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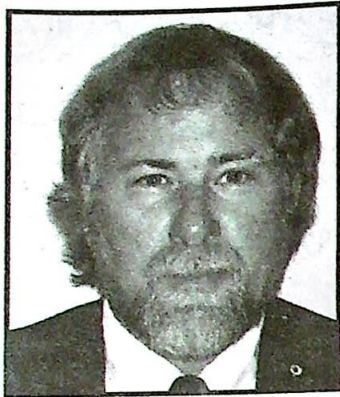
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FEBRUARY 2012

From The President

David Israel



Happy New Year Everyone -- as the IVFA starts the new year with new officers.

There are some big shoes to fill and we have our work cut out for us to maintain and improve the quality of service, information, betterment and direction of the fire service to you, our members. But having said that, we need your help to do that. We can't do it all by ourselves.

We need you to attend the district meetings in your area so you know what is going on, get involved. If you can't attend the meeting, call the district chairman and ask him or her what is going on. Make sure they have a way to contact you to let you know what is going on.

What's the key communication.

I am glad to announce two new programs for you, our members, to take advantage of -- each one is a specialty of their own.

1. California Casualty Insurance -- specializing in insuring only Members of Fire, Police, and EMS Home, Auto and Recreational coverage.

2. Provident Insurance -- this one has a FREE 90-day sign-up on existing health problems (time sensitive). There is an informational article on the front page of the IVFA paper for both of these and they both have an ad in the paper. Check them out.

The IVFA website should be up and running by the time you read this -- (there may be some pages still under construction). Sorry it has taken so long, but I believe you will like the new site.

Legislative Session is going strong and we still need your help in this battle. So when you are called upon to make that call to your

Legislator, "please" do so and most of them do not like a chain letter -- put it into your own words. Please make a point to contact the Legislators in your area of your fire department's needs and concerns, invite them to your meetings and fund-raisers so they know (BEFORE THE SESSION STARTS) what Bills will affect the Fire Service. When the gavel is on its way down, it is too late.

Make plans to attend the 2012 IVFA Convention at the Horseshoe Casino in June. Paul and Rick have guaranteed a good time to those that attend. The convention info is in the paper.

From my travels to volunteer fire departments across the state, all most volunteer fire departments want is the funding, training and equipment so they can help their community in which they live and serve in their time of need.

Thank you for all you do to make your community a better and safer place to live.

Be safe and hope to see you at a district meeting.

David Israel, President

*Make your
plans now
for:
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July 28*

IVFA Benefits

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association is pleased to announce a spectacular member benefit: **California Casualty Auto & Home Insurance.**

IVFA chose California Casualty because of its unique coverages, long term financial stability, exceptional customer service and solid reputation. California Casualty insurance products are only available to nurses, educators, firefighters and law enforcement -- and not to the general public.

One of the greatest benefits they offer our membership is personalized service. Each County Association has a local California Casualty Representative. This representative is not only knowledgeable about insurance but they understand and care about what we do and our unique needs.

Please contact your local California Casualty Representative to learn more about this new program and how their auto insurance is unique for firefighters:

Northern Indiana - Tanya Rigsby - 812-667-8010 - trigsby@calcas.com

Southern Indiana - Jessie Newton - 317-823-8670 - jnewton@calcas.com

Your support of this valuable member benefit is important. When IVFA members use our sponsored programs, it strengthens our mutually beneficial partnership. California Casualty brings to our membership over 90 years of insurance experience. Along with this level of expertise our members will receive helpful, friendly, dependable service from California Casualty.

The IVFA welcomes you to contact California Casualty to obtain a free no-obligation rate comparison at 866-680-5142 or visit www.calcas.com/IVFA.

[Look for our ad on page 30 of this issue.]

New Benefit Offering for IVFA Members & Their Families

The IVFA is pleased to announce a new customized Group Cancer & Critical Illness benefit offering for IVFA members and their families. In partnership with Aflac Group, Provident is proud to bring the IVFA a GUARANTEED-ISSUE GROUP CANCER & CRITICAL ILLNESS policy that has significantly reduced rates exclusively for the fire service. What is a Group Cancer & Critical Illness Policy and why would you

need it?

The Need: Everyone in the fire service knows that the number one killer of firefighters is heart attacks (U.S. Fire Administration 2011 On-Duty Firefighter Fatality Report). But, did you know that 1 out of every 2 men and 1 out of every 3 women will be diagnosed with cancer in his or her lifetime (American Cancer Society Fact & Figures, 2008)? The average out-of-pocket costs for people who get cancer racks up into the tens of thousands of dollars. Having this policy will put cash in members' pockets when they need it most.

Please remember that this policy is ONLY GUARANTEED ISSUE FOR EXISTING IVFA MEMBERS THE FIRST ENROLLMENT PERIOD of 4/1/2012-6/31/2012, so if interested, please take advantage of this great offer during this time. Please direct all questions to Provident (Daren K. D'Ippolito, 800-447-0360) & The Ezell Group (Lona Huffiman & Brian Russell, 800-848-4470), who will be overseeing the enrollment. And, please stay tuned to upcoming information about how to enroll! [Check out our ad on page 19 for more info.]

Celebrating one man's dedication



Story at right: At a recent District 12 meeting, IVFA chairman Larry Bruner presented Gary Robison, IDHS, with an IVFA 65 year commemorative coin.

Gary has many years in the fire service and has always been willing to go the extra mile to help anyone in need, to train a young troop or to lend a helping hand to assist wherever needed.

Gary, we appreciate all of your hard work and many years of service -- Thank You! - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

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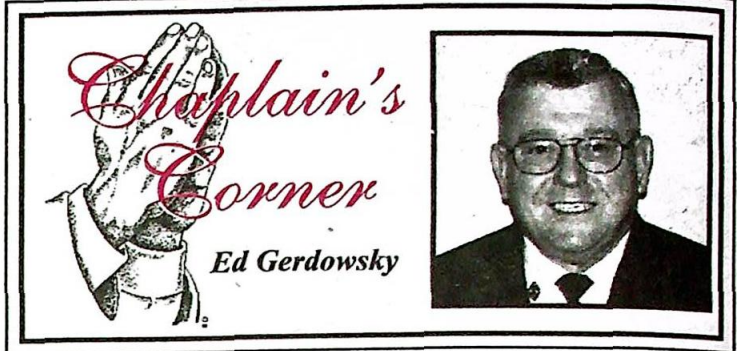
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I hope this finds everyone well and happy and that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. For those who have had to lose a loved one may God's love surround you with the support of those who will lend a helping hand. I also hope your Christmas times will be filled with the warmth and love of God, family, and friends. Be sure to stay safe and warm. Let's keep all those who have passed in our thoughts and prayers and their families as well. Let us also keep in prayer the people who are having health issues.

I have attended the state meeting in November and many other fire department events as time would allow. It was good to see you all. I hope I will be able to attend more in the upcoming months.

I would like to thank the outgoing officers for their many hours of dedicated service and thank the new ones for stepping in to serve our organization in many ways. We are a brotherhood who need to support each other and serve our communities in many ways which will impact the firefighter's organization in a positive way. May God bless each one of you for your dedicated service to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association. I can't thank you enough for the help you continue to give me by doing the memorial services when needed. If I can be of service to you in any, please let me know by e-mail or give me a call.

I will leave you with this poem by Margaret Peterson:

TIME
Time is the length of our stay on earth
With all of its joys, its pain, its mirth.
A gift from God so each can be
A vital part of eternity
How we use it is in our hands,
Yet we must do what God commands ...
For He has a plan...unused, unspent,
A purpose to which each one is sent -
Geared to the soul to make it grow
Into a life that has a glow!
But we must choose; God will not force.
We, alone, can determine our course.
Reflect on each day, ask Him to guide you.
Ask your Guardian Angel beside you.
Then life will have meaning, each day be a rhyme
And you will be thankful God gave you "Time".

But I pray to You, Lord, for the
time of Your favor. God in Your
great Kindness answer me with Your constant help.
Psalm 69:14

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky
Dec. 1, 2011

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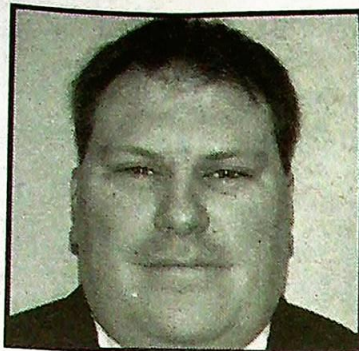
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From The Vice President

Steve Anderson



Happy New Year to one and all! But you know what that means...it is time to make sure that deserving individuals are filling out the Bridgeport Scholarship forms. Three (3) \$1500 scholarships are available yearly to members, spouses or their children. The deadline for applications is March 1 (if the application is sent by registered or certified mail, a postmark prior to March 1 will be considered as eligible). The forms are available on the IVFA website. The other awards have a Feb. 1 deadline so (depending on delivery of this issue) you may have a short window of opportunity to submit a letter, or you can start early and write something awesome for 2013.

Speaking of the website, we have spent the last quarter of 2011 making upgrades to our website. By the time you read this, the new design should be up and running. Please use it to your advantage by posting events, fund-raisers, or trucks and equipment for sale. Any ideas or suggestions you might have, be sure to send to your district representatives.

Congratulations to all new Fire Chiefs or new line officers. Remember there are some great programs offered throughout the state to assist you in your new role. And for all of the veteran officers, it never is a bad thing to get updates of the changing rules and regulations, and get reacquainted with those that have not changed. Make sure you get on any email lists distributed in your area, and see updates on the websites for the various responder organizations.

I hope to get out to your district meetings, and my initial goal is to get to 1 or 2 every month outside the PRSW area. Now we will see if I can turn that into a reality!!

S. Anderson

Bridgeport Scholarship Applications

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association awards (3) \$1,500.00 scholarships each year at the Annual Meeting and Convention.

Criteria for Bridgeport Scholarship Applicant

1. Applicant must be a current paid member of the IVFA, or spouse or son or daughter of a current paid member of the IVFA, having paid the current year's dues by July 31. The member must also have been a member for the (2) two years prior to the year of application.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior, GED or enrolled full time in an Accredited advanced educational institution.
3. Applications for Post Graduate studies are not eligible.
4. Scholarships are for a one-time grant only. Once given to an applicant, they are not eligible for another.
5. Applicant will not be selected by scholastics only, but by the total of all the information revealed on the application.
6. It is anticipated the student is capable of meeting and maintaining the scholastic standards of the school selected.
7. Scholarships may be applied to class fees, tuition, books, room and board, etc., as the student desires.
8. It is anticipated that the student will provide a portion of the expense.
9. The award will be paid in the name of the recipient and school, of the student's choice. Should the student leave school for any reason, any unused portion of the award will be returned to the Memorial Trust Fund.
10. Applicants for this advanced education shall be enrolled as full time students.
11. Three (3) Scholarships of One Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) each will be awarded annually.

Bridgeport Scholarship Applications are due post marked no later than March 1st.

Applications are available on the IVFA website at www.ivfa.org.

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Jack & Barb Kerney
IVFA Office

District 8A Global Award presented to Round Robins CB Club

A presentation of the 2011 District 8A Global Award was made to the Round Robins CB Club.

(Pictured at right) - Representing District 8A is Scott Harris and representing Round Robins CB Club is president Harvey Barnes, Sr.

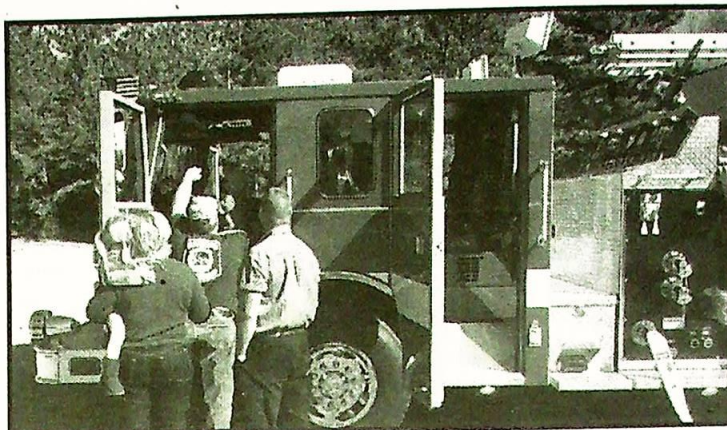
Round Robins runs a Bingo Hall and has given over \$10,000 a year on the average for the past five years to volunteer fire departments in Grant County.

Some years that total has been over \$20,000. Items that they have helped purchase are thermal imaging cameras, large diameter hose, RIT Kits, pagers, radios, rescue tools, nozzles, and many other items.

They also give over \$10,000 per month to various other organizations within Grant County.

Who new that much money was raised by playing bingo? - submitted by Scott Harris.

Cordry-Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department busy with open house and hayride fundraiser



CORDRY - SWEETWATER, OCTOBER 15, 2011: On Saturday, October 15, the Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department held their annual open house. Visitors to the station were treated to a complimentary lunch and snacks in appreciation of their support of the department.

Department members conducted tours of the station and apparatus and demonstrated the use of extrication equipment. Children were given a goodie bag and the opportunity to sit in the apparatus and operate fire hoses.

Chief Bernie McGaha was especially pleased with the great turnout for the event and the continuing support of the community. The Department holds an open house annually in conjunction with fire safety week. -- submitted by Michael Leavitt, PIO, Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance, Inc.

CORDRY - SWEETWATER, OCTOBER 28-29, 2011: The Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department held their annual Haunted Forest and Hayride fundraiser on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29.

The department greatly appreciates the tremendous support of the community as shown by the near record attendance. There were almost 800 attendees to this year's event. The quarter mile trail included 13 skits and 4 hay ride wagons. All proceeds for the event go toward the operation of the volunteer department.

The Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department greatly appreciates the assistance of the other neighboring fire departments and volunteers with the event. Hamblen, Van Buren, Fruitdale, Nashville, Nineveh, and White River fire departments all participated in helping make the event a success. -- submitted by Michael Leavitt, PIO, CSFD

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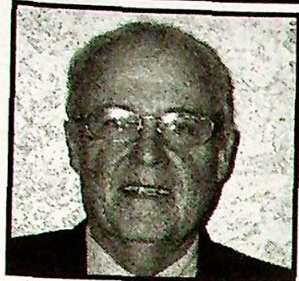
DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

October 19, 2011
Dyer, Indiana

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Pledge led by Phyllis Vargo, District 1 and 2 IVFAA district chairman.

Guests: 50 year Gold Card members -- Bill Casbon, Porter Twp. VFD, Pete Monix, St. John VFD, Greg Eckhardt, Porter County FIST Team, Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, Tom Orrell, District 1 chairman, Phyllis Vargo, District 1 and 2 IVFAA district chairman, Larry Stott, past District 2 chairman, and Ron Sevetic, Lake County Haz-Mat.

Bill Casbon, Porter Twp., made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Harry Carey of Merrillville Station 1 seconded. Motion passed.

Roll call taken: District 1 - 16 members, 5 departments; District 2 - 9 members, 5 departments.

Chief Stutler of Dyer F.D. gave a brief history of the department.

Program presented by Chief Stutler on the Life Stat CPR machine. It was demonstrated how the machine performed CPR and did the breathing on a patient. Cost is \$10,000.

Old business - none.

New business - none.

Treasurer's report - \$328.73.

No comments from the guests.

Good of the order: Lake Station - dedication of new station, 10:00 a.m. October 20th. Christmas auction at Lincoln Twp. F.D. November 19th. Lake County Fire Chief's Assoc. having a Texas-Holdem Poker night, November 18 at the Operating Engineers #150 Hall on Taft St., Merrillville - \$60.00 buy-in, call Christine at the LCFCA for tickets - 219-736-9680.

Next meeting: Lake Twp. F.D., Lake Village, November 16th.
50/50 Winner: Paul Watland - \$33.00.

Trophy winner: Griffith, District 1; St. John, District 2.

Motion by Bill Casbon, seconded by Harry Carey to adjourn the meeting - motion passed. 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Watland, District 2 chairman

Lake Township
November 16, 2011
District 1 chairman Tom Orrell to call the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge was recited.
Chairman Tom thanked Lake Township Fire Department for hosting this month's meeting.

Roll call was taken by District 1 with 7 members representing 6 departments, and District 2 by 34 and 1 guest member representing 9 departments.

Chief Matt Rigby of Lake Township Fire Department gave department history.

Program tonight was presented by James Hickerson and Eric Bohm of I-Denti-File.

Chairman Orrell introduced the guests in attendance: 50 year Gold Card members: Bub Wise of Crown Point, Bill Casbon of Boone Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Marge Baumgardner - Secretary ProTem.

Motion made by Keith Austin and seconded by Bob Szot, to dispense with reading of the minutes -- passed.

Treasurer's report - No report.

Old business - None.

New business - Motion was made by Mark Baumgardner, Sr. to eliminate attendance trophies, seconded by Bub Wise. Motion passed.

Good of the order -- Lincoln Twp. Fire Christmas Auction, flyers on table. Marge Baumgardner talked about how the Auxiliary is still taking applications for Miss Flame. If you have someone on your department that meets the requirements, please contact Phyllis Vargo for an application. Deadline to Phyllis is February.

Trophies winner: District #1 Beverly Shores -- District #2 Lincoln Twp.

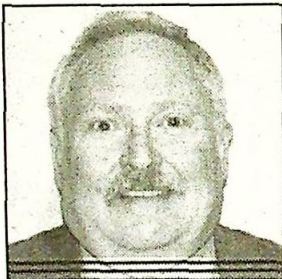
Sandy Schild of Lincoln Twp. Fire is 50/50 winner for \$61.50.

Next meeting will be at Porter Twp. Fire Department on January 18th at 7 p.m.

Motion by Wally Cook, seconded by Bill Casbon to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:25 p.m.

Marge Baumgardner
Pro-Tem Secretary

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



David G. Kaufman - Chairman

Coolspring - Township Fire Department

November 17, 2011

Refreshments: Refreshments were served prior to the meeting consisting of chicken, cole slaw, assorted desserts and soft drink of your choice.

Program: The program for the month was on the new e-draulic Hurst tools and was presented by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm Fire and Safety and Ice Rescue presented by Rod Carringer of Center Township Fire / Rescue. Both programs were extremely educational and oriented to emergency responder safety. Rod's program emphasized many of the issues that fire service personnel need to be aware of when responding to an ice rescue incident.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 8:05 with the pledge led by Rick Bradford from Coolspring Township, and the prayer led by Ron Devenport,

District Chaplain:
Initial roll call found 20 members from 8 departments present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. There was \$429.70 in cash and bank deposits.

Guests present: Jessie Dove, District 3 Miss Flame. Jessie said that she is always willing to help wherever needed and her first priority after her education is the fire service.

Wally Cook, Walter Cook Insurance -- Wally talked for a short time on the benefits of the LOSAP program and how it is beneficial to our recruiting and retention efforts in the volunteer fire service.

Communications: None

Old Business: LaPorte County chiefs have applied for countywide grant to update the VHS communications system. Estimated cost is approximately \$750,000.00 compared to \$1.2 million dollars when this was proposed 6 years ago. All departments will have to report NIFRS for at least one year after we receive the grant.

There is a push for all the men to join the IVFAA. It is only \$5.00 per year and you can have double insurance by doing so. IVFAA is also looking into AFLAC Insurance for the membership to be able to purchase at extremely reasonable rates.

Narrow band radio switchover is scheduled for spring 2012 in LaPorte County. We were told that there is a possibility that the 12.5 MHz will go to 6.25 MHz in as little as four years. This is being vigorously fought by all major fire service organizations.

New Business: The IVFAA has contracted with an insurance company that will provide its members with reasonable priced auto and homeowners insurance. Information will be provided to the membership as it becomes available.

The IVFAA again this coming year will be sponsoring a cruise. It will be an Alaskan adventure with transportation covered by both water and rail. Watch for upcoming information.

Join the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC); it is an organization dedicated to pursuing the best interests of the volunteer fire service. Rates are very reasonable and it is a way of supporting the betterment of the service.

There will be a bill proposed for next year in the Indiana Legislature requiring fire and emergency service organizations to be informed of any road closings in advance of the closing.

Next year's IVFAA Convention will be at the Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, IN. Get your reservations in early.

The Fire Marshal's office is proposing in-service hours in order to maintain your Firefighter I / II certification. The recommended amount of hours is proposed to be 12 hours annually.

Currently all potential fire department members must have mandatory certification prior to membership. The state is taking another look at this requirement.

A new recruit class will commence at Noble Township on December 5.

If you were registered on indianafiretraining.com and have not been on recently, you will need to re-register as the website has

changed.
Rick Bradford accepted a clock for the station presented by chairman Kaufman in recognition of the recent new addition to the facility.

Chairman Kaufman presented 25 year pins to Rick Bradford, Scott Harvey, Dwayne Hogan, Scott Silcox. Pins were also presented to Tony Pavlak, Warren Schact and Gary Wagenblast who have accumulated 30 years of service but had not previously awarded the 25 year recognition pin.

Good of the Order: 50/50 of \$18 was won by Dave Kaufman from Lincoln Township.

Additional door prizes were provided by the following vendors: Task Force Tips (Rod Carringer), Res-Q-Wrenches and Res-Q-Me tools, Five Alarm Fire and Safety (Tom Thode), 9-11 Commemorative Flag, Walter Cook Insurance (Wally Cook), Cooler Bag and Calendars.

Adjournment: Final roll call found 20 members from 8 departments present.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 21:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sandy

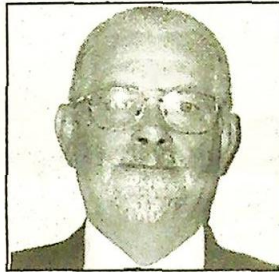
District #3

Secretary / Treasurer

NEXT MEETING

Michiana Shores, January 19, 2012

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Don Kissinger - Chairman

September 8, 2011
Claypool Fire Department,
Claypool, Indiana

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

Guests: Jean and E.J. Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 1939 hours by Jean Smith sitting in for chairman Farrer.

The May 12, 2011 minutes were read and approved. There were no July 14 minutes as it was cancelled RE: Henry Twp. major fire.

Jean reported on IVFA critical care policy provided through AFLAC.

The IVFA is looking at a cruise next year to Alaska. Jean reported on the legislation on novelty lighters.

He reported that the IVFA website will be managed by F.T.C. They are going to completely rebuild the site.

The IVFA Central Office will remain the same for the next three years.

It was reported that nomination letters for various awards need to be submitted. There are many deserving firefighters throughout the state to be nominated and aren't.

Miss Flame committee is looking for Miss Flame contestants throughout the state.

Next I.V.F.A. convention in Corydon in southern part of the state.

Next district meeting in Bremen on November 10.

Election of officers: Paul Martin, secretary, 5th District; Don Kissinger, chairman, 5th District.

Meeting was adjourned at 2014 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Martin

District 5 secretary

November 10, 2011
Bremen Fire Department,
Bremen, IN

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

Guests: P.R.N.E. Jean and E.J. Smith, District 4 chairman Terry and Judy Smith, Sue Glant.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Kissinger at 1934 hours. The pledge of allegiance followed. There were 12 firefighters representing 5 departments in attendance. E.J. Smith introduced Brooklyn Gephart, our new District 5 Miss Flame from Claypool Fire Department. Brooklyn introduced herself and gave us some history on herself.

Chairman Kissinger discussed the Alaska Cruise coming July 17 thru July 28, 2012.

Jean discussed the firefighter certifications and hours involved at the meeting with the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education committee.

Jean talked about the legislation on: 1. Government reform, 2. Novelty lighters, 3. Road closings in the state.

Jean remarked about the Volunteer Leadership Conference in Warsaw and Grace College on December 3.

Jean advised that a technical rescue awareness class is available on line.

He discussed the Indiana Alliance for fire department equipment and passed out forms.

He advised that the new I.V.F.A. website should be up and running around the first of December.

We discussed the IVFA license plates and the extra charge at the BMV.

Award nominations need to be submitted by the first of February to the Central Office and identified as such.

A reminder was made on the parking location of a truck at a scene. Keep them on a fairly even surface so that the engine and transmission can operate properly.

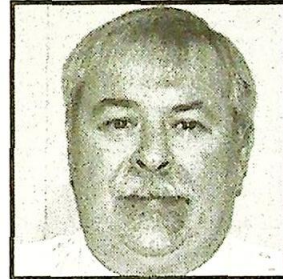
Meeting was adjourned at 2021 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Martin

District 5 secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,
Hello to all. It has cooled off up here in the north and it is cold outside. The snow has started falling and winter is upon us.

Recently I attended an appreciation dinner in honor of the success of the Shipshewanna VFD auction that was held in 2011. Have to give Chief Miller and the guys and gals of his department a big congratulations! Great job to all of you!

Having an auction and receiving a check for over \$170,000.00 tells us all that they are really appreciated in their community.

Also want to recognize everyone at St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department for their dedicated work in saving the

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department. It seems that the St. Joe Township trustee wanted to pretty much close them down at the end of December 2011. With their hard work in promoting the department and the services they provide, they have a contract for another year. Good job St. Joe Volunteer Fire department!

Thanks to the Columbia Township VFD for hosting our meeting in November. My sincere thanks to Chief Bonstedt and the guys from Columbia Township VFD 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 this meeting. They were great! There are still at least two 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: Spencerville VFD, and Washington Township VFD (Allen County). There may be a few other departments that are not receiving the meeting fliers. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spiralawn@lgtel.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. This meeting will already be past when the paper is printed.

Our next scheduled meeting after this printing will be on March 20, 2012. 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 March 24, 2012.

Please visit the IVFA web site as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

In closing I hope everyone had a good holiday season.

Please be safe out there!

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

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Walt Reiter - Chairman

November 19, 2011

Geneva Vol. Fire Department Meeting called to order by Chairman Reiter at 8:22. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First roll call was answered by 33 members representing 9 departments. Minutes of the September meeting read and approved.

GUESTS: Jean Smith - IVFA Public Relations Northeast and Cindy VanGorden - Donley Safety Equipment.

Chairman Reiter announced two deaths in the district, Glen Gilbet of Chester Twp. and Kerry Smith of Poe.

Chairman Reiter - Steve Anderson, incoming IVFA vice-president, held a brainstorming session on training hours for fire fighters in Indiana. Want to make

sure that in-house training hours will be accepted. Statistics on Bridgeport Scholarship, 19 applications in 2011 and 29 in 2010. Contact Walt or the Central Office for details on the scholarship or applications. IVFA cruise is scheduled for July 2012, an Alaskan Adventure. The 2012 IVFA Convention will be at Horseshoe Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana. IVFA membership is down some this year. The office is looking for suggestions to streamline the license plate application process. Discussion was held on moving up the start time of District 7 meetings to 6:30 or 7:00. It was decided to try 7:00 p.m. meeting time.

Jean Smith, PRNE spoke on Indiana Fire Alliance and its survey that was sent out to departments. Volunteer Leadership Seminar will be held in Warsaw December 3. Remember that IVFA license plates help to fund the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Chairman Reiter presented 25 year pins to William Rogers of Geneva and Lawrence Miller and Russell Cook of Monroe. Walt also announced 50 year pin for Arthur Vorhees, Geneva and 25 year pin for Dave Vorhees, Geneva not present for the meeting.

District 7 Miss Flame candidates are Britney Bradtmueller, Hoagland and Merissa Bisel, Geneva. Merissa Bisel is District 7 Miss Flame for 2012.

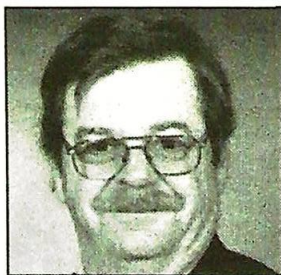
Hoagland has Christmas trees for sale and is holding a gas card raffle. Poe has its peanut brittle for sale.

Next meeting will be at Liberty Center on January 16, 2012. New start time for the meeting will be 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 with 33 members representing 9 departments.

*Richard Sorg
District 7 Secretary*

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello firefighters, Well, we are into another new year.

Legislation is coming up we are involved this year. We will keep an eye for things of interest.

I sure hope that the department sent in for their recommendations of state awards. They were to be sent in by February 1. We have new state officers now after January of 2012, so please look at the first couple pages of the newspaper.

We are in a time where our resources are being stretched to the limits. I just hope we don't lose our trustees.

We have made that one of the four major items in legislation.

Please keep up the good work that we have done for your townships, town, counties.

Please attend your district meetings.

*Bye for now,
Bill Pape
District 8A chairman*

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their meeting on November 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The secretary's report and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Roll call was taken with 25 members from 8 departments present. Visitors present were Don Cushman, PR Director and his son.

The 2012 District 8B Miss Flame contest was held with three girls running for the title -- Courtney Willoughby from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Heaven Smith from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department, and Lexi Blumenhorst from the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

Courtney Willoughby was named 2012 Miss Flame and Heaven Smith was named 2012 Miss Flame runner-up. Chelsey Gettinger, 2011 District 8B Miss Flame crowned the new Miss Flame.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fire and EMS runs. There were a total of 58 fire runs and 127 EMS runs.

The drawing for the Miss Flame contest raffle prizes was held.

Meeting was adjourned and a 50/50 drawing was held. The fire department then served pizza.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope everyone has a safe year in the fire service. Remember everybody comes back home safe.

*Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B Chairman*

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A,

Our last meeting was held at the Seelyville Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Graham and his firefighters for the hospitality and lunch. Bryan Husband, Clay County EMA Director, gave a presentation on high frequency low risk, low frequency high risk from information he had gotten from a Gordan Graham lecture.

A discussion was held about our Miss Flame contest. It will be held at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Hall on January 28.

Congratulations to James Kempf, Honey Creek Fire Department, Pat Taylor, Fairbanks Fire Department, Sam Plant, Otter Creek Fire Department, Brad Willen, Patrickburg Fire Department, for receiving their 25 year pins.

It was my pleasure to attend the

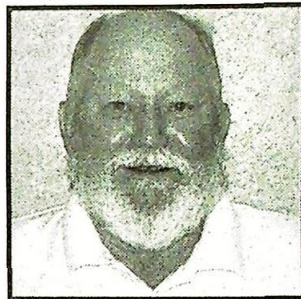
Jasonville Fire Department Christmas party and retirement for Assistant Chief Darren Sluder and present him a certificate from the IVFA for 30 years of service.

Our next meeting will be at the Turman Twp. Fire Department, Graysville, on January 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Brothers and Sisters, be careful out there.

*Jack McFarland
District 11-A Chairman*

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

Reelsville
November 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard. The Pledge to the Flag was led by state Sgt.-at-Arms Brent Bush and the opening prayer was given by Doug Hansell of the Reelsville VFD. Chairman Southard presented David Kendall of the Reelsville VFD with his 25 year membership pin.

Roll call was taken with 6 departments, 23 members and 4 guests responding. Chairman Southard introduced the guests present and turned the meeting over to Lona Huffman of the Ezell Group who talked about the critical care policies offered by her company. Her presentation was very informative and positive in her topics. A question and answer session followed her presentation.

Auxiliary chairperson Lou Bartlow introduced her guests including the district Miss Flame Page Fetter. State treasurer Bev Harker reminded everyone that February 1st was the deadline for nomination for the awards. Don Fultz spoke about the legislative updates. Larry Bartlow remarked about the current problems with the state laws that needed to be changed and fixed so that those taking training and complete same before insurance will take effect for them.

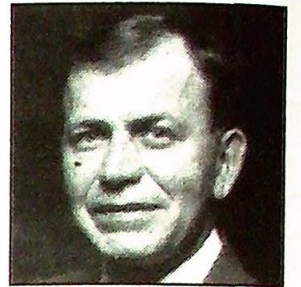
Chairman Southard passed out information on several subjects and discussed the report due to the IRS by the state fire departments. He remarked that the internet was improving; information is now available to everyone. All you have to do is go in and follow the instructions to get the information that you need.

The draft to the Standards & Education Board was read by chairman Southard. These recommendations are trying to work with the DHS on guidelines for the firefighters. This is concerning firefighter recertification. He mentioned that there are several current workings of the Association. (1) The Benefit books are being updated. (2) Fire Marshal office to be back under the control of the Governor's office.

Chairman Southard presented the Reelsville Fire Department with the district host certificate. With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Southard.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary*

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12, Our meeting of September 26 was hosted by Advance VFD with 26 members present from 5 departments. There were five guests present: Gary Robison - IDHS, Larry Curl - IVFA Lobbyist, David Israel - IVFA vice president, Larry Bartlow - IVFA secretary and Diane Harrison - PRWC. Nine firefighters received longevity awards.

Gary Robison gave us an update on software changes, web-based programs, new classes for chiefs and grant information. Lobbyist Larry Curl spoke to us about legislative activity with IVFA headquarters, HB 1357 and HB 526, billing insurance on recovery of cost, the watch on local government reform and the 59 electronic questions for fire chiefs to fill out on the Indiana Fire Survey.

On November 9, 2011 we held a reorganization meeting at Monroe Twp. Monrovia Fire Station; Lou Bartlow, past president of the IVFAA chaired this meeting. This meeting was to re-establish the District 12 IVFAA. There were three departments in attendance.

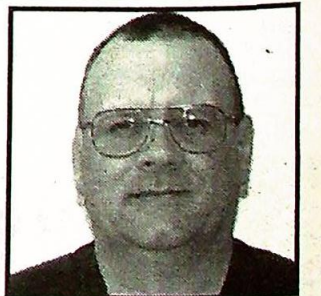
Our next meeting will be a combined meeting with the IVFA and the IVFAA held at Jamestown VFD on January 16, 2012 at 19:00 hours.

Our November 28th meeting was hosted by Amo VFD with 11 members present from 5 departments. Discussion covered a recap of 2011 and a plan to be set in motion for 2012.

An auxiliary unit can be very important in a district and can help to accomplish projects that otherwise could not be done. Please join us at Jamestown VFD with your significant other and help us to reconstitute the IVFAA in District 12.

*Larry Bruner
District 12 chairman*

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings from District 13B, Winter has set in and now into the new year.

I would like to thank those departments that hosted meetings in 2011. I still need to fill my schedule for 2012.

Our first meeting will be January 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Centerville Fire Department.

Congratulations to those of you I handed 50 year cards and pins and 25 year pins out to.

To all departments in District 13B -- everyone needs to be in

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contact with your legislature to express our view points and concerns about government reform.

I believe this will be a hot topic again this year. We need to let those elected know this change will drastically affect the volunteer fire departments.

Please keep our brothers and sisters that we lost and their families in our prayers.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Be safe out there and every one get home safely.

*Jeff Biehl
District 13B chairman*

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings to all District 14 members,

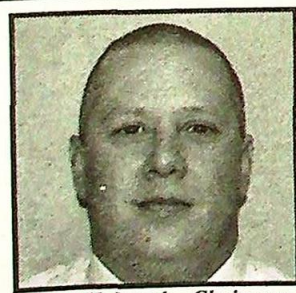
Just wanted to let everyone know that there has been a lot going on in District 14. I and your Miss Flame, Rebecca Cannon, have been getting around to a lot of departments. But there are a lot of departments that we have not seen yet, so if you have any meetings or department functions going on, give us a call or e-mail me.

Now in 2012 it is going to be a good year for your district with us and District 16 hosting the 2012 convention at the Horseshoe Casino in Harrison County. We still need help in a few areas, so if anyone wants to help, e-mail me. Also by this time we will be having your District Miss Flame crowning for 2012.

Also I need a department patch and T-shirt from each department in District 14 for convention. And we need all District 14 and 16 departments to register for the convention 2012. We will be selling our raffle tickets on a 37" flat T.V. and a Blu-Ray player with built-in WiFi and Garmin GPS system. So get with us to get your tickets.

*Thanks,
Rick Cannon,
District 14 chairman*

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Paul Holcomb - Chairman

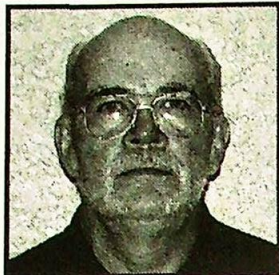
I hope everyone is having a great New Year. It is going to be a busy year for our district starting with our first meeting on February 23, 2012 at New Chapel Fire Co. Station 1 on Charlestown Road in New Albany and will start at 6:30 P.M.

I would also like to take the time to remind everyone that our 2012 convention is being hosted this year by District 16 along with District 14 at the Horseshoe Casino in

Southern Indiana. We have a lot of great things planned. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me at: 502-664-5736 or by e-mail: Convention2012@aol.com. And remember it is never too early to start making your plans to attend.

*Paul Holcomb
District 16 Chairman
2012 Convention*

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and are enjoying a good start to the New Year.

October 8 and 9 I attended the Apple Festival at Bloomfield and held the Richland-Taylor VFD rifle drawing.

October 10th the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting was held by Richland-Taylor VFD at Scotland. A good meeting with many items pertaining to the fire service were discussed. A great meal was provided by the Richland-Taylor VFD.

November 14th the Greene County Firefighters Association meeting was held by Wright Twp. VFD at Midland. A Thanksgiving meal was provided with all the usual items prepared and then some. After the meal the meeting was held and many items of various information pertaining to the Fire Service were discussed.

November 16th IVFA District 17A meeting was held at the Washington Twp. VFD (Washington, IN). In attendance were Jack Kerney, past president IVFA, Bev Harker - IVFA treasurer, Jim Abrams - PRSW, Barb Kerney, past president IVFA and Marie Emery, District 17A chairperson. After a good meal provided by Washington Twp. our meeting was held.

Much information was presented and several items brought up. Many questions and comments came from those in attendance and with answers from the IVFA officers in attendance. Many thanks for Washington Twp. for hosting the meeting.

November 29th REMC in Bloomfield held a program on power line safety. In attendance were personnel from the sheriff's department, local police departments, ambulance service and fire-departments.

A very informative program was presented with what the various groups should do when around downed power lines.

December 1st I attended the Richland-Taylor VFD Christmas dinner at Scotland. A brief meeting was held after which a meal was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

In closing, I hope to see several of you at the District 17A meeting January 21st at the Vincennes Twp. sausage supper at the Eagles.

*Sam Emery
District 17A chairman*

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

Greetings,
I hope all had great and safe holidays.

We had a district meeting on December 14, 2011 at Indian Creek VFD in Lawrence County with 6 departments and 23 members attending. Special guests were Larry Curl and past president Jack Zecks.

We also elected our Miss Flame who is Kristen E. Pemberton; her father Terry is on the Shawswick VFD. Thank you Kristen, I know you will represent District 17-B very well.

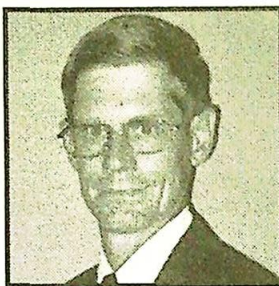
Indian Creek VFD provided pasta for our meal and a cake decorated with the IVFA logo, nicely done and a big thank you.

On December 17th the Pleasant Run VFD in Lawrence County held a 50 year celebration with awards being presented by PRVFD Chief and District 17-B chairman Steve Nolan to Dwight Jones and Gary Faubion for being founding fathers of our department. A 25 year award was presented to William (Billy) Norman. IVFA President David Israel and 17-B vice chairman Robert (Bobby) Brown were in attendance.

Our next meeting is January 11th at Cordry/Sweetwater in Brown County.

*Steve Nolan
17-B Chairman*

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18.
The last meeting of District 18 was held on 17 November and hosted by the Chrisney VFD and featured the best pork chops that can be imagined!

Sixty members representing 19 departments and one Individual Member answered roll call. We were joined by guests that included: Jack and Barb Kerney from the Central Office, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Abrams our PR Rep., Carl Deel from the State Fire Marshal's Office, and State Rep. Mark Messmer.

Our new Miss Flame Kami Knies introduced herself to the members present.

The list of items on the 2012 IVFA legislative agenda was discussed. Requests were made to all departments for copies of the contacts that they may have with Township Trustees. This is so that any potential problems with Public Safety Officer Benefits may be identified. The members present were also advised to have their department members check their insurance policies on their personal vehicles to make sure they have

coverage during emergency runs. **Some discount policies do not!!**

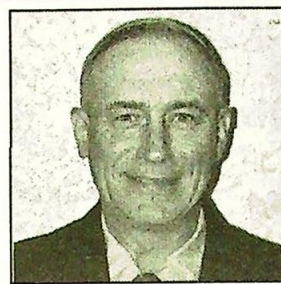
It was my pleasure to hand out several IVFA membership awards, see the article that appears in this issue. I hope that everyone came through the holidays without any major incidents, all fires are a tragedy, but it always seems like they are worse during the holiday season.

Remember the Dubois Co. Fire School will be held in Jasper on the last two weekends of March. Check the IFIA website for details.

Until next time-
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

*John C. "Bull" Smith,
Dist. 18 Chairman*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Ed Scheele - Chairman

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a very prosperous new year. As of writing this letter, we have had a pretty mild winter so far. Be very careful when there is ice and snow.

Congratulations to Tatijana Marsee, who will be representing District 19 in the Miss Flame contest. Any district departments having fund-raisers or other events, contact Tatijana and she will help if she is available.

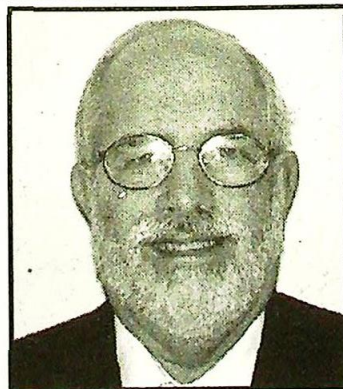
IVFA scholarship applications need to be postmarked by March 1st and sent to the IVFA Central Office. Applications are on the IVFA website. Be sure to get them sent in on time.

District 19 meeting dates for the remainder of 2012 are: March 22 at Jeff-Craigh Fire Department in Vevay, May 24 at New Trenton Fire Department, July 26 at Osgood Fire Department, September 27 at Drewersburg Fire Department, and November 15th at Milan Fire Department. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m.

July meeting will be election of officers and the November meeting will be our Miss Flame judging.

*Ed Scheele
District 19 chairman*

**Public Relations
Director
Northeast
Jean Smith**



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

A little reminder for the heating season. Most residential fires involve

space heaters, gas heaters, and kerosene heaters accounting for the highest fatality risk. All heating systems can be dangerous if they are not used and maintained properly. Pass the word along, inspect and maintain your heating system.

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

*Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast
Phone 260-639-3231
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jeanejsmith@aol.com*

**Public Relations
Director
Southwest**

Jim Abrams



I attended district meetings in Indianapolis on November 4th, 5th and 6th.

I attended District 15 meeting at Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 17A meeting at Washington Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended District 18 meeting at Chrisney.

I missed District 17B meeting at Indiana Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations! We have been blessed with warmer than normal temperatures, had mild winter so far.

District 15's meeting will be January 17th at Perry Twp.

District 18's meeting will be January 9 at Celenstine Community Club.

District 17A's meeting will be a sausage supper Saturday, January 21st at Eagles Lodge.

Let's start 21012 supporting President David Israel and Vice President Steve Anderson. Attend your district meetings and learn what's coming in 2012!

*Sincerely,
Jim Abrams
PRSW*

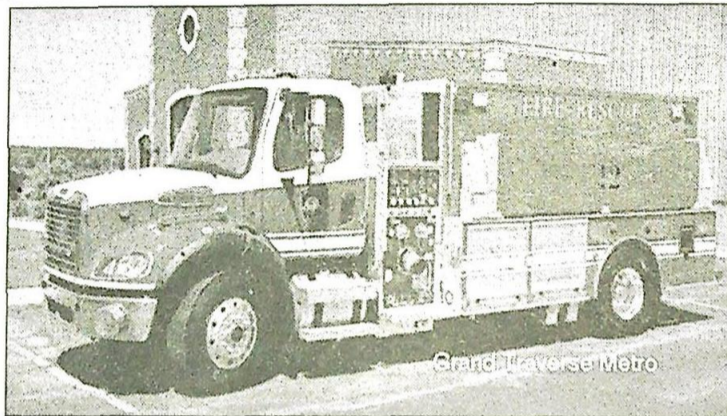
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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS, IN NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2011

Meeting called to order by Vice President David Israel at 2:15 P.M.

Vice President Israel called on Treasurer Bev Harker to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

Vice President Israel called for the reading of the Minutes of the August 2011 meeting.

District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. District 16 Chairman Paul Holcomb made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vice President Israel called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Bev Harker stated that income for year is at 99.1% of what was budgeted. Should reach budgeted income by end of year.

At this time expenses are at 84% of what was budgeted. Still have the last quarter's expenses to be paid.

Presented the proposed budget for 2012 with income estimated at \$370,000 and total expenses of \$360,000. This will be voted on at the Board meeting tomorrow.

Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. District 10 Chairman John Ray made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Membership and Marketing member Paul Watland introduced John Starr of Charlie And Friends Tours. He gave a presentation on what our Cruise to Alaska would entail. The Cruise is July 17 to July 28, 2012. More details are available in the IVFA Newspaper.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Israel stated that the problems with the California Casualty contract are about resolved. Would like to have authority for the Executive Committee to proceed with this Benefit to our members as soon as contract is completed and not have to wait until the February meeting to get started. Paul Holcomb, District 16 made a motion to that effect. District 6 Jerry Sprague made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Along the same lines the involvement of Humana Insurance has been dropped as part of their contract with our organization is not legal in the State of Indiana.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CENTRAL OFFICE: JACK KERNEY - Sent Gold Cards to District Chairman for this year. From August 1, 2011 to November 2, 2011 processed 672 license plate applications. Total for year to date is 3085. Membership as of October 24 is 15,752 paid; sold 2 T-shirts; sent out 55 dues packets to departments that are not paid and 6 have paid their dues; printed district mailing labels as requested by district chairman. On August 19, 2011 e-mailed paid/not paid list to all district chairmen and PR Directors. Filled out yearly statement of mailings for the Post Office. Sent bad address report to all district chairmen and PR. Made over 200 address correction mailing list. We have 641 paid departments and 167 not paid departments.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING: DIANE HARRISON - They held a lengthy discussion on the need to establish a speaker's bureau to help district chairmen contact departments that are not members and try to get them to join the IVFA.

Treasurer Bev Harker made motion to let membership committee to work on the Speaker's Bureau. District 10 chairman made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: CAROL THRAWLEY - The Public Ed Trailer is on the parking lot for everyone to look at. They need handouts for the Trailer. If need to contact Carol his new e-mail address is: cthrawley@gmail.com

WEB SITE: DAVID ISRAEL - He has copies of the Home Page for the Web site. We need to decide today which one we want. The Website could be operational in 4 weeks.

LOGO: JOHN SMITH - Pass. **EDITOR'S ASSISTANT** - Buz Koehler reported no problems.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: DAVID ISRAEL - Convention 2011 Chairman Terry Smith reported that their books will be open until January 2012. They will present the final report at the February meeting. They paid back the \$4000 start up money that is advanced to the Convention.

Convention 2012 Chairman Rick Cannon/Paul Holcomb: They have 2012 Convention Coins available. If anybody has a vendor that was not contacted please help them get in contact with Ric or Paul.

Convention 2013: Scott Harris - Have some different things planned for 2013, with more details to come.

JOHN BUCKMAN - IDHS TRAINING - The Volunteer Officer Leadership Conferences are now going on around the state. Check IDHS web site for date, time and place for a conference near you.

Things to look for 2012: Board rules will be looked at and rewritten in 2012. Proposal for recertification for Firefighter I & II and Fire Officer. Late fees for recertification of Instructors.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY - The meeting in Winchester had 7 Board members present, 5 staff members and 6 guests. They approved 8 variances, denied 4 and tabled 1.

Next meeting is November 21, 2011 at the J. Everett Light Career Center.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER

FIRE COUNCIL: JACK KERNEY - Meeting held in Lake George, NY. Reported that over 100 firefighters charged with arson last year. NVFC putting together kits of information for fire departments on how to handle media, department morale and public disgrace in these situations.

Thirty eight states answering the 800-Fire Line with over 1900 calls this year.

Legislative agenda includes: Assistants to Firefighter Grants, PSOB reform, nationwide broad banding and volunteer recruitment and retention.

All NVFC legislation is on their web site.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: LARRY CURL - Our legislative agenda for 2011 and 2012 is:

1. Local Government reform
2. Ban on sale of Novelty lighters
3. Notification of emergency responders to road closing, ramp to interstate and railroad crossings.

BY-LAW & SOG COMMITTEE: BUZ KOEHLER - Pass.

BRIDGEPORT COMMITTEE: BEV HARKER - Pass.

LICENSE PLATES: BEV HARKER - Anyone wanting a license plate number under 100, give Bev your name, the number requested and the License Branch where you will be getting their plate.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

All officers have a copy of the next meeting.

DISTRICT 21 - DON FULTZ - Pass.

DISTRICT 19 - ED SCHEELE - Pass.

DISTRICT 18 - JOHN SMITH - Pass.

DISTRICT 17B - STEVE NOLAN - Pass.

DISTRICT 17A - SAM EMERY - Vincennes Sausage Supper is January 21, 2102 at 6:00 P.M.

DISTRICT 16 - PAUL HOLCOMB - Has 2012 Convention Coins.

DISTRICT 15 - HARRY LOGAN - Pass.

DISTRICT 14 - RICK CANNON - Will be attending 50th anniversary at McCullough.

DISTRICT 13B - JEFF BIEHL - Pass.

DISTRICT 13A - CAROL THRAWLEY - Has a fireman that suffered a heart attack after his 2nd fire in 24 hours being denied Workman's Compensation by the insurance company because he didn't report it to his station before he went to hospital. Strongly recommends everyone to attend the Fallen Firefighter Memorial at Emmittsburg.

DISTRICT 12 - BRIAN

EDWARDS - Pass.

DISTRICT 11B - LARRY SOUTHARD - A word of warning: If you are pumping with an automatic transmission on a steep hill the transmission torque convert will pump itself out off oil.

DISTRICT 11A - JACK McFARLAND - Miss Flame Dance is January 28, 2012 at Plumber's and Steamfitter's starting at 7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT 10 - JOHN RAY - Pass.

DISTRICT 9B - RANDY DENTON - Pass.

DISTRICT 9A - LEIGHANNE ELLIS - Pass.

DISTRICT 8B - LLOYD WRIGHT - Miss Flame selection at the November 9 meeting.

DISTRICT 8A - E.W. PAPE JR. - Pass.

DISTRICT 7 - WALT REITER - To contact our State Miss Flame: her Phone number is 206-301-6337.

DISTRICT 6 - JERRY SPRAGUE - Having Miss Flame Contest November 22.

DISTRICT 5 - DON KISSINGER - Pass.

DISTRICT 4 - TERRY SMITH - Asked if IVFA had a bell for memorial service? Several Departments have Ceremonial Bells in different areas of the state.

DISTRICT 3 - DAVE KAUFMAN - Pass.

DISTRICT 2 - PAUL WATLAND - Pass.

DISTRICT 1 - TOM ORRELL - Lake Station will be dedicating a new Fire Station.

PUBLIC RELATION'S REPORT

PRNE - JIM BRADFORD

PRNE - JEAN SMITH - Thanked everyone for their cards, calls and prayers with the passing of his mother and E.J.'s father.

PRWC - DIANA HARRISON - Pass.

PREC - DON CUSHMAN - Pass.

PRSW - JIM ABRAMS - Pass.

PRSE - AL WILLIAMSON - Pass. Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:35 A.M. Sunday, November 6, 2011

Morning Invocation given by Chaplain Gerdowsky.

OFFICERS REPORT'S

VICE PRESIDENT DAVID ISRAEL - Attended 8 District meetings, 2 Legislative meetings, Fire House Dedication and a Gaming Commission Training session.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT STEVE ANDERSON - Visited 27 Departments and made contact with 165 people. Driven 1120 miles this quarter.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW - Thanked everyone for their help and support in doing this job as secretary for the past 10 years.

TREASURER BEV HARKER - Pass.

SGT-AT-ARMS BRENT BUSH - Has a new e-mail address: brent.bush@vermillion.in.gov.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD - LARRY KETCHEM - Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JIM PARKER - Pass. **RICHARD GLANT** - Pass. **JACK ZEEKS** - Pass.

BUZ KOEHLER - Update the Benefit Book. Bring excess books to February meeting for redistribution.

MEETING DATES FOR 2012

February 11-12

May 5-6

August 4-5

November 3-4

All meetings here at the Airport Crowne Plaza.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE DAVID ISRAEL - Need to fill out new forms at the February meeting.

TRAINING COMMITTEE STEVE ANDERSON - Discussed issue of training recertification. We can't totally oppose training. We have to submit proposed changes as to what we want.

The proposed changes would be for in house training to be signed off by a Certified Instructor I or II/III or the Fire Chief. This training would require 12 hours per year with recertification reported every two years. This Recertification training would be on the subjects of Mandatory, Firefighter I & II and OSHA required training (Autism, Blood borne Pathogens, etc.). Recertification be on Firefighter Training not Specialty Certification.

A motion by District 13A chairman Carol Thrawley that a copy of this proposed change be sent to the President of the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education Jeff Hayes and a copy to the IVFA representative Jack Kerney. PRSE Al Williamson made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Also in the Board rules 655 it states that a Volunteer Firefighter must be trained to the mandatory level before they can be elected or appointed on the department. This needs to state that a Firefighter must

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be trained to the Mandatory Level before engaging in structural firefighting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - DAVID ISRAEL - The Chiefs' survey was re-sent by the Fire Marshal's Office to all departments and needs to be filled out and returned by the end of December 2011.

Also the Public Relations trailer being returned not cleaned up and minor unexplained damages. Guideline for use of the Trailer will be drawn up.

EMS - DAVE KAUFMAN - Fire Departments doing EMS transport with a trauma patient should transport to a trauma center if that center is within 45 minutes. However, the local EMS Director can use local protocol and have patient taken to local hospital in a life or death situation.

The EMS certification take by the State Board of Health has been dropped. In a survey by the State Board of Health about 90% of the survey responses were against this move.

LONA HUFFMAN - PROVIDENT INSURANCE - Talked about the partnership with AFLAC Insurance to offer our members insurance at group rates. They will have more information in the February IVFA newspaper.

The startup date for this program is set for April 1, 2012.

Lona explained various coverage of insurance policies.

New beneficiary forms will be filled out by all officers at the next meeting.

MICHELLE BAXTER - AMERICAN UNITED INCOME LIFE INSURANCE - Nothing new. Checking to see if everyone has any problems.

Vice president asked if we wanted to invite the candidates for the office of Governor to our February meeting.

District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley made motion we invite the candidates for Governor to the meeting.

Past president made the second. Motion passed voice vote.

District 18 Chairman John Smith made a motion to start the meeting at 1:00 P.M. District 2 Chairman Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Past president Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn this meeting and proceed to the Board of Director's meeting. District 13A Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Washington D.C. trip will be May 2 & 3, 2012 we will be taking 10 people. Check your schedules and make arrangements to be available those days if you want to submit your name to go.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CROWNE PLAZA INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Chairman of the Board Larry Ketchem called the meeting to order at 11:15.

He called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Past President Parker made motion to accept minutes as printed. District 19 Chairman Ed Scheele made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

1. Request to pay bill of \$3695.85 for advertisement that we entered into that later was a fraud. We have to try to solve this problem the past year. We are taking this issue to the State Attorney General for his input. Past President Jack Zeeks made a motion to pay this bill after Attorney General review. Past President Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley ask for the IVFA support of the HERO COMPETITION. Requesting \$1000 with receipts for food for competitors. District 8A E.W. Pape Jr. made the second. Motion passed by 22 for 11 against vote.

3. Vice President David Israel asked for permission to use his local attorney for IVFA legal issues. District 13A Chairman Carol Thrawley made motion to support this change. District 8A E.W. Pape Jr. made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Proposed 2012 Budget: Past President Buz Koehler made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as presented. Past President Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Secretary Larry Bartlow proposed that the IVFA buy the computer and printer that he purchased to use for the job. This computer has only IVFA information on it. This computer and printer cost about \$1200 - \$1400. Will check on original cost. Treasurer Bev Harker made motion to buy this computer not to exceed \$1400. Past President Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. SGT-AT-ARMS Brent Bush requested to purchase small and large decals. Past President Jack Zeeks made motion to purchase decals. Past President Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

Past President Jim Parker made motion to adjourn. Past President Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary*

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas.

We are at the beginning of a new year. This is a big year for Indiana with the election of a new governor and also a new President.

Everyone needs to exercise their right to vote when the time comes by getting out there and voting.

Sometimes a person thinks their vote doesn't make a difference, but that is not true. Every vote makes a difference.

Hope to see some of you at your district meetings and don't forget -- it's time to start making plans for the convention in June.

*Beverly Harker
IVFA Treasurer*



From the desk of the Historian John Davies

Once again let me start by saying congratulations to all of the newly-elected officers for the coming year.

I would like to pass on to the newer members some information concerning our work that we do as volunteer firefighters. Jamestown, Virginia was virtually destroyed in a fire in January 1608. There were no full-time paid firefighters in America until 1850. Even after the formation of paid fire companies there were disagreements and often fights over territories.

Interestingly, during the 1800s and early 1900s volunteer fire companies served not only as fire protection but as political machines. The most famous volunteer firefighter-cum-politician is Boss Tweed, head of the notorious Tammany Hall political machine who got his start in politics as a member of the Americus Engine Company Number 6 (The Big Six) in New York City.

Currently in the State of Indiana there are 15,450 members. We have 641 paid departments and 167 departments that are not paid. Some documents differ in the percentage of property covered by the volunteer fire departments. Documentation by some says 92 percent while others say 86 percent of all properties are covered by the volunteer in the State of Indiana.

I have been asked by a medical professional to write him a letter telling him about the volunteers. He must live in an area covered by a volunteer department. This letter is in process at the current time with the approval coming from the office of the president.

I wish for a safe 2012 for everyone. My personal resolutions started on December 26th. I knew better than to wait until January 1st. There were some items this past year that I could have done better. I paid for it dearly. I hope for an Association with the harmony and to move forward to make this group of individuals the best it can be. Have a great year.

*Your Historian
John Davies*

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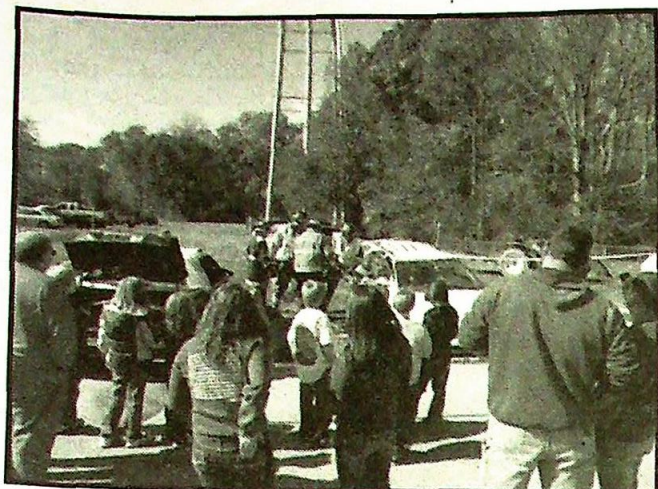
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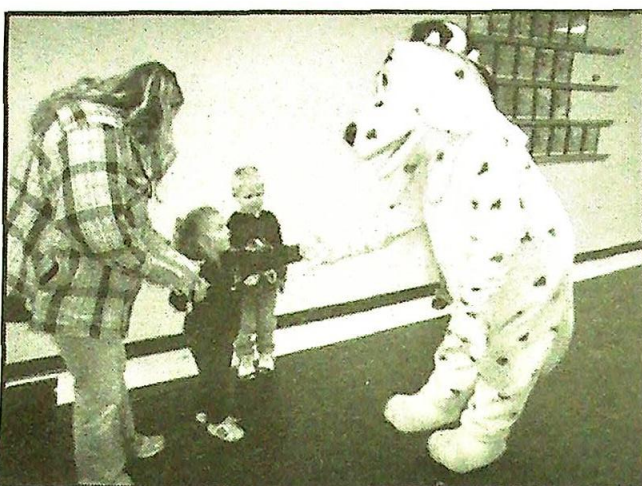
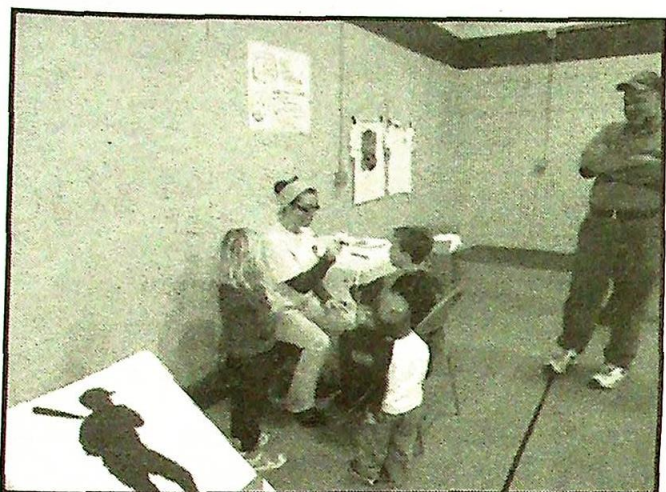
Southwest Volunteer Fire Department holds "Neighbors Protecting Neighbors" day



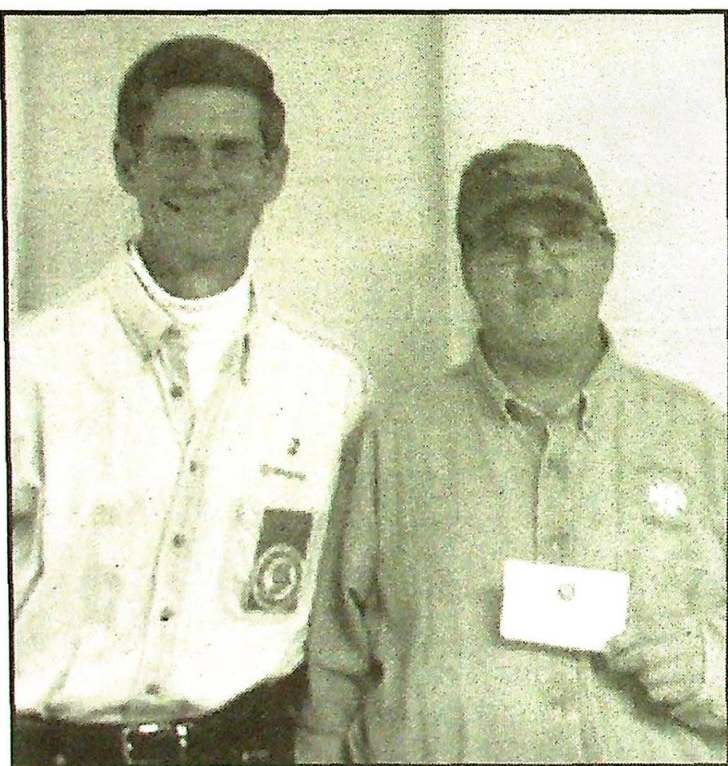
On October 29, 2011 Southwest Volunteer Fire Department held their annual fish fry. This year's event was also a community day which provided an opportunity for everyone to eat, meet and be entertained. The theme for the day was "Neighbors Protecting Neighbors" which encouraged the people of our area to consider what it means to be a volunteer firefighter for their community.

In addition to the great food, attendees enjoyed events which included a silent auction, raffle, equipment exposition and two demonstrations of vehicle extrication. There were bounce houses, face painting and "Sparky" the Fire Dog for the kids. A great time was had by all and the interest showed by everyone was truly amazing.

SWVFD plans to continue and improve our "community day" events and would like to extend our sincere thanks to our firefighters and all of our neighbors who made this day a great success. -- submitted by John Jones, SWVFD Board of Directors



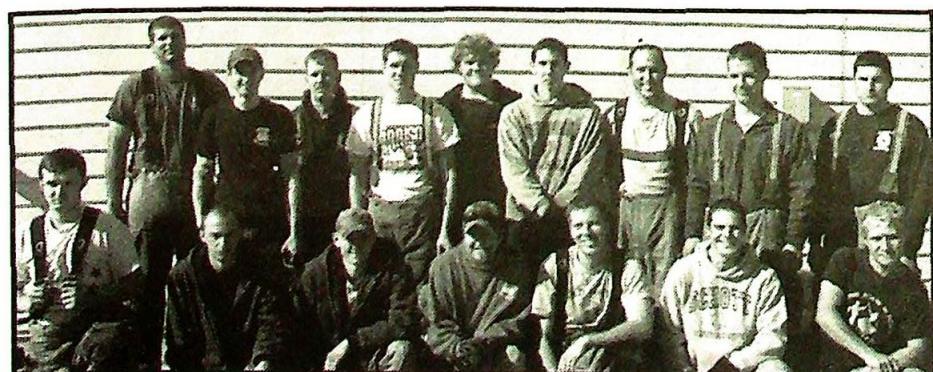
Genet awarded 25 year pin



At the IVFA District 18 meeting, November 17, Terry L. Genet (pictured right) of the Central Perry VFD, was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - photo and information provided by district chairman.

Taking a ride in Dunkirk July 4, 2011 parade

(PICTURED AT RIGHT:) Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame 1st runner-up, is shown riding in the Dunkirk Fourth of July 2011 parade. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



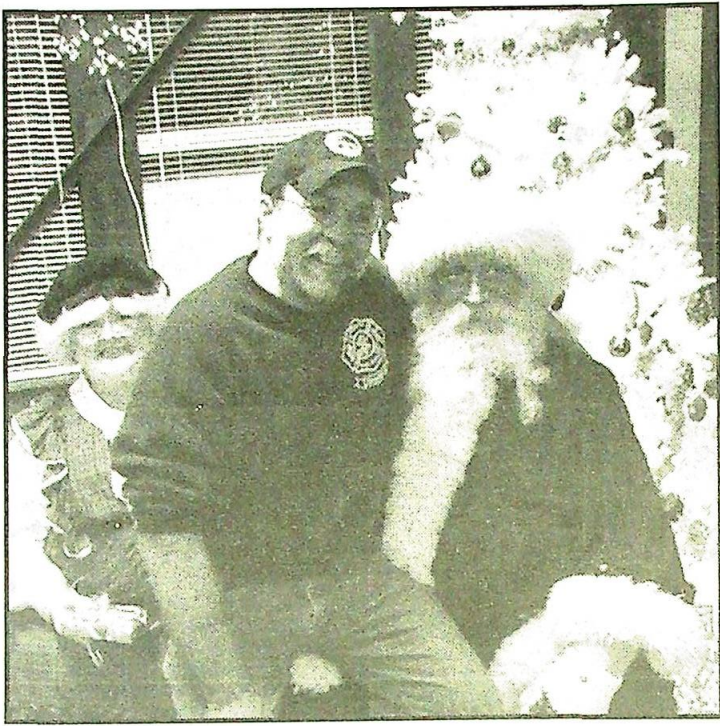
Students complete skills testing

On October 29, 2011, students enrolled in the Firefighter I/II course hosted by the Dubois Co. Fire Trainer's Assoc., completed their skills testing.

The testing was conducted by the Jasper Training Center.

Students involved represented departments from Dubois, Spencer, and Gibson Counties. - photo and article submitted by John "Bull" Smith, DCFTA.

Annual Christmas with Santa Claus held



Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department held its annual event with Santa and Ms. Claus for the children and grandchildren of members of the department on December 3, 2011.

Santa and Ms. Claus arrived at the Cordry Sweetwater Lot Owners Association clubhouse on Engine 21 driven by Chief Bernie McGaha.

The children were treated to cookies and treats prepared by the spouses of department members. One of the best moments of the night was watching the children line up at the windows to see the fire truck pull up with Santa and Ms. Claus.

The children then gathered around Ms. Claus as she read them a classic Christmas story. After that, Santa and Ms. Claus passed out presents to all the children and even had a special present for one very special firefighter, Greg Gillentine.

Then it was time to say goodbye to the Clauses and the kids waved from the windows with their toys. - submitted by Michael Pevitt, PIO, Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, Inc.

Awarded 25 year pin



Todd Wilkening, chief of Cedar Lake VFD, is presented with his 25 year IVFA pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Springfield Township holds awards banquet

On December 10, 2011 the Springfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet.

Following the dinner, each member was individually recognized for the service that he/she had performed throughout the previous year.

While each member was recognized, there were three awards

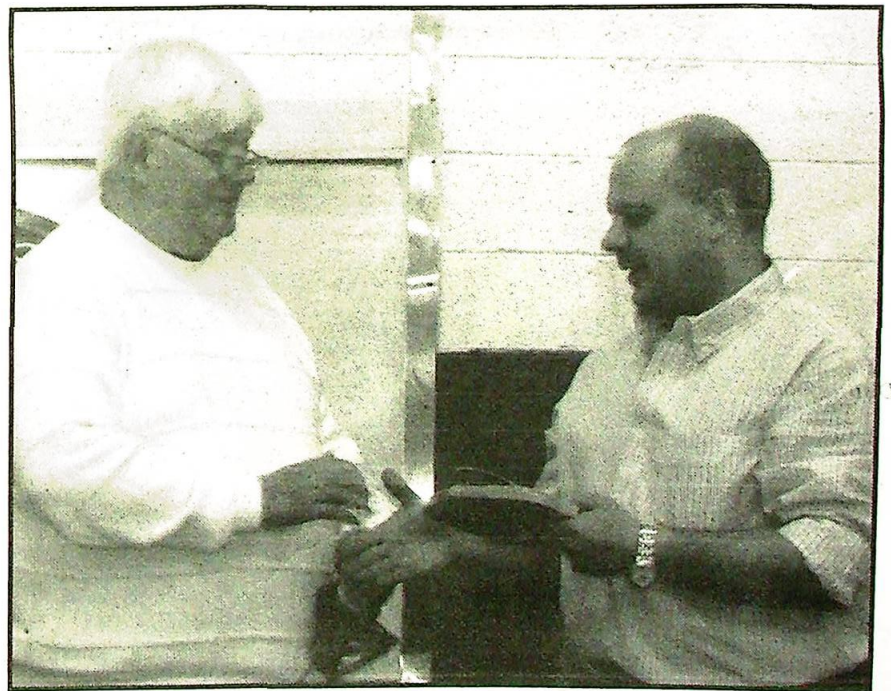
for outstanding service and performance. Springfield Twp. Fire Chief Steve Marvel was presented a plaque and an IVFA service pin representing his 25 years of service to the department and community.

This presentation was made by Tim Sandy, Springfield Twp. Battalion Chief and IVFA District 3 secretary/treasurer.

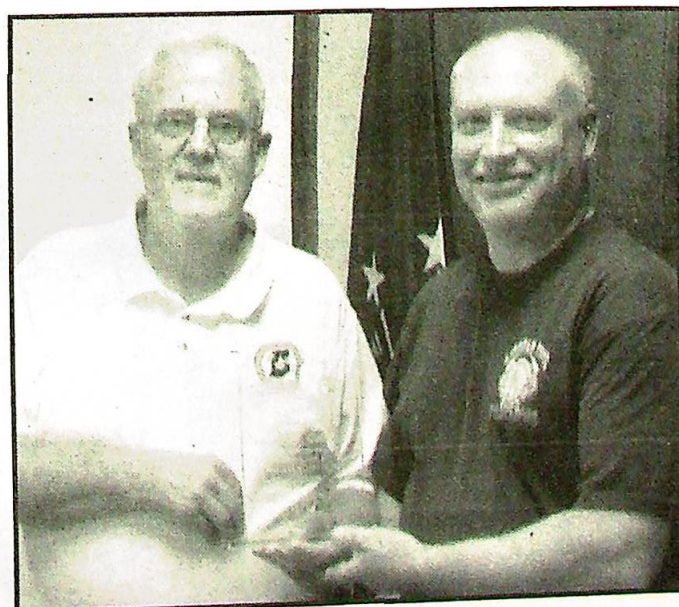
Chief Marvel, Assistant Chief Stacey Gilchrist, and Township Trustee Howard Conley presented the following awards for outstanding service and dedication: "First Responder of the Year" to Robert T Henry and "Firefighter of the Year" to Bill Owens. - submitted by Tim Sandy, District 3 chairman.



Springfield Twp. award recipients with presenters: L-R: Steve Marvel, Chief; Robert T Henry, "First Responder of the Year"; Stacey Gilchrist, assistant chief; Howard Conley, Township Trustee; Bill Owens, "Firefighter of the Year".



Springfield Twp. Fire Chief Steve Marvel being presented a plaque and the IVFA 25 year pin by Battalion Chief and IVFA District 3 secretary/treasurer Tim Sandy.



Awarded 2011 Global Award

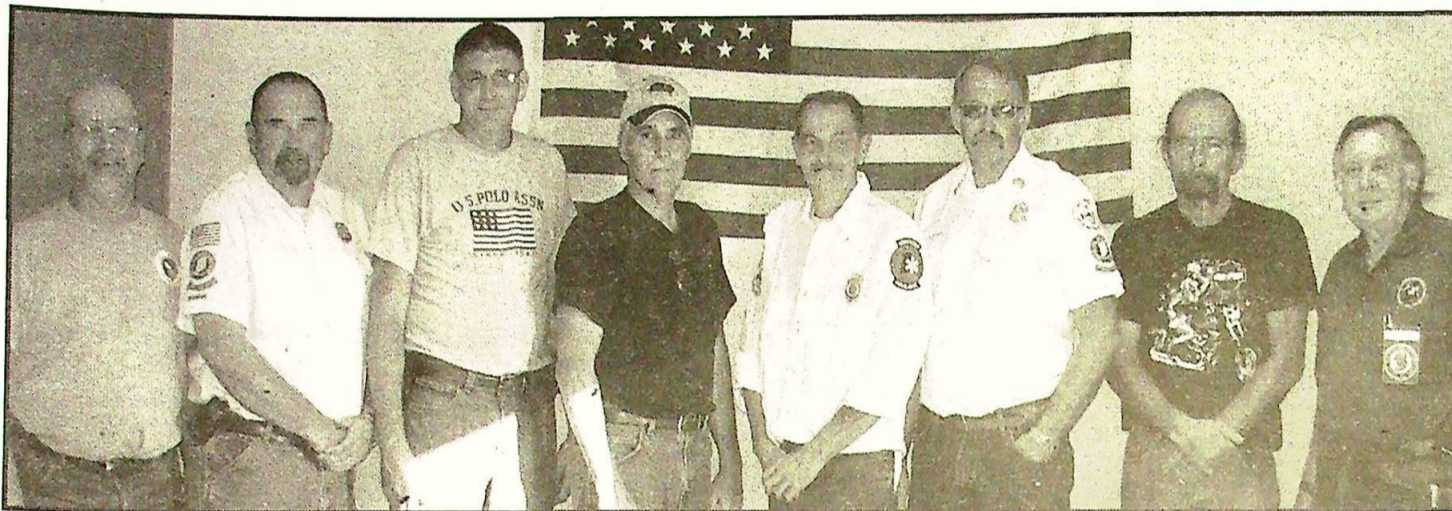
District 2 chairman Paul Watland (left) presents Ray Chambers of Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Department with the Global Award for 2011. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Mt. Etna FD builds new station



With snow still fresh on the ground, the new Mt. Etna Fire Station seen in a photo taken after its completion in early 2011.

Pictured at right is the former Mt. Etna FD. - photo by Mary Sieberns and submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.



25 year members - IVFA honors members of the Mt. Etna Fire Department for 25 years of service.

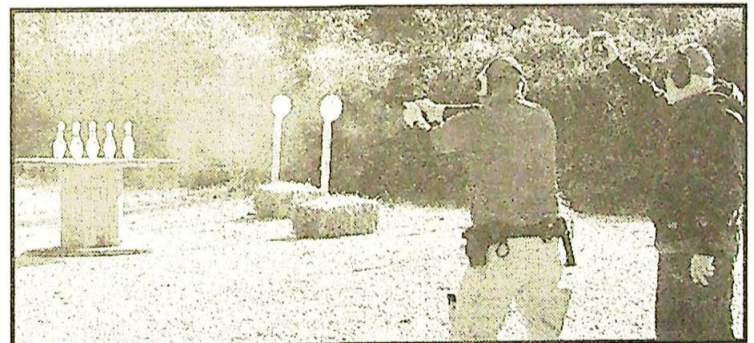
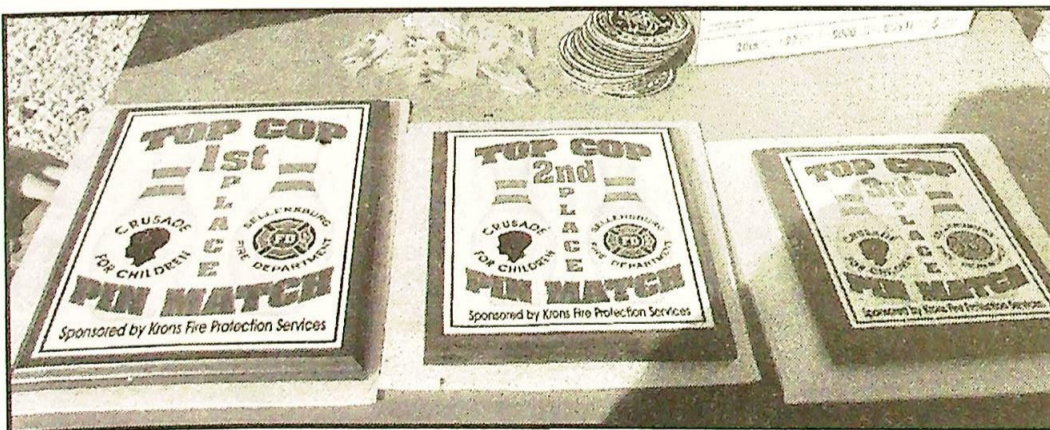
Members receiving the award are from left: John Tynner, Jim Sprowl, Jim Paul, Jim Carl, fire Chief Roger Buckner, Asst. Chief Jim Brown and Randy Brightmier.

With them at right is IVFA District 7 chairman Walt Reiter. - photo by Andrew Demison and submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

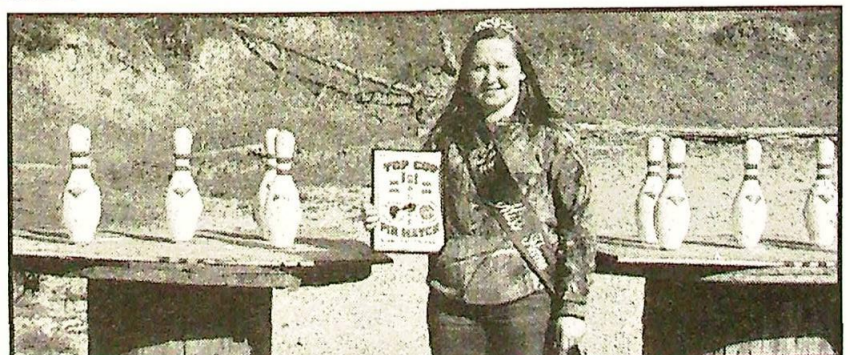


Department photo - Department members stand in front of the new Mt. Etna Fire Station during a dedication program held September 12, 2011. - photo by Mary Sieberns and submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Sellersburg FD holds bowling pin shooting match



Sellersburg Fire Department recently held its annual Crusade for Children bowling pin shooting match. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



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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	MCKJ	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
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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 emailed 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.
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**MAY 5, 2012
DEADLINE IS:
APRIL 5, 2012
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 #

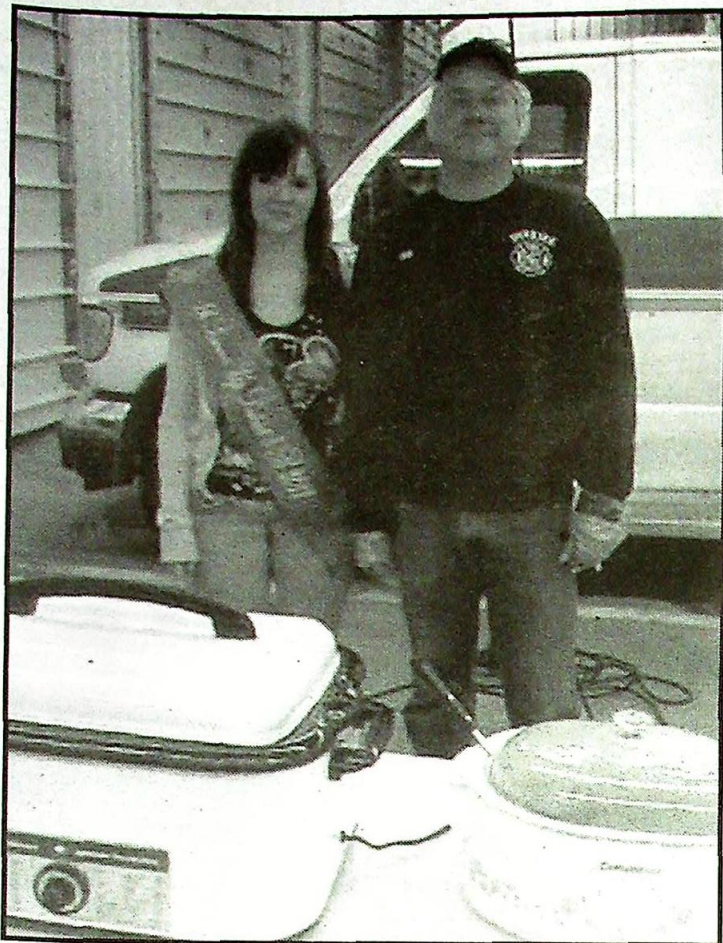
(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

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.*

Miss Flames help out at Dunkirk 2011 chili supper

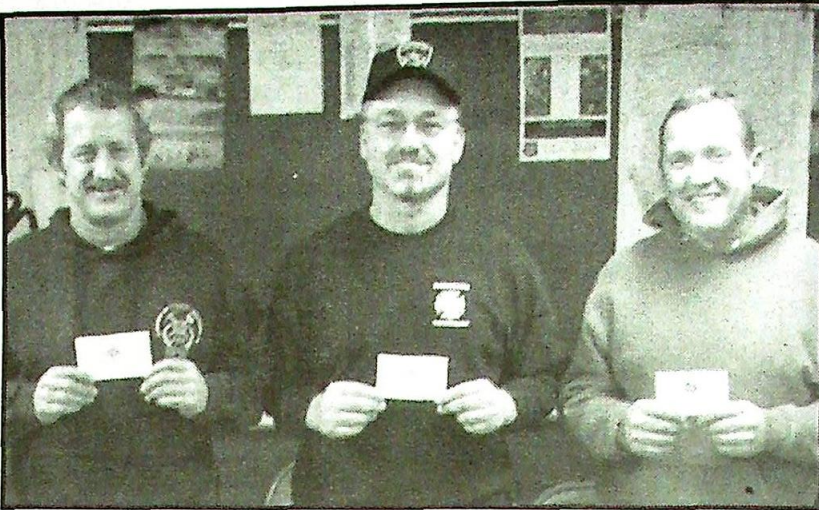


Dunkirk Fire Department held a chili supper in February 2011. Getting ready to serve at the chili supper are James Millikan and Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame 1st runner-up. - photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Shown are Courtney Willoughby, District 8B Miss Flame 1st runner-up and Chelsey Gettinger, District 8B Miss Flame getting ready to greet the people.

Twenty-five year pins awarded to ATVFD members



At the January 2, 2012 meeting of the Anderson Twp. VFD, (Perry Co., District 18), three members received the IVFA 25 year service pin.

Pictured are ATVFD members (left to right) - Mark Aders, Brad Bruggeman and Randy Kleaving. - photo and information provided by District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Imel named 2011 District 8B Global Award winner



Carl (Rich) Imel from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was honored at the IVFA Convention held in June 2011 with the Global Award. Shown in the picture with Rich is Chelsey Gettinger, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

FACTS ABOUT INDIANA:

- ~ The Courthouse roof in Greensburg, Indiana has a tree growing from it.
- ~ The American Beauty Rose was developed at Richmond, Indiana.
- ~ Elkhart, Indiana is the band instrument capitol of the world.
- ~ Frank Sinatra first sang with the Tommy Dorsey band at the Lyric Theater in Indianapolis.
- ~ Purdue Alumnus, Earl Butz, served as the Secretary of Agriculture.
- ~ U.S. 231 is the longest highway in Indiana (231 miles)
- ~ Johnny Appleseed is buried in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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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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NAME _____ IVFA# _____

OLD ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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STREET _____

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I.V.F.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS



Heather Martin
Corresponding Secretary

State Meeting-November 6, 2011

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by President Diana Gray.

Prayer was led by Chaplain Joann Hays.

Pledge was led by Sergeant at Arms Miriam Schaeckel.

Information on 2012 Convention was given by Heather Holcomb and Holly Cannon. Still plenty of time to register. If you would like to contact the hotel about reservations use code S06INDV.

David Israel, IVFA President-elect gave the dates for the 2012 meetings. They are February 12, 2012, May 5, 2012, August 5, 2012 and November 4, 2012. He also advised the new IVFA website should be up and running in the next month.

Roll call was taken by June Cahill. There were 24 officers and 8 guests present for a total of 32 members.

Minutes - Lou Bartlow made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Barb Kerney. There were no additions or corrections and the motion carried.

Membership - June Cahill advised there were 47 departments, 662 paid by department, 129 individuals and 17 life for a total of 808 members.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter. She advised that from now on the checks for expense reimbursement will be mailed instead of passed out at meetings. This is a way to make sure that everything is being done correctly and there are no issues.

Chaplain's report - Joann Hays made a doll for cancer and raffled it off during the meeting, Marlene Thrawley was the winner. Joann advised that she got word that Mary Stafford was not doing well, she also advised that Phyllis Vargo's husband Jim had heart surgery and should be home soon. Joann also asked that we keep Martha Thomas

in our prayers. If you have anyone ill, have a death or a birth, please let Joann know so that she can send a card. Lou Bartlow advised that Barb Ketchem had surgery and please send her a card. EJ Smith advised that her daughter is doing well after surgery.

Judy Smith is the new district chairperson for Districts 4 & 5. She is replacing Amber Farrer. Welcome, Judy.

Auditing - Beth Caudill advised ready for next year.

Installation - Toni Sorg advised they had a meeting on 11/5/11 and will be ready for next year.

Financial Study - Toni Sorg advised everything is good.

Budget - Toni Sorg passed out proposed budget for 2012, Lou Bartlow made a motion to accept and Sandra Hile seconded. Proposed budget was passed.

Mary Mackin Fund - Toni Sorg presented the proposed budget, Barb Parker made a motion to accept and Joann Hays seconded. Proposed budget was approved.

Lona Huffinan with the Ezell Group came to speak with us about information on Aflac for critical care coverage. Sign up will start April 1, 2012. There will also be people at Convention to sign you up if you are interested. If you would like more information you can contact Lona at lhuffinan@theezellgroup.com or at 317-884-1777 ext. 120. A motion was made by Toni Sorg with a second by Sandra Hile to contact Lona so that she may go ahead and get the paperwork started and prices set. Motion carried.

Miss Flame - Barb Kerney advised they are going to have a meeting in February of the committee. She is looking forward to a great year. If you have any questions or need paperwork, please contact Barb.

VP Project - Suzie Lewis advised another wooden fire truck has been donated for this year and we will also have a quilt and a cash prize. She will have the tickets ready at the February meeting.

Chinese Auction - Lori Parker advised baskets or auction items will need to be brought in to the May meeting.

By-Laws books were given to district chairmen. Leona Uryga is the new committee chair for the By-Law committee.

Carol Curl advised she is looking into re-establishing District 12. She will be sending letters to all the members she is aware of. If you live in District 12 and wish to become a member or have questions, please contact Carol.

Jewelry - Marlene Poling advised she had the 25 years pins if anyone

needs them. Nominating - Pam Gerdowsky advised they will be checking with existing officers in February and anyone else that has been nominated to make sure they accept nominations. They will have the slate in May. If you wish to run or nominate someone to run, please contact Pam.

Historian - Joann Hays is still working on books. If you have anything to contribute, please let her know. Joann and Phyllis Vargo would like to display the books at the convention. Leona Uryga advised to put the pictures on a disc so that people may have a copy if they like. This would also provide a backup in case anything was to happen to the books.

President's Advisory - Beth Caudill advised that Diana is doing well. Diana asks that if you have any questions or concerns to please let her know.

Lois Boaz - Sue Giant advised that they are looking good for next year. They will have a meeting on February 11, 2012 in Sue's room.

Parliamentarian - Toni Sorg advised that everything is fine.

SOG's - Lou Bartlow advised that the committee consists of Barb Parker, Pam Gerdowsky, Barb Kerney and Lou Bartlow. They had a meeting 11/5/11 to discuss changes that needed to be made and will have copies at the February meeting for everyone to look over. She did advise that district chairmen were to have 4 meetings a year. You have to have 5 people to make it a legal meeting. You must turn in your report to Diana Gray and Heather Martin. These can be handed in at the State meeting or you can email them a copy. You can also send a copy into the IVFA paper. There will be a mandatory meeting/training for district chairmen given by Joann Hays and Phyllis Vargo on February 11, 2012 at 2:00. All chairmen are to meet in the lobby at 2:00.

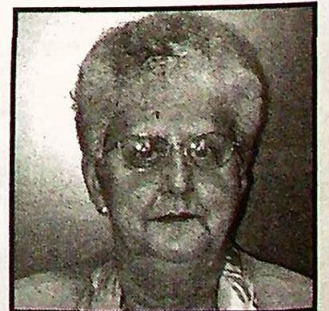
New Business-- Information was presented on the new IVFA cruise to Alaska. Cruise is from July 17-28. There is a \$400 deposit required to hold your spot with the remainder due on April 8, 2012.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Beth Caudill with a second by Janet Woodfill. Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Closing prayer was led by Joann Hays.

Submitted by IVFAA
Corresponding Secretary
Heather Martin

DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Lou Bartlow - Chairman

Hi Ladies, This certainly is a nice winter we are having. If it just stays this way till spring, we'll be in good shape.

District 11B held their election and I'm the new chairman. With a lot of help from some past chairmen, we'll try to keep this district going.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

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IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2011/2012

AUDIT
Beth Caudill - Chm.
Barb Ketchem
Joann Hays

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
Beth Caudill - Chm.
Barb Parker

BY-LAWS
Amber Farrer - Chm.
Leona Uryga
Janet Matthews

BUDGET & FINANCE
Toni Sorg - Chm.
Dorothy Reiter
Lou Bartlow
Marie Emery

LOIS BOAZ
Sue Giant - Chm.
Lou Bartlow
Dorothy Reiter

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Debbie Vermillion

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Marlene Poling
Heather Martin

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Lou Bartlow

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Phyllis Vargo

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Pam Gerdowsky
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Alice Saunders
Janet Matthews

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Toni Sorg - Chm.
Janet Woodfill

MEMBERSHIP
Leona Uryga - Chm.
Marlene Thrawley
Tammy Davis

I.V.F.A.A. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

DISTRICT 11B REPORT

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Nothing much going on right now except our Miss Flame contest is March 12, 2012 in Rosedale at 1:00 P.M. Hope you'll be able to come.

Take care and stay safe and warm.

*Lou Bartlow
Chairman, District 11B*

DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Sandra Hile - Chairman

Greetings! I hope everyone made it through the new year safe & sound, surrounded by the firefighters and other family and friends that we keep so close to our heart!

Our district had our last 2011 meeting on December 17. We met at the Ronald McDonald House in Evansville and prepared a brunch for the families who were currently residing there. We were given tours of the facility and free reign over their three kitchen stations to prepare the meal. It was definitely a great experience and a wonderful

way to serve your community. RMH is a 10-bed facility that offers so many amenities to those with sick little ones in any of the surrounding hospitals. A week before we went, they were full to maximum capacity; the day we served, there were four families and several grandparents. The sad thing is that by the following day, it could have filled up completely again! We left plenty of leftovers, as they also offer their facilities to day-guests; those who don't live quite so far away that they qualify for a room, but still could use some respite. I truly enjoyed the experience, as did everyone that attended...

It was a great bonding experience for a new district manager like myself and I thank all those who attended and/or donated goods and services to make it all happen.

Coming up next? I am working on a plan for fundraiser. I will be in contact with my Pampered Chef consultant to set up a fundraiser for our district; since we work on a zero budget, it would be nice to have funds available for things we would like to do for our firefighters, as well as our community. I will send personal invites for our next quarterly meeting soon and we will initiate this at our next meeting.

Thanks for letting me serve you as district chairman, and I look forward to working with you soon!

*Sincerely,
Sandra J Hile
District 15 Chairman
Indiana Volunteer Firefighters
Association*

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Marie Emery - Chairman

Greetings and Happy New Year to all!

I would like to start by saying "thank you" Jack and the Wright Township crew for hosting the bountiful Thanksgiving dinner on November 14th. A very good crowd was there and enjoyed by all present.

Our district meeting was held at Washington Township, due to attendance the ladies' meeting had to be postponed.

I attended the Richland-Taylor family Christmas auxiliary meeting December 1st. After the meal, the meeting was spent visiting and picture taking. Elections for the following were held. Ashley Dugger was introduced. She will represent Richland-Taylor in the District 17A Miss Flame.

Our Miss Flame contest will be held Sunday, January 15th. Trisha Bottoms of Winslow V.F.D., Ariana Candler of Vincennes V.F.D. and Ashley Dugger will be our contestants. Good luck to each one of you.

Our district auxiliary will be

selling cookies again this year at the annual Vincennes sausage supper Saturday, January 21st. Hope to see you all there.

*Marie Emery
District 17A chairman*

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Hello Ladies,

I hope this finds you all well and happy. We had our November state meeting and all went well. We discussed committees and reports were read and insurance discussed and also upcoming convention in June. I want to thank Marlene Crowley for hosting the get-together with many good foods and crafts to make for Christmas. It was very enjoyable. I also want to thank Joann Hays for the nice Christmas gift as well as the ones from Debbie Vermillion, Suzie Lewis and Heather Martin. Toni Sorg brought her delicious peanut brittle to sell for Poe Volunteer Fire Department. I would like to thank the outgoing officers for their time and dedication the past year and thank those who stepped in

office. May we serve our organization well and know the purpose of our being able to help our firefighters and serve our communities way that shows why we exist.

District 19 had a wonderful turkey dinner hosted by Milan Fire Auxiliary November 8th at the Milan Firehouse. It was decorated beautifully and enjoyed by all. Miss Congeniality, Tatijana Marsee was there helping out and announced she was once again running for Miss Flame. Our next district meeting will be February 14th at Sunman Firehouse.

The IVFA meeting at St. Leon on November 17 held the Miss Flame contest with Tatijana being our only candidate. Tatijana, our Miss Congeniality from 2011, will once again represent us as District 19 Miss Flame for 2012. She has and will continue to serve us well. Congratulations, Tatijana!

I have given out the by-law books and member list to all the local 19th district departments that are active members. I have attended the Morris Volunteer Fire Department breakfast and Sunman Life Squad Breakfast.

Hope you will all be safe and warm as the colder weather and snow come around. Hope your Thanksgiving was blessed with much food and family and friends. I hope you will all have a wonderful

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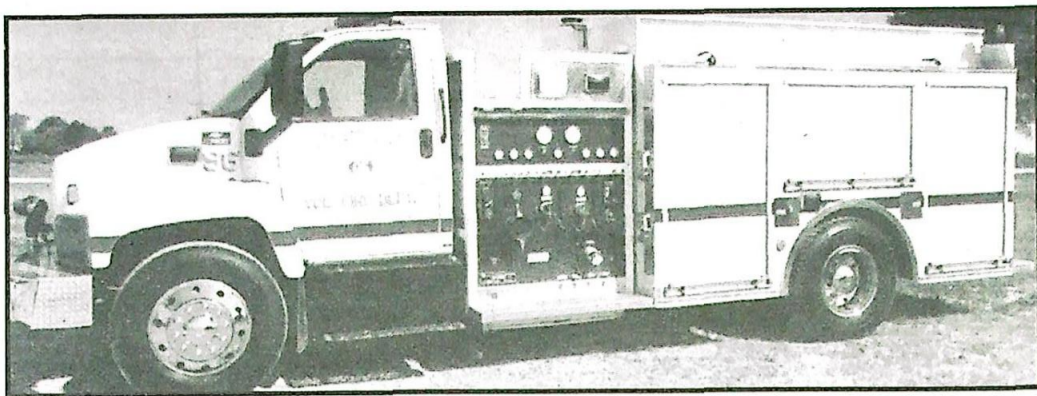
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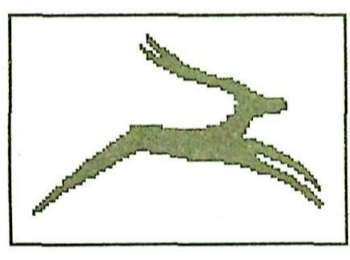
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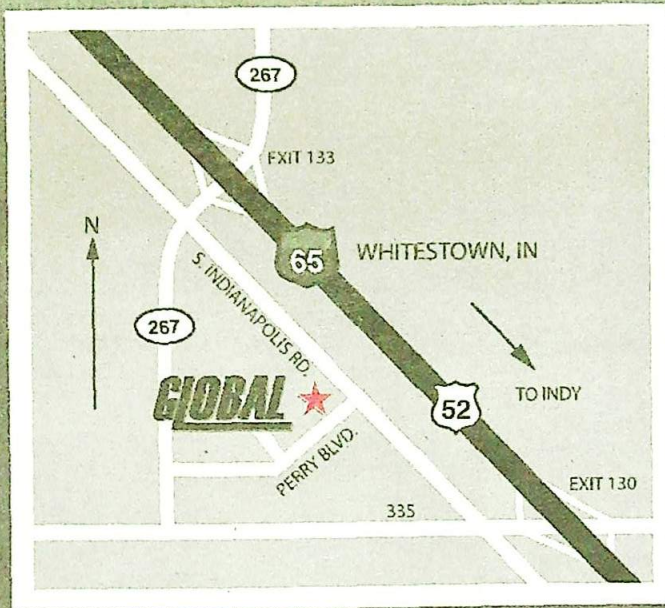


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Christmas with family and friends. It is truly a beautiful time of the year. Blessings to all of you and yours.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to let me know. Have a great day with God's many blessings!

District 19 chairman
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Well, the holidays are over and we are starting the new year 2012.

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a healthy and profitable new year.

I plan on setting goals that I would like to be reached within the year and am passing this on to the district chairmen . . . set a goal and reach out for it . . . get it accomplished and we will have a better Association.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and hope that you can give me the light of the way . . . I would like no more than to see new faces and that means more membership, rather it be auxiliaries or individuals . . . they all are welcome into the state. We need to enlarge our "family".

With new membership as well as the present, we can get new ideas and ways of improving. That is always a welcome in any organization, and we are no exception.

We will be discussing the insurance that is now available to us and so you need to be able to get signed up at the February meeting. If you are interested, we will have applications available . . . at least that is what I understand.

It is time to get your dues paid for the upcoming year, and they need to be sent to June Cahill, recording secretary and also, with the convention right around the corner, you need to get your reservations made for the hotel. The phone number is listed in the I.V.F.A. paper. It will be here before we know it. We want to make this a good convention, and work on our projects, so that we can have another successful year.

Thank you, and looking forward to seeing all of you at the quarterly state officers' meeting in February.

God bless each and everyone!!!

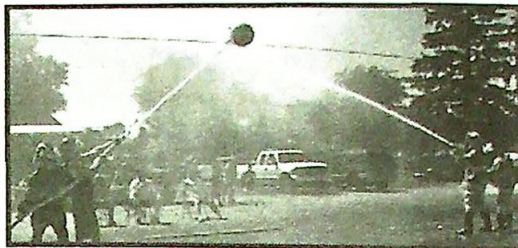
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Pennville VFD holds July 9, 2011 parade



Pennville VFD fire truck getting ready for the parade.
Nice looking truck!



The Pennville VFD held their waterball on July 9, 2011 after their parade.
Shown in the picture is the Bryant VFD going up against the Albany VFD.



Standing in front of the Dunkirk VFD fire truck getting ready for the parade is Courtney Willoughby, District 8B 1st place runner-up. - photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Portland FD celebrates July 4th with waterball



The Portland Fire Department held their annual 4th of July, 2011 waterball. Winning 1st place was the Pennville VFD. Pictured (left to right) are: Dave Jellison, Carl Imel, Kaylea Konger - IVFA Miss Flame 2011, Lonnie Bell and Caleb Bell.



Winning 2nd place was the Kennard Fire Department. Pictured from left to right are assistant chief Duane Booth, Kaylea Konger - IVFA Miss Flame 2011, Lee Thomas and Jason Sutton. Art Booth of the Geneva VFD was their coach.



Winning 3rd place was the Albany VFD. Pictured from left to right are: Nath Smith - Albany VFD, Kaylea Konger - IVFA Miss Flame 2011 and Dave Jellison - Portland Fire Department. - photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



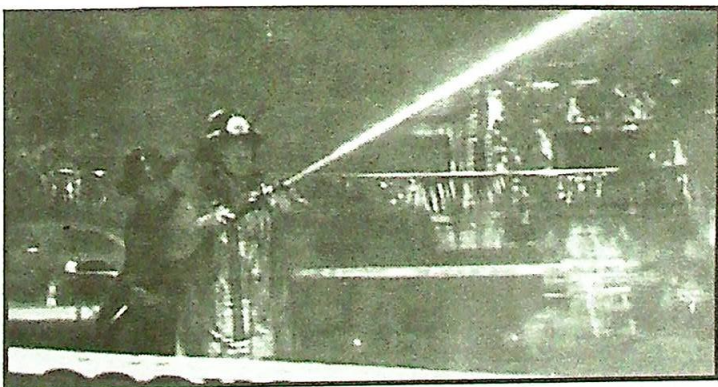
At the waterball, Art Booth is showing A. J. Wright, grandson of Lloyd E. Wright, Salamonia VFD, how to shoot waterball.
Wonder if AJ is going to follow in his grandpa's footsteps!

At the waterball is Kaylea Konger, IVFA Miss Flame 2011 shooting waterball. Art Booth of the Geneva VFD is helping her.

Hope he is giving her good advice on how to hit the ball!



Shown at the annual Fourth of July 2011 parade in Portland, IN is Chelsey Gettinger, District 8B Miss Flame 2011 and Kaylea Konger, IVFA Miss Flame 2011 getting ready for the parade.



The Portland Fire Department held their annual 4th of July, 2011 waterball.

Shown are Lonnie Bell and his son Caleb from the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department.

The Pennville VFD won first place.
Way to go guys! - photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8A chairman.



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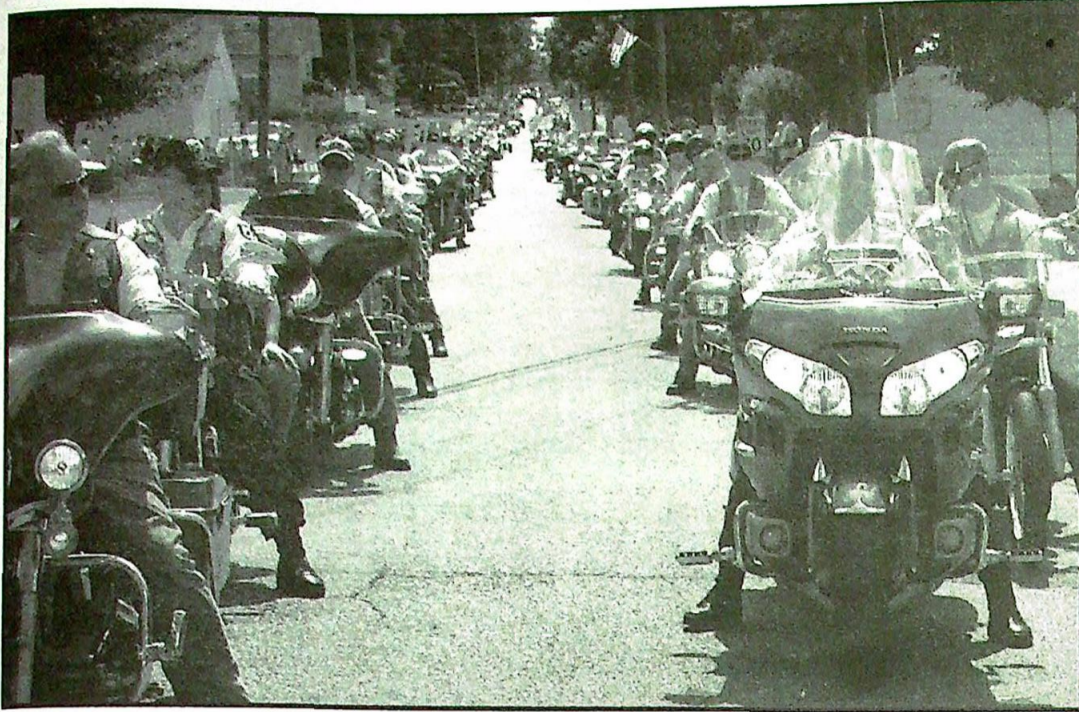
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Some of the 200+ motorcycles that were in the parade.



- Above and below -
Some of the 30+ fire apparatus that were in the parade.



Shown is a flag raised at Ground Zero carried by local scouts. - photos submitted by Vice President Steve Anderson.



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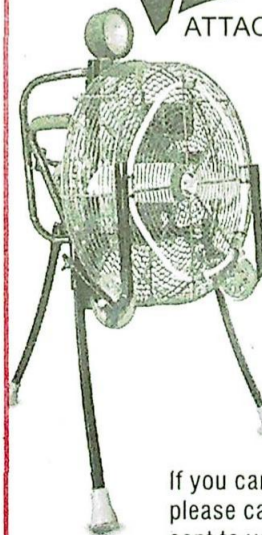
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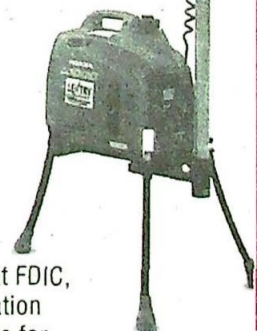
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Posey County Agencies respond to a mock MVA as part of a mass casualty training exercise hosted by the Poseyville VFD. - submitted by Steve Anderson, IVFA vice president.



Wadesville VFD has new tanker

submitted by Steve Anderson, IVFA vice president.

Chandler VFD holds annual fall parade



IVFA District 15 Miss Flame Kassie Wallace is shown riding with the Chandler VFD in the annual fall parade (2011) - submitted by Steve Anderson, IVFA vice president.

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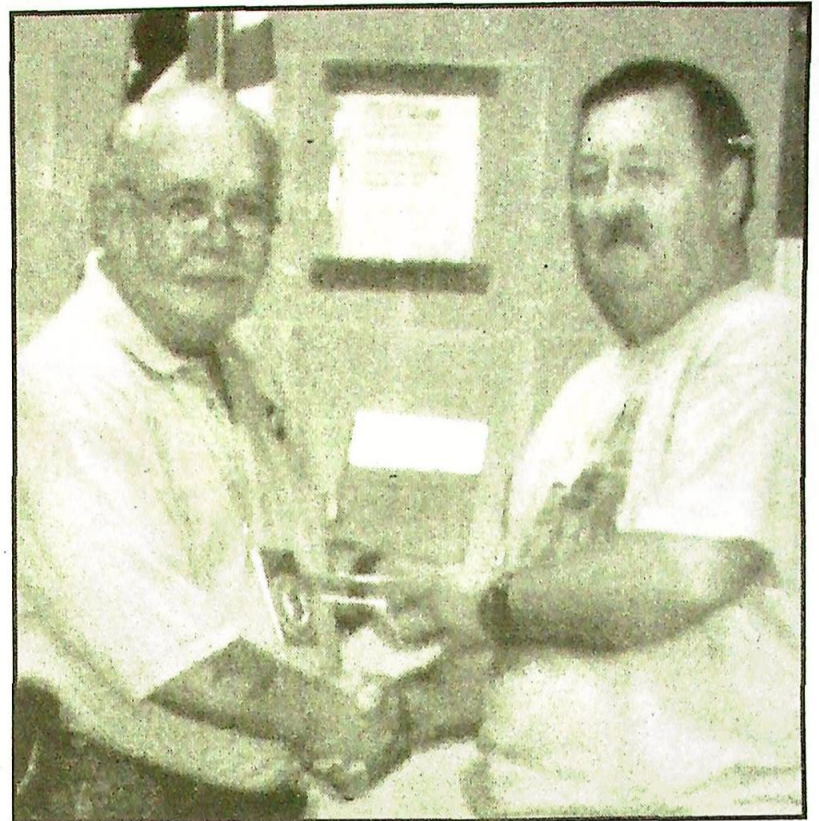
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Loogootee VFD member receives awards



New Loogootee VFD chief Morgan Huebner presents retiring chief Terry Pielemeier a plaque for his years of service. - submitted by District 17A chairman Sam Emery.



Terry Pielemeier, (right) retiring Chief Loogootee VFD, is presented the District 17A Global Award by District 17A chairman Sam Emery (left).

Martin C.O. Fire & Rescue presented new station clock



Cameron Wolf, Chief, Martin C.O. Fire & Rescue, is presented a clock for their new station by District 17A chairman Sam Emery. - submitted by District 17A chairman Sam Emery.



Twenty-five year pins presented to two Madison Twp. fire members

25 year pins presented - Madison Twp. Chief Greg Clark with firemen Vernon Graber and Roger Wagler and District 17A chairman Sam Emery. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



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Paul Furnish receives 25 year service pin

Awards presented at Liberty Twp. Fire Dept. annual dinner



Paul Furnish, Jeff-Craig Vol. Fire Department, is shown receiving his 25 year pin from District 19 Miss Flame, Tatijana Marsee, and District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. - photo submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.



Chairman Terry Smith and Miss Flame Alyssia Smith, presented John Blesser his 25 year pin at the Liberty Twp. Fire Department's 8th annual dinner - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Smith receives 25 year pin



Ed Smith of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin on December 1, 2011 at their fire meeting.

Presenting his pin is Chelsey Gettinger, District 8B 2011 Miss Flame.

Not present, but receiving his pin was Roger Ramseyer. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Terry Smith, District 4 chairman and Miss Flame Alyssia Smith presented Bryan Albright his 25 year pin at Liberty Township Fire Department's 8th annual dinner. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

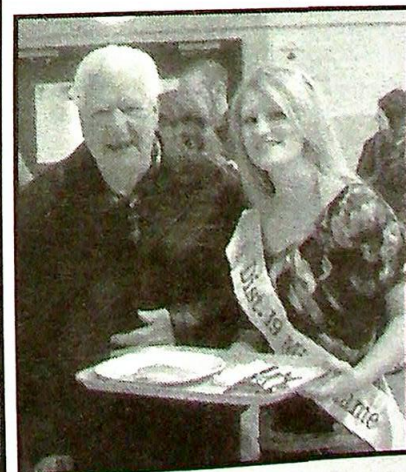


Lakeville VFD honors firefighters



Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department honored firefighters retiring for their dedication and were given years of service awards. Pictured are: Mike Carco, Doug Watts, Charlie Kline and Ron Bobelenyi. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

Morris VFD hosts spring breakfast



District 19 Miss Flame Tatijana Marsee, is hard at work at the Morris Volunteer Fire Department's 2011 spring breakfast. She did a variety of jobs from cleaning tables to helping patrons. She was very busy all morning. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

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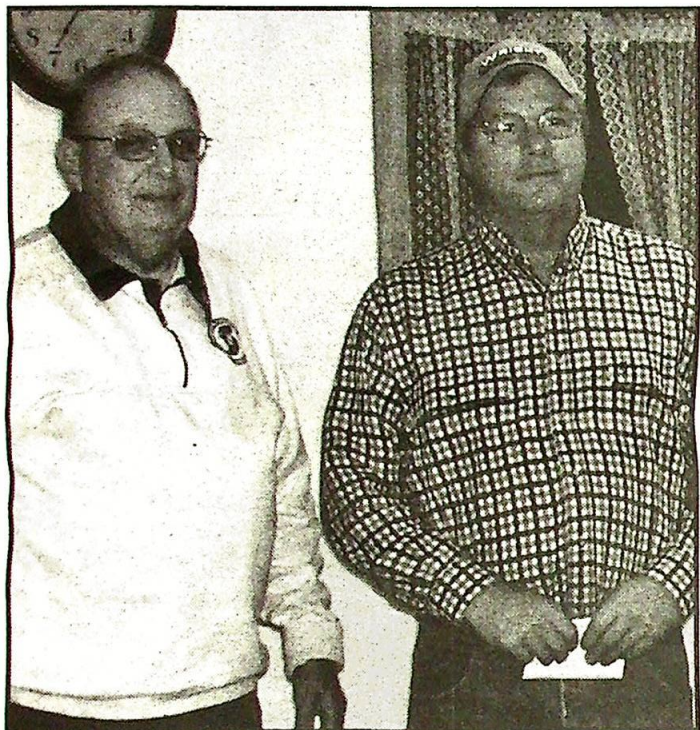
Several awards presented in District 11-A



District 11A chairman Jack McFarland (right) presents Honey Creek firefighter James Kempf with his 25 year pin. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman.



District 11A chairman Jack McFarland presents Jasonville Assistant Chief Darren Sluder with a 30 year certificate upon his retirement from the fire department. (Left to right): Jack McFarland, Chief Harold Keller and Darren Sluder. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman.



District 11A chairman Jack McFarland (left) presents Otter Creek firefighter Sam Plant with his 25 year pin. - submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman.

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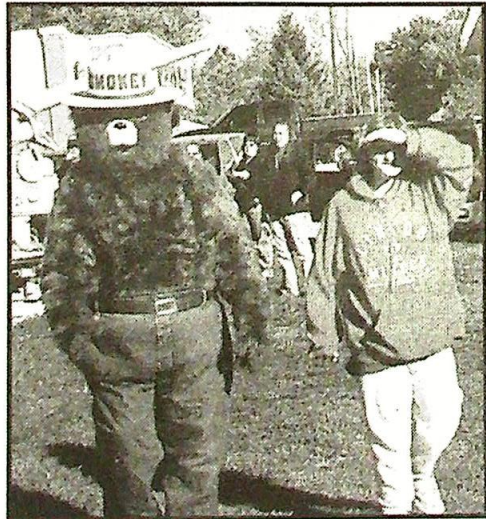
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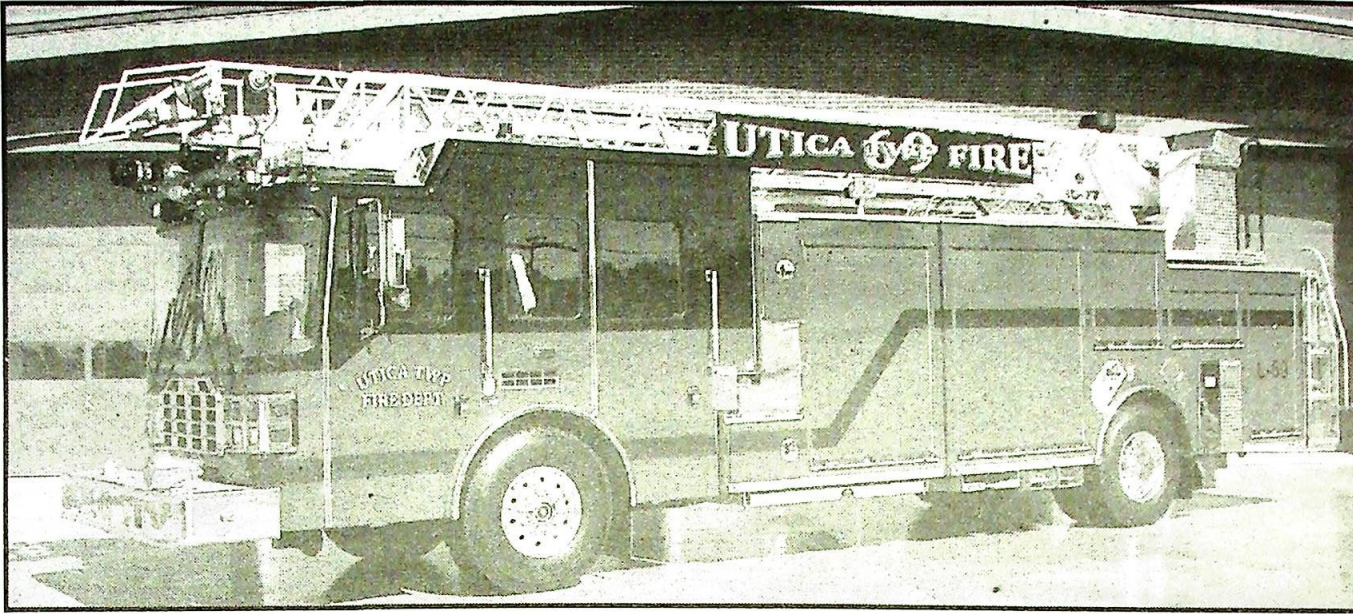
West Central PR Diane Harrison helps a youngster doing a fire hose roll at the kid's Firefighter Challenge during the Safety Fair sponsored by the Wright Twp., Lewis Twp., and Jasonville Fire Departments. - photos submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman.



Smokey also made an appearance at the Safety Fair sponsored by the Wright Twp., Lewis Twp. and Jasonville Fire Departments.

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Utica Township FD takes delivery of new ladder truck

Utica Twp. FD recently took delivery of a new 2011 Ferrara 75' aerial ladder truck. It has a 1500 gpm pump and a 500 gallon tank. This truck is equipped for suppression, ladder, and technical rescue operations. — submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

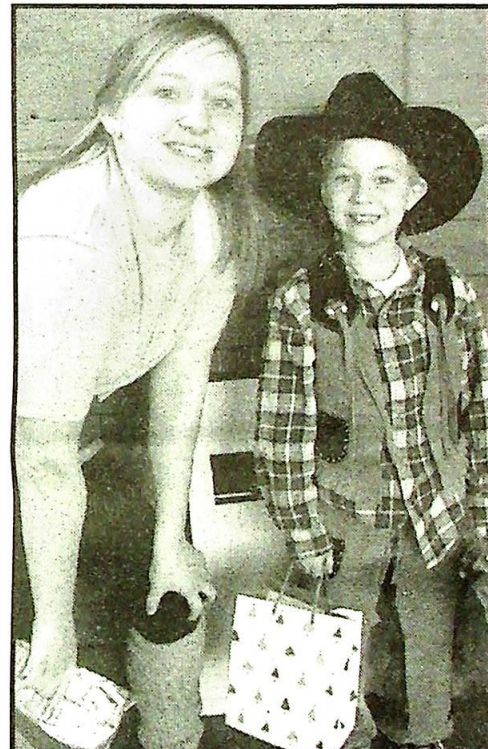
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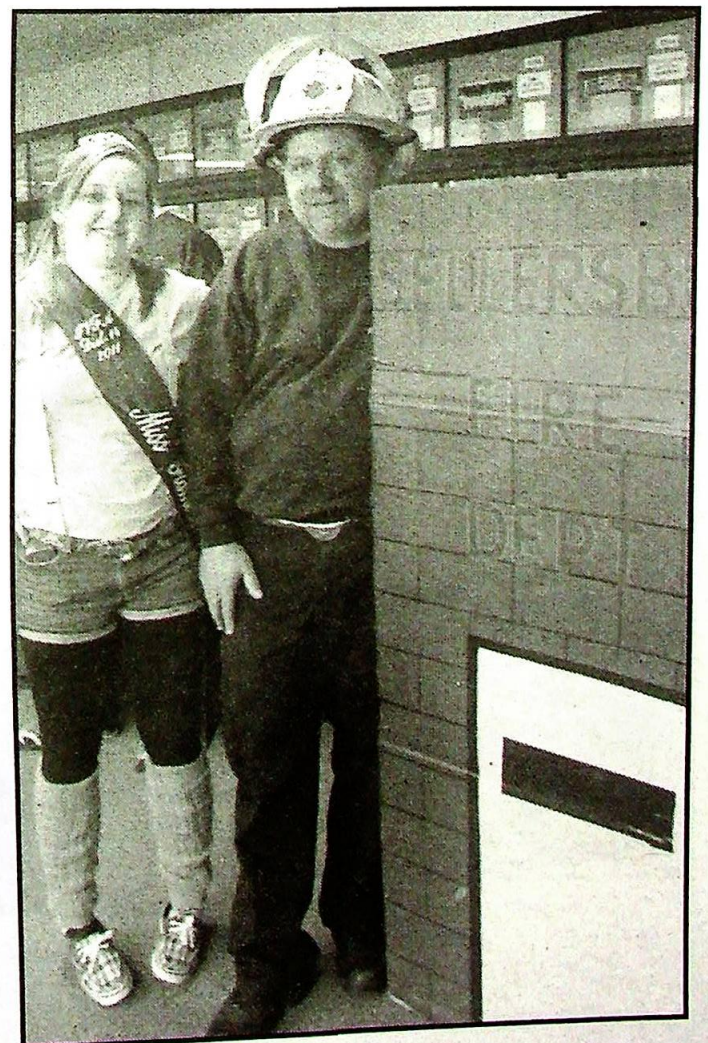


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Blake	Charles	Forrester	Columbia City	Columbia Twp. VFD
James	Matthew	Groves	Newburgh	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
William	M.	Kendall	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Christopher	George	Miller	Patriot	Patriot Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown	Bloomington	Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker	North Salem	Eel River Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas	Crestview	Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Jordan	H.	Craig	Sunman	Sunman Rural Fire Department, Inc.
Dallas	William	Hutts	Rolling Prairie	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner	Milford	Milford Fire Dept.
Samuel	Adam	Fehrer	Indianapolis	Huntertown Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin	Coatesville	Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio	Sunman	Sunman Rural FD Inc.
George	Paul	Altepeter	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Chris	James	Moore	Columbus	Southwest VFD
Colin	Justin	English	Florence	Posey Twp. VFD
Brandon	Joe	Johnson	Mitchell	Marion Twp. Rural VFD
Brock	Michael	Buchanan	Fort Belvoir	Vincennes Twp. VFD
Edger	Leonel	Lopez	Crown Point	Lake of Four Seasons Fire Force
Dallas	William	Hutts	Kingsford Hts.	Kingsford-Union VFD
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder	New Albany	New Chapel FD
Zack	Steven	Vandergriff	Underwood	Monroe Twp. VFD
Frank		Galvan	Brooklyn	Ohio Twp. VFD (Paradise VFD)
Jered	Alan	Stettet	Dubois	Dubois VFD
Michael	Anthony	Sabo	Lake Station	Lake Station VFD
Casey	John	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Jared	Patrick	Maxwell	Fort Wayne	North East Allen County Fire & EMS
Brandon	James	Duff	Georgetown	Lafayette Twp. VFD
Schyler	D.	Clark	Bicknell	Vigo Twp. VFD
Michael	Jacob	Collins	French Lick	Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Rodney	E.	Pentecost	Greens Fork	Clay Twp. VFD Inc.
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Casey	W.	Foye	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD
Elizabeth	Nicole	Ireland	Kingman	Jackson Twp. VFD
Thomas	Michael	Bedway	Coal City	Coal City VFD
Bradley	J.	Zimmerman	Muncie	Hamilton Twp. VFD
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James	Vincent	Clements	Paoli	Southeast Twp. VFD

Sellersburg FD passes out candy for Halloween



(At left) – District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon poses with Justin Stone October 28, 2011.



(Below) – Sellersburg Fire Department passed out candy for Halloween. District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon pose here with their homemade fire house. — submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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	White Golf Shirt Navy Collar - \$25.00			
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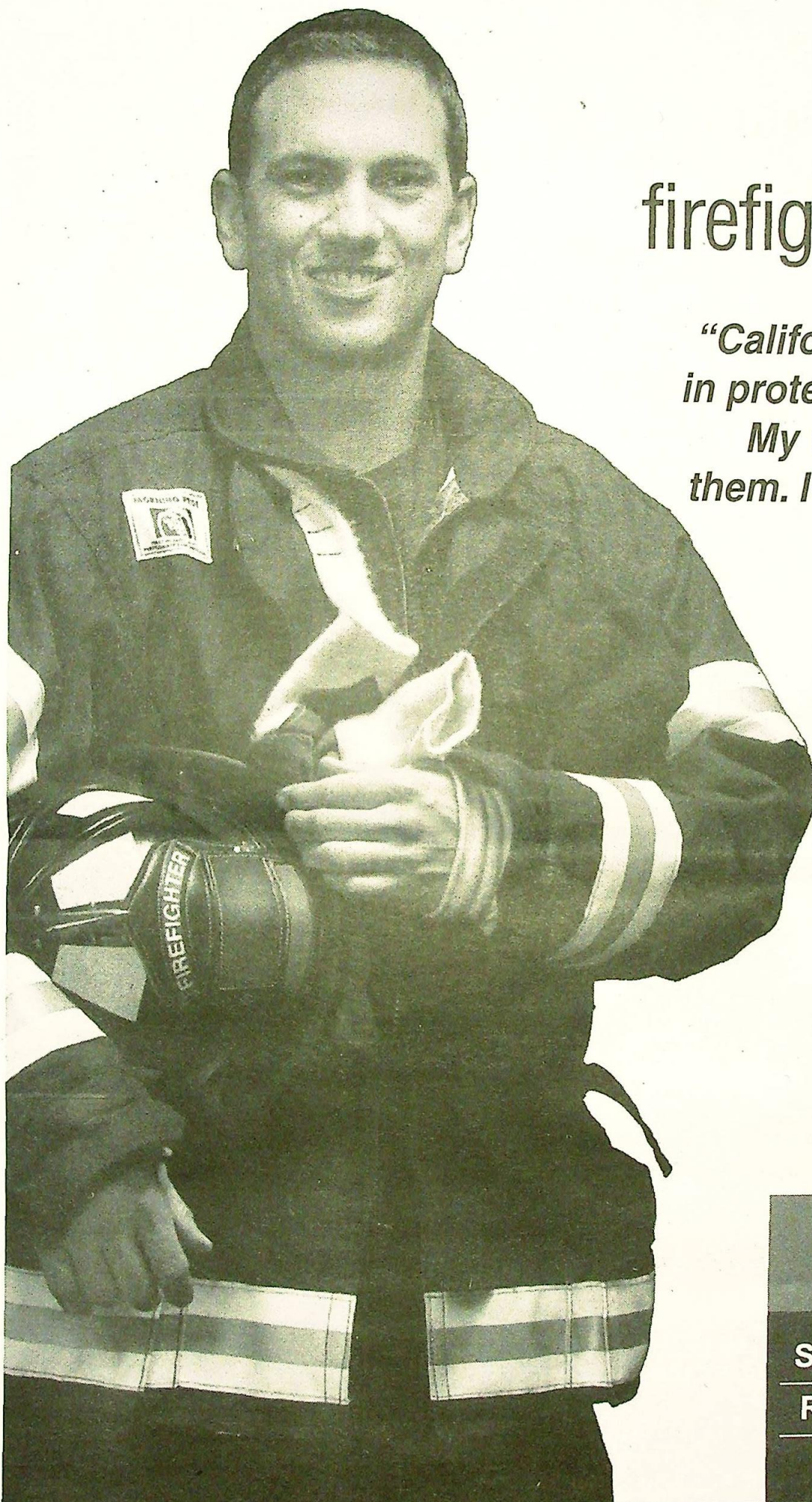
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Newburgh VFD awards given at Christmas party



District 18 honors five life members

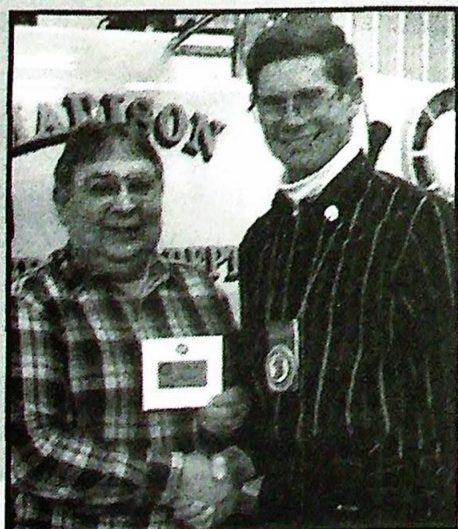
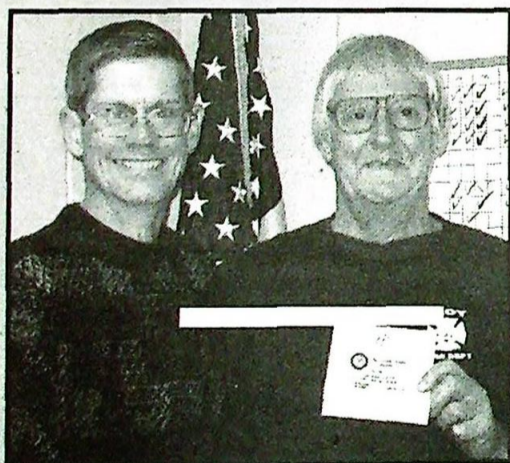
Over the last few weeks of the year, I was privileged to be able to honor a total of 5 District 18 members with the IVFA Gold Card and 50 year membership pin.

They are Cleon Forler of Chrisney, Sheldon Goffinet of Central Perry, Donald Steinhart of Ireland, Robert Thiery of Troy, and Kenneth Weigand of New Boston.

I must say that it was a very humbling experience to be in the midst of a total of 250 years of commitment to the fire service. The things that these men have seen, been through, and not to mention the changes, would far exceed the space for this article. It goes without saying that their respective departments, their communities, and our fire service as a whole, are what they are now because of men such as these. As the saying goes... "we see far, and accomplish great things... for we stand on the shoulders of Giants"!



Photos and article provided by Dist. 18 Chairman John "Bull" Smith



On December 14, 2011, the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Dept. held its annual Christmas party for invited guests and past members. Along with catching up on old times with past members, the fire department hands out some special awards, ranging from length of service, from 50 years all the way down to 5 years, to some comical awards. This year we had 2 special length of service awards to hand out.

With the help of IVFA Vice-President Steve Anderson and IVFA District 15 Chairman Harry Logan, 1st Asst. Chief Matt Timmel and Captain Charlie Marx received these awards. Captain Charlie Marx received his 25 year pin. This was also Charlie's last year as he is retiring as of December 31. Thank you for your years of service to the community.

1st Assistant Chief Matt Timmel received his 50 years of service Gold Card. Matt spent his years serving the city of Evansville, beginning in 1961. Matt then began serving the citizens of Newburgh and surrounding communities in 1996. Matt has served in many capacities on both departments from firefighter to District Chief.

Article written and submitted by Chief Paul Campbell.

2012 Convention June 13 - 16 - Elizabeth, IN

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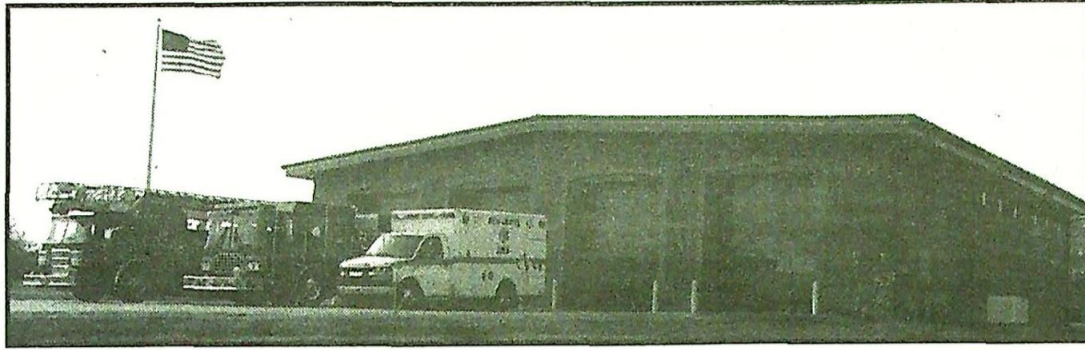
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New Chapel Fire Company opens new station



New Chapel Fire Company recently opened their new Station 1 on Charlestown Road in New Albany. The station has three double length bays and one double length pull-thru bay. The facility also has their administrative offices, bunk rooms, day room / kitchen area, training / meeting room, conference room, and weight room. This station is a proud addition to their department and New Albany Township. – submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.



(Left to right) – Representative Randy Fry, newly-elected Miss Flame Haley Teltoe, IVFA president David Israel, District 10 chairman John Ray and District 10 IVFAA chairman Janet Mathews.

Representative Fry visits District 10



(Left to right) – Representative Randy Fry, IVFA president David Israel, Miss Flame Haley Teltoe, 25 year pin recipient Pete A. Beyer - Waldron Fire Chief and District 10 chairman John Ray. – submitted by District 10 chairman John Ray.

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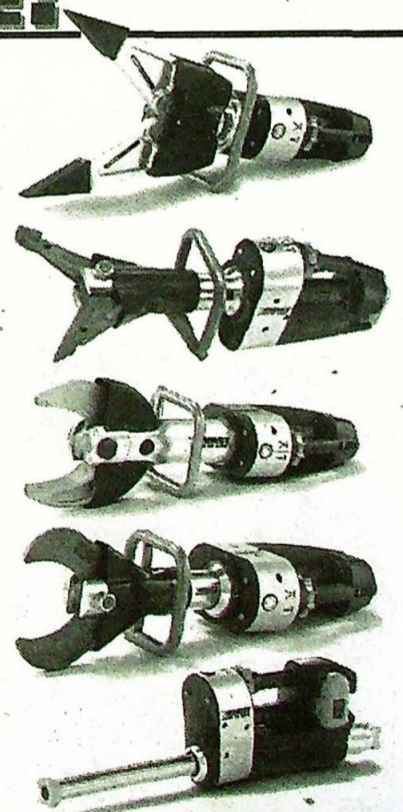
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Pleasant Run VFD awards 50 year and 25 year service pins



(Left to right): IVFA president David Israel, Dwight Jones, Steve Nolan and Bobby Brown.



(Left to right): David Israel, Steve Nolan, Gary Faubion and his wife Janet, and Bobby Brown.



(Left to right): David Israel, Steve Nolan, Billy Norman and Bobby Brown.

Monroe Fire Department holds chili cook-off



Monroe Fire Department held a chili cook-off with all money going to the Crusade for Children. Larry Curl came down to taste the chili.

Donny Taylor from Monroe, won a trophy for his chili. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



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Losantville VFD purchases new fire truck



Pictured above is the Losantville Volunteer Fire Department's new Ford F350 fire truck. Sure looks like a nice one! - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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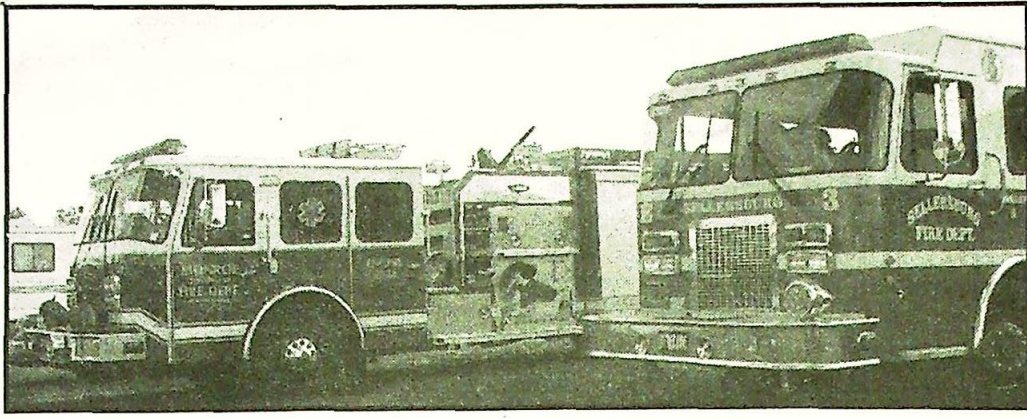
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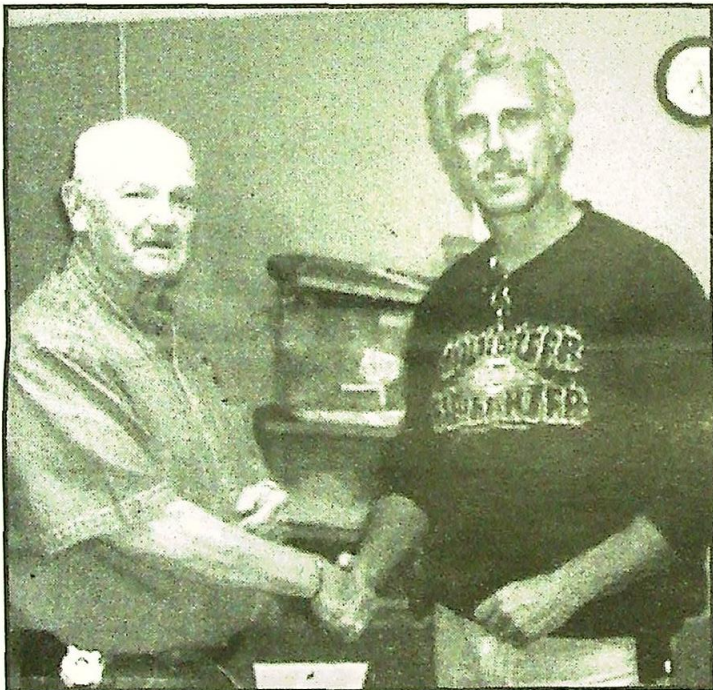
Mock crash held at Memphis Celebrates festival



Sellersburg Fire Department, along with Monroe, held a mock crash at the Memphis Celebrates Festival on October 1, 2011. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

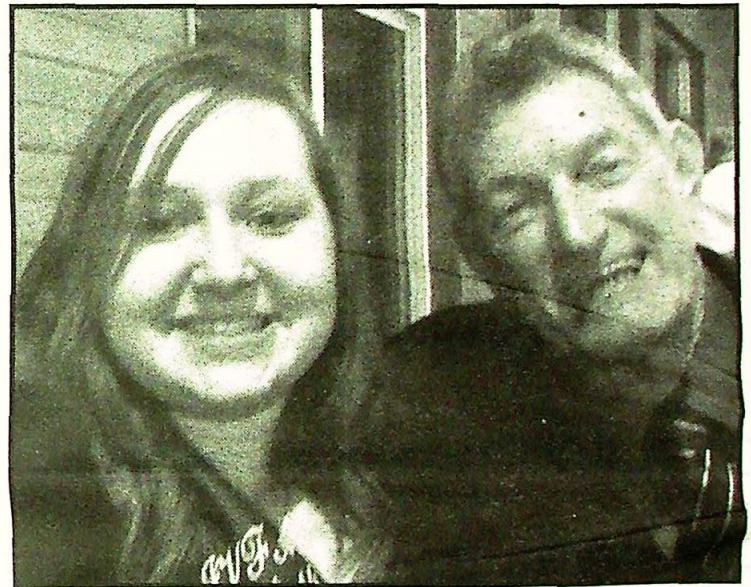
Two from Ninevah Fire Department receive 25 year pins

Monroe Fire Department holds Christmas party

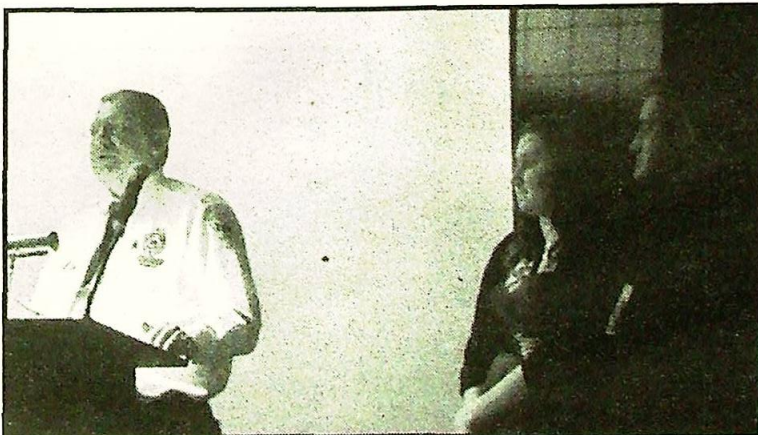


Larry Rice of Nineveh Fire Department receiving his 25 year pin from District 10 chairman John Ray.

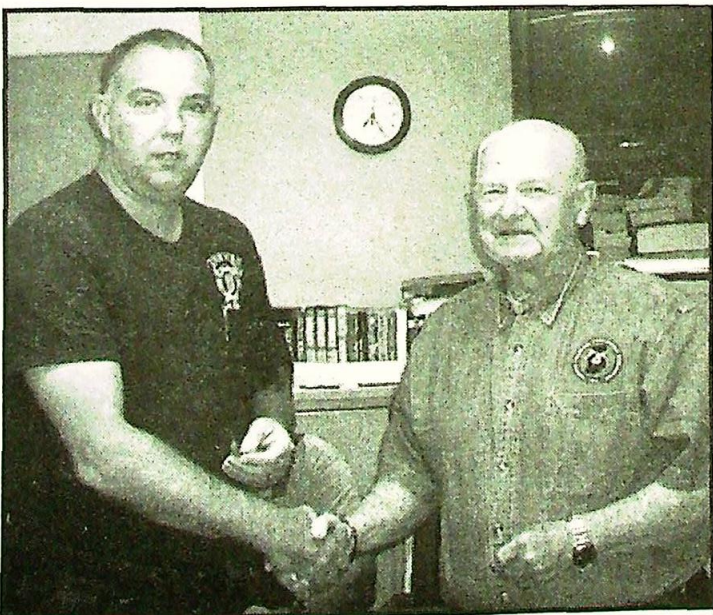
Monroe Fire Department held its annual Christmas party and District 14 chairman Rick Cannon, Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon and P.R.S.E. Al Williamson were among the guest list. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



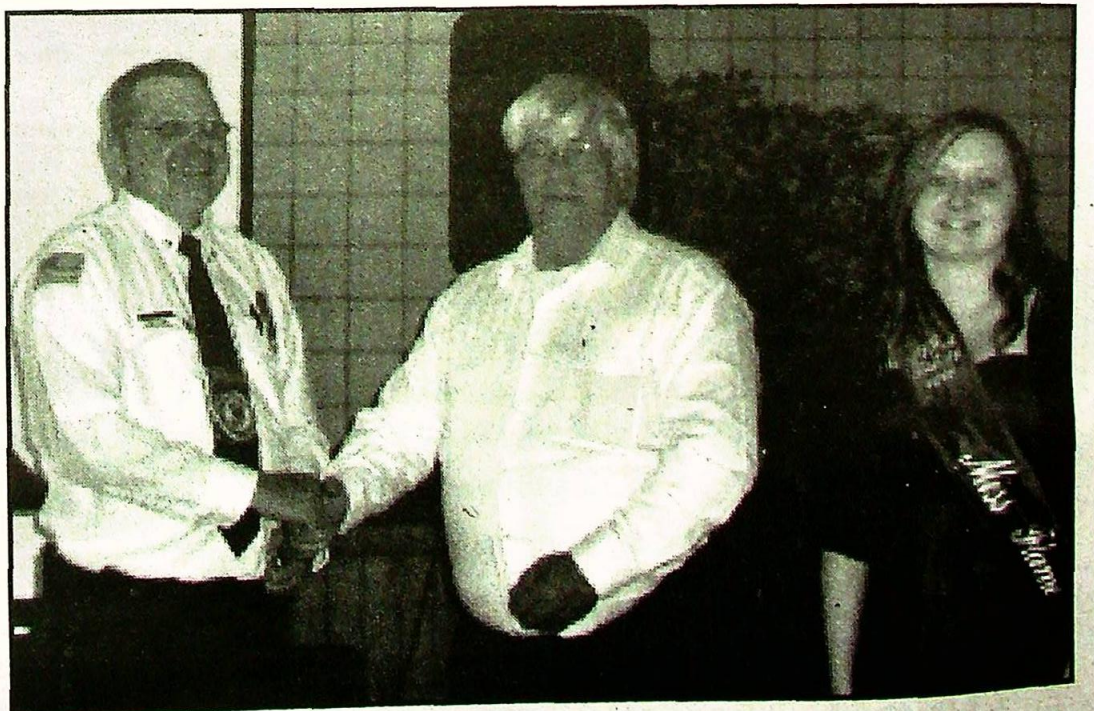
P.R.S.E. Al Williamson poses here with District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon.



District 14 chairman Rick Cannon, Rebecca and Al Williamson talk about IVFA.



Leroy Rice of Nineveh Fire Department receiving his 25 year pin from District 10 chairman John Ray. - submitted by John Ray, District 10 chairman.

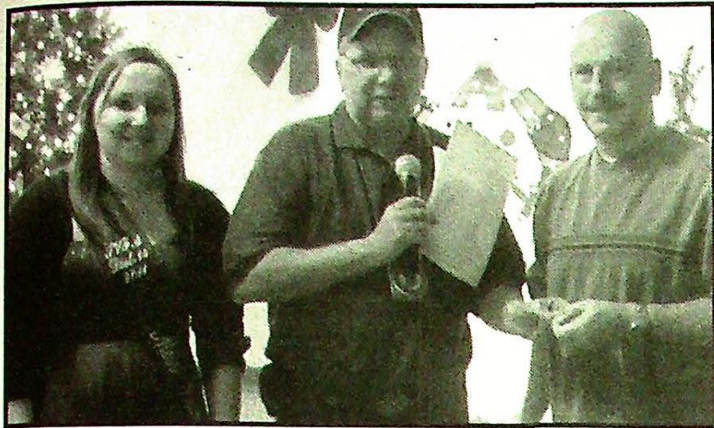


Willie Stoffregen received his 25 year service pin.

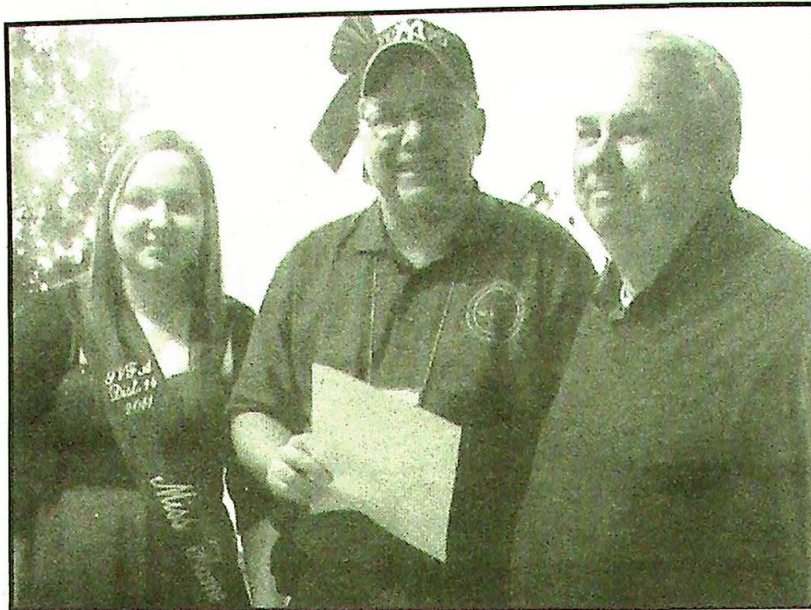
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Charlestown Fire Department members receive 25 year pins

Six members of the Charlestown Fire Department received their 25 year pins at their annual Christmas from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



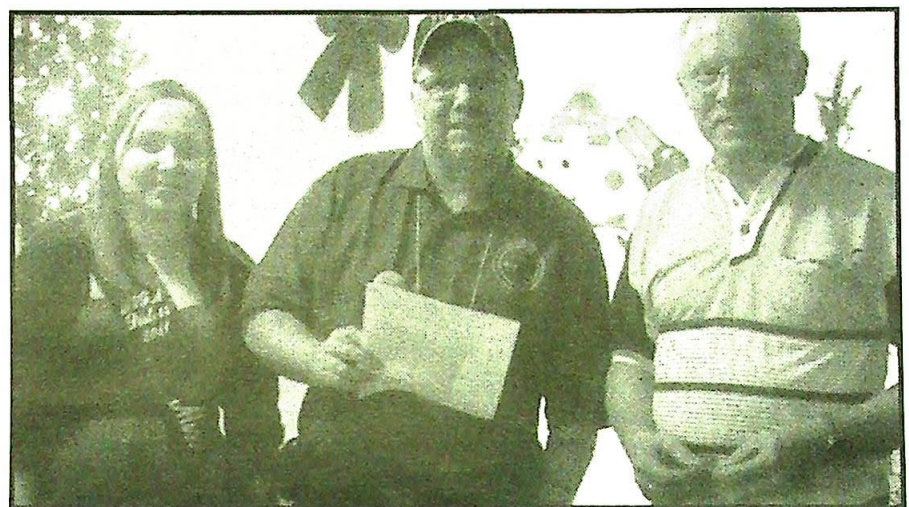
Randell Henderson



Robert Slaughter



Larry Hensley



Steve Nelson



Robert Jenkins

Fire chief receives Longevity Award



During the September District 12 meeting, Advance Fire Chief Jim Caldwell was presented with a certificate for over forty years in the Fire Service.

We thank you, Jim, for your many years of devotion and service.

(Left - Chief Caldwell, right IVFA chairman Larry Bruner).

(In the bottom photo) - Also at the September 12th meeting, eight members of the department received their 25 year pins.

Those members were: Chief Jim Caldwell, Dave cook, Billie Emmert, Edward Goff, Anthony Petro, John Riner, Wayne Smith and David Turner.

We thank you for your many years of devotion and service. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.



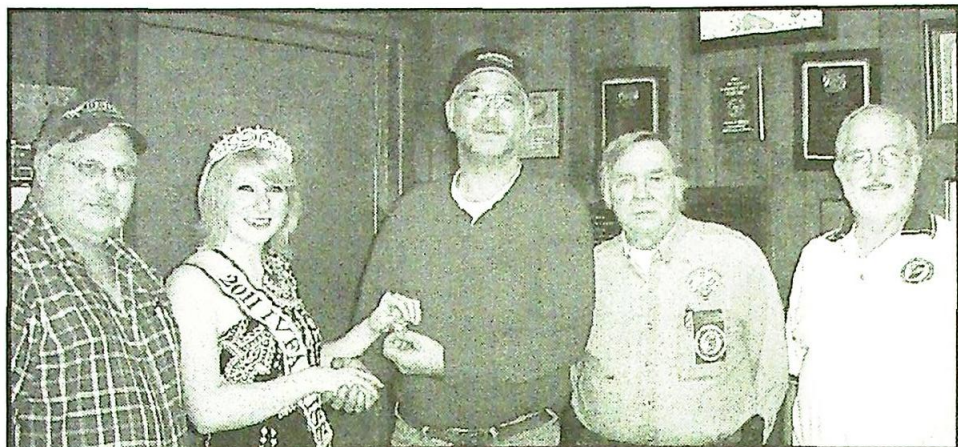
Ralph Webb

Advance firefighters receive 25 year pins



May Deadline:
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District 7 presents awards to several members



State Miss Flame, Walt Reiter - District 7 chairman and Jean Smith - PRNE, presented 25 year pins to Russell Cook and Larry Miller from Monroe VFD.

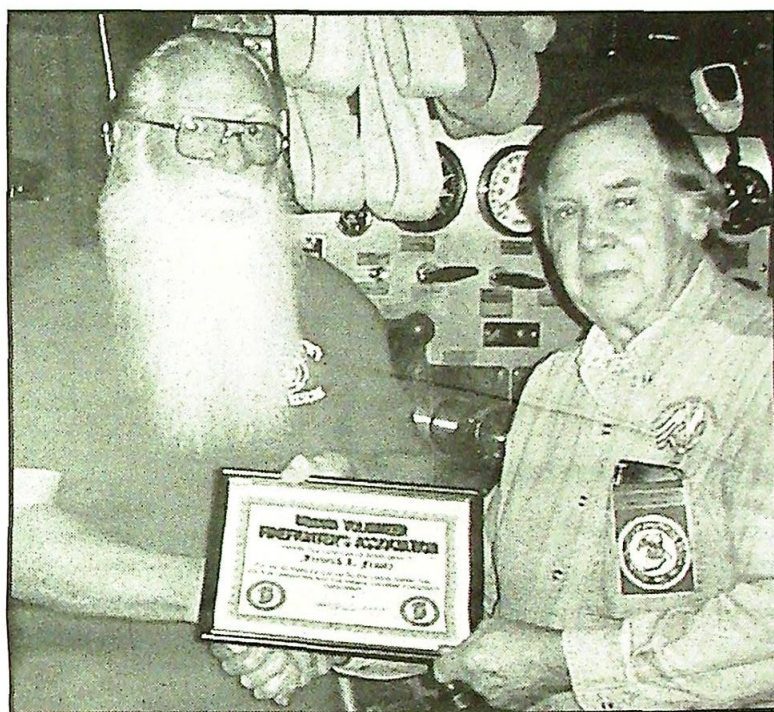
Also presented (but not present) were 25 year pins to William Rogers and Dave Vorhees, a 50 year Gold Card, certificate and pin to Arthur Vorhees from Geneva VFD.



Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman and Jean Smith, PRNE, presented 50 year Gold Cards, certificates and pins to David Auman and Dewayne Gallmeyer from Poe VFD.



Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman and Jean Smith, PRNE, presented a 25 year pin to Gary Berg from Poe VFD.



Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman, presented a 50 year Gold Card, pin and certificate to Fredrick Frantz from Liberty Center VFD. - photos submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.



Pictured are District 7 Miss Flame for 2012 - Merrissa Bisel and Runner-Up - Brittany Bradtmueller.

They are shown with 2011 State Miss Flame Kaylea Konger. - submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.

Amo fire chief receives 25 year pin



At an annual Awards Banquet hosted by the Plainfield Eagles, Mill Creek Station's Amo fire chief Mark Belford was presented his IVFA 25 year pin.

Pictured at left is District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, right is Chief Belford. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.

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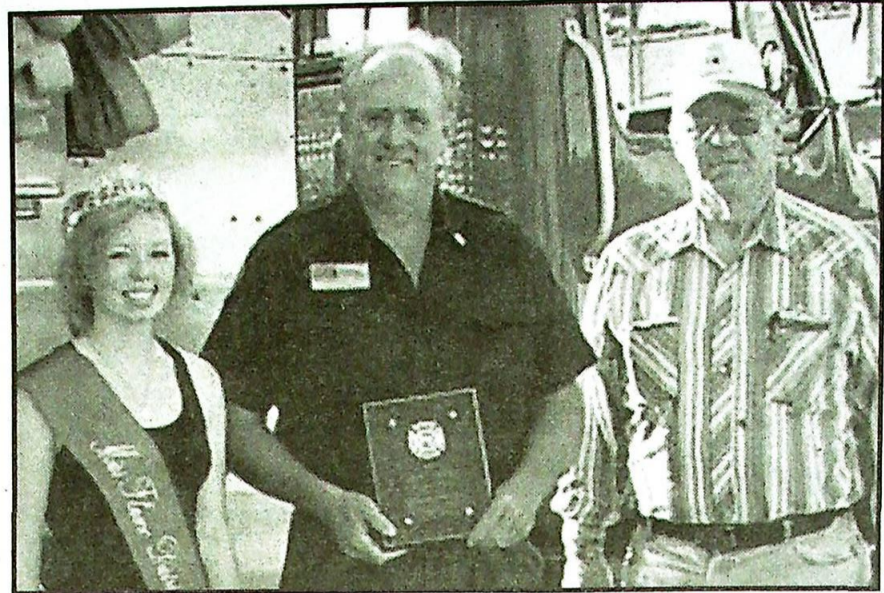
Sellersburg FD hosts annual Christmas party



Sellersburg Fire Department had its annual Christmas party for the kids of our firefighters and EMS.

District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon helps pass out gifts as Santa's helper and Rebecca even gets a gift from Santa. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

Brown receives 25 year pin



On August 2, 2011 Steve Brown of the Lynn Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin. Pictured (from left to right) are Chelsey Gettinger - 2011 District 8B Miss Flame, Steve Brown and Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

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Bell of Louisville cruise held for District 14

Air Methods Leslie McCabe, along with Yellow Ambulance, puts on a Bell of Louisville Cruise for fire and EMS.

Leslie poses here with District 14 chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

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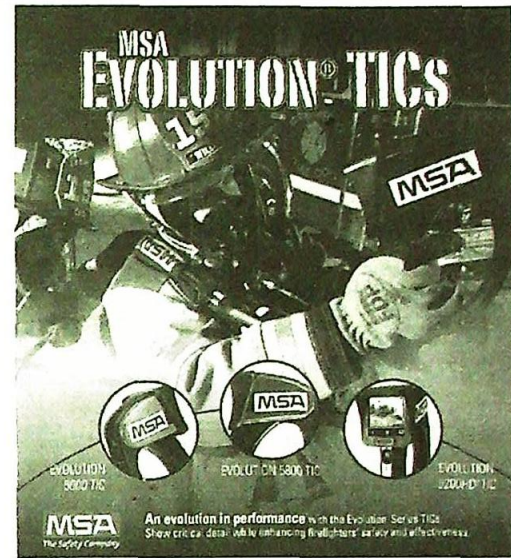
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Members receive 50 year Gold Cards



In the photo at right - Howard Cleeter and Hubert Cofield, Lawrenceburg Fire Department are shown receiving their 50 Year Gold cards and pin from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman; Dave Israel, state president and Randy Abner, Fire Chief.

Pictured (front) Hubert Cofield; (back, left to right) Ed Scheele - District 19 chairman, Randy Abner - Fire Chief, Howard Cleeter and Dave Israel - state president. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Celebrating 61 years in the fire service



During an annual Awards Banquet hosted by the Plainfield Eagles, Deloris "Dottie" Burch was celebrated for 61 years with Amo Volunteer Fire Department. She was awarded her 50 year IVFA pin by District 12 chairman Larry Bruner and a state Fire Marshal Department pin by state Fire Marshal James Greeson.

Dottie has been an inspiration and strength to the fire service in Hendricks County for many years. Her love and compassion for others has spilled over to the many lives she has touched in the fire service.

She is a true pillar of strength in her community and we celebrate her service and dedication. Her love for God and Country has only been multiplied by all those who she has been associated with and who have grown to know and love her.

Dottie, we thank you for all your dedication.

(Pictured - left to right) -- State Fire Marshal James Greeson, chairman Larry Bruner, firefighter Dottie Burch and Amo fire chief Mark Belford. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.



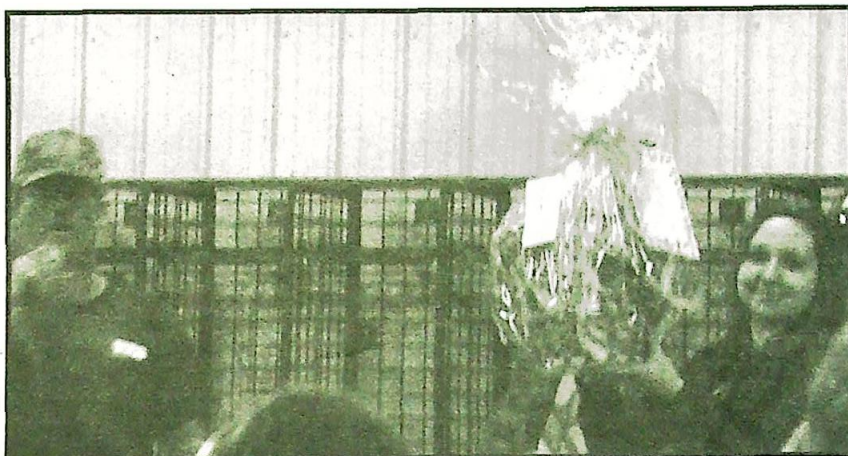
District 8B holds Miss Flame contest

District 8B held their 2012 Miss Flame contest at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from left to right are Courtney Willoughby - Dunkirk VFD Miss Flame for 2012, Lloyd E. Wright - District 8B chairman, Heaven Smith - Montpelier VFD Miss Flame for 2012 first runner-up and Lexi Blumanhorst, Dunkirk VFD. - submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Chili supper and auction help Crusade for Children

A chili supper and auction was held at the Charlestown Fire Department and District 14 Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon is shown lending a hand.

All money went to the Crusade for Children. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



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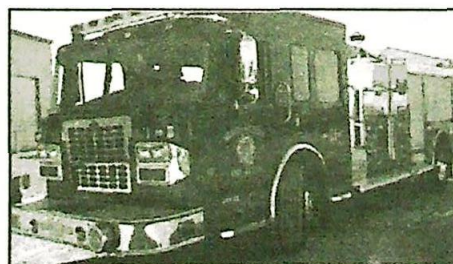


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Drewersburg FD holds fifty year celebration of the department on December 11, 2011



(Pictured in the photo upper left) -- Original members of Drewersburg Fire Department when it started 50 years ago.

Three members still active Chief Glen Williams, Gaylard Hadley and William Losekamp, received 50 year Gold Cards and pins.

(Photo - upper right) -- Members of Drewersburg Fire Department.

(Photo - bottom left) -- Fire chief Glen Williams and assistant Stuart Wendell, receive a 50 year certificate from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

(Photo - bottom right) -- Members of Drewersburg Fire Department receiving 25 year pins. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

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