We need to watch the legislation on trustees; this will affect all of our departments.

*Sincerely,
Jim Abrams, PRSW*

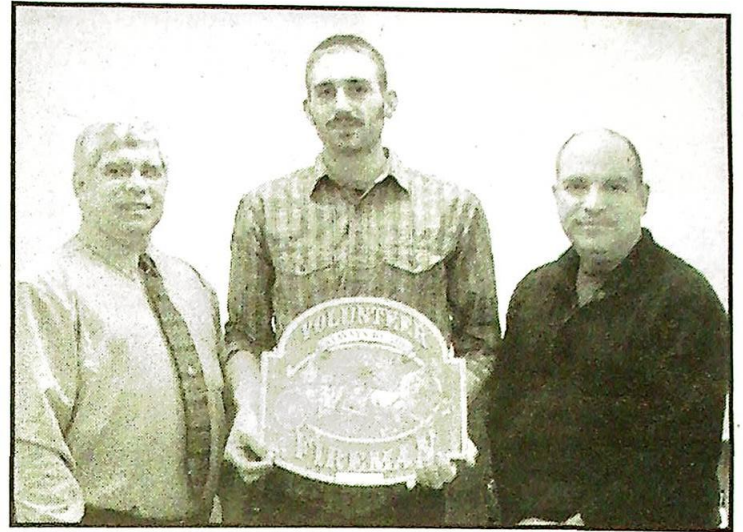
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Craig receives plaque Named "Firefighter of the Year"

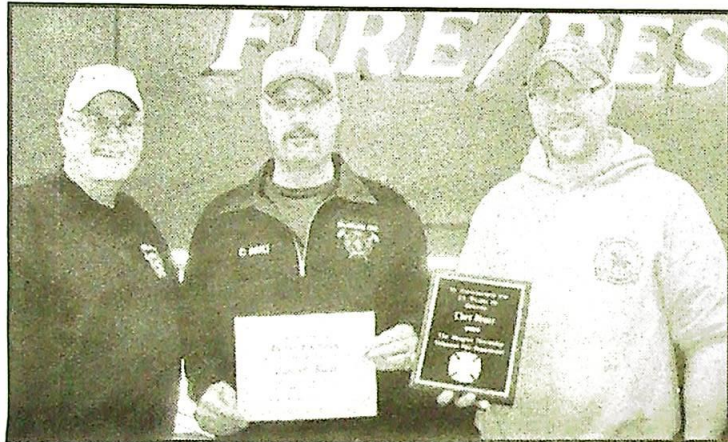


Jordan Craig received a plaque for five years of service to the Sunman Rural Fire Department.

Congratulating him are Mike Demiglio, MC at the annual awards banquet and Bill Craig, fire chief. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.



Brust presented awards



Curt Brust, chief of Morgan Twp. VFD, is presented with his 25 year pin and certificate by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

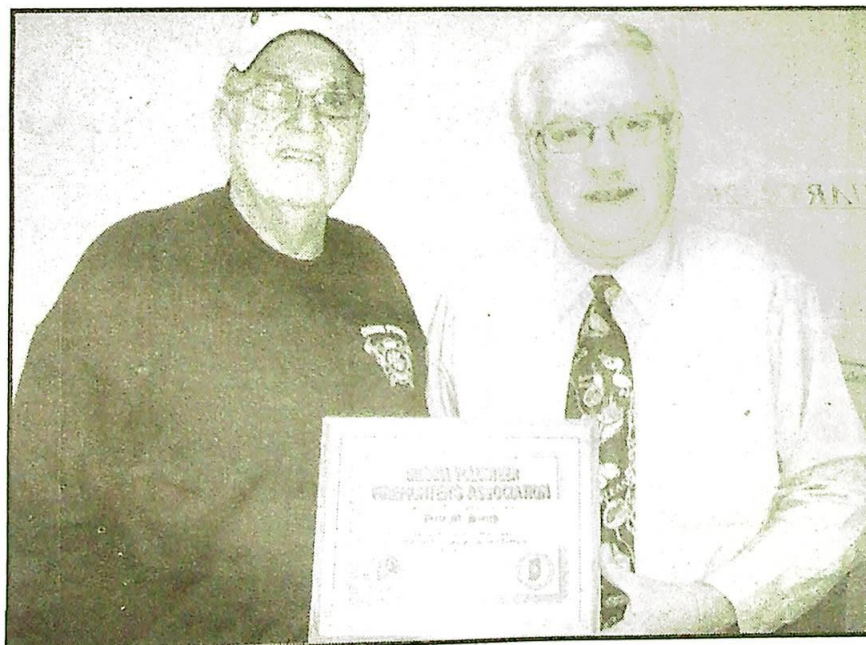
Also he was presented with a plaque for his 25 year membership at Morgan Twp. VFD by Jason Jurz, president, Morgan Twp. VFD. - (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)



Chris Hughes was named Firefighter of the Year for Sunman Rural Fire Department.

Chris also received a plaque for five years of service to the fire department.

Congratulating him are Mike Dimeglio, MC at the annual awards banquet and Bill Craig, fire chief. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.



Dale Smith presented certificate of appreciation

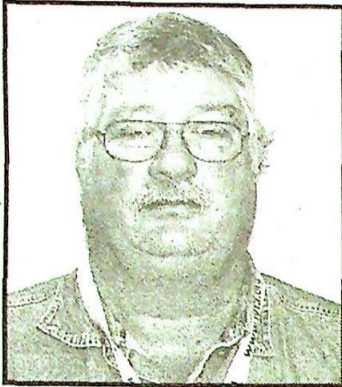
Dale Smith, 50 year member of Lowell VFD, is presented with Certificate of Appreciation and pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. - (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)



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Hope all had good and safe holidays. Hopefully the snow has not caused too much problems.

Let's all talk to our Senators and Reps to let them know we have not changed our minds on the townships. We still need them. Maybe the big cities don't, but the little guys do.

Keep bringing them to meetings and tell them.

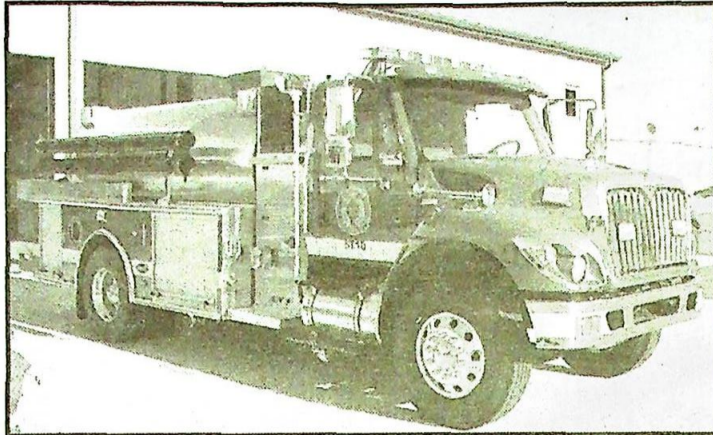
Hope to see all of you in South Bend in June for convention. Let's start making plans now; will be here before we know it.

Be safe out there.

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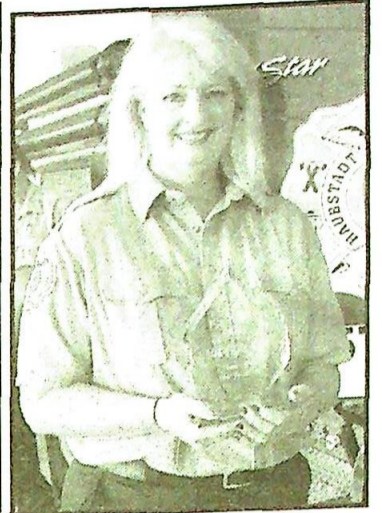
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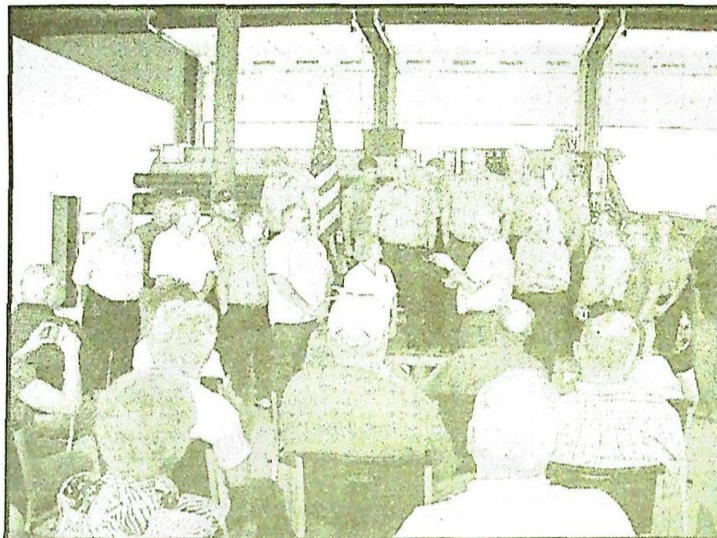
Haubstadt Fire Territory took delivery of a 2,500 gal tanker. The truck was built by M&W Fire Apparatus and delivered by Jack Kerney of Lantz Fire Equipment. (photos submitted by Jack Kerney)



Firefighter Bradley E Benkert was presented the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Haubstadt Fire Territory.



Firefighter Sandy Hipp-Will was presented the Fire Chief's Award by the Haubstadt Fire Territory.



IVFA Officers present Dedication Clock to Haubstadt Fire Territory during their Open House and Dedication.

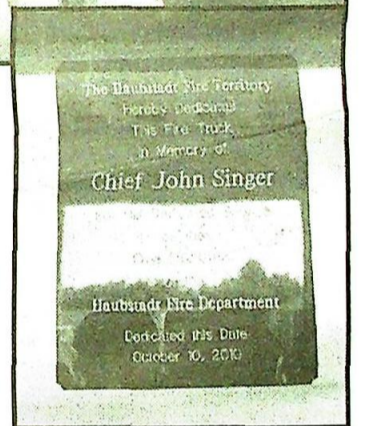


Haubstadt Fire Territory Fire Chief Bo Ross and Assistant Chief Ross Emery present a plaque to the grandchildren of Chief John Springer, the first Fire Chief for the Haubstadt Volunteer Fire Department in 1913. The plaque is to symbolize the dedication of the departments new 2,500 gal tanker.

What kind of open burning does the state allow?

A variance is required to burn vegetation for wildlife, habitat maintenance, forest and natural area management, and fire fighting or prevention.

The appropriate amount of fire, applied at just the right time, is as necessary as rain and sunshine to the forest and animals that live there. Prescribed fires can benefit Indiana's woodlands and reduce the threat of wildfire. However, many factors are carefully considered before prescribed burning takes place. These include the social, economic, legal and ecological effects a burn may have in a particular area. Generally, only the Department of Natural Resources and certain federal land management agencies may conduct this



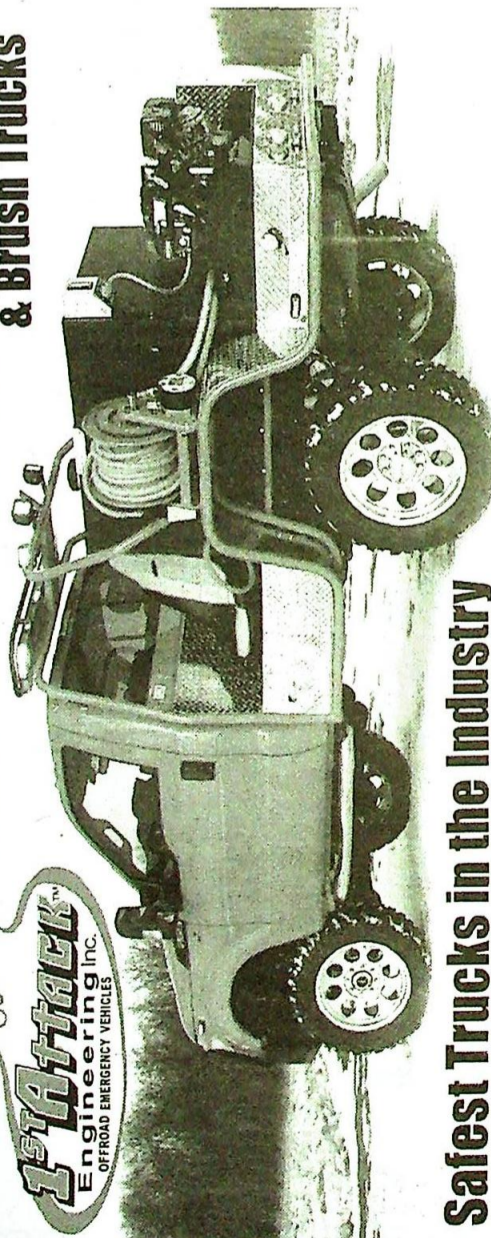
Maurice Teeple, Decatur FD awarded 50 year pin and certificate



50 year pin and certificate was presented to Maurice Teeple, Decatur Fire Dept. by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Also, but not pictured, a 50 year pin and certificate awarded to Max Milholland, Decatur Fire Department. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

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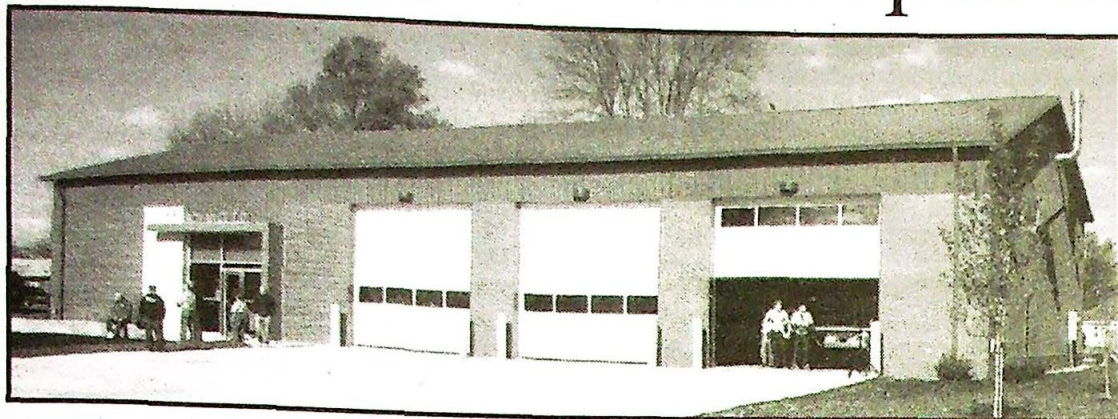
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Advance VFD holds open house and dedication



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During their open house they dedicated a new flag pole, a bronze firefighter statue and several plaques of appreciation.

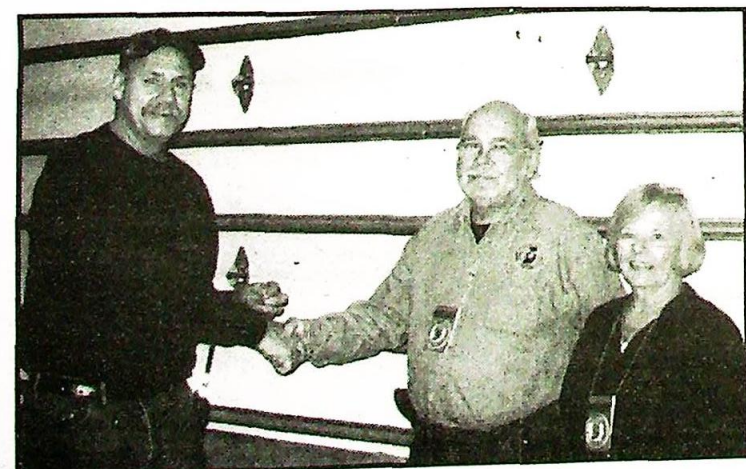
Congratulations to Advance VFD on their new station.

(Pictured at right) – Advance Fire Chief James Caldwell receives IVFA station dedication clock from District 12 chairman Larry Bruner. – submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

Loogootee VFD members awarded 25 and 50 year pins



Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presents Melvin T. Bell, Loogootee VFD his 50 year Gold Card and pin with state treasurer Bev Harker and chief Terry Pielemeier looking on. – (photos submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.)



Donald Mann, Loogootee VFD, receives his 25 year pin from Sam Emery, District 17A chairman with state treasurer Bev Harker looking on.

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District 19 Miss Flame chosen



(Left to right): Jacqueline Eckstein, Sunman Rural FD and Titijana Marsee, Milan VFD. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

(Left to right): Tonya Marsee, Titijana Marsee - District 19 Miss Flame and Mark Marsee.



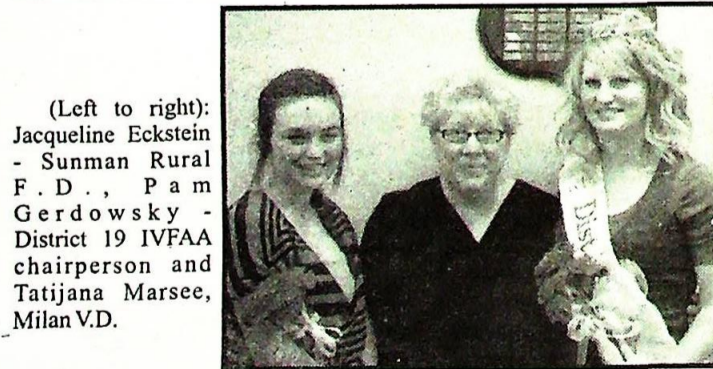
Tatijana Marsee, District 19 Miss Flame.



Jacqueline Eckstein and family from Sunman Rural F.D.



(Left to right): Jacqueline Eckstein - Sunman Rural F.D., Ed Scheele - District 19 chairman, TaMarsee - Milan F.D.



(Left to right): Jacqueline Eckstein - Sunman Rural F. D. , Pam Gerdowsky - District 19 IVFAA chairperson and Tatijana Marsee, Milan V.D.

Two young ladies entered the district Miss Flame contest -- Tatijana Marsee, representing Milan V.F.D. and Jacqueline Eckstein, representing Sunman Fire and Rescue.

The judges selected Tatijana as Miss Flame and Jacqueline as runner-up.

Thanks to both young ladies for entering the judging contest. Tatijana will be representing District 19 at the state convention at South Bend.

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Arcola VFD members presented awards



Arcola volunteer firefighters receive 25 year pins at annual dinner. IVFA District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague presents 25 year pins to Arcola volunteer firefighters Matt Butts and Jon Kurtz. - (photos submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.)



At their annual rib dinner, the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department presents Firefighter of the Year award to Mike Butts. Left to right are: Firefighter of the Year Mike Butts, chief Greg Cray and assistant chief Trebor Trahin.

Saunders presented awards



District 13B past chairman Dennis Spears presented Perry Township/Economy Fire Department member Gary Saunders with his 50 year Gold Card and pin. He was also presented with the 2010 Global Award for District 13B.

Pictured from left are: Gary Saunders, new District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl, and past District 13B chairman Dennis Spears.

Mosley awarded 25 year pin



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon gives Jeff Mosley his 25 years of service pin of the Austin Fire Dept. (11-18-10)

Firefighters receive pins *Announces launch of website*



Orange Township firefighters received their 25 year pins. Pictured (left to right) - Orange Township firefighter Michael Meibers, District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague and Orange Township firefighter Pat Fox. - submitted by District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague.

The Lewis Township Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department recently announced the launch of its new interactive website.

The site may be accessed at www.LewisTwpFD.com, and once there, visitors will have access to the latest department news, incident recaps and photos, department history, fire safety tips and more.

The website was designed and is run by LTFD firefighter Brian Moyer. It will play a critical role in the department's efforts of keeping the community in touch with how taxpayer's money is being used for and showcasing the fully volunteer department's commitment to training and providing the community with fire and EMS response.

The department also may be found on Facebook.

The new website is updated on a weekly basis and will be soon launching a large "Kids Area",

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IVFA CONVENTION ITINERARY - JUNE 15-18, 2011

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TIME	EVENT	ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011		
8:30 AM - ??	Board Bus - Golf Outing	Elbel Golf Course
10:00 PM-7:30 PM	Registration	Box Office
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
1:30 PM-5:30 PM	Vendors Set Up	Convention Hall A&B
1:30 PM-4:00 PM	Board Bus for South Bend Chocolate Factory Tour	
2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite	Room 2?? @ Marriott
6:30 PM-7:00 PM	Miss Flame Mixer	Suites 12-13
5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Welcome Dinner	Great Hall
7:00 PM - ??	Auction for Hoosier Burn Camp	Great Hall
10:00 PM-12:00 AM	Entertainment	Great Hall
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011		
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Registration	Box Office
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Miss Flame Judging (closed)	Suite 11, 4, 6
8:30 AM-11:30 AM	Board Bus for Notre Dame Campus Tour	
9:00 AM-11:30 AM	Hospitality Room	Room 2?? @ Marriott
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	BFPSE	Convention Hall C North
10:00 AM-5:30 PM	Vendors Open	Convention Hall A & B
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Seminar	Suite 1
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Seminar	Suite 3
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Miss Flame Luncheon	Suites 12-13
12:20 PM-3:00 PM	Board Bus for Studebaker Museum Tour	
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Final Judging	Recital Hall
2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Hospitality Room	Room 2?? @ Marriott
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	IVFA Officers' Meeting	Convention Hall C North
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	IVFAA Officers' Meeting	Convention Hall C South
5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Beer Bash	On the Island
5:30 PM-9:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Open Meeting	Great Hall
9:00 PM-12:00 AM	Entertainment	Great Hall
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011		
7:00 AM-7:45 AM	Coffee Klutch	Galleria B
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Memorial Service - Honor Guard	Bendix Theater
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Registration	Box Office
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	IVFA Business Meeting	Convention Hall C North
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	IVFAA Business Meeting	Convention Hall C South
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Chinese Auction	Galleria A
9:30 AM-4:00 PM	Board Bus for Kid's Health Museum Tour	
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Burn House for Children	Outside
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Vintage Trucks on Display	On Closed Street
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Swap Meet	Outside
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Vendors Open	Convention Hall A&B
12:00 PM-5:00 PM	Public Open House	
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Miss Flame Mixer	
1:00 PM-10:00 PM	Children's Room Open	Suites 14-15
1:30 PM-Close	IVFA Business Meeting, if need	Convention Hall C North
1:30 PM-Close	IVFAA Business Meeting, if needed	Convention Hall C South
2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Hospitality Room	2?? at Marriott
6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Banquet	Great Hall
10:00 PM-12:00 AM	Entertainment	Great Hall

Website . . .

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where children can safely play fun and challenging games while learning fire prevention and other safety tips.

Lewis Township Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department protects 1,700 people living in an area of approximately 44-square miles. It is operated out of one station that protects the rural area of southern Clay County.

It is a public entity manned by members on a volunteer status.

The station was originally established in 1967 with 19 members dedicated to volunteer service to the community. In 1985, Lewis Fire added the rescue portion to responses.

Lewis Township is one of 11 townships in Clay County. The five unincorporated towns within the township include Bogle Corner, Brunswick, Buchanan Corner, Coalmont and Howesville.

The location of the department is helpful to other agencies as it lends helping hands to four different counties, including Clay, Greene, Sullivan and Vigo Counties.

- article submitted by Brian Moyer, Lewis Township Fire-Rescue, 812-236-0564

Firemen receive awards



(Front row) receiving their 50 year pins and certificates are: Robert D. Buroff, Donald K. Marshall and Dennis L. Kreisher.

(Row 2) - 25 year pins were presented to: Richard Asher, Duane E. Brumbaugh, Jeffrey D. Gearhart, Scott A. Spahr, Harold E. Wood.

These men are from the Markle Volunteer Fire Department and were presented their awards by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Awarded 50 pin and certificate



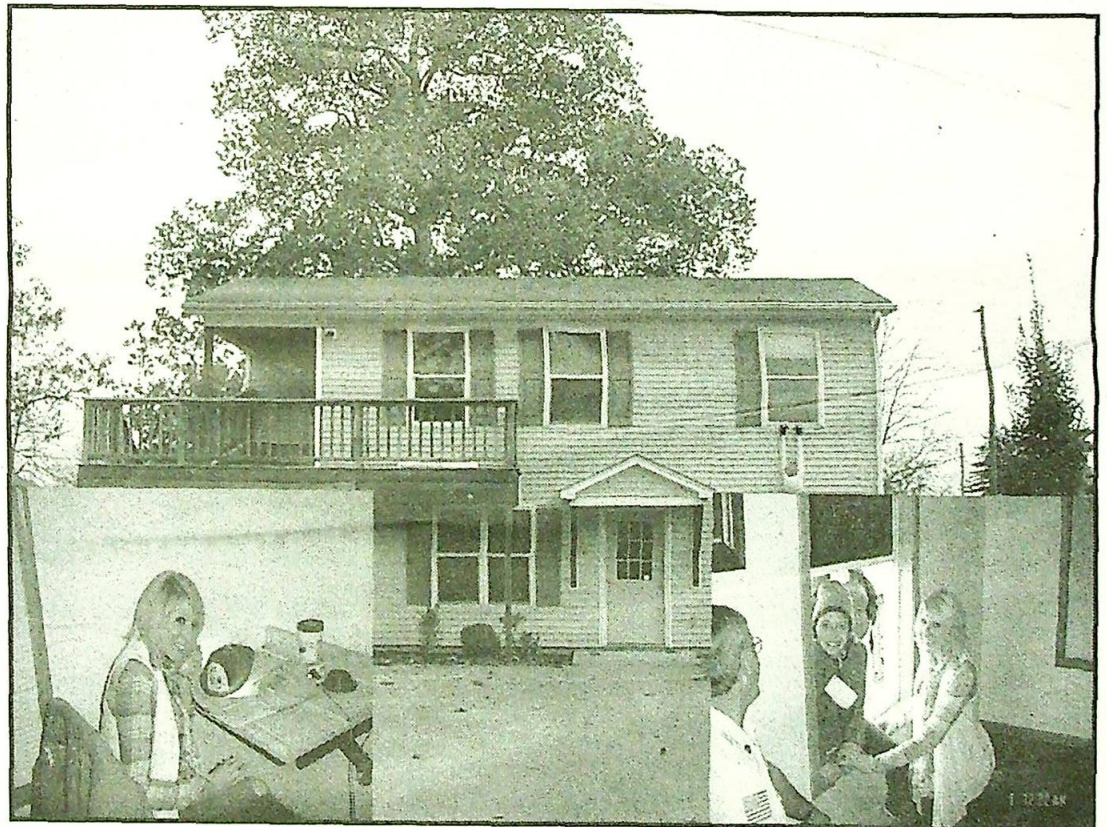
Donald (Jake) Bultemeier from Poe VFD is shown receiving his 50 year pin and certificate from Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

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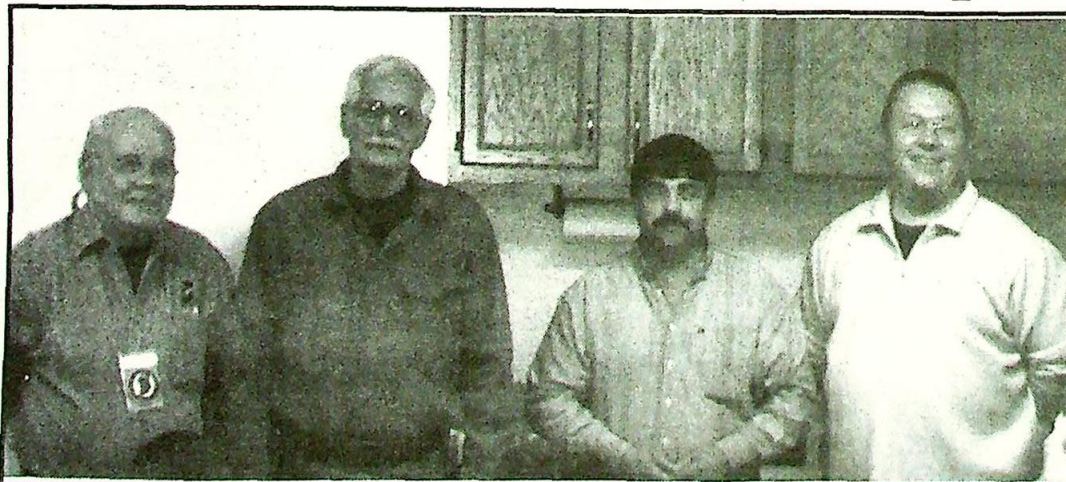
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- ✓ Burning must be done during daylight hours and extinguished prior to sunset.

Miss Flame helps at Survive Alive House



District 7 Miss Flame Kayle Konger is shown helping at the Adams County Survive Alive House. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman

Holtsclaw, Zimmerly receive pins



Sam Emery, District 17A chairman, presented Fair Play Grant Switz City VFD member Steve Holtsclaw and Bradley Zimmerly 25 year pins with chief Bryan in attendance. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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Farmland hosts Fire Prevention parade October 9, 2010



All set to drive Farmland's 1922 Model T fire truck in the Fire Prevention parade is Captain Joe Bertram. Also pictured are Molly McGuire and daughter. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

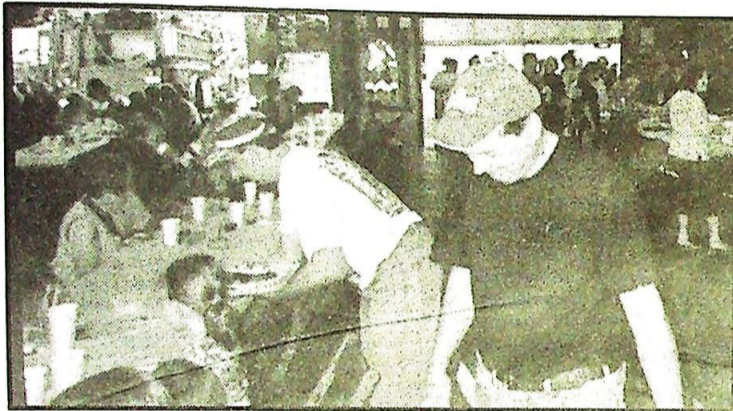


The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department held their Fire Prevention parade on October 9, 2010. Wilbur Stickler was honored with his 50 year pin. Front row from left to right are Wilbur Stickler and Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame. Back row are fellow firefighters from the Farmland VFD and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame, waiting for Farmland's Fire Prevention Parade to begin.

Daleville VFD hosts pork chop dinner



The Daleville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual pork chop dinner on October 9, 2010 at their station. The crowd seems to be enjoying the good food. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.

Carl Thompson awarded with Gold card and pin from White River VFD



Carl Thompson from the White River Volunteer Fire Department received his 50 year Gold Card and pin on November 2, 2010. Pictured is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame presenting Carl with his pin. Pictured from left to right are Gerald Stephen, who also has 50 years on the department, Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame, Carl Thompson, Winifred Thompson, wife and Jill Ash, daughter. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B.



Montpelier VFD holds Christmas party with Santa

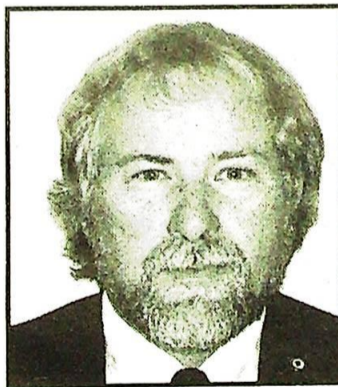
The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on December 4, 2010 at their station. Shown in the picture, from left to right, are Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B chairman, Heaven Smith - District 8B Miss Flame runner-up, Santa and Megan Karn - District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

Steve Ward receives 50 year card



District 13B chairman Jeff Biehl presented Steve Ward of the Raleigh Fire Department with a 50 year Gold Card and pin. Raleigh Fire Department also presented Steve a plaque for his years of service.

From The Vice President David Israel



Happy New Year to everyone, I will make this short and to the point as I'm late getting this in to the paper. I know you're tired of hearing about Legislation but it is a fact of life. We (IVFA) have had a good start in 2011 Session; meaning legislators are calling us for our input on bills on how they will affect the volunteer fire service in our communities. The IVFA Legislation Committee has met with and had conference calls with several legislators. And after the last call with a representative on a bill he was going to submit, he told us that he was not going to submit the bill, because now after our conversation we had given him a better insight of the working of the Volunteer Fire

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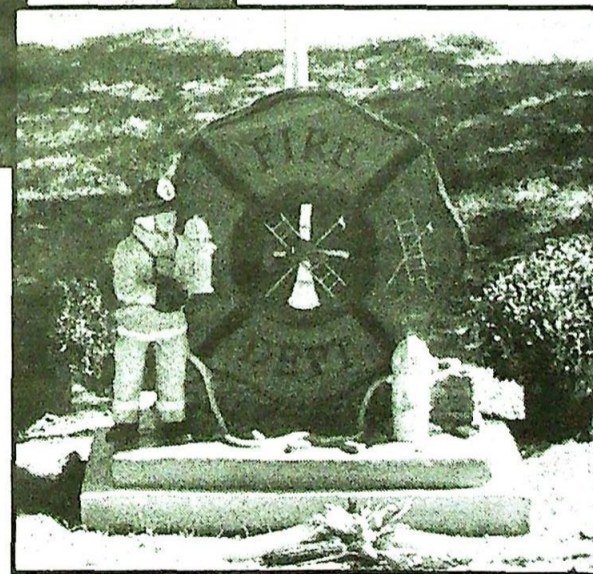
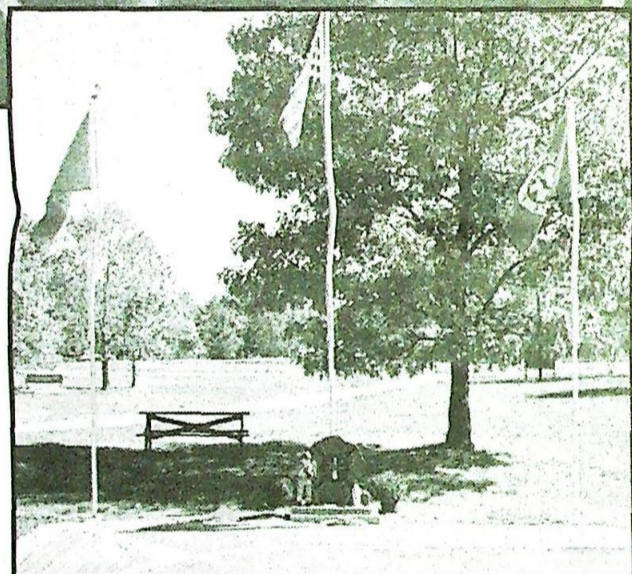
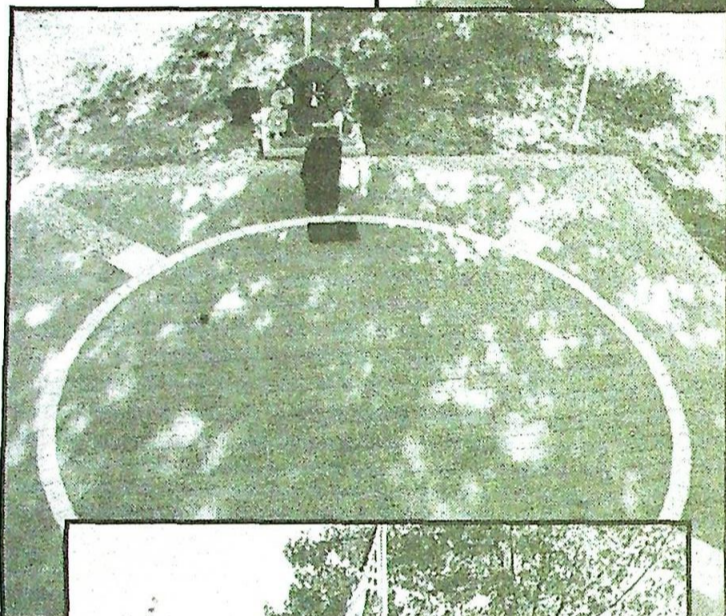
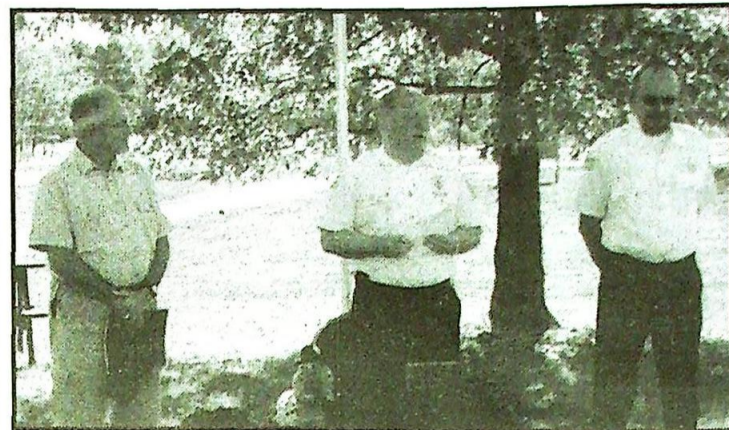
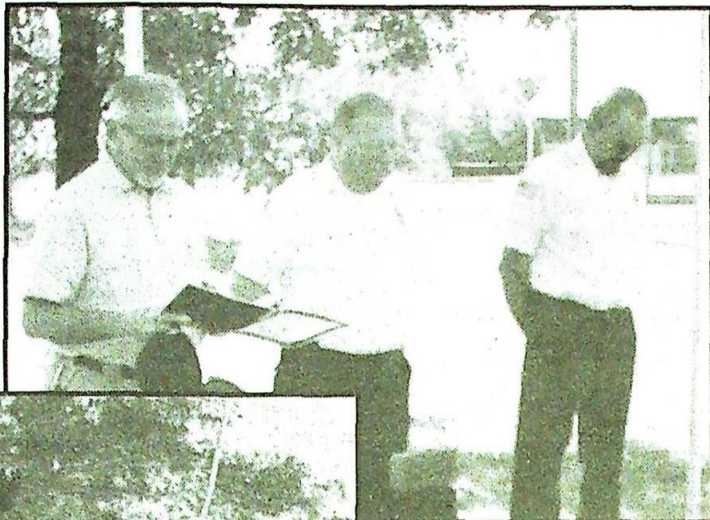
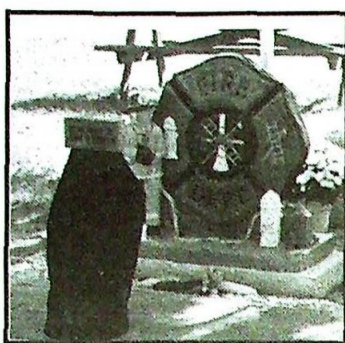
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Memorial dedication and open house at Cordry Sweetwater Fire Dept.



On Saturday, October 9, 2010, Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department dedicated a memorial to honor those members who are retired or deceased. The memorial was built behind the station under the direction of the Assistant Chief, Tony Carrico, and was completed in time to be dedicated at the annual open house.

A paving brick with the name of the member etched on it will be placed in the memorial which is shaped in the form of the fire service Maltese cross. Three flags, the U.S., EMS and Fire, stand behind it. A small statue of a firefighter sits below the flags. Materials and money were donated by various people and businesses. Manpower was provided by the department's members. The first brick laid was that of John D. Cooper. Pastor Bruce Bendinger from Church of the Lakes held a brief ceremony to dedicate the memorial.

The annual open house was also held. Visitors to the station were treated to complimentary snacks, fire brochures, equipment display and the opportunity to get to meet and chat with the fire department members. Children were also given a goodie bag that contained a coloring book and crayons among other things. They also got to sit in the trucks and spray water from the fire hoses.

Chief Bernie McGaha was especially pleased with the great turnout at the day's events. An estimated crowd of over 200 people stopped by. -- article submitted by Brian Lucas



Eagle Creek members receive 25 year service pins

Three members of Eagle Fire Dept., Oldenburg, received 25 year pins on December 4, 2010.

Ken Nobbe, Greg Adams, and Charles Israel received pins from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele and Fire Chief Kevin Froehling. -- submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

Vice president ...

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Service in the communities in which we serve.

We need to continue to educate our legislators on what we do as the Volunteer Fire Service (training, man hours, tax saving, fund raisers, etc.) But most of all the fire department and the small community are what makes that community special. Would it be the same community if it was protected by a county wide fire protection? You decide. We can make a difference if we try.

Thanks, Verlin for being willing to help.

Be ready if your district chairman calls to have you contact your legislator. Then call the people you know to do the same.

I mentioned last column about fire contracts. Be working on your fire department budgets so you can go over them with whoever you contract with in May or June for 2012 contracts.

Make plans for 2011 IVFA convention now at South Bend. Judy, Terry and Tony and their committee have been working hard in putting this together. I know it will be a good time.

Be Safe, see you at the district meeting.

David Israel

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Hamilton Township VFD honors three firefighters

On December 6, 2010, the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department honored three firefighters with their 25 year pin.

Pictured from left to right are Larry Richards, Bob Wilson, and William Shreves.

Pictured in front is Megan Karn, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B

25 year pins awarded to Mooresville firefighters



At our District 12 meeting in September 2010, three members of the Mooresville Fire Department received their IVFA 25 year pins.

Shown (left to right): Timothy N. Bennett with 29 years of service, Darrell Brown with 32 years of service and Robert (Doug) Allen with 28 years of service and Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

Congratulations to all three and thank you for your many years of service to the community. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon poses with Sellersburg fire members



Sellersburg Fire Dept. members of Station Three - (left to right): Richie Cannon, Josh Cannon, Casey Nanez, Zach Durham, James Bradley, District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, J D Hacker, Bryan Demas, Major Rick Cannon. (12-11-10)

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Rebecca Cannon helps out with auction



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon poses with chief John Heal of the Charlestown Fire Dept. at their annual chili supper and auction.



Rebecca volunteers her time to help Charlestown with their auction. Money made from this helps the Crusade for Children. (12-19-10)



Miss Flame at Memphis Days

Miss Rebecca Cannon in front of the IVFA trailer that was at the Memphis Days. (10-2-10)

McCulloch FD members receive awards



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and chairman Rick Cannon gives out the award for 50 years of service to McCulloch Fire Dept. who covered Jeff Township until January 1, 2011 Chief Dave Tenney.

Cannons attend Fort Vallonia Days



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon post here with Clint Wolka of the Driftwood Fire Dept. at Fort Vallonia Days. (10-16-10)



James Willoughby receiving his 25 years of service on the McCulloch Fire Dept. (12-19-10)



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and chairman Rick Cannon pose here with the McCulloch Fire Dept. at their last meeting 12-19-10. Robert Rozier, Jeff Everett, Reid Morris, James Willoughby, Greg Linker, Juan Limon Jr., Dwight Conrad, Dave Tenney, Teri Redd, Brent Oliver, Greg Montgomery, Al Williamson. (12-19-10)

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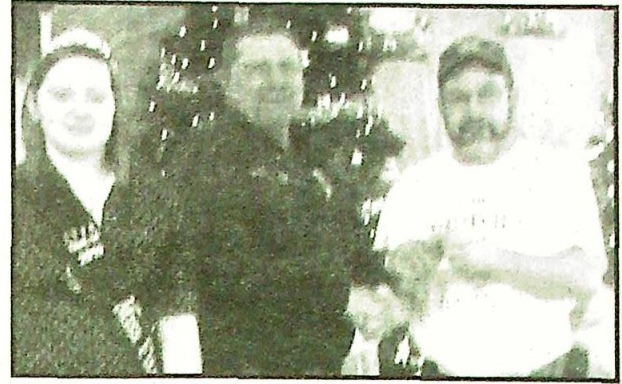
Awards given out at Charlestown Christmas party



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and chairman Rick Cannon hand out Charlestown Fire Dept. 25 years of service pins at their Christmas party to David (Boney) Armstrong. (12-19-10)



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and chairman Rick Cannon hand out Charlestown Fire Dept. 25 years of service pins at their Christmas party to David Hayes.



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and chairman Rick Cannon hand out Charlestown Fire Dept. 25 years of service pins at their Christmas party to David Morrow.



District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and chairman Rick Cannon hand out Charlestown Fire Dept. 25 years of service pins at their Christmas party to Michael Perry.



Back row (left to right) – John Muessell, Charles Andrews, Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon, Market Lytle, James Edwards, Russell Briner, IVFA District 14 Rick Cannon. Front row (left to right) – Steve Manaugh, Bill Combs, Brian Lehnert.

All of these men received 25 years or more of service.

Fair Play Fire Company Number One honors members



Fair Play Fire Company Number One – District 14 chairman and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon give out five 25 year pins to John Atkinson, David Brondon, Wilmer Goering, Marsh Jones, Michael McKay.



James Edwards accepts the 50 year pin and Gold Card to give to Richard Klein.



Fair Play Fire Company Number One – District chairman and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon give out three 50 year pins to John Knoebel, Carl Morgan, Donald Vaughn. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

Lindauer presented 25 year pin

At the January 6 meeting of the Jasper Fire Department (Dubois Co., District 18), Jim Lindauer (left) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. – article and photo provided by district chairman.



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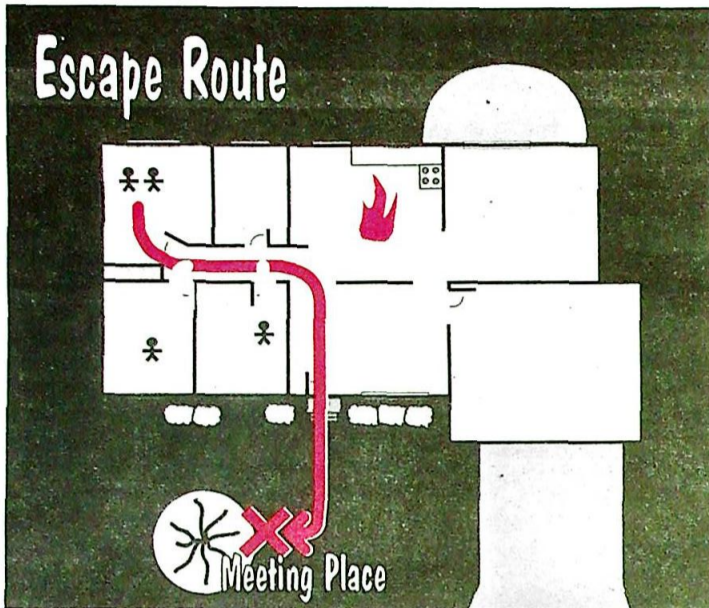
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Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

Please contact the District chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213. He will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Does your family have a fire escape plan?



Some tips and suggestions for a safe home...

A fire breaks out in a home or apartment every 45 seconds – killing about 4,500 people every year and injuring more than 20,000 others.

That's why it is important to develop and practice a family fire-escape plan, says the Insurance Information Institute.

A family escape plan consists of:

- Sketching the layout of each floor, including windows, doors and stairways.
- Working out two escape routes, if possible, for each room. Mark them clearly on the

sketch, and make sure there are no obstructions blocking the routes. Make sure every family member is familiar with the routes.

- Assigning a family member to help the elderly or very young escape.

- Designating a place outside the home for everyone to meet in case of a fire. (Once outside, count heads, stay together, and don't go back inside for personal belongings.)

- Holding fire drills, including some at night, so everyone will know what to do in an emergency.

Heating devices can cause fires; take precautions; check out before cold weather

The outside temperature is falling into the twenties, the teens, and lower. Inside our home's fires are built in wood stoves, thermostats are turned up to "take off the chill", 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 the 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.

Be cautious with disposable lighters and young children

The Cricket disposable lighter is difficult for children under 52 months to light because of its built-in child-resistant mechanism.

To produce a flame, the user pushes the lever in and then depresses the ignition latch to light.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, accidents in the home caused by young children playing with lighters account for 170 deaths per year, 5,800 fires and 1,700 injuries.

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Space heating the leading cause of home fires in the wintertime

Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention

Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to the latest statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters-gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

In 1998, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

As winter approaches, we want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely. Simple steps can prevent a tragedy in your home.

NFPA recommends these safety measures:

- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. Be sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.
- If you use a wood or coal stove or a fireplace, have a professional inspect your chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have it cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.
- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.