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New Volunteer Firefighter Flag Honors Former Noble VFD Chief



Duane Lantz, chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, and Carolyn McCarty, Union Mills Firemen's Auxiliary officer, place the new volunteer firefighter flag in an IVFA holder at the Raymond Pattee grave in the Union Mills Cemetery earlier in 1989.

Reprinted from the Westville Indicator

MARSHAL'S MESSAGE

There is a need for all Fire Departments to send their reports to the Fire Marshal's Office on a monthly basis, when they are sent in on a yearly schedule the office becomes overloaded and they are shown as not reported.

We are receiving wrong FDID numbers, please check and make sure that you are using the correct FDID number, if you have any questions regarding the correct number please contact the office by calling 317-232-5877.

Please notify my office when you have a change of address, there is a space on the monthly sheets for this notification. We are getting numerous envelopes marked: RETURNED FOR BETTER ADDRESS.

Make sure that you are using the correct forms, some departments are still using obsolete forms.

REMEMBER: as per State Statute (22-11-5-9) every fire in the state shall be reported in writing to the State Fire Marshal.

Most of Fire Departments are doing a good job of filling out the forms, and reporting to our office. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Last Rites For Bernie Jostes, Early IVFA Pres.

Bernie Jostes, a former member of the Lake Central School Board and its predecessor, the St. John Township School Board, died Tuesday. He was 80.

Jostes was a school board member for 25 years.

He also was the founder and former chief of the New Elliott Volunteer Fire Department. He served two terms as president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

He operated a landscaping and horticulture business since 1931 out of his home in New Elliott until his retirement.

He is survived by seven sons, Bernie of Griffith, Ernie of Florida, Ron of Arizona, Dan of Illinois, Tom of Crown Point, Paul of Cedar Lake and Ken of Colorado; two brothers, Joe of Griffith and Hubert of Florida; and a sister, Margaret Miller of Florida.

by Charles Stephens, who was the secretary.

On November 12, 1989 a newly designed flag was presented and placed in the marker by Duane Lantz, chaplain of the IVFA, assisted by Carolyn McCarty, president of the Noble Township VFD Auxiliary.

Both the marker and flag carry the helmet and axe symbols of a volunteer firefighter, with a map of Indiana.

Between 1957 and 1989, American flags have decorated the graves.

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NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association will sponsor six seminars around the state to inform the local fireman and the department chiefs of the effect of NFPA 1500 and 1501.

This seminar will also touch on NFPA 1403 which covers Live Training and OSHA Regulations on HazMat.

These seminars will be in March 1990 and consist of one day starting at 0830 and finishing at 1700 hours.

This Association will mail schedules to your department sometime in late February or early March. When your department meets, ask for this information if it is not made available. If your department does not receive this information contact your District Chairman.

TRAINING SCHEDULE 1990

From the Office of the State Fire Marshal

DATE	CLASS TITLE & LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
Jan. 6-7 Jan. 13-14 Jan. 20-21 Jan. 27-28	Master Prevention/Inspection Hobart	Donnath Pruett
Jan. 15, 16, 17	Basic-New Castle	Pruett
Jan. 20-21	HazMat First Responder Middletown	Nulliner
Jan. 20-21 Feb. 3-4 Feb. 17-18 Mar. 3-4	Master Arson/Investigations Huntingburg	Earle
Jan. 22 thru 31 Feb. 1-2	Commanding Initial Response Richmond	Pruett
Jan. 22 thru 31	Master Tactics Crawfordsville	Johnson
Feb. 3-4 Feb. 10-11 Feb. 17-18 Feb. 24-25	Master Prevention/Inspection Wayne Twp.	Donnath Pruett
Feb. 3-4 Feb. 10-11 Feb. 24-25	Master Tactics Brownstown	Johnson
Feb. 5-6-7 8-9-13	Instructional Techniques for Co. Officers Anderson	Pruett
Feb. 13, 14, 15 Feb. 20, 21, 22 Feb. 27-28, Mar. 1 Mar. 6, 7, 8 Mar. 13, 14, 15 Mar. 20, 21, 22	Hazardous Materials Course Evansville	Nulliner Spurlin
Feb. 14, 15, 16	Basic New Castle	Pruett
Feb. 21, 22, 23 Feb 27-28, Mar. 1	Incident Command System Richmond	Pruett
Feb. 24-25	Marshal's Leadership Conference	Indianapolis
Mar. 10-11	Indiana Weekend at National Fire Academy	Emmitsburg Md.
Mar. 13, 14, 15	Basic New Castle	Pruett
Mar. 25; Mar. 31-Apr. 1; Apr. 7-8; Apr. 21-22	Master Tactics Franklin	Johnson
Apr. 16-17; Apr. 18-19; Apr. 23-24; Apr. 25-26; Apr. 30-May 1; May 2-3; May 7-8; May 9-10	Inspection/Prevention Richmond	Pruett
May 5-6; May 12-13; June 2-3; June 9-10	Master Arson Sellersburg	Pruett
Sept. 4 thru 7; Sept. 11 thru 14	Master Tactics Richmond	Johnson
Oct. 23-24; Oct. 25-26; Oct. 30-31; Nov. 1-2; Nov. 6-7; Nov. 8-9; Nov. 13-14; Nov. 15-16	Arson/Investigations Richmond	Pruett

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M. E. "PETE" LOCKHART

First of all, I would like to congratulate our Editor Bob Laney on completing 25 years of dedicated service as our Editor. Much of the success of this association can be attributed to his dedication and his expertise. Without the time and effort Bob has put forth, we would not have been able to get the message to our members. Over the years our membership has had a steady growth and his job has not been easy.

Just as change has happened for those 25 years, we in the fire service must advance into the 1990s and be willing and ready to make those changes which will be good for our communities. What will be good for us in the 90s is yet to be found but there are new technologies every day and they will be found in every part of Indiana. When we think we have advanced as far as we can go we learn there is more we can do to help prevent fires and save property from loss. In the 90s the services provided by fire departments are going to change. It is my feeling we will become response-orientated toward electronic devices. We will respond with smaller vehicles and with less manpower, and be trained to make adjustments in systems designed to protect the buildings we are responding to. Fire departments will need to have this capability in order to meet the needs of our constituents.

For example, shouldn't we now be carrying spare batteries for smoke detectors on our apparatus, or a loaner detector which we can loan overnight to someone who's battery has run down and discovers it in the middle of the night, or do we let them take a chance and sleep without an alarm? We will see more and more home sprinkler systems and will need to know how to restore them to service because we certainly want them to be operational. When the property owner can not obtain the services or repair technicians at odd hours, we need to be there with trained technicians. There will not be adequately trained personnel unless the fire service provides training in that direction.

Pete Lockhart

President's Award



1989 President's Award winner was former Rensselaer firefighter and present mayor, Robert Wilcox.

From
Your Chaplain
Duane Lantz



SCRIPTURE: Genesis, Chapter 1, Verses 8-18

So God made the sky, dividing the vapor above from the water below. This all happened on the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into oceans so that the dry land will emerge." And so it was. Then God named the dry land earth and the water seas. And God was pleased. And he said, "Let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant, and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit, so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from." And so it was, and God was pleased. This all occurred on the third day.

Then God said, "Let there be bright lights in the sky to give light to the earth and to identify the day and night; they shall bring about the seasons on the earth, and mark the days and years." And so it was.

For God made two huge lights, the sun and moon, to shine down upon the earth—the larger one, the sun, to preside over the day and the smaller one, the moon, to preside through the night; he also made the stars. And God set them in the sky to light the earth, and to preside over the day and night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God was pleased.

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By the time you receive your first paper of 1990 all of your New Years resolutions will be broken. But at least you tried. Let us not ever forget Isaiah 9-6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace.

The scripture tells us how our beautiful world began. As Volunteer Firemen let us do everything in our power to keep our world a better place to live in. The word Volunteer means a person who enters the fire service of his or her own free will. The Volunteer Fire Service continues to grow and we need each one of you to give your best so that we may continue to grow.

We continue to grow with positive thinking. Here are a few hints.

ANGER

It is very important what you do when angry. Proverbs 19-11 Good Sense makes a man slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

ANXIETY

We do not stand alone in this world, for we can turn to God and He will always help us.

CRITICISM

You will be criticized if there is any force whatsoever to your personality. Romans 12-14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

DISAPPOINTMENT

Is a prevailing and common adversary of the human spirit and may strike you almost any time. Hebrews 13-5 Be content with what you have for he has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you."

DISCOURAGEMENT

All human beings are subject to elevated and depressed moods due to the rhythmic element in all of life.

FATIGUE

Burdens and responsibilities sometimes rest so heavily that our strength deems insufficient. Ezekiel 34-16 I will strengthen the weak.

ILLNESS

Many people are ill as a result of wrong thinking. James 5-12 And the prayer of faith will save the sick.

NERVOUSNESS

Phillipians 4-7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. An effective treatment for nervousness is to use this verse at frequent intervals.

REJECTION

To get along with people and to be in good relations with others is most important to happiness in life.

SORROW

No human experience cuts so deeply into the very center of one's life as the loss of a loved one. Psalms, 34-18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed spirit.

TEMPTATION

The moral problem is not that we have temptations, but what we do about them.

UNHAPPINESS

One can awaken every morning with a thrill, looking forward with anticipation to the day. Psalms 118-24 This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Your Chaplain hopes some of these thoughts will make for each of us a better Volunteer Fireman.

Psalms 61-8 So I will sing praise unto thy name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

This Sunday go to the Church of your choice, You'll like it.

Your Chaplain,

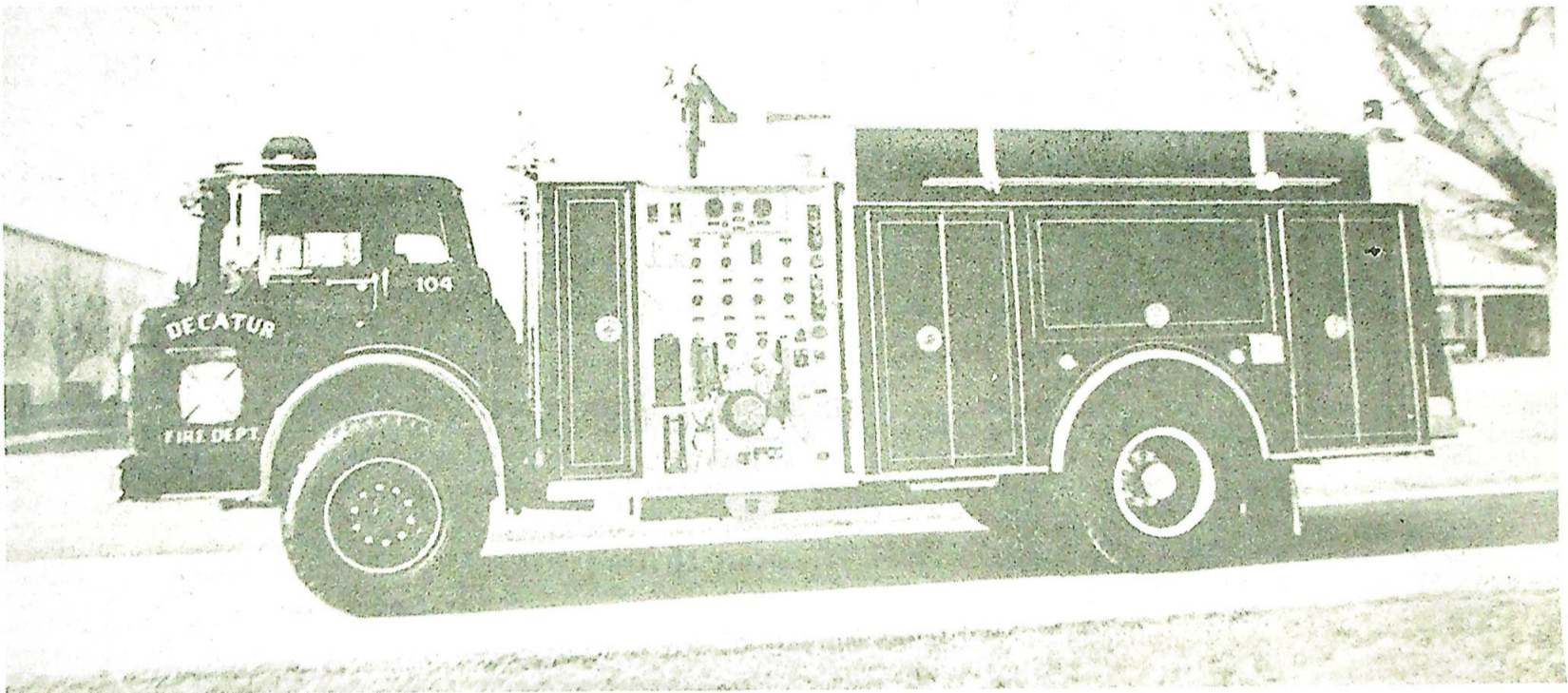
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STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis
October 28th and 29th, 1989

The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart with the pledge to the flag led by VP Ivan Nevil followed by the Invocation by Chaplain Lantz. The roll call was taken by Secretary Lee Kissell with a quorum present. A motion by Bill Howe seconded by Bill Engle to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the paper and as received in the mail. The motion carried by voice vote. Introduction of guests present was made by President Lockhart.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Lockhart reported on the mileage he has traveled attending parades and district meetings.

Vice President Nevil reported that he too had attended several district meetings and commented that he is not receiving meeting notices from the districts.

Secretary Kissell mentioned the volume of incorrect mailing labels that are being returned to his office. He also reported that as of this meeting, the membership in the association paid on time is 14,501 and memberships received late were 1,358.

Recording Secretary Davies reported he has attended several district meetings and requested the districts notify him of their meetings.

Chaplain Lantz reported that he had conducted and attended several memorial services since our last meeting and he also had attended two dances, went to the International Fire Chief's meeting in Indianapolis and attended a dedication of a new fire center.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush reported that he had received several orders for supplies from around the state and that all orders received have been filled.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report as of October 28, 1989.

President Lockhart read a letter from the Dale Corporation concerning the pay back to the association. He also read a letter from the International Fire Chief's Association inviting him to serve on their board, and read a letter from the Municipal Marketing Services about their program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

SE Richardson was absent.

SW Davis reported that he had attended several district meetings and other meetings in his area. He also mentioned an upcoming fund raiser and district meeting.

EC Jackson reported on his mileage travelled and that he too had attended district meetings in his area. He spoke of an upcoming fire school.

WC Michl reported on attendance at several district meetings within his area.

NE Kinsey reported that he had driven more miles since the last officer's meeting than ever before. He attended the International Fire Chief's Convention and the National Volunteer Fire Council in Indianapolis.

NW Howe reported that he attended the International Fire Chief's Convention in Indianapolis and had attended his district meetings.

DISTRICT REPORTS

D1 Esserman was absent.

D2 Davis was absent.

D3 Bentley was absent.

D4 Ferro reported that he had travelled to several departments and gave an updated report on his district meetings.

D5 Glant reported on his last district meeting and mentioned that he had travelled to some department meetings.

D6 Mackin reported there had been one death in his district. He is working with a split department; helping them choose a name.

D7 Sorg reported there had been two deaths in his district. Gave a report on attending the National Volunteer Fire Council in Indianapolis and the district meetings.

D8A Fleener was absent.

D8B Petro was absent.

D9A Sutton spoke on his district meeting and gave a report on a fire school recently held in his district.

D9B Parrish reported he attended the International Fire Chief's Convention in Indianapolis. Stated there had been one death in his district. His district had purchased some IVFA flags. He reported his mileage travelled within the district and spoke on his Miss Flame Contest.

D10 Neal reported two deaths in his district. He spoke on some of the activities within his district.

D11A Meyers reported there had been two deaths in his district. Spoke on a propane school held at Alcan Corp. He commented on his attending some departments within his district and reported that the attendance at his district meetings is increasing.

D11B Ketchum reported that District Chairman Osborne is recovering in a Danville, Illinois hospital. He is in traction suffering from a back injury. Also reported there had been two deaths in the district and spoke on the upcoming district meetings.

D12 Johnson passed.

D13A Nulliner spoke about the upcoming fire school in his district.

D13B Cox spoke on the improved attendance at his district meetings.

D14 Nelson was absent.

D15 Seitz spoke on his district fire schools and reported that the district activities were picking up.

D16 Atkins was absent.

D17A Engle reported the attendance at his last district meeting was down. The district had one death since the last officers meeting. Spoke on a parade attended and told of meeting the new deputy state fire marshal.

D17B Zeeks reported one death in his district. Thanked Carl Davis for attending his last district meeting.

D18 Heneisen spoke on a TV program his district sponsored for fire prevention week. Reported a small attendance at his last district meeting.

D19 Hilderbrand reported two deaths in the district and spoke on the upcoming activities within his district.

D21 Martin spoke on department visitations in the district, he attended the International Fire Chief's Convention in Indianapolis, also

the Volunteer Fire Council meeting and reported on events for the next district meeting.

Rec. Secretary Davis spoke on the fatal aircraft crash in the Green-castle area on September 29th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Davies, By-Law Update, read the updated articles as per the resolutions from the 1986 through 1989 conventions.

Treasurer Stofer read a letter from Maynard Masters, President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association to Fire Marshal Dugan concerning a recent event that had happened.

Jim Parker, Public Education, passed out buttons that the IVFA booth at the National Fire Chief's Convention had for distribution and also at the Volunteer Fire Council that was held in Indianapolis. He asked if the TV educational films were being seen in areas of the state and he spoke on a new film that is being produced for showing in the future.

Ivan Nevil, EMS spoke on the upcoming changes within the EMS Commission. The adoption of new rules proposed, and the legislative programs that will have an impact on the EMS in the future.

Lawrence Swartz, Bridgeport Scholarship reported proposed changes to the current program and proposed changes to the death benefits to the Association.

Carl Davis, Resolution Committee, reported that his committee had not received any new resolutions as yet.

Gene Stofer, Legislative Committee, gave an updated report of future bills for introduction to the legislative body for passage at this year's session. He asked for input of additional information be forwarded to him prior to this session.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 p.m until the following day at 9 a.m.

Sunday, October 29, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Lockhart with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

President Lockhart introduced Mr. Charles Baker, vice president, Indiana Instructor's Association who spoke to the body on a recent situation that occurred to him.

President Lockhart announced a meeting of all the organizations connected with the fire service in the state will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 1989 at Wayne Twp. Fire Headquarters in Indianapolis. President Lockhart, Vice President Nevil and Treasurer Stofer will represent the IVFA at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Gene Stofer, National Volunteer Fire Council, gave a report of a meeting that was held in Indianapolis recently. There were three speakers on the topic of HAZARDOUS MATERIALS at this meeting. The next meeting of the organization will be held in Iowa. A discussion of the liability of the manufacturer for his product was held at this meeting. Legislative hearings would create a bill that would increase the cost of firefighting articles.

Jack Ford, Newspaper Advertising Taker, gave his updated report on the ads.

Bill Howe, Editor's Assistant, reported that the next issue of the paper will be printed and in the mail within the week.

Ivan Nevil, Awards Committee, mentioned as a reminder that the Midwest Award names deadline is February 1st and that the Ollie Sanborn Award names deadline is April 1st. Names for the Mr. IVFA award are to be submitted to Carl Davis, Carl Bruns or Jim Parker.

Gene Stofer, Insurance Committee, gave an updated report on a meeting with the insurance people that was held. He discussed a length of service award program for the organization. He also requested input on this subject be sent to him. By the next officers meeting, he should have figures for us to review.

Carl Bruns, Membership Committee, spoke on some factors that would increase the membership in the organization.

Ivan Nevil, Fire School and Training, reminded everyone to submit attendance forms for schools to him. He will have new seminar programs for each PR area coming in the near future. He also suggested that new forms be sent to each district chairman and the PR people.

Mitch Parrish, Historical Committee, reported that he had received a new briefcase, also reported no action had been taken.

Bruce Neal, Picture Taker, reported no action had been taken.

Jerry Nulliner, Safety Committee reported that no action had been taken.

Mike Macklin, 1990 Convention Chairman announced that pre-registration without the meal would reduce the cost by 50% per person. He also mentioned that activities are being planned and the souvenirs have been ordered, also a raffle will be held.

Pete Lockhart, President's Advisory announced that suggestions were made concerning the current mailing labels. Also that the Miss Flame expense vouchers had not been acted upon as yet.

Bill Kinsey, Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, announced that the Red Books were available through Pat Babbs' office. The rules for the Volunteer Certification Program will be sent in the near future to those departments qualified to receive them. Task Force on the Master Category outlines will be ready in a few months to be submitted for approval. He also gave answers to the delays in receiving school certifications back from his office.

Paul Hilderbrand, Chairman District 19 spoke on the proposed requirements for Fire Chief in the state and on the new emergency service academy program that is now in the works.

Lee Kissell also commented on the remarks made by Paul Hilderbrand.

DISTRICT REPORTS CONTINUED

D1 Esserman reported that there had been 1 death in his district, he also reported on his district meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Mitch Parrish called the meeting to order. Bill Howe made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approved them as received in the mail. Seconded by Gene Stofer. Motion carried by voice vote. A motion by Pete Lockhart to have the Insurance Committee handle the proposed length of service award. Seconded by Richard Glant. Motion carried by voice vote. A motion by Carl Davis to drop the department listings of the IVFA. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by voice vote. A motion by Gene Stofer to accept the changes as made by the Bridgeport Scholarship Committee. Seconded by Perry Martin. Motion carried by voice vote. A motion by

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PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHWEST



CARL O. DAVIS

FROM THE SOUTHWEST:

Just a few lines to say that we have been in the hospital and have missed all of the District meetings. Hope to be going again soon.

Would like to thank the Madison Twp. Fire Dept. and ladies for putting on the Turkey Barbecue for Dist. 17A. There were about 150 firemen, their ladies, and guests that had a very nice dinner and meeting.

Have sure been thinking of the many fires that I read about and hope that we don't get any calls. The weather has sure been bad down here. And I know the whole state has been the same.

I have no word on the six fire seminars that are to be held in the PR Districts. I am sure that our Legislative Committee has their program set up, but have no word on it.

Notice to all there has been many changes in the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. Hope to have the changes at the next meeting. That's it for this time. Hope to see you all soon.

Carl O.

1989 Mr. IVFA



Jim Parker from Acton

Markleville-Adams Twp. VFD Fights House Fire

Monday, December 18, 1989, Markleville-Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by units from Pendleton and Chesterfield, fought the house fire at Indiana 109 and County Road 900S from before 2 a.m. until past 4:20 a.m.

The home, residence of Pat Williams was leveled by the blaze.

Williams was able to retrieve only a few personal possessions, according to a friend. No one was reported injured in the fire.

The cause of that blaze has not been officially determined, said a Markleville fire spokesman, and the extent of damage has not been determined.

1990 IVFA CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

June 13 - 16

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State Officers Meeting

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Carl Davis to send new insert pages of the updated articles of the By-Laws to each department. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by voice vote. Lee Kissell presented a bill for \$5,983 from Shanks and Buschman for payment. A motion by Carl Davis to have the IVFA pay the expenses for the state Miss Flame to travel the state to attend meetings, with a cap of \$500.00 maximum. Seconded by Bill Howe. Motion carried by voice vote. President Lockhart announced that the next officers meeting would be held February 3rd and 4th, 1990 here at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel.

A motion to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz was made by Paul Hildrebrand, seconded by Bill Engle. Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Recording Secretary

IMPORTANT IVFA SURVEY

As part of the continuing study of the needs of the volunteer fire service and the members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Assoc., the member of District 15 have compiled a questionnaire.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to assist the members and officers in understanding better the scope, size and makeup of the volunteer fire service in Indiana.

IVFA Member Department Survey

Who makes up our Association? Are there other Volunteer Fire Chiefs in the State of Indiana like me? Do they experience the same problems that I have?

There are many types of individuals as well as departments that make the IVFA great. The following is a survey that we hope will give us a little better idea of the who, what, when, where and how of our association and the Volunteer Fire Service of Indiana in general.

Please, take a few minutes of your time to complete the listed questions and return the survey today.

Department Name: _____ County: _____

Incident Activity:

_____ Total # of runs in 1988? _____ # of Fire Runs in 1988?

_____ # of EMS Runs in 1988?

Do you provide ambulance service? ___ yes ___ no

Do you provide first responder service for EMS? ___ yes ___ no

Financial Activity:

Do you bill for Emergency Runs? _____ Fire _____ EMS

What is the average bill for a fire run? \$ _____

What is the average bill for an EMS run? \$ _____

Total Expenditures in 1988 excluding capital equipment? \$ _____

Expenditures in 1988 for capital equipment? \$ _____

Do you receive tax money to operate the department? ___ yes ___ no

Do you conduct fund raising projects? ___ yes ___ no

If so, what type _____

Equipment:

_____ # of Engines

_____ # of Squads

_____ # of Tankers

_____ # of Grass/Brush Units

_____ # of Specialty Vehicles

_____ # of Ambulances

Personnel:

_____ # of Active Personnel _____ Volunteer _____ Career

_____ Men _____ Women _____ under 21 years of age _____ over 65

Population Served _____

What are the training requirements for current members? _____

What are the training requirements for officer candidates? _____

What are the training requirements for current officers? _____

Return all completed survey forms to:
Indiana Volunteer Fire Service Survey
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District Meetings...

DISTRICT 3

The regular meeting of district 3 was held on Thursday, Jan. 18, 1990 at the Center Twp. Fire Station.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Bob Bentley. There were 28 members present, representing 12 departments, along with 3 guests. The Pledge was led by host Chief of Center Twp.

The guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Duane Lantz, Chaplain IVFA; and Mike Moldenauer, LaPorte County Sheriff's Department.

A motion by Jim Imes of Michiana Shores VFD to waive the reading of the November minutes was carried.

Communications: Bob Bentley was in receipt of several bills pending in the legislature. The following 6 bills are of interest to fire departments in the organization: 046, 480, 486, 1098, 528 and 1412. The following is a brief summary of the bills.

Bill 046. Entitles qualified and active volunteer firefighters to an adjusted gross income tax deduction of \$1,000. Requires the state fire marshal to adopt rules concerning eligibility for the deduction. Applies to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1990. Assigned to finance.

Bill 480. Allows an individual who is a qualifying volunteer firefighter to deduct \$2,000 from the individual's adjusted gross income in determining adjusted gross income tax. Provides that the deduction is allowed to firefighters who have completed certain training requirements. Effective Jan. 1, 1991. Assigned to finance.

Bill 486. Provides that the flashing lights on emergency vehicles may be all red in color instead of alternating red and white light. Permits volunteer firefighters to install blue lights on the front of vehicle either on a bumper or at bumper level. Provides that front-mounted blue lights do not need to flash or revolve. Assigned to Public Policy. Still need a 360 degree rotating blue light.

Bill 1098. Provides that volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians working for a volunteer ambulance company are covered by the worker's compensation law (in addition to those working for a volunteer fire company, as currently provided); Assigned to labor. (amended in committee to increase death benefit from \$40,000 to \$60,000) Needs rework, still going for \$75,000.

Bill 528. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to design and issue a special registration plate to identify the applicant as a volunteer firefighter. Effective Jan. 1, 1991. Assigned to Govt. Affairs/Trans.

Bill 1412. Provides an exemption from the property tax controls for townships for their cumulative firefighting building and equipment fund. Effective Jan. 1, 1991. Assigned to Ways and Means. This cumulative fund must have a specific declared goal.

These are the best prospects of effective date 1-1-90.

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DISTRICT 9B

DISTRICT MEETING DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:05 p.m. at the Wolcott Fire Station in Wolcott, Indiana.

Minutes were read and approved. There were 12 guests present. Total firemen present numbered 46 with 95 alarms among the 11 departments answering roll call.

Keith Getz and Duane Lantz held a short Memorial for Earl Poindexter and Tom Padgett.

Duane Lantz presented a rose and a selection of photo's of the Memorial Service held at the 1989 I.V.F.A. Convention, to Chief Swartz and Chief Benit, to give to the family of their fallen firefighter.

Items discussed were: Paper late to the press due to lack of news, 1 Miss Flame Contestant for 1990 - Need for more contestants, change in the fee for the 1990 Convention, change in the requirements for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and the Bridgeport Death Benefit, I.V.F.A. membership 15,562 as of Oct. 29, Letter sent to State Fire Marshal's Office, Legislation, Department of Environmental Management issuing fines for burning, Federal Death Benefit raised from \$50,000 to \$100,000, Workmans Comp. rates going up, Resolution up-dates to the I.V.F.A. By Laws, Seminars on NFPA 1500 & 1501 in each I.V.F.A. P.R. District, Training Academy, News for paper due in by Dec. 20, Alan Brunicini's Incident Command in Chesterton Jan. 20-21, I.A.A.I. Meeting at State Fire Marshal's Office Nov. 18, Master Tactic's Class in Rensselaer 1st 3 weekends in February, Master Fire Service Management Class in District 1 in April, Harvest Ball Dance at Rensselaer on Nov. 25.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Ralph Rowe of Wolcott, Mike Hively of Wolcott, and Mike Hudson of Rensselaer. Tie Tac donated by Charlie Baker was won by Henry Risner of Medaryville.

Program for the evening was a tour of a special Anhydrous Ammonia Semi-Tanker by Kenny Burns and Kevin Armstrong.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Next meeting is January 11, 1990 at the Brook Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. slow time/7:30 p.m. fast time.

Sec./Treasurer
Dennis J. Risner

DISTRICT 12

Clayton Vol. Fire Dept.
(Hendicks Co.)
September 18, 1989

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson, at 7:00 PM, with 33 members representing 13 departments present.

Opening prayer was given and pledge to the flag led by our Sgt. at Arms Dick Johnson.

Introduction of guests - they are as follows: P.R.W.C. Toddy and Helen Michl, Bob and JoAnn Hayes from Honey Creek and Wayne Twp. Deputy Chief Kenny Huffer.

1st Roll Call

Minutes of Previous Meeting were read, and after a correction was made, the report was accepted.

Financial Report - was given and this was also approved.

Meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:20 PM for refreshments, served by our host department. Meeting was called back to order at 7:45 PM.

Communications - Chairman Johnson read a letter from The Firemen's Stores, regarding their full line of fire equipment and apparatus.

Unfinished Business - Chairman Johnson stated that both of our resolutions are being considered before our next annual convention.

Chairman Johnson stated that if your department does not carry the 100% medical Workmens Compensation, all officers of said departments are liable for injuries occurred on fire runs. Don also stated that about 50% of departments are covered.

After January 1, 1990, all fire runs on state properties can be billed to the state.

There has been some conversation regarding plans in the future of moving our state fire academy from Plainfield to State Fair grounds.

There will be a class regarding the Chemistry of Hazardous Material given by State Fire Marshal's office December 4th through 15th at Fort Wayne.

Indiana Fire Safety Awareness Conference will be held October 28th and 29th at Hazelwood High School, and November 11th and 12th at Plymouth High School, Plymouth, Indiana. There were several dates for Fire Marshal class schedule given. Also a couple of letters from Fire Marshal Dugan were read by Chairman Johnson.

Chairman Johnson asked the members present what type of training school do they want for our district. After a few pros and cons, a vote was taken between Stress or Instant Command School. It was voted to have Instant Command School, location to be announced at a later date.

New Business - None

2nd Roll Call

Good of the Order - Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. will be hosting our next district meeting on November 20th.

Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept. will be having their annual Chili Supper.

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1990 FIRE MARSHAL'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

February 24-25, 1990

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- SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE
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- CURRENT LEGISLATION
- INDIANA EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM

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Indiana State Fire Marshal Office
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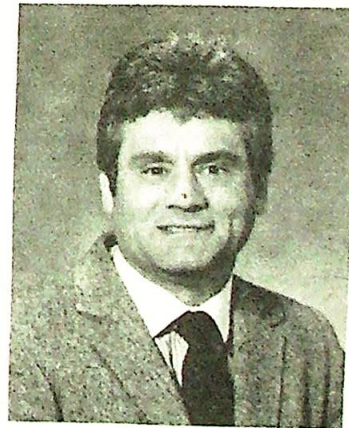
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DISTRICT 7

District 7 of the IVFAA met on Nov. 20, 1989, at Warren Fire Station. We immediately joined the men for the program of the evening; then we continued our meeting with the pledge to the flag led by Dorothy Reiter.

Roll Call was answered by 14 ladies representing 7 depts. and 5 guests--Marlene Poling from Dist. 6 for Convention 90 Miss Flame committee, and our 4 Miss Flame contestants.

A hearty welcome was given to each contestant as she introduced herself:

Jody Grabner Monroeville
Amy Morningstar Geneva
Carrie Sheets Decatur
Beverly Sorg Poe

Each girl was judged during our business meeting.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Highlights of the last State Officers meeting were read and Lucky Doe Doll tickets were passed out for each Auxiliary to sell.

Tony Sorg talked about the Charm and several other things concerning Convention 90.

We held our annual Christmas gift exchange and George Walda donated a door prize.

We joined the men for the announcement of Miss Flame 1990: Runner-up, Jody Grabner, Monroeville.

Miss Flame 1990, Beverly Sorg, Poe.

Each girl was presented flowers and a small gift.

Refreshments were served. Our next meeting is January 15, 1990 at Andrews.

I WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dorothy Reiter
Chairman Dist. 7

DISTRICT 11A

By the time this reaches publication the Holidays will be past. Hope you all had memorable ones with loved ones and friends.

The next couple of months can usually be dreary, after the hustle and bustle of preparing for the holidays, and when our bad weather sets in, so let's put them to good use and look forward to Miss Flame contests and the upcoming Convention. Let's all get in the spirit and make this new year one to remember. May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Janet Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Greetings from Montezuma! The Christmas season is over. The tree and decorations are put away for another year; the ill fitting clothes have been exchanged; and the new year has been toasted. Now it's time for us to get down to the business at hand.

This district is having our Miss Flame judging and dance on Feb. 17 at the Moose Lodge in Clinton. The dance is 9 to 12:30. The judging will be prior to the dance and is private. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. If you have never been to Clinton, it's in Vermillion Co.

I want to take a few lines to caution everyone to please, be extra careful through these days of extreme cold weather. The departments in Parke and Vermillion Co's. have been out on several runs because people were thawing frozen pipes with a blow torch or were firing their wood burning

stoves too heavy. Ten (10) families within a 15 mile radius of Montezuma lost everything except the clothing they were wearing because someone was careless. These fires happened during the 0 to -20 degree temperature right before Christmas.

Our department went on a mutual aid run the night it was -24 degrees. Larry had been saying the rookies needed some winter time experience. A man had been thawing frozen water pipes in the basement of his sister's home using a propane torch and a 30# tank. After 4 1/2 hours in the cold with an inch of ice covering their helmets and coats, none of the men, let alone rookies, were glad to have the experience. And the house was a total loss.

One of our good friends, Vica McGill, is on the mend from surgery. I'm sure she would be glad to hear from all of her friends. Send her a card or give her a call. She's now at home in Dana, Box 167, 47847, or (317) 665-3046.

Now is the time to be thinking about your nominations for the Lois Boaz award. Get those letters in to Carolyn McCarty, Vi Bruns, or Maxine Davies. The address for these ladies can be found in the list of Auxiliary Officers in this issue of the paper. It's also time to write your letters for the Oliver Sandburg Award and the Mr. IVFAA.

Larry and I wish all of you a very happy and safe 1990.

Barbara Ketchem, Dist. Chrm.

DISTRICT 19

Happy 1990 to Everyone!!

We in the 19th District wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Our last meeting was held Tuesday, November 14, at the Batesville Fire House. Roll call was answered by 30 members representing 6 of our 9 auxiliaries. All reports were given. An explanation of the membership form was given. Reminder that Lois Boas letters are due to Vi. Miss Flame will be held Thursday, November 16, at Napoleon during the I.V.F.A. meeting. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, 1990 at the Delaware Fire House hosted by me. A grand time was had by all at Batesville.

On Thursday, November 16, our Miss Flame Contest was held during the I.V.F.A. Meeting at Napoleon. Our Miss Flame Representative is Lori Weber from Sunman Area Volunteer Fire Department. Congrats and Good Luck to you, Lori!!

THANKS to all who remembered me when I was in the Hospital. I greatly appreciated it.

Judy Hildebrand
District 19 Chairman

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!
Just a short note from the IVFAA President. First and most important, I wish to thank Robert Laney for his dedication and service to the IVFA and the IVFAA. It is appreciated by all of us. Thanks again!

After surviving a cold December, I hope we will be able to look forward to milder weather and the approach of spring.

Our area has been blessed with a low number of fire runs. I hope this is the trend throughout the state. I have been to several district meetings and encourage you to attend them and take back their message to your local departments. I have learned several things from "Everything I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" to a discussion on garbage and chemicals being hauled in tankers that had hauled food products. These same tankers were being used with a minimum of cleaning. The drivers stated that the bottom line was money.

I am pleading with you to submit your nominees for **Lois Boaz**, **Mr. IVFA**, and the **Ollie Sandburg Awards**. I know that each of you know a deserving person in your department or area to nominate for one of these awards. Take a minute, sit down, and send a letter of recommendation. The committee does not know each and every deserving person in the state. Flood their mailboxes and make them aware!

We in Allen County are busy preparing for the 1990 Convention. I would like to encourage you to get your registrations in early. A short reminder pertaining to registration. This year we have attempted something different. We are offering registration with banquet at \$20; registration that does not include the banquet at \$10. These rates are firm and will double effective May 31, 1990. Allen County Firefighters have a lot to offer you at convention. We have set up a bowling tournament, tours, one of which will be thru the G.M. Plant on I-69, spacious display areas, comfortable meeting rooms, good food and fine hospitality. We are hoping to make this the finest convention you have attended.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in Fort Wayne on June 13 thru June 16, 1990.

Until then, send those letters and TAKE CARE.

Toni Sorg
IVFAA President

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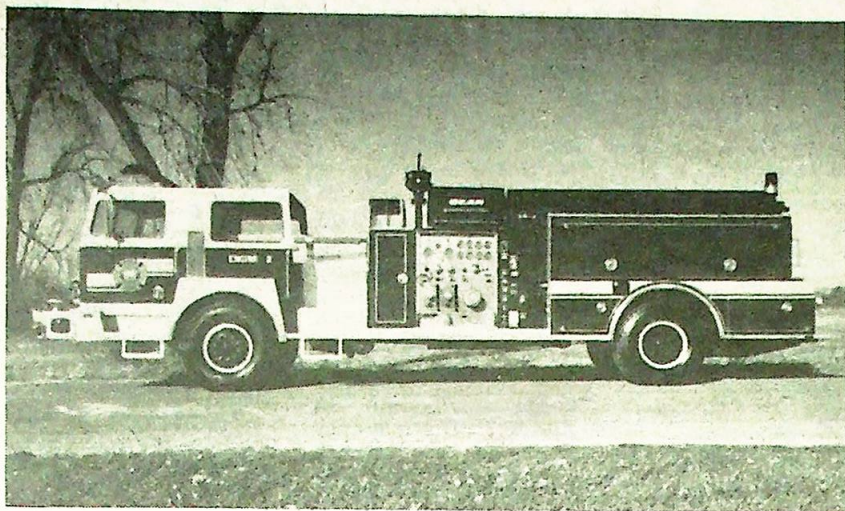
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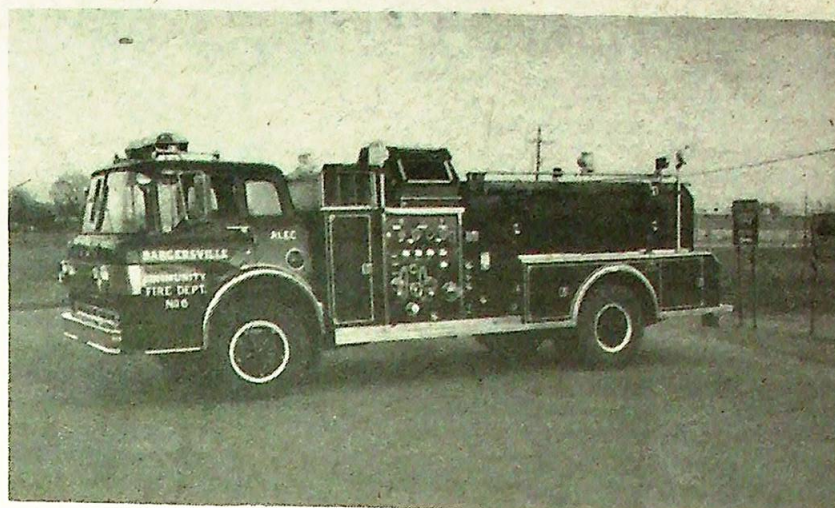
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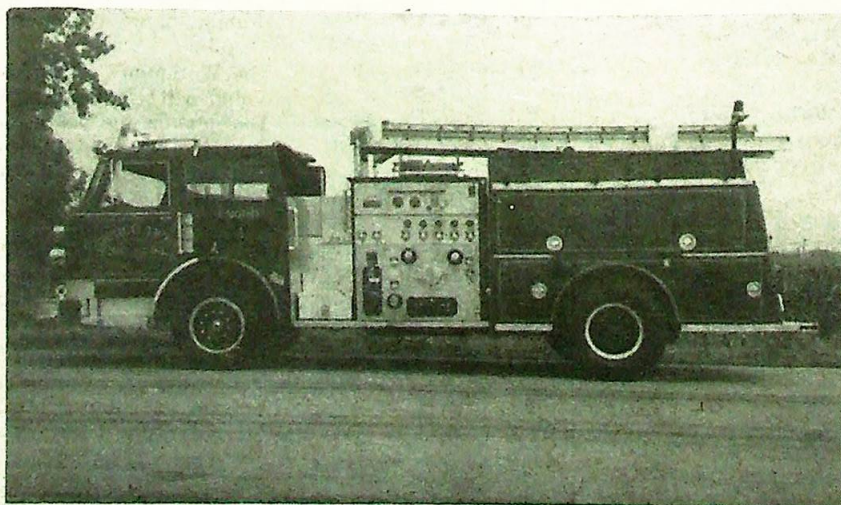
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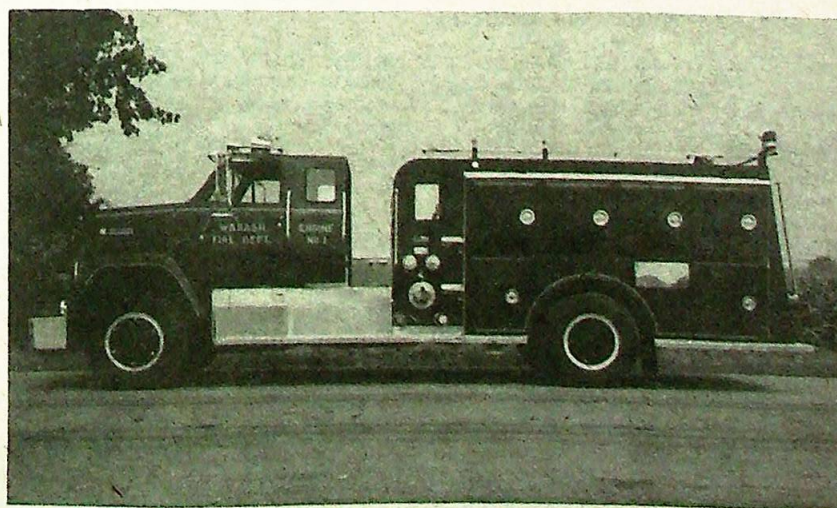
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Thanks to Wabash Fire Department

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our legislators need input from Either via phone call or written letters. You are encouraged to express your thoughts whether for or against. This gives your representatives some feel for our position as well as how many of us show an interest in what's going on. This was stressed by Bill Howe.

COMMITTEES:

Fire Prevention. Gary Ekert advises nothing to report. Edith House. Pete Sass reports same status as last time. No one knows where the trailer is located. Buzz in the room indicates its location is known. Bob Bentley to check it out. Bob further advises he has a lead on another trailer that is available for the taking. Since we have invested \$200+ in the first unit, the matter of the second trailer was put on hold until Bob gets a chance to find out what is what.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bargain rates are available for the 1990 Convention at Fort Wayne. You must act prior to May 31, 1990. See IVFA Paper and the November minutes for details.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

BILL HOWE:

Six upcoming seminars in the PR areas. Ours will probably be held in Rensselaer. More information in the mail or not later than the next District meeting.

Master categories for Fire Chiefs coming out.

Next edition of the IVFA Paper will be a dedication issue, recognizing the work by Bob Laney for the past 25 years.

Alan Bruncini seminar at Chesterton was stressed, as it is a good presentation.

Any awards to be considered at the Convention, must be into Bob Bentley by February 3, 1990. Decisions are to be made not later than April 1.

Dave Rice of IDEM will come to our meetings or meetings at your home stations, and discuss Controlled Training Burns. It appears some of the red tape has been eliminated.

DUANE LANTZ:

Nothing to report. Handled two memorials: one at Kankakee and one at Scipio.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Nothing.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Master Category Training, nothing new.

Leadership Conference, during next month, watch for mail on this subject.

Local 2nd Class Training will be held at Kingsford-Union during March. Weekend training on a concentrated basis. Interested? Contact Bob Bentley.

Fish fry at Kingsford-Union on Good Friday.

Pete Sass advised that the Michigan City Haz-Mat incident was handled quite well.

The host Chief discussed nozzles and their selection for specific purposes. Well received.

The 50/50 was won by Ted Bomgatti of Bass Lake. \$13.00 has been added to our treasury.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to partake of coffee and rolls.

Next meeting February 15, 1990, 7:30 p.m., at Michiana Shores VFD.

Respectfully submitted,
A.G. Bjornberg
Secretary Pro-Tem

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Toddy Michl stated that Larry Bosell is now with Midwest Fire and Safety, selling fire equipment. Decatur Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary is selling Recipe Books for \$5.00

Floyd Miller Host Chief introduced his firefighters. 50/50 winner was Dick Johnson.

There were several comments regarding the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. It was stated that 32 applicants were submitted, and only 13 of these were filed before the deadline.

It was announced our IVFA is over the 13,000 mark.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Bogden
12th District Sec. & Treas.

IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT



Lawrence Swartz

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

HEADS UP MEMBERS, it is time to get those scholarship applications in to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Secretary. Mr. Lee Kissell, P.O. Box 301, Moores Hill, IN 47032

There are a few changes that apply to the scholarship eligibility. It is now open to firefighter members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as well as to the children of firefighters. All applicants must be a high school senior, GED graduate or involved in higher learning. Post graduate applications are not eligible.

An applicant whose firefighter parent was killed in action will receive a 10% bonus of his or her graded points on their applications' final score.

All applications must be in the hands of the IVFA secretary by March 1st of the year you are applying. The only exception is if sent by registered or certified mail a postal mark prior to March 1st will be honored.

The firefighter parent of the applicant or the firefighter must be a currently paid (by July 31 of that year) member of the IVFA and have been a member for the two consecutive years prior to the application.

Winners of the scholarship will be officially announced at the annual meeting each year.

If you want to apply, call your district chairperson or the secretary and they will forward an application to you. Perhaps some high schools may have an old application yet, but the sure way is to contact your association officers.

There it is members, one of the benefits of having membership in our association. It can only help if you take advantage of it.

Bridgeport Scholarship
Chairman
Lawrence Swartz,
Immediate Past President
Indiana Volunteer
Firemen's Association

DISTRICT 12

Minutes of the 12th District, Wayne Township Fire Dept., Station # 2, Marion County. January 15th, 1990

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Don Johnson, with 15 departments represented by 42 members. The Opening prayer was given by our chaplain James Bruner, and we stood for the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Bogden introduced R. Michael Young, House of Representatives, District 48. He gave us a few remarks regarding our fire service and other legislation pending.

1st Roll Call. Meeting was temporarily suspended at 7:15 p.m. for refreshments served by the host department. Meeting called back to order at 7:40 p.m.

The guests were introduced as follows: PRWC Toddy Michl and his wife Helen, also Bob and Joan Hayes, from Honey Creek.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Read and accepted.

James Bruner was asked by Chairman Johnson if there are any nominees for the Midwest Award. No names have been received for the Midwest Award, the Ollie Sandberg Award or the Mr. IVFA Award.

Communications. Ch. Johnson read several letters from the State Fire Marshal's Office. There will be no Honorarium for employees. There was also a letter regarding modification to the Dangerous Communicable Disease Exposure Notification Law. Forms must be turned in within 24 hours after contact. There are three procedure forms to file.

A Master Tactics Course sponsored by the Fire Marshal's Office and hosted by the Crawfordsville Fire Dept. will be held on January 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31. Registration fee is \$35.

Ch. Johnson is still looking for an instructor for our 12th District Fire School.

Miss FLAME Committee. Rosie Johnson stated that the 12th District Miss Flame judging will be held on Feb. 11th. There will be a Pizza Bake to raise money for Miss Flame expenses on March 10th at the Wayne Twp. VFD, Station #2.

Jack Winkler read a corrected Resolution to change our association name to read Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. The issue was discussed, then a motion was made by Jack Winkler and seconded by Jim Bruner to accept the resolution. Motion carried. The resolution will be read at our next annual convention.

2nd Roll Call.

Ch. Johnson also read another letter from the State Fire Marshal's Office regarding the 24 hour to 4 hour Mandatory Clarification.

PRWC Toddy Michl gave a report on a recent Hazardous Material truck accident. He then gave a few words of wisdom regarding the accident.

Bill Huffer, Firemens Store, gave a few remarks on his products and lines of fire equipment they have available.

Auxiliary president Rosie Johnson introduced her staff. We were served pizza and pie.

Members were asked to send any pictures and all news releases to our paper.

Next 12th District meeting will be held at Danville VFD on March 19th, Danville, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bogden
12 Dist. Secretary

DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - District 3 Thursday - November 16, 1989 Pleasant Twp. Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 7:40 p.m. by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 12 members representing 7 departments in attendance along with 2 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Phill Bluhm.

Guests present were: Bill Howe - PR Northwest, and Jenny Wozniak - District 3 Miss Flame

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Bob has received a request from the 3rd district auxiliary requesting a joint meeting with us sometime in 1990. After some discussion a motion was made and carried to do so.

Received notification of a Fire Service Management course to be taught at the Dunes National Lakeshore headquarters in March.

District 3 1st Class school will start in January. They will run on 2nd & 4th Mondays at Scipio Twp. A tentative course schedule and application has been included with these minutes.

Rob also received a copy of several letters pertaining to our State Fire Marshal. Dave read them aloud to the group. It seems as many people are upset with our newest Fire Marshal. We have included a copy of the letter from Maynard Masters, President of the Indiana State Fire Instructors Association, for all to read.

We have applications for the Incident Command School to be held in Chesterton.

Rob has copies of all of the changes to the state IVFA Constitution since 1985.

Committee Reports: EDITH, Pete Sass - Nothing new.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Guests: Bill Howe, PR Northwest, announced changes in the Bridgeport Fund. You now have to be a 3 year member with your dues paid by July 31st of the current year only to be eligible for the scholarship and death benefit. Firefighters are now also eligible for the scholarship. You may apply up to 4 times but receive it only once. Rob has applications and copies of the rules for anyone wanting them.

Reminds us we should be seeing the clean-up/fix-up PR spots on local television stations soon. They are now out.

The warning light law HB 2058, we will try to get re-written to make the addition of clear lens to the red optional instead of mandatory by July 1991.

License plates, rumor has it that the Governor can create this by just his signature. We will have to wait and see.

The Workman's Compensation premium will be \$225.00 for 1990.

The mandatory death benefit should change from \$40,000.00 to \$75,000.00 and they are also trying to get the disability benefit raised.

There is a proposed \$2000.00 state tax credit for all firefighters being introduced. We don't know where it may go.

The rumors as to requirement for Fire Chiefs may be introduced. The feeling now is that it will not be, however, if it is the IVFA will try to get the requirements down to 2 master categories being Tactics and Fire Service Mgt. They will also push for a 3 year period to allow all existing Chiefs receive their training and meet these requirements.

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1990 IVFA CONVENTION PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: () _____
Type of Entry:
Band: _____ Marching Unit: _____ Fire truck: _____
Antique Fire Truck: _____ Floats: _____
Other: _____
Description of Unit: _____

Mail entries to:
John Radosevich, 1027 Park Ave., New Haven, IN 46774
Phone 219-749-5522.
Entries should be returned by June 1st, 1990.

Award Nominees

For all wishing to submit to the following committees, here are the closing dates and who you should send your letters to.

MR. I.V.F.A. COMMITTEE
Closing Date: Midnight April 1, 1990. Send letters to any of the committee
Carl O. Davis, 323 N.E. St. Odon, IN 47562
Carl Bruns, P.O. Box 172 Sunman, IN 47041
James Parker, 9006 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46259

OLLIE SANDBERG AWARD
Letters to:
Awards Chairman, Ivan Nevil RR # 2, Box 69 Geneva, IN 46740
Closing Date: May 1, 1990. Letters must be in the hands of the committee by that date.

MIDWEST AWARDS
Districts must have the name of the winner to the Vice-Pres. by the Feb. Officers Meeting.

DISTRICT 11A

I hope that each of you had a most enjoyable holiday season. The results of the unseasonably cold weather in mid December kept some of our Vol. Fire Departments very busy. The low temperatures and wind chill certainly increase our problems in the fire service. We should not forget the safety of our fire personnel and equipment when working in these conditions

The January meeting for our district will precede the Miss Flame judging and dance on the 20th, at the American Legion Post 104. A committee has been appointed for the selection of classes and location of a district fire school in early spring. Information will be mailed to each department in the district as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Robert Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - District 3
Thursday - October 19, 1989
Springfield Twp. Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 7:42 P.M. by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 15 members representing 7 departments in attendance along with 2 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Ken Emmons.

Guests present were: Bill Howe - PR Northwest, and Duane Lantz - State Chaplain

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Bob has the schedule of State Fire Schools.

Committee Reports: EDITH, Pete Sass - Nothing new.

Prevention, Gary Ekart - They went to all schools, nursing homes, hospital, nursery schools, churches etc. to do fire prevention presentations. Gary advised that the association in Starke will begin their radio spots again soon.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bob needs a feeling of where the district stands on the items to come up with new legislation. He would like to take it to the next state officers meeting.

Guests: Bill Howe, PR Northwest, announced a school at the Chesterton High School that will be Incident Command by Chief Brunicini. The cost will be \$30.00 per person and more info will be available soon.

The red books are being mailed out to all of you that bought the second class manuals. If you do not receive them by the end of October, you should contact the office.

Bill also reminded us that the warning light law that went through giving police red and blue also requires all others, including fire and EMS organizations, to be red and white by June of 1991.

If you have anything else for the paper get it to Laney by December 20.

Reminded all that Bob needs names of possible recipients of the Midwest award by February 4.

Names for nomination of Mr. I.V.F.A. need to be to the past 3 winners by the same time.

Names for the Ollie Sandberg mental attitude award need to be to the Vice-President by April 1st.

Rumor has it that Col. Coffee is out.

The next paper will be dedicated to the publisher for 25 years of doing the paper.

Duane Lantz, State Chaplain has been very busy. He has driven over 3000 miles since our last meeting. He has been to station dedications and memorials. Duane noted a program where children are fingerprinted in the local stations and the prints given to parents for future use. It was noted on a recent situation of a found dead teenager where these prints held by the parents was the only mode of ID. Duane believes this would be of benefit for our departments to look into as a public service as well as for good public relations.

For the Good of the Order:

There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district.

Jim Clevenger requested to see if we could get some of the state fire schools closer to home. Bill Howe stated that Valpo was being looked at for next year, but letters from us to the State Instructors Association would help. Send letters to Marion Masters.

Second Class Fire Schools around the district as follows:

Starke County at Knox Station, Sundays, contact Rich Miller.

Lincoln Twp. 1st & 3rd Sundays 9:00 A.M., contact Dave Kaufman.

Westville 3rd Monday at 6:30 P.M., contact Dave Osika.

First Class School will begin in January at Scipio Twp., schedules will be available soon.

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Knox/Center Twp. is looking into building their own training facility. More later.

Many pieces of apparatus are for sale around the district.

1965 Mac 750 GPM; 500 Gal Tank, contact Long Beach.

1962 750 GPM Pumper at Knox.

1965 American 1100 Gal Tanker with 300 GPM PTO at Lincoln Twp.

Used Rescue van as is from Springfield Twp. Approx. \$2000.00

Announcements: Springfield Twp. is having a Turkey shoot every Sunday in November.

Starke County Association is having a \$3000.00 50/50.

The next meeting will be held at the Pleasant Township Fire Station on Thursday, November 16, 1989, and will begin at 7:30 P.M.

A member from Knox won the 50/50. We added \$7.00 to our treasury.

A program was presented on Springfield Townships new Certified Rescue Truck. They are the first volunteer department to be certified in LaPorte County by the State EMS Commission.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:20 P.M. to a meal of barbecues and chips.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman, Secretary

The Next Meeting
of the 3rd District
IVFA

Will be Thursday
November 16, 1989
Pleasant Township
7:30 PM

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The IVFA position will be to leave 1st and 2nd class fire training local and to offer master courses as weekend schools locally also. The Fire Academy will be governed by a 15 member board and will be next to the Police Academy in Plainfield.

1990 convention is doing something different. You may register for the meetings only for \$10.00 in advance. The full cost of the conference and banquet will be \$20.00 before May 1st or \$40.00 there after. Raffle tickets will be being sent to all departments very soon.

If you did not receive your IVFA paper by now you should let Chairman Bentley know about it. He has a current printout for all departments as to membership status, etc.

Information for the next paper needs to be to Laney by December 20th. The paper should come out in late January.

The Indiana Fire Instructors Association will sponsor a 2 day seminar in Indianapolis on January 20 & 21 to cover OHSA rules and regulations.

Jenny Wozniak, District 3 Miss Flame. Jenny introduced herself to the group and told us a little about herself.

For the Good of the Order: There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district.

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1965 International 4x4 1-Ton truck, contact Kingsford-Union.

Tim Sandy brought up the possibility of doing a paper on the emergency services in the district to be included as a stuffer sometime to the local area papers. The idea went over well and Tim was placed in charge of this new committee. He will have some guidelines for us later. Tim presented 2 such papers from Maryland.

Dave Kaufman advised that the Haz-Mat section of the up-coming 1st class school can be used for the 8 hour required training by April 6. We will need to know how many people we will have as we may need to get a bigger facility for this class. If you have anyone interested let him or Pete Sass know. This will be taught on March 12 & 26. It is still the Fire Chief's responsibility to make sure his people have the 8 hours. Even a simple Code 1 dispatch can turn into a Haz-Mat incident. The Chief will be responsible for anyone there that does not have the training.

Announcements: There will be a school put on by the Instructors Assoc. on NFPA 1500 and 1501 to be held in Rensselaer sometime in the near future. This may well be our newest demise.

The next meeting will be held at the Center Township Fire Station on Thursday, January 18, 1990, and will begin at 7:30 PM.

Pete Sass won the 50/50. We added \$8.00 to our treasury.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:44 PM to coffee and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
THURSDAY
JANUARY 18, 1990
7:30 PM
CENTER TOWNSHIP
FIRE STATION

MEETING SCHEDULE DISTRICT 3 1990

Jan. 18	Center Twp. (La Porte)
Feb. 15	Michiana Shores
Mar. 15	North Judson
Apr. 19	Bass Lake
May 17	Scipio Twp.
June	Convention
July 19	Lincoln Twp.
Aug. 16	Cass/Clinton
Sept. 20	Kingsbury
Oct. 18	Koontz Lake
Nov. 15	Hanna
Dec.	Happy Holidays

1991

Tentative Schedule

January	Long Beach
February	La Cross
March	Hamlet
April	Noble
May	Kankakee
June	Convention
July	Coolspring
August	Westville
September	Kingsford-Union
October	Knox-Center
November	Springfield
December	Happy Holidays
Jan. 1992	Pleasant

District meetings start at 7:30 p.m. La Porte time. Please note: It is up to each Host Department to put on a program for the meeting at their department. If you cannot, please contact Bob Bentley sometime prior to the meeting.

Bob Bentley, District 3 Chairman
3817 Nordway Rd.
Kingsford Hts., IN 46346
(219) 393-3480

ATTENTION

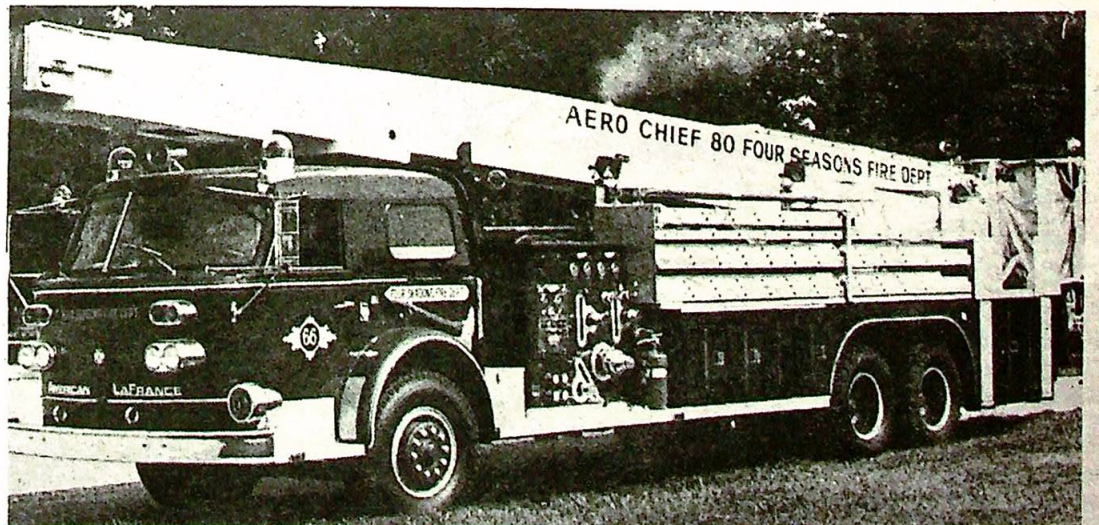
District 12 Miss Flame
Pizza Bake Fund Raiser
March 10, 1990
12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Wayne Twp. Station #2
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Indianapolis, Indiana
Thank you,
Wanda Johnson
District 12 Auxiliary

The Hymera/Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Dept. is hosting a JONAH CLUB FISH FRY on Sat. Feb. 24, 1990 at the Hymera fire house from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Advance sale tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Cost at the door will be \$4.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets may be purchased from any Hymera fireman.

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IVFA SECOND ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNEY

The IVFA 1990 Convention will be in Fort Wayne.

Last year in Evansville, for the first time, an Earlybird Bowling Tournament was held. Participants had a great time.

This year, Allen County Firefighters are sponsoring the bowling tournament. It is a FUN tournament. There are prizes for nearly every participant. High rollers and Low rollers have an equal chance at the big money. It will be a handicap tournament.

Register in advance so we can plan for you or register when you arrive on Wednesday. Squad

times are 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

For the most fun at the 1990 Convention, COME EARLY. Be ready to Bowl. Be ready to have Fun. Information on the tournament and pre-registration are listed below.

The Allen County Firefighters, IVFA and Pro Bowl West at 1455 Goshen Road, Gateway Plaza, Ft. Wayne, Indiana will be your hosts for the 2nd Annual Firefighters Tournament.

The event is open to all members, members families and guests. Entrants must be over 18 years of age.

DIVISIONS:

Doubles (one man and one woman). \$20.00 fee per couple.

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Women's Singles - \$10.00 fee.

You may enter either or both.

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There will be 1 pay-off for every 5 entries in each division.

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\$10.00

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Averages will be figured after 3 games. All averages and handicaps will be checked against printouts. 200 scratch and 90% handicap. Handicap added to each game.

SQUAD TIMES

Wednesday, June 13 at 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

Walk-ins will be accepted until 15 minutes before each squad's starting time. Pre-registration will assure your time. Remember, if you are bowling in both doubles and singles, you will be bowling 3 games in each and must pick two different squads.

DOUBLES ENTRY FORM
Money must accompany entry form. Please Print.

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Address _____
City _____
Department _____

#2-Female
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Department _____

SINGLES ENTRY FORM
Money must accompany entry form. Please Print.

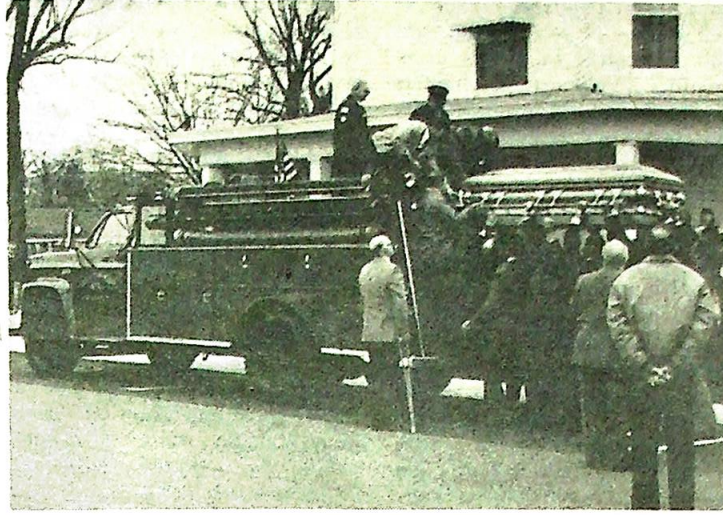
Squad Time _____
Male
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Department _____

Squad Time _____
Female
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Department _____

Send entries to
Jean Kinsey
7359 Linda Dr.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46835

Make checks payable to
1990 IVFA Convention Committee

Ray Bentley Laid to Rest



Chief Ray Bentley given full honors.

The fire service lost a good friend, November 19th when Sheridan Ray Bentley died unexpectedly.

Known as Ray Bentley to most all of his fire service friends, he had been chief of the Letts Fire Department, in Decatur County, since 1961. He was a long time I.V.F.A. member and was very active in District 10 activities serving on our training and Midwest Award Committees for several years. Ray had been Decatur County Fireman's Association chairman for 15 years. The cooperation among fire departments and advances in fire fighting in Decatur County are things other fire department organizations can only dream of. Needless to say, the fire service in that county has changed greatly in the 15 years that Ray was chairman.

Born January 9, 1936, Ray was a life long Decatur County resident. Ray was a good husband and father of two daughters, he took an early retirement from Cummins Engine Company in 1986 after 25 years of service to spend more time farming, but I know alot of his retirement time was spent on fire service matters, Ray and several of his volunteers built dump tanks and several other items needed by fire departments and sold them much cheaper than they could be purchased otherwise.

Ray was probably most famous for co-founding along with Greensburg Firefighter John M. Tumilty of Decatur County Fire Academy where hundreds of cer-

tified second class, first class, and Master classes have been taken. Career and Volunteer firefighters alike, have shared Ray's expertise in the Master Tactics class he taught for several years.

Ray took his knowledge away from I.V.F.A. District 10 and Decatur County occasionally, training firefighters at other county training sessions, he also was responsible for the Rural Firefighting Class at Indiana State Fire School at Indianapolis annually.

Ray served 25 years on the Safety Patrol at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and was assistant director of security in the garage and pit area.

Ray worked long and hard to prove how fire departments without large budgets for equipment and training, could get the job done in a Big Way without a lot of expense. His smiling face will be missed by many of us in South Central Indiana.

Bruce Neal
IVFA District 10 Chrm.

Clearing the Smoke November 1989

Your attention...is called to 24-hour mandatory applications which do not need to be submitted for firefighters who were on the same fire department prior to January 1, 1988. In September, 40% of the applications processed by the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education were not required and this adds to the voluntary certification program backlog. Only applications for firefighters who joined after January 1, 1988 need be submitted.

It has been suggested...that the Board redesign their green applications for the 24-hour mandatory training to show the subjects and dates that were completed, similar to the new applications for 2nd and 1st Class Firefighter. Some fire departments are including this information and the Board feels it to be helpful. When the present supply of green applications are exhausted by the Board, this suggestion will be incorporated.

O.H.S.A. calling!...and fire departments are being cited for lack of hazmat training and/or the keeping of records, as well as not having their SOP's in place. The Board had earlier felt O.S.H.A. would review a fire department only if an incident occurred, but that is not the case according to phone calls coming into the Board. Fire departments are strongly urged to get their hazmat training/records/SOPs in order before O.S.H.A. comes calling.

Sold!...all the 1st Class Firefighter instruction guides. We underestimated the interest and had to reorder. The "reprint" requisition was sent through proper channels in early November. The state printing department will do all they can to expedite the order for us and the Board will fill orders as quickly as possible when they are received.



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BILL KINSEY

Dear Firefighters,

The holidays are past and it is time to settle down to the responsibilities of daily life.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and shared those important times with family and friends. If you think about it, you'll find that most volunteer firefighters feel very strongly about their family and do not limit their strong feelings there but also are willing to accept the needs and responsibilities of their community as their own.

Volunteers are a critically important ingredient to the American way of life. Many of the benefits and services we have become accustomed to are not provided by tax dollars or commercial services but instead are provided by organizations or agencies that could not begin to survive without one essential ingredient: VOLUNTEERS.

Volunteers come in all sizes, shapes, colors and abilities. We benefit from the efforts of the volunteers who work freely for the Cancer Society, M.D., and Heart and Lung associations. Many of these organizations receive strong support from the media and community. They stay very visible because they realize that they must attract support and volunteers to survive.

Volunteer firefighters and departments provide the most basic and critical of human needs because 24 hours a day and 365 days a year volunteer firefighters and medics protect human lives and property in their communities. Volunteer firefighters also probably rank lowest in making their communities aware of the vital services provided. Many volunteer firefighters tend to feel their job is to protect life and property, not blow their own horn and brag about their achievements.

This creates a situation that causes volunteer fire departments to feel unappreciated when the community fails to provide additional financial support. Most citizens, because they are not directly involved, do not realize that providing funds to house and equip a fire department are really the smallest part of a fire department. The fire station is a one time expense and so is the apparatus even with maintenance. They expect the replacement of apparatus every 20 years or so. Few citizens realize what it would cost if they had to pay for the personnel, the volunteer firefighter and medics. They don't begin to comprehend the cost of the thousands of man hours it takes for maintenance, training and responding to emergencies. Volunteer firefighters need to tell their story to the citizenry. If we don't tell our story, we'll continue to be taken for granted.

The Indiana legislature is now in session and these people are passing laws that directly and indirectly affect the volunteer fire service. We need to pay attention and communicate with these people so they can support us. You say you don't have the time or you don't want to get involved in politics. Believe me, you are involved whether you voice your opinions or not. There are people who communicate with the legislature. The senators and representatives are listening and passing laws that direct and control us

based on the information they receive. You better get your 2 cents worth in.

The District Chairmen are working hard to increase attendance at District meetings so our members can be better informed. I urge every volunteer firefighter to get directly involved with your association, the IVFA. The IVFA represents you, the volunteer firefighter in Indiana. The association needs to know what your problems and needs are so the IVFA can work toward solving them. With the greatly increased amount of training necessary and our obligations to family and individual fire departments, it is vitally necessary for us to plan a couple hours one night each two months to find out what is happening that concerns volunteer firefighters in Indiana.

I thank you for your support and sincerely hope all of you have a great year.

Bill Kinsey
P.R.N.E.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



LEE KISSELL

CURRENT ISSUES

Things are relatively quiet in Moores Hill for this time of year.

That gives me more time to do other things that need to be done in the name of the fire service. I am certain that every chief and manager has the same paperwork to complete as we end one year and start another. The list on my

desk is very long.

Beginning a new year means that you should add up the old year. What did you accomplish? Where did you fail? How can you do better this year? A good

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Chap. Lantz Lauds Editor

This is a special message to all of you who enjoy reading this paper. There is a very dedicated person who is responsible for putting it all together as accurately as possible and that is our editor, Mr. Robert Laney.

Without his talented efforts this paper would not be of the caliber it is today. Because he was a fireman himself, he has been able to relate to the many articles sent in, and to make necessary corrections, and put it all in proper order.

He was born in Crown Point, graduated from Crown Point High School in 1952. He attended Hanover College and graduated in 1956 with a B.A. degree in Business Administration.

Upon graduation he went to work for his father who owned the printing business which Bob finally bought and operates today.

Bob joined the Crown Point Fire Department in 1956 and retired after 22 years of service. He served as Lieutenant and Captain during his years on the department.

In 1971 the 25th Anniversary of our Association was held in Crown Point. Bob served as Convention Chairman, and any one who has served in that capacity knows that it is a lot of work. It was also that year that Bill Goodwin, President of the IVFA at that time, presented him with the Paul Becker Award.

Bob was appointed Editor of this paper in February, 1965 by President James Glaub.

In June, 1974 Governor Otis Bowen appointed him to the Fire Prevention Commission and in June, 1977 re-appointed Bob for a 4-year term.

A very special honor, Sagamore of the Wabash, was presented to Bob Laney on February 17, 1983 by Governor Robert Orr.

You will note that Bob has been active in his own town as well—he was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1968.

And, of course, there is usually a good woman behind every good man. Bob's lovely wife, Gloria has helped in many ways, and his daughter, Sheri is working for him and learning the business. He also has a son, Allen, and a grandson named Allen Jr.

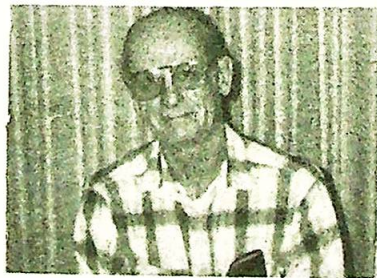
I don't know how Bob and I became very close friends, but we would have to thank the IVFA for our friendship. Through his expertise, I was able to go to many Indy 500 races, and many Bears Football games. The use of his cottage on Schaeffer Lake, a hideaway for many R&R weekends, no phone, just good friends to relax with and enjoy a good cook-out and maybe a boat ride or two.

This issue of the IVFA paper marks his 25th year as Editor, and to you, Robert Laney, the IVFA salutes you, for a job well done. May the coming years be kind to you and your family, and may you continue as Editor for many more years.

God Bless You,
Duane Lantz, Chaplain

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Robert Laney

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Sincerely,

Marvin Lockhart

President, Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association

Secretary,
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manager should have lots of data compiled from last year. Don't just file it away to be forgotten. Use it to plan the new year and future years. Use totals, averages and other statistics that are available from this data. What are the trends? Problems should be corrected before they become future disasters.

Your financial reports are very important. If you delegate certain jobs to others, follow up to be certain they are getting it accomplished. This involves several forms to the State and Federal Government. It takes some work. And don't forget to write an annual report to the Trustee and Town or City Council. If you need more money or equipment, this is a good time to let them know what you did last year and why you need more in the future. Don't go to the budget hearing next summer and get shot down again. Do your paperwork now!

I just finished a letter to the editor of our local county newspapers along with two advertisements for firefighters and EMTs. It seems that volunteerism is on the downhill slide. Our membership is down by 50 percent from two years ago. Do we blame this on the community for not caring or not having the time? Do we blame all the new rules and requirements being placed upon us? Maybe it's some of both. How is it in your community? I'd like to hear from you.

When I entered the fire service thirteen years ago, we always had a full roster and everybody was actively involved. We cooked chicken twice a month and barely managed to pay our bills. We had very little equipment or turnout gear and what we did have was ancient. Now the opposite is true. The membership roster is now twenty instead of forty with a handful doing the real work. We don't cook chicken any more. We pay our bills and have money left over to buy more equipment. We have seven vehicles and almost every piece of equipment you could ever need. We have twenty extra sets of turnouts. Will we survive? Will you survive?

Last month, I discovered that IOSHA has adopted NFPA 1500. I suppose that I am getting old and slow, because I usually know about these matters before they happen. Come to think of it, I didn't see anything published about this, did you? This is not going to be a fun year. There is not enough time or money to get all these things done. And don't forget your Haz Mat training. I really like the fire service, but I am not having much fun any more. Are you?

This time of year is also legislation time. There are always issues to resolve and bills to be passed or defeated. I hope you are doing your part by contacting your local legislative representatives. They do listen. Your efforts will be worth your time. District 19 invited their representative to the November meeting. Three attended and they left with a new respect for the volunteer fire service.

I usually like the beginning of a new year. After March, all the reports are done and everything is checked and balanced. I can usually relax for a few months. Just answer the fire and squad calls and fill out the run sheets. Right? Wrong! I don't think we will be so lucky this year. Oh, I forgot about the annual dues billing for each department, due out by May 1. I guess I won't get any rest this year.

I don't travel around too often

due to a busy schedule here at home, but I do like to hear from firefighters around the state about current issues that impact you and your department. If I can be of any assistance to you or your department this year, please call or write. I do like to get out of town once or twice a year!

Lee Kissell

A note from the Vice

THANK YOU, BOB LANEY, FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB YOU HAVE DONE IN THE LAST 25 YEARS OF PUBLISHING OUR PAPER. YOU HAVE ELEVATED IT TO BE ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLICATIONS IN ALL STATES. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU BOB, GLORIA, YOUR FAMILY, AND STAFF FOR SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

As you look back at the last 10 years and analyze all challenges and adversity that was given to you, and you proceeded to face them and arrive at a workable solution on them, how long did you set down and congratulate yourself for a job well done. Not too long I hope, for if you did you are going to be lost in the changes that are already taking place.

As we start the new year, several informative seminars are being presented for you. The first is the weekend of January 20-21 sponsored by the Indiana Fire Instructors Association on OSHA: THE FINAL RULE. The IVFA is putting together a seminar on the NFPA 1500, 1501, 1403 as well as some comments on records that will be demanded by other agencies in a hazardous material incident.

Our legislative work will be over by the time the next issue of the paper comes out. However, our work with the legislators should be a year around contact. If you are at a meeting or function and they are there, let them know if you approve or disapprove of their voting record. Also, if you see our legislative personnel around someplace, let them know you appreciate the work they do.

I hope the coming year will be a safe and enjoyable one for each and that some valuable information can be obtained to better yourself and your department through additional training.

While congratulations are being given, I want to wish the best for the new Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lockhart, as of January 19th.

Ivan Nevil
Vice President

**Michael Mackin
Convention Chair**

Hello Everyone!

Sorry not to have had more information on the 1990 IVFA Convention before this time. We have been busy working on making this one of the most enjoyable Conventions. Hopefully one you won't want to forget.

Pre-registration is \$20.00 with the banquet, also \$10.00 without the banquet. We hope this will make it convenient for more people. The pre-registration date is May 31, 1990. After June 1, the registration fee will be \$40.00 with the banquet and \$20.00 without the banquet. Checks or money orders only please!

We are having a drawing in which every department will receive 10 tickets to sell. Prizes

will be 2 (two) Power Wheels Firetrucks and a 19" Magnavox portable color TV.

Souvenirs this year will be Nite shirts at \$9.00 each - one size fits all; T-shirts at \$8.00, extra for extra sizes; Sweatshirts at \$15.00 each, extra for extra sizes; Mugs at \$3.00 each; Beer wraps at \$3.00 each and ball caps at \$5.00.

Manufacturers have been responding well for our display areas. We are hoping to have a good selection for you to see and talk to the manufacturer and their representatives.

We do need Parade entries for the parade to be one of a good representative of our organization.

Headquarter hotel is the Hilton Downtown Inn which has a rate for our convention of \$60.00 for a single or double room. The Hilton is connected to the Grand Wayne Center (which is Convention Center) and the Holiday Inn is just two blocks to the East of the Hilton and is our second hotel.

The price of rooms at the Holiday is \$50.00 for a single or double. Credit cards can be used to reserve your room at either hotel or one nights deposit.

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Sincerely,
Michael Mackin
1990 Convention Chairman

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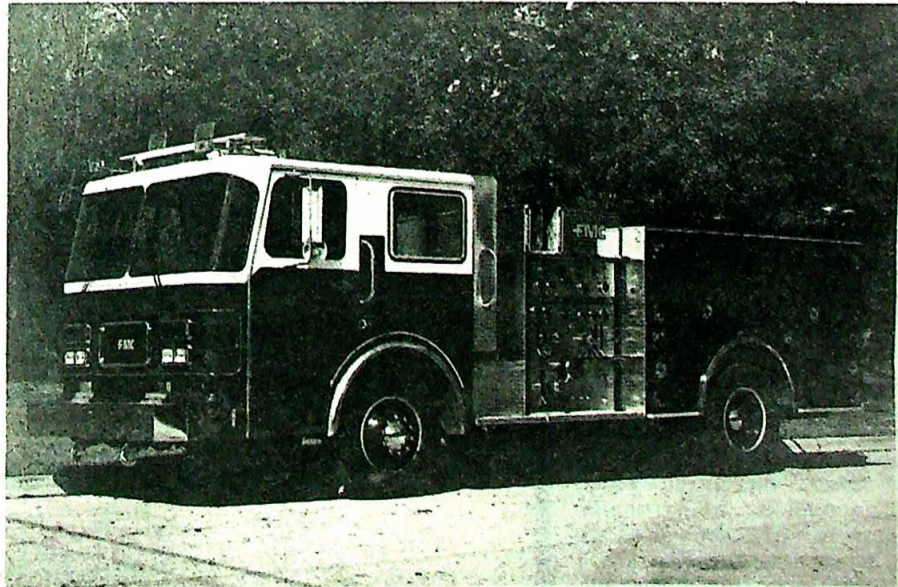
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Barn Fire Kills Thoroughbred



An early morning fire at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds claimed a 4-year-old racehorse. Reprinted from the Herald-Argus.

A tragic fire that claimed one \$10,000 racehorse and sent others running wild throughout the snow-covered LaPorte County Fairgrounds interrupted the pre-dawn quiet Thursday, Dec. 28, 1989.

Officials agree that the blaze could have been a lot worse on a morning when the wind stood still and rescue workers responded quickly. A fire cause and total damage estimate were not available.

About 6 a.m., a motorist noticed the fire in the racehorse barn on the southwest edge of the fairgrounds' race track, then notified authorities, said LaPorte County Police Officer George Ritter.

Several county officials responded and began releasing horses from their stalls while the blaze raged in the eastern portion of the long barn.

"They (horses) went nuts," said

Mike Houser, a LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services worker who helped release the horses. Houser said he and a few police officers were able to pop open the stalls, which were not locked.

While roughly 20 horses ran free through deep snow within the fairgrounds, firefighters from Scipio and Center townships and the city of LaPorte arrived. Emergency vehicles were stationed near property exits to help round up the frightened horses, while people struggled through thick snow to reach the disoriented animals.

The horses were all recaptured and returned to another barn.

A 4-year-old mare owned by Earl Kievert, 58, of LaPorte, did not escape the fire. Kievert said his \$10,000 pacer and \$2,000 to \$3,000 worth of equipment were lost in the blaze.

"I don't care to talk too much about it," Kievert said this morning. He noted that the horse, named "My Satin Doll," was in a stall next to the stall where the fire broke out.

There was no insurance on the horse, which frequently raced at Chicagoland race tracks, said Kievert.

"I assume it (the fire's cause) had to be electrical," said Kievert. "There's nothing else that would burn."

Many of the horses kept in the barn are pacers that race at several tracks in and around Chicago.

"Oh God, it scares you to death," said Sherie Schroeder, 48, of LaPorte, who boards horses in the damaged barn.

Her husband, Harry Schroeder, said when fire strikes a horse barn, the animals panic. "They generally try to run back in" to the barn after being released, he said, because their stalls represent home.

"I can't believe they contained this fire," said Schroeder.

Little flame was seen while firefighters forked their way through large amounts of smoldering hay and equipment inside the barn. A gray smoke lingered in the air as firefighters ripped open the charred roof to get at embers.

John Daley, secretary-manager of the fair, showed up to survey the damage. "They (firefighters) did a marvelous job," he said. "If there would have been some wind or something, it would have been really bad."

Daley said people who board

horses in the barn rent from the fair board.

"This is really the first major one (fire) in my memory" at the LaPorte fairgrounds, said Daley.

"It's a fear you've always got."

He said LaPorte is one of the few counties that quarters horses throughout the year.

Fire House Being Built

By EUGENE EMBRY
Evening News Staff Writer

BENNETTSVILLE — Construction of the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department's Station 3 was officially started this week as Fire Chief Bill Mosley and Carr Township Trustee Ted Graf turned the first shovels of dirt.

The station, which Mosley said will cost about \$30,000 and will be located on Hwy. 60 near the old Carr Township School, is currently scheduled for completion in about three weeks.

No new taxes will be implemented to pay for the new station, Mosley said.

Currently, the Bennettsville area is served by fire stations in Sellersburg and Memphis. Mosley said the new station which will not include a community building similar to the Memphis station that opened in 1980, will be 40 x 60 feet in size.

The new station, whose two top officers will be Assistant Chief Randy Edwards and Capt. Rick Cannon, will house a pumper, tanker and brush truck.

The fire department already owns the equipment that will be placed in the new station, Mosley said. The land for the new station was deeded to the Sellersburg Fire

Prevention District Board by Graf.

"Since the fire district was formed, we've been talking about getting a station in here to get the people of Carr Township coverage," Mosley said, adding that the new station would cut about 15 minutes off response times to the area.

Another problem the new station alleviates is there are railroad tracks between both existing stations and Bennettsville. That, obviously, could lead to bigger delays if there is a fire and a train is blocking the responding units.

Bob Stewart, an investigator with the fire department, also said the Bennettsville-area residents' fire insurance premiums should go down when the new station opens.

Mosley said thus far seven area residents have volunteered as firefighters, but he said more people are needed to man the new station.

Anyone interested should call the fire department headquarters, which are located at East Utica Street in Sellersburg, at 246-2680 or 246-6301.

Mosley said three of the volunteers are currently in their first state-certified training class and the other four are enrolled in their second training class.

Views from Ferdinand VFD



The Ferdinand VFD celebrated ground breaking ceremonies for the new 40' x 48' addition to the station.



This float featured Miss Flame representatives from 1967 to 1987 in the October Fire Prevention Parade at Ferdinand.



1989-1990 18th District Miss Flame Becky Olinger was elected at the Fire Prevention Parade Oct. 15, 1989 in Ferdinand. She is the daughter of Jim and Shirley Olinger, Ferdinand, Indiana.

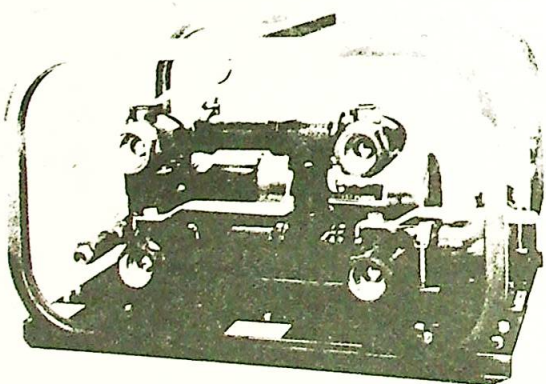
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Two Face Charges of Arson Impersonating Police

Reprinted from the Evening News, by Eugene Embry, staff writer.

Two juveniles face numerous charges after their arrest in connection with a fire that destroyed a Clark County barn and a shotgun blast that blew out the back door of a house Wednesday night.

Three fire departments from Clark and Floyd Counties were called to the home of Thelma Decker on St. John's Road Wednesday night. The fire destroyed Decker's barn and a shotgun blast had blown the glass out of the Decker residence back door.

No one was injured in the incident.

An investigation was conducted at the scene by Clark County Police, Tom Hinkle of the State Fire Marshal's Office and Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department investigators.

Sellersburg Fire Chief Bill Mosley said the investigation by Hinkle and Mike McCutcheon, a fire department investigator, continued yesterday and their probe led to the arrest of the two juveniles (ages 16 and 17), both from Floyd County.

They are charged with arson (class 'B' felony), criminal mischief, criminal confinement, robbery, impersonating a public

servant and three counts of possession of stolen property.

The juveniles admitted to investigators that they went to Decker's residence and set fire to the barn with gasoline and then fired four shots into the back door of the house before leaving. The juveniles said they returned later to watch the firemen battle the blaze.

The juveniles said they obtained the shotgun and ammunition after they had posed as police officers to Julius Zimmerman, 57, of Blue Road in Sellersburg.

One of the methods they used to impersonate an officer was by showing a blue light on a vehicle they were driving. An initial investigation showed the light may have been stolen from a New Albany Twp. Fire Department official.

Zimmerman told McCutcheon and Hinkle the juveniles returned to his home later Wednesday night and demanded \$150. He told investigators he was handcuffed and said the juveniles took \$4.50 from his pocket before they ransacked his home apparently looking for more money.

Zimmerman was then released and the juveniles left, but they returned a short time later.

This time, they told Zimmerman they needed to borrow his vehicle because there had been a

bad accident and they needed to drive an injured girl to the hospital.

They took his car and the vehicle was later found abandoned on St. Joe Road West at the St. Joe Church.

The shotgun used in the incident was pawned by the juveniles at a Floyd County pawn shop and both juveniles have been taken to the Marion County Detention Center in Indianapolis.

FIRES LEAVE RESIDENTS HOMELESS

By Bill Leahy
Reprinted from the Anderson Herald-Bulletin.

A fire caused by a furnace malfunction displaced a northside family Friday morning, December 22, 1989.

The fire started at 11:33 a.m. as a furnace company was arriving to make repairs at the James Skipper residence, 3202 Alexandria Pike.

A short time later, Anderson fire units battled a blaze at 21st Street and Central Avenue that sent an elderly couple to a Red Cross shelter.

Subzero temperatures hampered efforts of firefighters, said Richland Township Fire Chief Tom Murr.

He described frozen hydrants and leaking hoses and firefighters working in the bitter cold.

The fire, he said, spread from the heat plant through interior walls causing an estimated \$15,000 damage to the home.

Two children were at home at the time the blaze broke out, Murr said, adding that Skipper had been en route to the residence to meet furnace repairmen.

No one was reported injured. Richland Township fire units, assisted at the scene by units from Alexandria and Chesterfield, battled the blaze from 11:33 a.m. until mid-afternoon, Murr said.

The house sustained extensive internal structural damage, as well as widespread smoke and water damage, Murr reported.

The damage, he said, could make the structure uninhabitable for several weeks.

Earlier in the morning, Richland Township responded to another fire caused by a malfunctioning furnace.

This one, Murr said, was contained to the area of an electrical short.

The fire broke out at a residence at county roads 375E and 500N at 10:37 a.m. and was brought under control in about 20 minutes.

At 12:46 p.m. Friday, Anderson firefighters responded to an alarm at the Dan and Leo Hosek residence, 128 E. 21st St.

The fire was discovered by a visiting nurse as she was leaving a patient's home on 21st Street and smelled the heavy smoke.

Diana Maxwell, Anderson, said she and her patient's granddaughter, Anna Powless, called the fire department and then began beating on the doors of the burning house.

Battalion Chief Don Haynes said Hosek was using a lamp to thaw frozen water pipes. The fixture malfunctioned and caused the fire inside kitchen walls, he added.

Haynes said the fire did about \$7,000 damage, primarily to the kitchen area. However, he said the damage rendered the home unlivable.

Haynes said firefighters experienced some equipment problems related to freezing temperatures.

CROWN POINT VFD HOLDS INSTALLATION DINNER-DANCE

OFFICERS



The Crown Point VFD held their installation Dinner-Dance on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1990. Pictured are Lt. Jim Bullock, Chief Roland "Bub" Wise, Lt. Gary Farley, Lt. Gary Huys, Capt. Tom Liss and Lt. Gerard Abraham.

RETIRED MEMBERS



Retired members of the Crown Point VFD recently gathered. Pictured left to right, Bill Wagner, Harold Weiler, Roger Schnurlein, Harold Wentz, Slim Polen, Ralph Schroeter, Eddie Glinski, Eddie Schaffer, Bob Ligda, Frank Klassen, and Kip Brown.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



New members of the board for the Crown Point VFD are: Chaplain Jack Carden, Board members Jim Bullock, President Gary Farley, Vice President Rick Gosser, Sec-Treas. Bob Szot, member and past president Mark Stahl.

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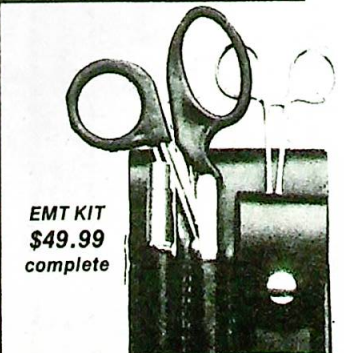
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Gas City Family Loses Home to Fire

Reprinted from the Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Indiana

GAS CITY — A Gas City family was left homeless Saturday evening, December 23, 1989, after a fire destroyed their mobile home.

Flames had engulfed the trailer, 5331 S. Evans Road, by the time the Mill Township Fire Department arrived, Fire Capt. Jim Willey said.

Willey said the blaze, which was reported at 7:21 p.m., was caused by an electrical short from a hair-dryer which owner Jerry Whiteman was using to thaw some frozen pipes.

"He didn't have any insurance, so they just lost everything," Willey said. "It was an old trailer so I estimate the total loss at about \$6,000."

In addition to their belongings, the Whiteman's also lost their cat to the flames.

Mill Township was assisted by Gas City Rescue units in battling the fire. Despite the cold, Willey said there were no problems caused by the weather.

"We were lucky. It was warmer than it had been," he said. "We didn't have any problems from freezing, but we were extra careful out there."

The family was relocated temporarily in Walnut Creek Manor by Twin City We Care, a local charity.

A wood stove was listed as the cause of a fire which destroyed a Sweetser home Friday evening, December 22, 1989.

Firefighters from Washington and Pleasant townships fought subzero temperatures to battle the blaze, but no one was injured, said Pleasant Township Fire Chief Tim Slaughter.

Randall and Lori Dolss live at the house at 3209 N. Troy Ave., said Lori's father, James Smith. Smith lives in a mobile home on the property.

The Dolsses were at work and their daughter was with Smith, he said. Smith said he was unaware of the fire until a neighbor told him.

"I called the fire department and then went outside," he said. "The house was full of flames."

The fire was spotted shortly before 10 p.m. by Sgt. Don Grant, a Grant County sheriff's deputy.

Slaughter said the house was a total loss, but had no monetary figures available.

Blaze, Shotgun Blast Investigated by Clark County Authorities

Over 12 hours after a search was initiated, authorities were finally able to locate a rural Clark County woman after her barn burned last night and a gunshot blast blew out the back door of her home.

Sellersburg Fire Chief Bill Mosley said his department was called to the residence of Thelma R. Decker, 40, who lives on St. John's Road, approximately two miles off Hwy. 411, at 8:39 p.m. in reference to a barn fire.

Mosley said the Lafayette Twp. and New Albany Twp. Fire Departments were also called to the scene.

Upon their arrival, the barn was engulfed in flames and later burned to the ground. Mosley said it took approximately 20 minutes for the firefighters to keep the fire from endangering another structure next to the barn.

The responding units also noticed the glass in the back door of the home had been blown out by a gunshot.

At that time, investigators from the Clark County Police Department,

State Fire Marshal's office and Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene.

Clark County Police Det. Fred Smith, who also is a member of the Clark County Arson Task Force, said the police had responded to a domestic-oriented dispute last week at the same location.

Smith, who was investigating the fire with Tom Hinkle of the State Fire Marshal's office and investigators from the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department, also said evidence found at the scene of the fire indicated it was a case of arson.

He said the gunshot was fired by someone standing approximately 20 feet from the house with a 20-gauge shotgun. He also said last night there were no signs that entry was made to the house and no blood was found inside the residence.

The home is located approximately 500 yards from the Clark-Floyd county line.

A preliminary search started

late last night in the burned structure and surrounding areas was called off at 12:45 a.m. Fire department officials were then stationed at the residence throughout the night before another search was started today.

Decker, who was uninjured, was finally located today and she told fire and police officials she had spent last night with a friend in Charlestown.

Smith also said Decker had said she was having ongoing problems with her ex-husband. He said interviews were scheduled today with people possibly involved in the case.

The Sellersburg Fire Department will not open its station 3 in Bennettsville for approximately one more month, but Mosley said it started paying dividends last night.

Reprinted from the Evening News, by Eugene Embry, staff writer.

1989 MISS FLAME



1989 Miss Flame Janelle Dale Floyd, Dist. #15 and Runner-up Julie C. Shanholt, Dist. #4.

Faulty Motor Blamed for Fire

Reprinted from the Anderson Herald Bulletin

A faulty motor sparked a furnace fire at a southside home on the morning of Friday, December 29, 1989, and caused about \$3,000 in damage.

Anderson firefighters fought the blaze for less than 30 minutes at the home of Carolyn Johnson, 728 Rustic Road.

The 9:21 a.m. fire caused extensive smoke damage, said Battalion Chief Don Haynes. There were no reported injuries.

Markleville-Adams Twp. Ambulance Rescues Anderson Accident Victim

Reprinted from the Anderson Herald Bulletin

An Anderson man remains in serious condition in the neurocritical care unit of Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, following a one-car accident Tuesday, December 26, 1989, on the city's south side.

Harrison Turner, 32, who reportedly lives in the 1700 block of West Ninth Street, was seriously injured when he lost control of his Pontiac Lemans on ice-covered County Road 200E, just south of 67th Street. The accident occurred at 9:20 p.m.

Madison County Police Department Deputy John Henderson said Turner's car crashed into a utility pole.

Turner was transported to St. John's Medical Center by Markleville-Adams Township ambulance where he was prepared for airlift. He was unconscious and unresponsive when he was brought in, said a hospital spokesman.

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CLEARING THE SMOKE - December 1989

Seasons greetings from the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education...to the Indiana fire service and their families. May it be a joyous, safe holiday for everyone and the year ahead successful for you all.

Last "Redbooks" prepared for mailing... and packages have gone to the mailroom. All fire departments should receive them before the holidays. Instructors who purchased the 2nd Class Firefighter instructor guides were sent their "Redbooks" in early November.

Instructor 2nd Class to Instructor 1st Class...has created a need for a different procedure of verification under the new standards. Upon completing the 16-hour instructor 2nd class program, the instructor is required to teach at least three classes under the supervision of an Instructor 1st Class before being eligible to take the instructor 1st class course. The Board asks that the "Notification of Instruction Completed" forms for the three classes be kept until completion of the 32-hour instructor 1st class course. Attach the "Notification" forms to the instructor 1st class application.

24-Hour to 4-Hour mandatory clarification...is not found in the Redbook. The Board cleared this revision after the Redbook went to press. To again state the Board's action: A firefighter, certified as 2nd Class or higher, who transfers to another fire department or returns after resigning, need only take the 4-hour refresher in orientation, fire apparatus, self-contained breathing apparatus, and safety. A firefighter who received his 24-hour certificate before transferring to another department, need only take the 4-hour refresher. A new firefighter, or a returning firefighter who was never certified, shall be given the full 24-hour mandatory personal safety training.

January 1990

Going on record... the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education favors a public safety academy for the purpose of some master firefighter categories and specialty higher educational forums. That has

been the focus of the subcommittee hearings during the past year. Basic and advanced basic training would not be affected but remain in the local area, and certified instructors may teach master firefighter courses locally after obtaining Board approval for certification credit. The Board sees a permanent home for some master firefighter courses as beneficial to instructor and student alike, similar to a National Fire Academy experience, in promoting higher fire service education.

Also for the record... the Board receives phone calls of complaint regarding an instructor passing students who have not performed the practical skills, that an instructor is ineffective, etc. Whatever the reason, the Board advises they will not act on anonymous phone calls. In all fairness, when there is a question on the activities of an instructor or student, it needs to be in writing with substantiating reasons and the name and address of the complainant to whom the response should be directed. Your understanding of the Board's action for this is appreciated.

Aptitude/agility tests... are still needed from some career fire departments. It is realized some departments are revising or developing their tests but please see that these are sent to the Board as soon as possible on the legislation effective 7/1/89.

Take a hike... for your health. Although the legislation requires only career firefighters to perform agility tests, it is wise for us all to keep a healthful outlook on exercise and diet.

Fire department addresses/fire chiefs... are kept current for the Board and SFM office by the program coordinator when information is received of a change. Some fire department addresses have been undeliverable for months and years. If you know of a department who has not been receiving mail from the SFM and Board, please suggest they contact the program coordinator. This mailing list is used for educational and informational purposes of interest to the fire service.

INDIANA EMS: New Directions and New Challenges of the 21st Century

As we approach the 1990's Indiana EMS must be prepared to deal with the challenges of the 21st century. We are fortunate because the foundation for the transition to the year 2000 is made easier by the 18,000 or so dedicated people who comprise an EMS system that responds to over 1500 calls a day state wide.

As we look towards the year 2000 we must be prepared to confront some of the problems challenging the system and be prepared for change. Among the issues that the Agency has begun to deal with are: volunteerism, training, ensuring quality care, EMS awareness and disaster preplanning.

Like most states, Indiana is faced with a shortage of volunteers in EMS and the fire service. We are looking for innovative ways to attract and retain these valuable resources. The agency will be putting together a legislative package with proposals that will address some of the problems of retaining volunteers.

The issues of training and conti-

ning education are difficult ones to balance. The basic EMT course must be of sufficient length to provide the skill's to deal with any pre-hospital emergency, yet must not be so long as to prevent volunteers from wanting to take the course. Likewise continuing education requirements need to be sufficient to ensure the EMT maintains currency in this ever changing environment without being over burdened.

We are currently looking at all programs being offered by the Agency to evaluate their impact. New courses will also be offered shortly in Hazardous Materials for EMS, Incident Command and Disaster Preplanning.

A recent change in philosophy has moved the agency from doing yearly ambulance inspections to spending more time visiting providers to work on quality assurance and dropping in on a training institutions to monitor the quality of programs.

The next few years should bring a number of changes in EMS, and the State of Indiana will be poised to respond to these changes.

FIRE LEVELS SALE BARN

Eight Departments Battle Blaze in Frigid Weather

Reprinted from the Anderson Herald-Bulletin.

Written by Rebecca Snelling

Eight area fire departments battled a major blaze at the vacant Anderson Sale Barn for nearly five hours in below-freezing temperatures Tuesday, December 26, 1989.

The Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department was called to the former livestock auction barn on Alexandria Pike at School Street east of Indiana 9 about 4:30 p.m.

"We had full involvement. Flames were going through the roof," Richland Chief Tom Murr said. It is believed the blaze started in the southwest corner in what was known as the main pavilion.

"At this point, we don't have a cause," he said about 5 p.m. But a couple of eyewitnesses said teenage youths were observed around the sale barn about 15 to 20 minutes before the blaze broke out.

"We've had a lot of problems with kids around there," Murr said.

He added there had been a lot of paper and trash found during investigations by a Richland

Township firefighter who lives near the barn.

Yet, Murr said, he anticipates the Indiana state fire marshal's representative who was at the scene Tuesday evening will rule and undetermined cause. He said electrical power was still connected at the barn.

"We saved the north building," Murr said, that the east and west portions burned to the ground. He anticipates the 54-year-old structure, which has been vacant for several years, will be razed. He said "junk" left from the past flea markets were the only items in the three-section sale barn.

Murr said he is placing the value of the structure at the amount at which it is insured. But, he added, owner Ralph Daoust is out of town and that figure is not available.

Despite the 10-degree temperature reading around 5 p.m., Murr said firefighters had no difficulty with the cold. He added there was plenty of water with the use of a fire hydrant and seven tankers, and the wind didn't present any

problems.

One Richland firefighter, Luther Gross, was injured when debris fell in his eye. He was treated at Community Hospital and released.

Assisting the 15 Richland firefighters were 40 to 45 others from Chesterfield, Anderson, Lapel, Edgewood, Alexandria, Daleville and Adams Township. Firefighters from Frankton assisted at the Richland station and Summitville manned Alexandria's department during the blaze.

Also helping at the scene were police units, the American Red Cross, Emergency Management Agency and Madison County Air Van. AID Ambulance also was on standby at the site, and Anderson Municipal Light & Power was called in to disconnect power.

Firefighters' wives served coffee and food, including hamburgers and fries donated by the McDonald's restaurant on Broadway.

Richland firefighters cleared the scene about 9:15 p.m. Tuesday.

INDIANA FIRE INSPECTORS ASS'N. INVITES IVFA PARTICIPATION

The members of District 3, Indiana Fire Inspector's Association want to use this opportunity to inform the members of the IVFA of our organization and invite your participation.

The Indiana Fire Inspector's Association was organized in 1988 initially as a conduit between the inspectors in the field and the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office and we feel we are fulfilling that goal. We also look upon our organization as a way to educate our members both formally and informally. Formally, by various programs presented at our meetings dealing with code enforcement, building construction, etc. Informally by way of conversation and the sharing of ideas and experiences among our members. Our hope

for the future, is that we can expand those educational opportunities to the entire fire service.

Of course, our number one goal is the prevention of fire, via education and code enforcement in order to protect our fellow firefighters and the public.

District 3 composes the Northeast corner of the State and we meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting location is rotated among the member departments. Our meeting normally consists of the regular business of the District and Association then a program provided by the host department, which may be videos, speakers, tours of various locations or any topic the host department may want to present.

Please contact the District 3

Secretary, David Bunn, Fire Marshal, Auburn Fire Department to find out the location of the next District 3 meeting or contact the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office for the location of the District meetings in your area.

The Association is still a fledgling organization and we want to encourage every department to participate. We are anxious to assist any department that is starting an inspection program in any way possible, and we encourage all departments to get involved in Fire Prevention.

Remember-get involved in FIRE PREVENTION, so you won't have to become involved in FIRE SUPPRESSION.

Union VFD Holds Annual Christmas Recognition Dinner

Dec. 16, 1989. On December 9, 1989, the members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Christmas Recognition Dinner at Station #1. The active members of the department were joined by several invited guests and retired members of the department for an evening of relaxation, fellowship and awards for hard work during 1989.

Prior to an excellent dinner featuring prime rib with all the trimmings prepared by Assistant Chief Ron DeRoos, Lieutenant Joe Stowers, and Safety Committee member Bill Stowers, Chief Charles Bud Stowers introduced the retired members and guests to all present. Chief Bud also introduced the department officers for 1989 as well as the newly elected officers that will assume office on January 1, 1990.

A special guest was also introduced by Chief Stowers. Mr. John Kleppe, President of J and N Associates, Inc., had been invited to attend due to his contributions to the department over the last year. Mr. Kleppe's company has the exclusive rights to the "Gas-

Trac" and "Snif-it" combustible gas detectors, and several of the devices have been donated to the department.

After the "rookies" had cleared the tables and finished the dishes, everyone settled down to enjoy the awards presentations. Association President Julie Kepshire assisted Captain John Kepshire in presenting "gag" gifts to each member of the department based on some-

thing that had happened to each member during the year. Newly elected Fire Chief Derrell Lawless was then presented with a bottle of extra-strength aspirin by outgoing Chief Stowers. Firefighter Jerry Webb was presented with the first annual "Cripple of the Year" award for time spent on the injured-reserve list due to several "accidents" during the year.

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Blaze Guts Landmark Rural Church; Daleville Fire Chief Pugsley Dies

By Bill Leahy

DALEVILLE — A landmark rural church, located east of Daleville, was destroyed by fire early Thursday, December 21, 1989.

The 67-year-old building of the 122-year-old Pike's Peak Church organization was all but leveled by the blaze.

Adding to the loss, Daleville Fire Chief James Pugsley, 66, died of an apparent heart attack. He reportedly died in his truck outside the fire station around 6:30 a.m. as he prepared to return to the fire scene with additional supplies.

Daleville fire units responded to the alarm at 4:37 a.m. and, according to firefighter John Barnell, had the blaze under control within 45 minutes.

But, he said, the old wood structure burned rapidly.

"The roof collapsed onto the main floor and the main floor collapsed into the basement," he explained.

A mutual aid call for tankers went out at 4:50 a.m. Units from Chesterfield, Cowan and Yorktown responded.

And, Barnell added, Daleville units returned to the scene three additional times throughout the day and evening to put out isolated smoldering fires in the rubble.

He also reported that a fuel oil tank, located in the basement, exploded, adding to the damage. However, he could not say if the tank explosion started the fire or if the fire caused the explosion.

The tank, he recounted, had been filled on Monday.

Cause of the fire is still under investigation, he said.

Margaret Gustin, 403 E. Main St., Daleville, said she had attended Pike's Peak Church since late 1926. Her father, the Rev. G.R. Osburn, began his ministry at the church.

"It was organized on July 12, 1867," she said, "as the Pike's Peak Union Sabbath School."

The first church was built in 1891, she said, referring to records in a family Bible.

Gustin recalled that the two-story wood frame church that burned Thursday was built in 1922.

Ellen Nixon, Salem Township trustee, said Pugsley had returned to the fire station to get warmed up and was getting ready to go back to help fight the blaze.

Nixon said Pugsley apparently had a massive heart attack inside his truck between 6:30 and 6:45 a.m.

Pugsley had been at the scene for more than an hour in sub-zero temperatures. Then, he reportedly returned to the station to warm up.

At around 6:30 a.m., Nixon said, firefighters at the church called for gas and additional supplies. Pugsley, she said, was responding to that call.

He was transported by ambulance to Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, where he died.

CORPORATE AMERICA RESPONDS WITH HELP DURING HURRICANE HUGO

Two days after Hurricane Hugo had cleared the United States Coastline, many were feeling sorry for those affected, while others went into action. One such action was initiated by Congressman Curt Weldon (R-PA), Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and Bill Jenaway, Director of External Affairs of the Congressional Fire Services Institute. In a brainstorming meeting to determine how to commend those who took action, the idea came to light to involve the corporate fire equipment.

With Kit Cafaro, President of FEMSA (Fire Equipment Manufacturers and Services Association) taking the lead in contacting members, FEMSA and CFSI went about the task of determining what equipment was needed and where it was needed. Then the problems arose.

It took four days to identify several key issues: what was needed, who would assume responsibility for the equipment, where could it be shipped to and how could it be shipped in to devastated areas. With these

issues finally resolved, chain saws, lights, pumps, generators, food, water, blankets, tarps, and similar items were sent to the affected areas.

Congressman Weldon commented "The voluntary efforts in providing necessary products and services in time of distress illustrates your willingness to help those in need whether or not they have purchased your products in the past. This is a moral tribute to you, our volunteerism spirit, and the American Way of Life."

The organizations who provided equipment included Cutter's Edge, Federal Signal, Fire Research Corp., Hale Fire Pump Co., Havis-Shields Equipment Corp., NorthEast Fire Apparatus, W.S. Darley, Waterous Company, Will-Burt Company, and Ziamatic Corp. The organizations were recently honored at the FEMSA association meeting held on November 7-9 where Congressional Fire Services Institute Awards were presented to those who participated by Congressman Weldon and Mr. Jenaway.

"Community to provide needed equipment."

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 - Public Fire Education Planning

The National Fire Academy has set a cap of a maximum of 300 students for the weekend, and a cap of 40 students per class.

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The cost for the total package which includes transportation, meals (including Friday evening, and a Saturday evening banquet) is \$132.50. For those who wish to furnish their own transportation,

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The balance of \$62.50, or if you furnish transportation \$30.00 will be due on February 10, 1990.

Additional boarding, class assignment and weekend itinerary will follow.

HURRAH FOR THE TRANSFORMERS!

By Rebekah Marshall Taylor

Last Christmas I naively wandered into the toy department to purchase a gift for my nephew. What I encountered would surely have frightened even Indiana Jones! I was transported into another dimension or at least to another planet. Nothing was as it seemed. Cuddly teddy bears spoke with English accents while cars and trucks converted into fierce robots. I grabbed a sleek orange and white miniature ambulance from the shelf and escaped to the check out. Once safely out of the store, I found that my selection was a dual identity robot. In a

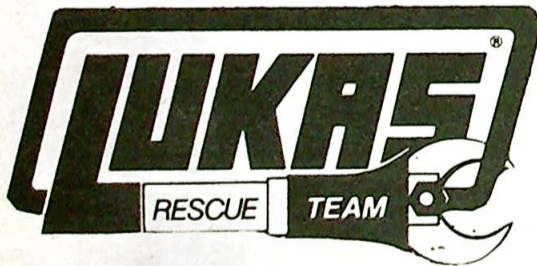
nap it would transform into an able and terrifying "good" monster. I wondered if this toy would cause my nephew to believe that hard-working EMTs and firefighters were simply robots in disguise--superpowered, unfeeling.

Then I realized that these toys accomplished what we expect from our firefighters, namely, the impossible. At the alert tone a businessman leaves his desk to become a fire ground commander. A secretary drops her pad to grab a fire helmet. A merchant runs from his store to become an engineer. A homemaker sheds her apron and replaces it with an ambulance smock. Ordinary people as a matter of course transform into the real defenders of our world at an instant.

Our duty might be a code, a working fire, or changing the tire on the pumper. Whatever the need, it won't fix itself. Firefighters lay aside convenience and our personal lives. We see first hand the destruction, terror, and heart-break of uncontrolled fire. The

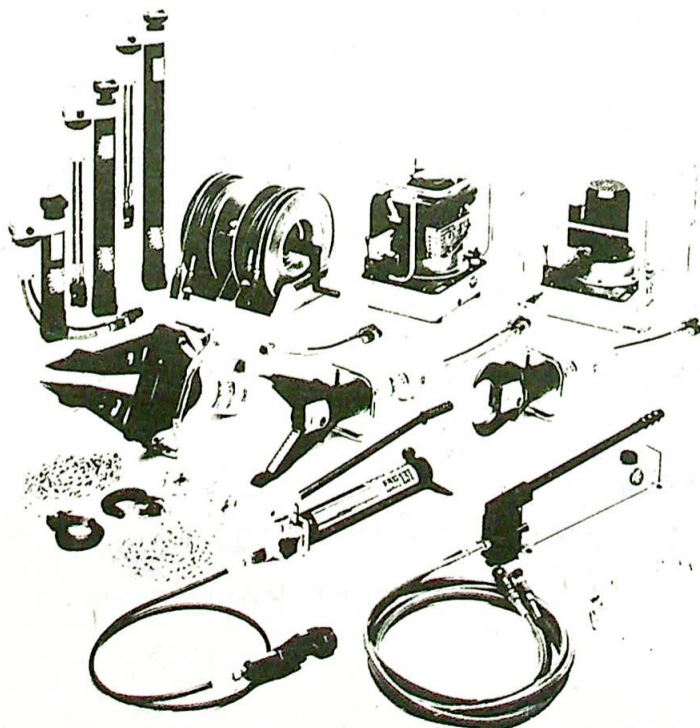
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Awards, continued from page 18

Two new awards were began this year. The first, the Incentive Award for the most points totaled by attending department functions was presented to Jerry Webb. The second, the Firefighter of the Year award was presented to Captain John Kepshire. This award, voted on by all members of the department, is self explanatory. Both Webb and Kepshire were given personal plaques in addition to having their names inscribed on large plaques to be displayed in the station.

After the awards presentation was complete, the members and guests retired to socialize, play cards, and watch movies until the wee hours of the morning. Munchies and a late night snack of baked ham sandwiches helped to top off the evening for all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,
Captain John E. Kepshire
Public Information Officer
Union VFD, Wheeler, IN

Alexandria Barn Fire Set Cause as Yet Undetermined

Reprinted from the Anderson Herald/Bulletin

Fire investigators have labeled Wednesday, December 27's hay barn fire west of Alexandria as arson, but have reached no conclusions on the cause of Tuesday, December 26's blaze at the Anderson Sale Barn.

"There was so much damage with no exact point of origin," said Bryan Frank, deputy state fire marshal, about the sale barn blaze. "We have no probable cause."

He said he could reach no conclusion after spending several hours at the scene sifting through the remains.

The fire broke out Tuesday, December 26, at 4:15 p.m. in the afternoon, in the 54-year old former Kirk's Sale Barn, Alexandria Pike and School Street, destroying most of the structure.

Frank said the blaze started in the central pavilion, where he said he found the heaviest damage. But, he added, the building was hooked up to electrical service with a meter outside, and wiring throughout.

He said he had not ruled out the possibility of arson or arson through vandalism. But, he added, the extent of damage minimized any ability to come to a positive conclusion.

"The cause will be listed as undetermined," Frank said.

Both Frank and Alexandria Fire

Chief Dan Ingram concluded that the hay barn fire west of Alexandria was caused by an arsonist.

"It was a set fire," Ingram said Wednesday. He said he based his conclusion on the rapid spread of fire and on other circumstances.

He said there had been a dispute at the farm earlier in the afternoon and a horse, normally kept in the barn, had been removed the previous day.

Ingram said these circumstances may have no direct relationship with the fire, but he said that since the fire had definitely been set these circumstances had to be taken into consideration.

"The barn, located at the William Tulowitzky property, county roads 1100N and 200E, was packed with about 400 bales of hay," Ingram said. Firemen had to peel away a metal roof to soak the burning bales.

"We knew the floor was going to give way," Ingram noted. He said the water added to the heavy bales would create too much weight.

Over forty firefighters from Alexandria, Frankton, Summitville, Pipe Creek and Richland Townships worked well for more than five hours to quell the blaze.

First reports of the fire came in at 7:14 p.m., according to dispatch logs, with units clearing the scene at 12:37 a.m. Thursday.

HOUSE PASSES HOTEL-MOTEL FIRE SAFETY ACT

WASHINGTON, The House last week approved a bill designed to encourage hotels to install fire sprinklers by steering federal travel business to sprinklered hotels. The bill, H.R. 94, introduced by Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), now goes to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

According to a hotel industry survey, no more than 45 percent of the nation's hotels had fire sprinklers as of June 1988. The federal government spends more than \$1.5 billion a year on employee hotel stays.

Under the bill, federally funded conferences would have to be held at sprinklered properties, and within seven years of enactment, at least 90 percent of federal travel nights would have to be spent in hotels that have sprinklers and smoke detectors.

Boehlert said, "Americans assume that the hotels they stay

in are fire-safe, but that assumption is frequently unfounded. We have known for decades that sprinklers prevent fire deaths and limit fire damage, yet the industry has moved slowly to install this very affordable equipment, and only five states require sprinklers in existing as well as new hotels.

"I don't ever want to sit through another hearing like the one that led me to introduce this bill. At that session, we learned that the fire at the DuPont Plaza Hotel in Puerto Rico, which killed 97 Americans in just 12 minutes, could have been prevented with a sprinkler system. No more Americans should have to die to drive home the message that sprinklers save lives. The federal government ought to be using the financial clout of its purchasing dollar to improve fire safety."

The bill is expected to receive prompt Senate action when Congress reconvenes in January.

1990 CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE DINNER PLANS CONFIRMED

Wednesday, April 18, 1990 has been chosen as the day for the Second Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Plans for the event have been confirmed at the Sheraton-Washington Hotel, in Washington D.C.

The planning committee will be meeting in the very near future with promises of another day and night for the fire service to

remember. Yes — there will be separate afternoon and evening events.

Last year's event was highlighted by the attendance of both Vice President Dan Quayle and President George Bush and was the major source of funding for the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

So, while the calendars are out, mark the date and plan to attend.

E. Central report

Hi There,

Well, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I have enjoyed visiting with all of you and working with you. We had a real good turn out in District 13-A and 13-B Fire School. The school was held at Greenfield Jr. High School. The course offered was heading Volunteer Fire Departments in the 1990's. The second course was Incident Command System for Volunteer Fire Departments. John Buckman from German Twp. Fire Department was the instructor. Thank you, John, for taking time-out for this. I would like to thank Chris Wilson and Jerry Nulliner for a fine location. And to Jack Cox for a great job in getting the info out to his District. We have many plans for the up-coming year. Everyone did a wonderful job this year so keep up the good work. I am looking forward to the Convention in Fort Wayne. Well, we better go for now. See you at the next District meeting in your area.

Thanks again,
Larry Jackson
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Conner Guilty of Fire Funds Theft

By KEVIN GIBSON
Evening News Staff Writer

Peter Charles "Chuck" Conner was found guilty yesterday of pilfering \$4,943.70 in funds from the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department, where he worked as a bookkeeper.

Conner was found guilty of 10 counts of forgery (class C felony), all stemming from missing funds through checks which Conner allegedly forged and used to purchase money orders. Conner was convicted of depositing the money orders into his personal checking account.

Conner could receive a maximum of 80 years in prison from the convictions.

Clark County Deputy Prosecutor Karl Truman said he was happy that the five-day trial, which was originally scheduled for three days, was over.

"This case had gone on so long that I was glad to see it finally come to a close," Truman said after the jury had delivered its verdict.

"I only wish Dennis Snook, the fire chief were here to see the end of this case," Truman said. Snook died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in July of 1988.

Last Friday, a Federal Bureau of Investigation handwriting expert testified that Conner had written at least six of the checks and had forged Snook's name. Truman said yesterday that despite the evidence which the state had, the case was nevertheless a complicated one to prosecute.

Truman said the evidence "was all circumstantial, so there were many documents and exhibits to work with."

Attorney Michael J. McDaniel, who represented Conner, said only that "the jury's verdict was within the range of proof that was offered."

Conner was unemotional as Clark Circuit Court Judge Daniel Donahue read the jury's verdict of guilty on all 10 counts. One of Conner's sisters, who had watched the trial in its entirety, wept after the decision was given.

The jury went out at 11:30 a.m. yesterday and announced that it had reached a decision at 2:33 p.m.

Conner's sentencing was set for Nov. 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Conner was hired by the fire department in August of 1987, and the alleged forgeries occurred between January and March, 1988. The investigation began when the fire department's bank told the department that its account was overdrawn.

Snook planned an audit of the books, as department records showed a balance of over \$10,000. Mysteriously, a fire broke out in Snook's house two days before the audit was to be undertaken, destroying the department's records. Conner, who had been living with Snook since he was given the bookkeeping job, was the last one in the house before the fire began.

Conner was arrested in May after an investigation by Clark County Detective Dan Crump. The original charges were for theft, but those were dropped. The forgery charges were then filed against Conner.

Union VFD Accepts Gift

On September 22, 1989, the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler were presented with two "Snif-it" Combustible Gas Detectors by Mr. John Kleppe, President of J and N Associates, Inc. The actual presentation was made by Mr. Terry Murphy, Regional Sales Manager for J and N Associates of rural Union Township.

Earlier in August, Mr. Murphy had arranged a demonstration of both the "Snif-it" and the "Gas Trac" type detectors distributed by his company. After evaluation of both units, the Union Board of Directors voted to purchase two of the "Snif-it" units for use by the department. After the order for the two units had been placed, Mr. Murphy contacted the departments and advised that Mr. Kleppe had decided to donate the two units to the department. Explained Mr. Kleppe "I've lived in this community for the last 20 years and I never really knew what the fire department did. This is one small way of expressing my

appreciation to all of you."

The units were placed in service on the morning of September 26, and before noon the first use was recorded as the department responded to a mobil home that had exploded. On arrival the fire was out, but considerable damage to the structure was noted. Firefighters, equipped with the "snif-it" units checked the entire structure and were able to pinpoint the source of the leak. The gas service was contacted to respond for repairs to the service.

Said Fire Chief Charles "Bud" Stowers, "The addition of this equipment will prove a great tool to assist our department. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Kleppe and his company for their commitment to their local Fire Department."

Respectfully submitted,
Captain John E. Kepshire
EMT-P
Public Information Officer
Union Volunteer
Fire Department

BLAZE DESTROYS HAY BARN

ALEXANDRIA — Alexandria fire crews battled a hay barn fire late into the evening of Wednesday, December 27, 1989. The barn is believed to be a total loss.

The fire was reported at 7:04 p.m. near County Roads 1100N and 200W between Alexandria and Orestes.

A call for Mutual Aid brought in assistance from Richland Township, Summitville, Pipe Creek and Frankton fire departments. The Madison County Air

Van was also called in later in the battle.

Units were still at the scene well past 10 p.m., but according to a spokesman at the Alexandria fire station, the fire was pretty well knocked out by then.

The spokesman also said that ownership of the barn had not yet been determined, nor had there been any estimate of damage.

Reprinted from the Anderson Herald/Bulletin

Waterball Competition



As always, great waterball competition at our convention and 1989 was no exception.

Cart Race



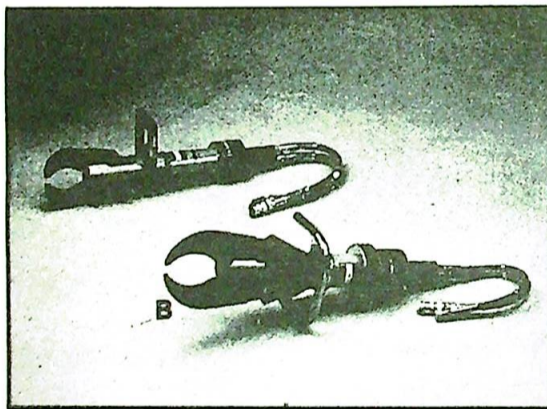
The Farmland women won the Cart Race event.

1988 Miss Flame, 1989 Contestants

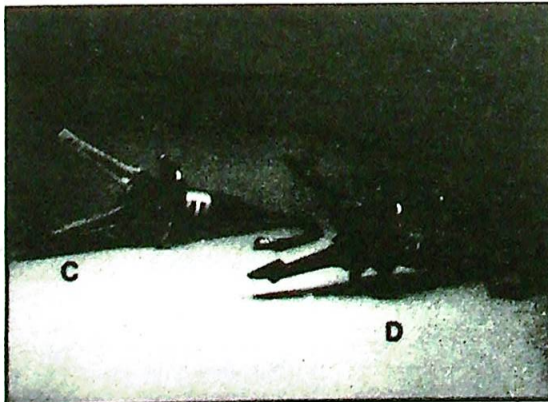


1988 Miss Flame, Sara Davis and the 1989 Miss Flame contestants. Everyone was proud of these young women.

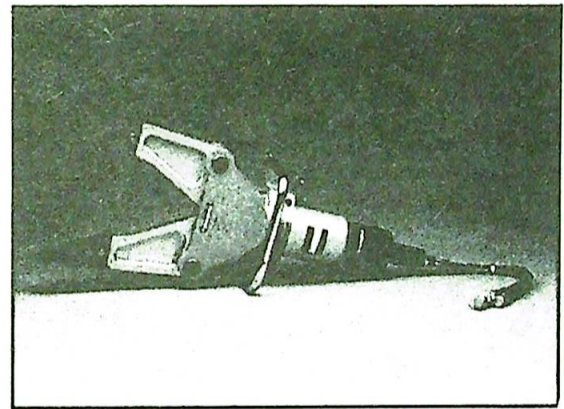
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1st Place Hose Cart



Wayne Twp., D. 12 took 1st place in the Hose Cart contest. Shown are A.J. Banich, Paul Vonbank, Ken Huffer, Ron Collins, Rick Rusie and Charles Coombs.

1st Place Women's Waterball



The Adams Twp., #3 team took 1st Place in Women's Waterball. Shown are Deb Mason, Barbara Mason, Tudy Teter, Mary Jane Gallmeyer, Donna Koop and Dorothy Reiter.

NVFC BOARD SETS SPRING MEETING

Jan. 23, 1990. The Spring meeting of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Board of Directors will be April 20-22, 1990, at the Best Western Westfield Inn, Coralville, Iowa.

The meeting will be hosted by the Iowa Fireman's Association and the Coralville Fire Department.

The agenda for the meeting will include discussion of all NVFC programs and activities for 1990, including promotion of residential fire sprinkler use, legislative initiatives and representation of the volunteer fire service on NFPA Standards committees. A highlight of the meeting will be announcement of the recipient of NVFC's annual Firefighter of the Year award.

For further information, contact the National Volunteer Fire Council, 1325 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 393-3351.

BILL OF RIGHTS GAINS 240 COSPONSORS.

Senator Heinz to Introduce Senate Version

WASHINGTON, The Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill of Rights achieved support from 240 Members of Congress, poising it for consideration by the House early next session. H.R. 3587 was introduced by Congressman Curt Weldon (R-PA), Bill Gray (D-PA), Doug Walgren (D-PA) and Sherry Boehlert (R-NY) on November 2.

"The response to this legislation has been overwhelming," Weldon said. "It has been supported by many major fire service organizations, including the National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the International Association of Fire Service Instructors, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Fire Protection Association."

tion. Congress has taken notice of that fact," continued Weldon.

Because all of the programs in H.R. 3587 are funded with the proceeds from the sale of a commemorative coin series, the bill has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage. That Subcommittee had delayed all action on H.R. 3587 until the bill could demonstrate significant support in Congress by achieving 218 or more cosponsors.

Senator John Heinz is expected to introduce the Senate version of the Fire Service Bill of Rights this week. Prior to introducing the bill, Heinz praised America's fire and emergency services saying "During the recent hurricane and earthquake disasters, the fire service demonstrated that when this nation is faced by an emergency they are always ready to respond."

Every day America's career and volunteer fire service personnel are called upon to respond to a growing variety of emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk in order to save others. For this reason, Title II of the bill establishes a Fire Service Bill of Rights that will serve as a comprehensive set of goals for future fire service initiatives," said Heinz.

3rd Barn

Damaged by Fire

A Jackson Township farmer said he may lose as many as 35 sows and up to 170 one-week-old pigs in a blaze on the evening of Friday, December 29, 1989. This was the third barn fire in Madison County that week.

"They need milk for at least three weeks," said Steven Smith of Richard Smith Farms, 8536 W. Eighth St. He said he expects to lose several sows and, as a result, will probably lose those sow's baby pigs.

Smith said several of the piglets he examined had skin cracked from the intense heat of the fire. He said several of the animals appear to have succumbed to the dense smoke.

Lapel firefighters, assisted by units from Frankton, Edgewood and Pendleton, battled the smoky fire in the ceiling of a farrowing barn late into the evening.

The fire heavily damaged the single-story metal building.

A passing motorist, identified as Pam Benefield, Lapel, reported the fire at 6:48 p.m.

Smith credited a quick response by firefighters that enabled him to save another 14 sows and 400 pigs in an adjoining building.

He said he would not speculate on the cause of the fire, commenting that there were no electrical circuits in the ceiling of the barn.

While there is automated equipment that delivers feed to one end of the barn, he hand feeds the stalls with a cart, the farmer said.

Flag, continued from front page.

The American Legion has provided flags for deceased servicemen and families have often provided flags for those who were not in the armed forces.

In May of this year, Duane Lantz presented the first flag to William R. Hunsley, who had promoted the flag idea in memory of his father, Oca Hunsley.

Oca Hunsley was a member of the Hanna Volunteer Fire Department. Oca's grandson, Mick Hunsley, carries on the firefighting tradition as present chief of the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Transformers, cont. from page 19

stress of these efforts is compounded by the fact that the victims are neighbors, friends, and family. Many volunteer firefighters have knelt beside the body of a loved one or watched a familiar home disappear into ashes in spite of our heroics. Experiences like these weld us into a unique kinship. That kinship supplies the collective and personal support needed to absorb the shock of our job.

Each person brings to the fireservice his or her talents, strengths, experiences, values and dreams. The fact that we are not alike makes life intriguing. It is impossible to stereotype the firefighter of the 1990's into one role. We need bankers, medical professionals, lawyers, teachers, preachers, architects, and farmers whose common bond is service.

The personal reward we receive from the volunteer fireservice is not found in badges, promotions, or citations. Rather it is the feeling inside that comes from knowing that we belong—we make a difference. We are not robots. Our humanity makes us effective because it makes us feel, care, and activate ourselves to meet a need. We remain realists in practice and dreamers at heart. We are a team equipped with dedication and playing for keeps.

I don't know what kind of world my nephew will live in. But I feel safe in saying that the world will still depend upon flesh and blood firefighters to defend life and property. They will find the resolve to face the treat of tomorrow's "fire monsters." In his generation, as in ours, the brotherhood purified by flame will hold it's weld in the hearts of humans transformed by a commitment to life.

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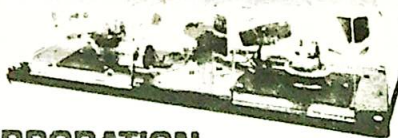
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1st Place Waterball Team



Penn South Waterball team took 1st place honors at the 1989 Convention. Shown are Tim Spencer, Rocco Kryski, Bryan Aldrich, Bob Elkins, Ona Lane.

1st Place Hose Placement



The 1989 winning Hose Placement team was from Sugar Creek. Shown are Jerry Nulliner, Steve Stanley, Larry Jackson and Jay Manship.

FIRE FIGHTING TEAM ADDED TO STAIRCLIMB!

The seventh annual BOP TO THE TOP (also known as the AUL Stairclimb) will offer a special team division for fire fighters. The 37 floor stairclimb has been a popular event that draws over 700 competitors annually. The event takes place in downtown Indianapolis at the American United Life company. This year's event will take place on Saturday, February 17th.

Fire fighting teams must consist of four members. The members do not have to all belong to one station or unit. All teams will start together at the beginning of the day. Each team member is timed separately. All team members times will be added together for a

total team time. The team with the lowest cumulative time will be the winners. The winning team members will each receive a brand new pair of REEBOK SOLE TRAINER 2000 running shoes.

In addition to the competition, the Bop to the Top also serves as a fund raiser for Riley Hospital for Children. Last year's efforts raised over \$16,000 in pledges! The fire fighting team that raises the most money will also be recognized at the awards ceremony on race day. Entry blanks for the stairclimb are available at most fitness centers. For additional entries write or call: Don Carr, Tuxedo Brothers, 8163 E. Avery Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268. 317-876-1871.

German Township Volunteer Fire Department Takes Delivery of New Rescue Squad



German Township Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of a Rescue Squad manufactured by Warner Bodies of Noblesville, IN. One of the objectives in purchasing the rescue squad was to increase our storage capacities, according to Chief John Buckman. A committee was formed and spearheaded by Lieutenant Rick Elpers to look into and design the rescue squad to meet our needs. The Squad built on a Ford Super Duty Chassis with a 159 wheel base will carry the departments emergency medical and water rescue equip-

ment. In addition, Vehicle Extrication Equipment will be carried. Amkus Rescue System provided a dual tool power unit, the spreader with 30" spread capability and cutter with 25,000 pounds of force to assist in rapid patient extrication. A 30" & 40" push-pull ram with heavy duty quik-adjust chain package. Additionally two hannay reels provide 100' of hose to allow for quick action. The unit will also carry a 6-Bottle cascade unit for refilling SCBA bottles. The rear of the unit is outfitted to function as a Command Post with planning equipment and information as well as radio capabilities for a multitude of frequencies.

New Comprehensive Guide to Emergency Services Information Resource

NEW YORK, NY Fire, EMS, hazardous materials, search and rescue, disaster, and industrial emergency responders have a new information resource in the just published FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES SOURCEBOOK, 1990-91.

They will be able to locate and select books, videos, films, slides, periodicals, directories, newsletters, computer software, national and state associations, schools, colleges, academies, special programs and courses related to emergency response. Each category has been made as extensive as possible and descriptive data has been provided to help in the selection process.

This comprehensive 650-page work, formerly known as the FIRE SERVICE DIRECTORY OF TRAINING AND INFORMATION SOURCES, has been updated and expanded to include many more kinds of information as well as broaden its scope to cover areas of interest to all emergency services.

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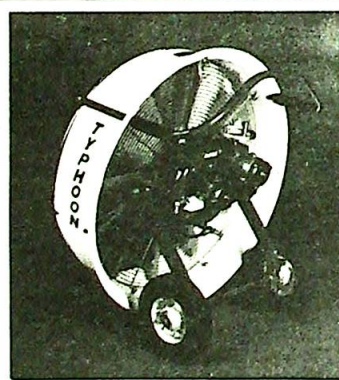
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Hazardous Materials/Waste Handling for the Emergency Responder emphasizes personal, hands-on experience. All situations were actually encountered by the authors. Common, everyday hazards that can be found in any community or business are reviewed. The chemicals involved in these incidents may not be exotic but are equally deadly. Such neglected subjects as effects of long-term exposure, detection or treatment, commercial liability, mitigation activities, monitoring clean-up contractors are described.

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Hazardous Materials/Waste Handling for the Emergency Responder was written by Kenneth J. York and Gerald L. Grey. Ken York is a top haz-mat trouble shooter, emergency responder, and staff instructor in California's program for haz-mat technicians and first-in responders. Jerry Grey commands San Francisco FD Haz-Mat Response Team and has headed haz-mat committees at IFSTA, ISFSI, NFPA and teaches at the National Fire Academy.

Copies of *Hazardous Materials/Waste Handling for the Emergency Responder* are available from Fire Engineering Books, P.O. Box 21288, Tulsa, OK 74121, (800) 752-9768, for \$36.95.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Laney:

You need to check your paper out before you send it out. The last two papers have the wrong information in them. If you will look at page two under Public Relations Directors-Elected you will find a change for last two years. Bill Windsor is not the East Central Public Relations. Let me tell you who is. Larry Jackson, 423 Illinois, Fortville, IN 46040, Phone 317-485-6285.

Thank you for reading this.
Larry Jackson
E.C.P.R.

Dear Editor:

Recently on Nov. 4, 1989, Fire Inspectors Assoc. of Indiana, held its 2nd Annual Convention at the Indiana War Memorial, in Indianapolis.

I'm happy to state the following persons were re-elected to office for 1990, they are:

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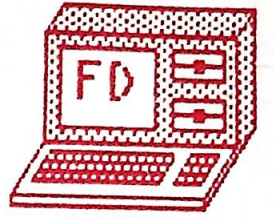
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1st Place Women's Cart Race



The Women's Cart team from Farmland took 1st place at the 1989 competition. Shown are Nickie Sunday, Tina Smithson, Ann Clevenger, Trish Bunner, Rachel Savage and Cindy Williamson.

USFA Budget

Increase Proposed

WASHINGTON, The Administration's budget, released last week, proposes a 21 percent increase in funding for the U.S. Fire Administration, and would maintain current funding levels at the National Fire Academy. The Administration budget also proposes a \$25 per week user fee for all students attending the National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute.

Past Administration budgets for USFA and NFA have proposed serious cuts in fire programs, even zero funding in 1983.

Congressman Doug Walgen (D-PA), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Science, Research and Technology which authorizes budget outlays for USFA and NFA, stated, "Since 1981, I have opposed the Administration's proposals to eliminate or severely reduce the programs at the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy. I am pleased to see that for the first time in a decade, the Administration has recommended at least modest increases for these programs. This change of direction by the Bush Administration will help improve firefighting throughout the nation."

The Administration's proposal provides for a 6.998 million budget for the U.S. Fire Administration and a \$10.874 million for the National Fire Academy, totalling \$17.872 million for fire programs.

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